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MINERVA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER

Last day of Term 3 for students.

Friday 21st

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Students Return to school.

Monday 8th

Sailing Begins

Wednesday 10th

School Photos

Wednesday 17th

NOVEMBER

Work Experience Picnic

Thursday 1st

Open Afternoon

Friday 16th

DECEMBER

Year 12 Formal Night

Thursday 6th

Presentation Day

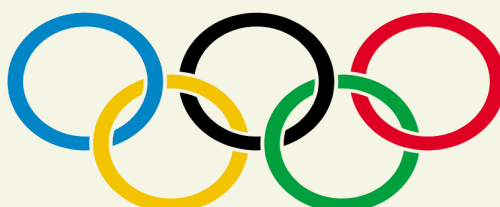
Wednesday 12th

Reports to go home

Monday 17th

Last day of Term 4 for students

Wednesday 19th



INTER SCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Throughout Term 2 and 3 Class D has been competing in an 18 week soccer tournament against teams from Endeavour, Engadine, Sir Joseph Banks and James Cook High schools.

The tournament was held every Monday at Endeavour Sports High School and was supported by the Sydney Region Special Olympics Association who provided all the students with trophies and treats on the final day.

The Minerva team went through undefeated which is an excellent result and a credit to the whole team.

There were some wonderful individual performances as well as some inspiring team work. Every student showed improvement as the tournament progressed and they are to be praised on their sportsman like behaviour on the field.

Congratulations to Annaliese, Shannon, Jack, Brandon, James, Mason, Jacob and Sebi who joined us from Class M and was an integral part of the team.

Jacob was also awarded the team "Fairest Player" award. Well done Jacob!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 has flown by in the blink of an eye. It has been a very busy and successful term with sporting events featuring high on the agenda. A big thank you goes to Diane Slater who has again done a wonderful job co-ordinating Interschool Soccer, Athletics at Sydney Region and the recent Interschool Athletics Carnival. Thank you also to all the parents who were able to come along to the Athletics Carnival at Waratah Park and cheer for Minerva, it was great to have your support.

The SRC Pyjama and Movie Day was also a big hit this term. The staff had just as much fun dressing up in their pyjama's as the students did. They raised almost \$100. What a great way to finish off the term.

Wow! The Coles and Woolworths promotions have been a huge success. Thank you to all the families and the P&C who have done the never ending job of collecting and counting tokens. I'm sure they must be seeing and counting stickers in their sleep! The staff are now in the process of choosing resources from the promotion catalogues. So keep a look out for the photos in future newsletters.

Thank you

On behalf of the school community, I would like to say a very big thank you to our wonderful friends at Como-Jannali Rotary Club. The members work tirelessly all year to raise funds to support the local community. Como-Jannali Rotary members recently donated \$2,500 to Minerva to be put towards the purchase of new resources.

School Photos

School photos have been booked for 17th October, Week 2 of Term 4. All students are required to wear full summer school uniform.

Broken Bones

Weekends have not been a whole lot of fun recently for some of our boys. Between accidents, operations, broken bones and the help of wheelchairs, it is great to see them all back at school with their friends. At the last count we have gone from three wheelchairs down to one!

Absences

Please ensure a phone call or a note explaining your child's absence from school is given as soon as your child returns. If no explanation is given the absence is entered into the class roll as an "unexplained" absence. If too many unexplained absences occur for a particular student it is then followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO).

Soft Drinks

It has come to my attention that a number of students have been bringing soft drinks to school. It is **Minerva School Policy** that no student is allowed to bring or consume soft drinks or energy drinks while at school. As you would be aware the majority of soft drink and

energy drinks contain excessive amounts of sugar and caffeine which is not in the best interests of students' health and well being. Students are encouraged to drink water or fruit juice as part of a healthy diet.

I would appreciate your support in this matter by not allowing your child to bring soft drink to school.

School Fees

Thank you to all the families and carers who have paid their child's fees. School fees are committed to purchasing a variety of educational resources for your child to support their learning programs. For those who have not yet paid fees are now due and you can pay by cash/cheque or direct deposit to Westpac Bank BSB 032-001 Account Number 14 5048. If you have concerns regarding payment please contact me to discuss this matter further.

Holidays

With the warmer weather approaching hopefully we will have sunny days during the holidays. Wishing you all a relaxing and safe holiday. See you back here in Term 4.

Kind regards,

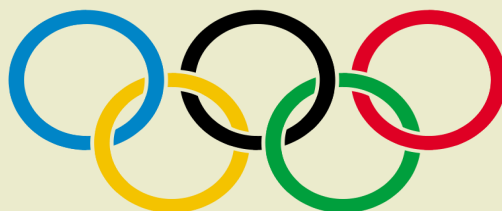
Fiona Young

Principal

Combined High School Athletics Carnival

On Friday 7th September 2012 Annaliese and Shannon competed at The CHS Athletic Carnival at Sydney Athletic Track Homebush. The girls competed against students from all over the state and the standard was very high. The girls had a very busy schedule with Annaliese competing in five events - the discus, Javelin, Shot Put, Long Jump and 100 metres sprint Shannon competed in the discus, and shot put and produced her personal best in both events. Both girls are to be commended on the effort and behaviour. They were fine ambassadors for Minerva. A special mention goes to Annaliese who won a Bronze medal in the Javelin Congratulations Annaliese and Shannon





School Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 12th September 130 students from Engadine, Endeavour and Sir Joseph Banks schools joined Minerva students in the brilliant sunshine to participate in a combined Athletics carnival at Waratah Park Sutherland.

The day was all about the students "having a go" in the running, throwing, jumping and novelty events.

Seemingly inspired by the Olympians there were many personal best efforts and the participation rate was extremely high.

Sportsmanship was also another winner on the day and as well many students took the opportunity to engage socially with students from other school.

To quote Chris from Class L "it was the best day ever!"

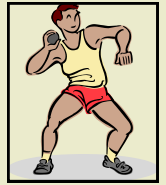
Congratulations to all the students who participated and thank you to all the hard working staff who made the day possible.

Diane Slater - coordinator.



CLASS K

Alex and Luke enjoyed themselves at the Athletics Carnival



CLASS S AND K are enjoying the Pyjama and Movie Day organised by our school SRC.



CLASS M boys enjoying the SRC Pyjama and Movie Day.



CLASS L are very proud of their ribbons from the athletics carnival .





Moving towards greater independence.
Class A buying fruit at the supermarket.



CLASS T

Enjoying the bikes and Birthday Parties



CLASS S

At the Athletics Carnival



SRC PYJAMA
AND MOVIE DAY



CLASS C Science Experiment.

To learn about the different properties of stems we placed white flowers in coloured water and then observed the changes.



CALLING ALL FUN SEEKERS!

**Sat October 13
12-4pm**

CPC
Caringbah Public Carnival

Come and have fun at our FUNd-raiser

There are Amazing Market Stalls, Rides, Games & Entertainment, Face Painting, Food stalls with truck loads of Tasty Treats, and much more!

Unlimited Ride Passes just \$30

Did we mention Rides!?! There are heaps including Cha-Cha, Wild Chairs, Giant Slide, Flying Fish, Mega Circus Train, Jumping Castles, and Rockin Tug Pirate Ship.

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