



MINERVA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Learning for Life

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**DATES TO
REMEMBER
TERM 4 2013**

OCTOBER

**COMBINED HS
ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL**
Monday 21st

**SCHOOL
PHOTOS**
Tuesday 22nd

SAILING
Wednesday 23rd &
30th

**NOVEMBER
P&C DISCO**
Friday 1st

**DECEMBER
PRESENTATION
DAY**
Wednesday 11th

TERM 4 ENDS
**Last Day for
Students**
Wednesday 18th

**FIRST DAY OF
TERM 1 2014**
JANUARY

Thursday 30th

NEITA AWARD

On behalf of the School Community I would like to congratulate Miss Carolyn on her recent NEITA Award. From a field of over 600 nominations Carolyn was selected as one of 60 State and Territory Award Recipients for Inspirational Educators 2013. This is a highly recognised Award within the Teaching Profession. Carolyn has always exemplified the qualities of an Inspirational Educator. She is a very deserving recipient whom the whole school community is very proud of.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 2014

A note will be coming home next week to seek your permission to move the Term 3 2014 Staff Development Day forward to the 29th January 2014, to enable the whole staff to have Professional Development in Non-Crisis Intervention Training. This would mean students would return to school on Thursday 30th January 2014 and in Term 3 2014 there will be no Staff Development Day. Students will return on Monday 14th July 2014 instead of Tuesday 15th July.

SCHOOL SIGN

Don't forget to read our school sign every week. The Senior Students' in Miss Diane and Miss Jacqui's Class have taken on the role of changing the sign every week. Part of the role involves the boys deciding what message should go up on the board in relation to the activities happening within the school. I would like to acknowledge the fabulous job they have done. Keep up the great work boys!

THANK YOU

I would like to acknowledge and thank Miss Corinne for filling in for me in my absence on Long Service Leave at the beginning of this Term.

REMINDER

If your child is not at school for any reason it is the parent/carer's responsibility to notify the school promptly of their child's absence. This is a legal requirement under the guidelines of the DEC Supporting Student's Attendance Policy.

P&C

Once again another fabulous event for the students and their families was hosted by our hardworking P&C. A great night was had by all at the recent Halloween Disco and I'm sure this will be an annual event that we can all look forward to. Great Job!

Kind regards,
Fiona Young
Principal



Thank you Miss Corinne

SAILING The students enjoyed a day sailing on beautiful Kogarah Bay on 23rd & 30th October. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to access high quality equipment and to experience the thrill of being on the water under the guidance of experienced and professional instructors. The sailing is conducted by Sailability NSW. They also conduct sailing for people with a disability on Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you would like more information please go to their website: www.sailabilitynsw.org



INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Annual Interschool Athletics carnival was held at Waratah Park on Monday 21st October. Other competing schools were Endeavour HS and Engadine HS. Although the weather conditions did impact on the day and some events had to be cancelled, the students showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout the day and relished the healthy competition and social interaction the carnival provided.

Amongst the many highlights was the final event of the day—the Senior Relay with Michael H, James S, Mitchell D and Daylan B putting in an inspired performance to finish in 1st place. Well done to everyone who participated!!



CLASS A Sailing



Class A preparing to sail



And off we go!

After a fun sail we helped pull down the sails and move the boats to the boat shed.



CLASS L

having a wonderful time at Sailability.





CLASS CW

It's all smiles in class CW this term !! Whether we are doing sensory play, sailing, fitness or science we really know how to have fun.



CLASS M

Happy Halloween from Class M

Class M along with class CW and D went sailing on Wednesday 30th October with Sailability based at Kogarah Bay Sailing Club Blakehurst. Class K, A and L also participated the week before. Each student was taken out in a small sailing boat with fully qualified instructors for a sail around the bay. Some even managed to fit in a second turn. The weather conditions were perfect with some warm sunshine and a nice breeze blowing allowing the sailboats to gain some speed across the water. A fantastic time was had by all!



P&C HALLOWEEN DISCO

Well what a fantastic time everyone had at our recent Halloween Disco.

It was fantastic to see the staff, students and parents all dressed up in their fabulous costumes.

Everyone looked fabulous and not 'too scary'.

Our school Hall was transformed into a scary mansion complete with bats and cobwebs!!

The music was fabulous, I have never seen so many monsters dancing to the Gangnam song!!!

The sausages were delicious and the muffins and ice creams were a lovely treat!

Thank you to everyone for going to great lengths to make this event a huge success.

We look forward to making this an annual event, what a great way to wind down from the school year!!

Barbara Ward

Co-President Minerva P&C.



THANK YOU to Mr Dias from Basic Ingredients

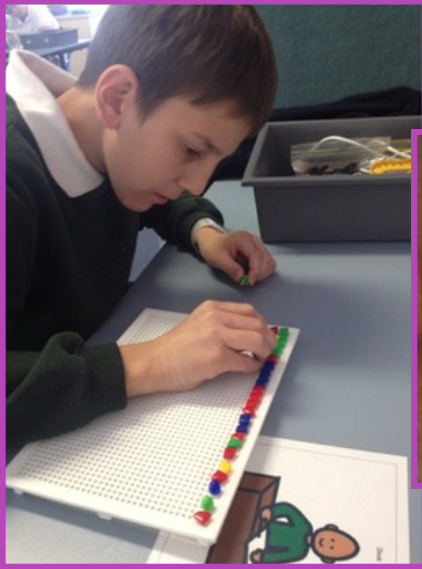
We would like to say thank you to Mr Virgil Dias who donated 5kg of Muffin Mix which was used for the Halloween Disco.

<http://www.basicingredients.com.au/>

The students enjoyed decorating the muffins in the Halloween theme.



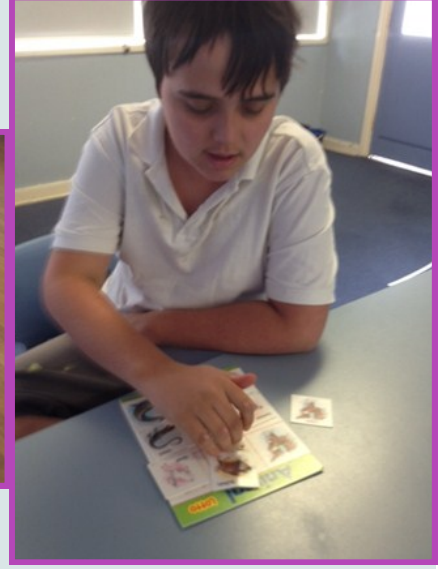
CLASS K



Warwick completing his fine motor activity



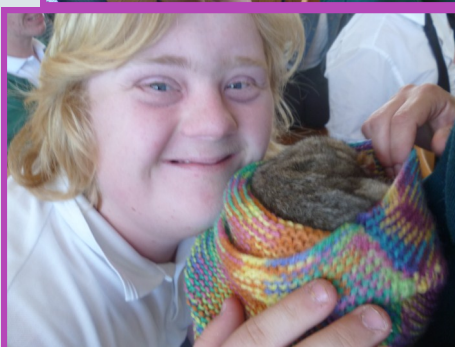
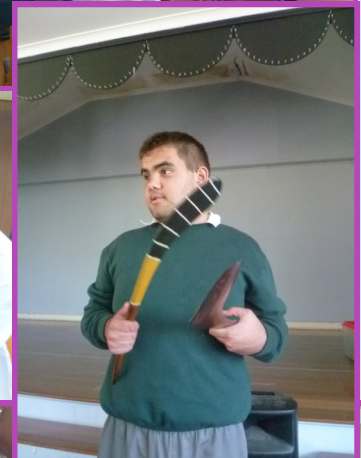
Sam enjoying his dancing session



Nicholas enjoys matching activities

ZOOMOBILE

On Wednesday 6th November our school had a visit from the Taronga Zoomobile—"Animals of the Dreaming". Students had the opportunity to meet, learn and interact with native animals such as snakes, baby crocodiles, frogs and possums. There was also music and singing from Jayden's Grandfather Col and playing of Aboriginal instruments. All the students were very interested in meeting and touching the animals and joining in with the singing.



DJ FOR HIRE



If you need a good DJ, Minerva School can highly recommend DJ's Josh and Orion. These young boys provided the music to our P&C Halloween Disco on Friday 1st November. The disco was a huge success due in large part to the musical efforts of these 2 young boys. If you would like to hire their services in the future, give them a call on 9525 4950 / 0409 321 131 (Josh's Dad Rob Nixon).

Josh has a mix set on facebook, the link is <https://soundcloud.com/josh-nixon-2> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dj-Nixon/255448337938458>

FATHERS DAY

"The P & C would like to say thankyou for the generous Minerva Father's Day Raffle Prizes from:

"Club Engadine" Bistro for a \$50- dinner voucher

"Helensburgh Driving Range" for 2 raffle prizes of gift vouchers

"Kareela Golf Club" for \$180 golf for 4 voucher

"Bunnings Kirrawee" for a \$50 gift voucher

Ritchies Supermarket Community Benefit Program

Ritchies Supermarket at Taren Point run a Community Benefit Program whereby donations are made to a nominated School. Minerva School has been nominated by a few of their customers. So, spread the word to family and friends, to shop at Ritchies and get a community benefit card linked to our school. This is an easy way for family and friends to help support our school. Just use your card each time you shop at Ritchies and the store will donate to our School.

Yarrawarrah Public School

Yulefest



Prepurchase ride tickets at: www.trybooking.com/DOPD

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**SAT.
9th
NOV.**

BBQ **CAKES**

RIDES

**9am
till
3pm**

**STALLS
& HEAPS MORE**

OLD BUSH RD. YARRAWARRAH

PILATES

FOR CARERS - 10.30AM THURSDAY

Are you a Carer who would like to try Pilates?



Benefits of Pilates:

- Stress relief through body awareness & breathing techniques.
- Create back support through abdominal, core based exercises.
- Stretches, strengthens & tones the whole body.

Please call Cheryl on 0417 417 217 as bookings are essential.
Cheryl is a Certified Pilates Instructor and Counsellor.

**SPECIAL FOR CARERS
ONLY \$10 PER CLASS**

Pilates classes are held at Carousel Counselling Services
13A Eton Street Sutherland

Mobile Phone Recycling Fundraiser



Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that we are still collecting any unwanted mobile phones (working or not) for recycling. For each phone collected the school receives \$3.00. Funds raised will be used to purchase specialised equipment and technology for our students.

Thank you to those who have already sent in their unwanted mobile phones. If you would like to collect mobile phones at your work place, please contact the office and we will help set you up.

Royal Blinds & Carpets
 "giving you the royal service"
Jake
 ABN: 5814 7009 345
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Online Fundraising with Redflarez

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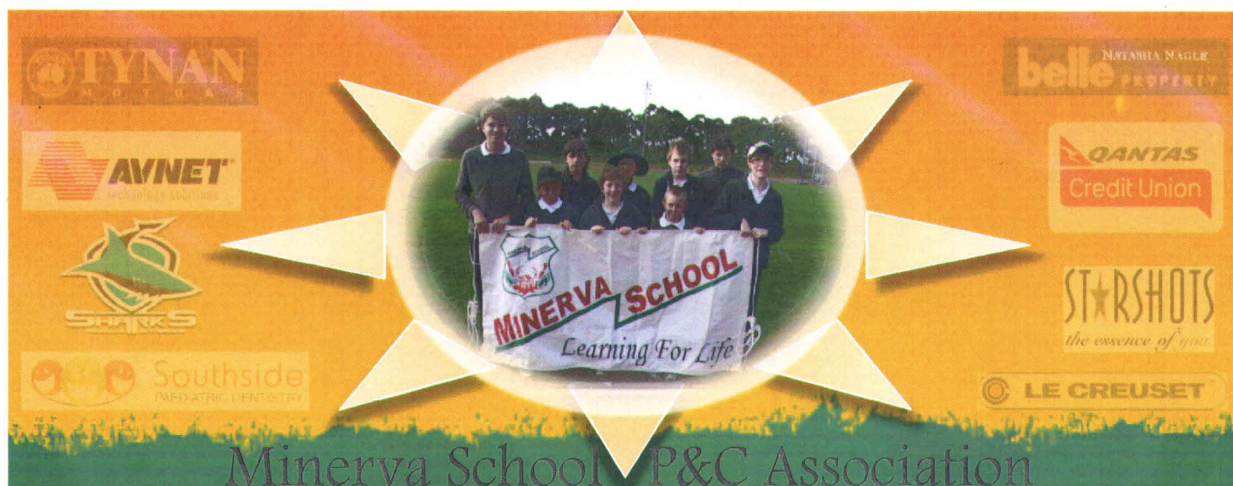
A reminder to remember to look at the Redflarez website next time you need to shop. It doesn't cost any extra to shop online and there are many special offers. Every time you purchase something online from a retailer on the redflarez website, the retailer will donate money to our school.

Here's how you can help our school purchase more learning resources for our students.

1. Go to www.redflarez.com.au and sign up as a supporter
2. Search for the Minerva School Campaign page and click "Support Us"
3. Start shopping !

Here is a list of just some of the participating retailers :

Westfield	Accor Hotels Australia & NZ
Apple iTunes	Expedia
Rebel Sport	Ezibuy
Clinique	Wanted Shoes
Booktopia	Zuji Australia
Thrifty	Marks & Spencer
Weight Watchers	Flowers for Everyone
Intercontinental Hotel Group	Ferrero Roche Boutique



Minerva School P&C Association

Invites you to their

TRIVIA GALA NIGHT

Fundraiser Extravaganza

VENUE : CLUB CENTRAL MENAI, 44-60 Allison Crescent, Menai

DATE : Saturday 1st March, 2014. **TIME :** 7.00pm for 7.30 Start

COST : **Early Bird Special** \$35 Per person. \$315 Per Table of 10. Ends 31st December

From the 1st January \$40 Per person. \$360 Per Table of 10

Assorted platters of finger food included in cost.

Proceeds of this event will help this award winning school obtain much needed extra educational resources required for Special Needs Students.

Platinum Sponsor – TYNAN MOTORS

Gold Sponsor – Natasha Nagle from Belle Property Menai

Silver Sponsors – Qantas Credit Union & Southside Paediatric Dentistry Miranda

Auctions, Silent Auctions & Raffles will include: Television, BBQ, Restaurant & Accommodation Vouchers, Sporting Memorabilia, French Cookware, etc..... All have been generously provided by the following -

Sporting Memorabilia – Cronulla Shark's, Southern Framing Sylvania Heights, St. George Dragons, Canterbury Bulldogs, Steve Waugh.

Art, Photography & Technology – Family Photography, Starshots Caringbah, Leon Bowers Photography Queensland, Cronulla Artist, Christine Griffiths, AVNET Technology Solutions, AJ & PM Electrical Kirrawee

Accommodation, Restaurants, Food & Wine – Brighton Novotel, Lillianfels Katoomba, Lugarno seafood, Crissini Menai, Rocksalt Menai, Opah Menai, La Cucina Menai, Copperpot Menai, Little Italy Engadine, Imperial Peking Blakehurst, Summersalt Cronulla, Vostro Menai. Qantas Staff Credit Union Miranda, Ozegifhampers Sutherland, Nina's chocolates Gyneea, Stapletons Meat Sutherland. Colin's Meat Illawong.

Cookware – Le Creuset, PKC Management Services, Burnings Kirrawee, King Of Knives Miranda, Gyneea Bly, Menai Post Office.

Leisure – Southern Biplane Adventures, Flight Centre Sutherland, Kareela Golf club, Goodlife Gym, Captain Cook Cruises, Inax Darling Harbour, Taronga Zoo, Dubbo Western Plains Zoo, Sutherland Leisure centre, AVNET Technology Solutions.

Hair & Beauty, Day Spa's – Gardeners Hairdressing Menai, Skin Expressions Menai, Bliss Beauty Caringbah, Endota Spa Gyneea, Tamarind Spa Cronulla, Soul Pattinsons Chemist Menai.

Homewares – Blu Ivy Menai, In house Habits Menai, Regallo Kirrawee, Distinctions Gyneea, Bayside Homewares Gyneea, Genuine Therapy.

Specialty Products – Aromabotanical, Crabtree & Evelyn, Dr George Williams, Dogue Gyneea, Armada Collections Menai, Smiggles.

Optometrist – Eyecare Plus Menai, Specsavers Menai, Langshaw & Bell Gyneea, Menai Eyecare.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW. Contact Christine or Peter on 95430319 or email capd6@bigpond.com



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A SUCCESSFUL PART OF THE COMMUNITY



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