



Learning for Life

MINERVA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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**DATES TO
REMEMBER
TERM 2013**

AUGUST

**WORK
EXPERIENCE
BEGINS**
 Thursday 15th
 Week 5

**FATHERS DAY
STALL**
 Friday 30th

SEPTEMBER

TERM 3 ENDS
 Friday 20th

OCTOBER

**TERM 4
BEGINS**

**STUDENTS
RETURN**
 Tuesday 8th



2013 NEiTA Awards

Congratulations to Ms Laura & Ms Carolyn on their recent NEiTA (National Excellence in Teaching) Award nomination. The ASG NEiTA Awards is a national, independent teaching awards program that enables parents, students, early childhood and school groups to publicly acknowledge inspirational teachers, principals and directors. Both Ms Laura and Ms Carolyn were nominated by parents of our school community. They are both very deserving recipients and we are very proud of them.

We wish them luck for the next round of judging by the NEiTA Panel.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Farewell

We say Farewell to Ms Tracey Gocher this Term. Tracey has been a member of Minerva for the past 7 years and has in that time made a significant contribution to the school. We wish her all the very best for the next stage of her career. Ms Diane Slater is now fulfilling the duties of Relieving Assistant Principal for the remainder of the Term.

Exciting News this Term,

On behalf of the staff and students of Minerva we warmly welcome Corey, Year 3 and Sam, Year 6 and their families who have joined the Minerva School Community this Term.

The **Shade Shelter** over our Trampolines that was damaged by vandals in the January school holidays has now been replaced. This was due to generous donations by the P & C and Como-Jannali Rotary Club. We thank them for their generous donation and support of our school.

Dinner Invitation

Minerva School has a new sponsor in Belle Property, Menai. They are holding a special dinner hosted by Natasha Nagle of Belle Property and Greg Natale, winner of best residential interior for 2013 on Thursday 12th September at Grissini Ristorante, Menai. Tickets are \$50 for a 3 course dinner. There will also be a raffle drawn on the night. For each ticket sold, Belle Property will donate \$5 to our school. Please come along and support our School.

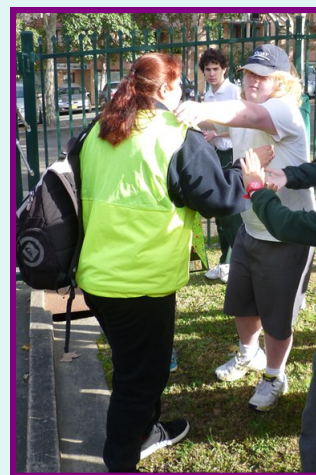
Special Thanks to our wonderful P&C who are busy fundraising and gaining on going support for the school. We appreciate your fantastic efforts.

Kind regards,
Fiona Young
Principal

FAREWELL TO OUR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR



Minerva students paid tribute to Jo, our School Crossing Supervisor by presenting her with a beautiful hand made card signed by all the students, a gift and lots of hugs. The students lined up along the school fence and gave her a wonderful cheer as she finished her last crossing duty. Jo has done a wonderful job for many years, caring for our students as they made their way to and from school. We wish her all the best in her new job.



CLASS M

In weeks 1 and 2 of term 3, Class M and Class L attended Swim School at Sutherland Leisure Centre.

The class M boys learnt all about swimming pool safety, how to improve their strokes, survival techniques and had a fantastic time!

Here we are having fun in the water.



Students from **CLASS L and M** presented their 'Clever Climate Energy-Savers' grant proposal to Mrs Young. We are hoping to be successful in receiving funding to make our school more energy efficient!



CLASS A



Luke engaged with Word Reader on the IWB

James painting a didgeridoo.



Mitchell contributes to a group painting which illustrates Minerva students at surf awareness earlier in the year.



Class A ukulele band

WHATS NEW IN THE LIBRARY

We have just purchased lots of exciting new books for our reading program. A whole new 'Science Fact' range and a new series called 'PM writing.'

Class CS art activity . "Show me your emotions". Our students painting facial expressions.

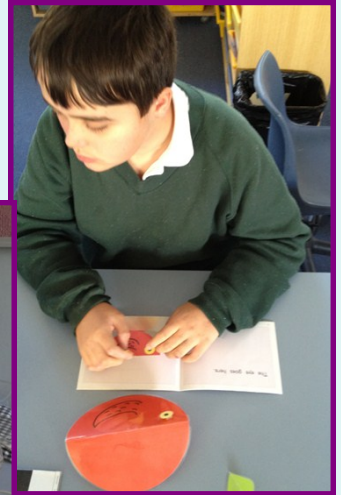


CLASS K.

This term we have been enjoying our literacy programme by engaging with hands on books as well as computer software.

We have also been actively participating in library sessions each week with Mrs Jenny. We are looking forward to having Preston join us again for Library sessions soon.

Nicholas is reading "Making a bird". He really enjoys creating the bird himself as he reads the instructions. Warwick loves the reading eggs software programme and is improving his fine motor skills by having to navigate the mouse appropriately throughout the programme.



7 - 14 July

2013

We value the vision:
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NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS AT LIBRARY TIME



CLASS D students working in the newly formed garden that has transformed the Morley Street side of the school. They are watering the new plants that Mr Garry has planted.



SYDNEY EAST REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Sydney East Region Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday & Friday 1 & 2 August at the Sylvania Athletics Track. This is a mainstream carnival that has a Students With a Disability (SWD) Component. Students from schools all over the Sydney area competed. Patrick A, Michael H, Ronan B, & Anthony D represented Minerva and competed in both Field and Track events. All four students gave a 100% effort which resulted in fantastic results and lots of Personal Best (PBs).

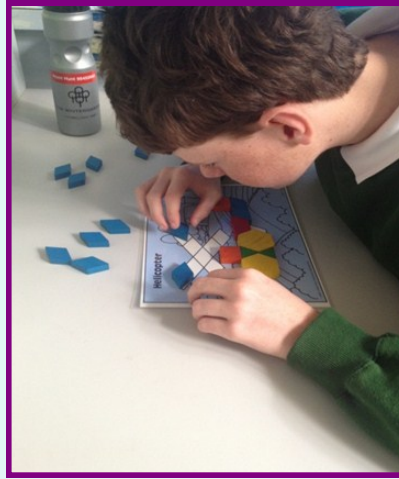
They were fine ambassadors for the school and are to be congratulated on their determination and sportsmanship.



CLASS CW AT -

WORK

REST



AND PLAY



INTER-SCHOOL SOCCER MATCH

On Wednesday 31st July, students from Minerva played a friendly game of soccer with Year 9 students from St Patricks College at Sutherland. It was a very entertaining game of soccer with great skills and sportsmanship shown by students from both schools. The players were proudly cheered on by the Minerva students. Our own Mrs Young was involved in the proceedings as she was seen chasing away the Plovers from the field with her umbrella. Well done to all the students.



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



a dinner invitation to support minerva school, 12 september, 2013

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an invitation

join greg natele, winner of the best residential interior for 2013 and interior designer of the year for 2011 for belle coco republic interior design awards and myself for a 3 course dinner.
greg will be showcasing some of his work and talking through some of his design concepts.

grissini ristorante, 72-80 allison crescent, menai
12 september, 2013 @ 7.00pm
3 course dinner. byo beer and wine
\$50.00 per head. tickets are limited.

\$5.00 from each ticket sold will go towards minerva school. a raffle will also be held and drawn on the night.
rsvp: natasha nagle 0415 500 215 by 5 september, 2013.

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank the St George & Sutherland Shire CWA Ladies who have generously donated their fundraising proceeds to our school throughout 2012 and for their continued support & interest in our school. Their donations have helped to pay for much needed class resources. One of our parents was invited to attend a CWA "Christmas in July" luncheon and was warmly welcomed by the ladies who were very keen to hear all about our school. Thank you so very much.

From
Minerva School P&C Association

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.

Online Fundraising with Redflarez

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Apple iTunes

Rebel Sport

Clinique

Booktopia

Thrifty

Weight Watchers

Intercontinental Hotel Group

Accor Hotels Australia & NZ

Expedia

Ezibuy

Wanted Shoes

Zuji Australia

Marks & Spencer

Flowers for Everyone

Ferrero Roche Boutique