



# MINERVA SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**TERM 4  
2014**

**DECEMBER**  
**Thursday 4th**  
Yr 12 Graduation  
Evening

**Wednesday**  
**10th**  
Presentation Day

**Wednesday**  
**17th**  
Term ends  
Last Day for  
Students

### WELCOME MR TRAVIS

We warmly welcome to the Minerva School Community, Mr Travis Baird. Mr Travis is our new Assistant Principal appointed by merit selection. He comes with a wealth of experience in Special Education settings and more recently he has been working on the implementation of the DEC's Every Student Every School initiative. We are fortunate to have him here at Minerva. He has been busy settling in and getting to know the students and staff.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for the lovely welcome back. It's great to be back. Term 4 is a hectic time for both students and staff. Students have been busy actively engaged in their Learning Programs such as cooking, community access, work experience and a variety of excursions.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY ASSEMBLY AND ART EXHIBITION

On Friday 24th October we celebrated Grandparents Day. It was wonderful to see so many of our families at school enjoying the special Assembly and the Art Show.



## SENSORY GARDEN UPDATE

Work has begun again on the last stage of the Sensory Garden. Work is scheduled for completion in the next few weeks.

## IPADS

Staff have been busy implementing the Ipads into their classrooms and the students are enjoying the many applications. Miss Laura has been providing fortnightly professional development to the staff on the use of iPads. We thank our hard working P&C for their ongoing support and fundraising on this successful initiative.

## SENSORY ROOM UPDATE

We have finally received some of the new equipment that was ordered for the Sensory Room. The purchase of this equipment was made possible by a Grant from The Commonwealth Bank. We thank the staff of the Commonwealth

Bank for their generosity and Miss Sarah who was responsible for the application. The students are enjoying discovering the new equipment which has become an integral part of their programs.



## WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Our Senior students have completed their Work Experience Program this Term. They enjoyed a celebration picnic and presentation of certificates at Gunnamatta Park on Thursday 30th October.



The executive staff have been engaged in Professional development for the preparation and planning of the 2015-2017 new School Plan.

**Kind Regards**  
**Fiona Young**  
**PRINCIPAL**



This Term **Class K** have been investigating and experimenting with "Floating and Magnets".

They have also been enjoying time in the Sensory Room trying out the new equipment.





## GRANDPARENTS DAY & MINERVA ART EXHIBITION





**WORK EXPERIENCE** - here are some pictures of our Senior students hard at work in their Work Experience Program.



As part of the PD.H.PE topic "Balanced Lifestyles" **Class D** have begun fitness training at Sutherland PCYC. Here are some of the students working hard on the machines; they showed expertise and endurance while using the equipment. The machines target all the major muscle groups and the boys are keen to build up the resistance and speed of their repetitions.



## CLASS A

Michael and James are enthusiastically embracing the Italian language.



Two of our proud exhibitors at the art show



Patrick put's in a stellar performance of Minuet In G Major at our special Grandparents Day Assembly.



# CLASS EJ

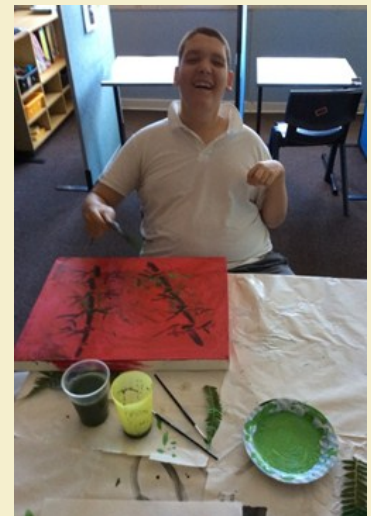
This term Class EJ have been concentrating on Asian society, culture, history and geography.



We have created some beautiful artwork with our bamboo paintings for Grandparent's Day and practiced our calligraphy techniques in class, and are proud of the results. Sport days are our favourite, especially our day of sailing in Week 4 and Wednesday afternoon multi sports.



We look forward to our community access programs with grocery shopping in Sutherland, and catching the train to Miranda and Cronulla, dealing with money, the community and transportation.

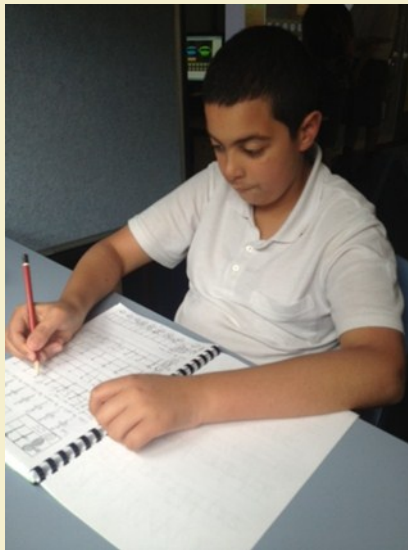
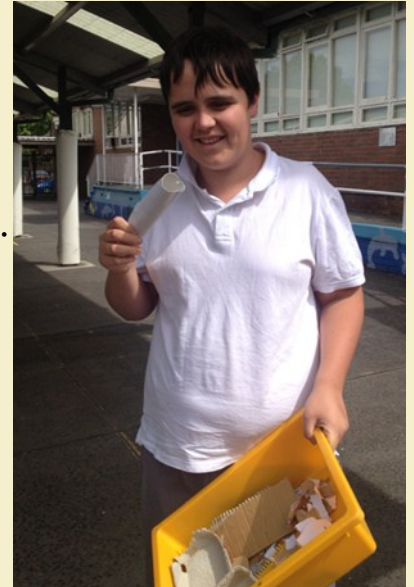


## Class R



Warwick enjoys counting and number matching

Nicholas enjoys his Sensory Tray.



David is improving in handwriting.



**Class M** went sailing with Sailability on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We all had a fantastic day on the water. Conditions were fine but a little windy at first.



**Class L** have been completing a unit of work called 'Going Green'. We are careful to remember our 'green' bags at Superbarn during community access.



**Class C** enjoy practising their money skills during their weekly outings to IGA.



# SAILING

Students have been busy enjoying their excursion to Kogarah Bay Sailing Club where the members very kindly take our students sailing. The students and staff all look forward to this wonderful opportunity.





Class N has been having fun cooking and making lots of interesting art and craft.



We also have been engaging in some awesome sensory activities.



**Autism Community Network**

**A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT FOR AUTISM**

- Free support groups for parents and carers
- Social groups to help children with an ASD and their siblings
- Connecting families with similar interests or situations
- A regular newsletter and a website to provide information and options

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### 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.

**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