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David, Kieran and Joshua enjoyed planting the seedlings in the sensory garden.



Warwick enjoys getting Stars for Good Choices

Nicholas enjoys bubble sensory time



Class Z

This semester we have been studying a literature-based multicultural unit on Asia, with a particular focus on the history of China. We have turned our classroom into a mini china town. We have enjoyed creating the Great Wall of China across our classroom as well as recently completing our Chinese dragon. We are looking forward to our Chinese meal this Friday. I would also like to thank all the students in Class Z for a wonderful year of teaching and learning. I will miss all the students and staff at Minerva!



Class K enjoying the sunshine watering the plants in the sensory garden.



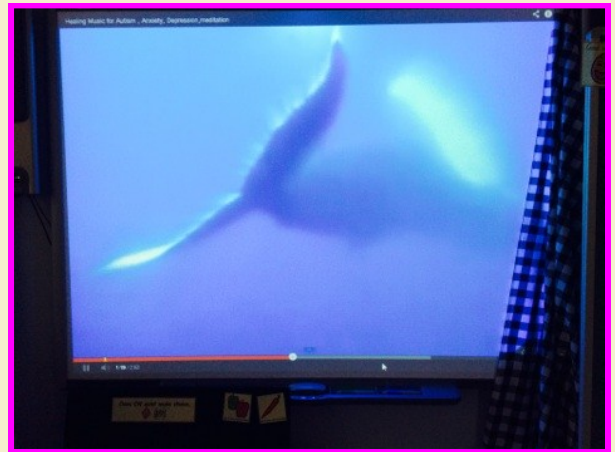
Footy colour

day— last Friday the SRC organised a Footy Colour Fundraising Day to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Students and staff were encouraged to wear the colours of their favourite footy team and donate a gold coin. A total of \$79 was raised. Well Done to our SRC for organising such a worthwhile event.



Sip and Crunch - Class C

The students in Class C have 'Sip and Crunch' as part of their daily school program. This is a sensory program where students take turns to select a quiet music choice, and then get cozy in a darkened room with cushions and weighted blankets as they watch the selected music choice on the IWB. Students are all given carrot, cucumber, celery or apple to crunch, and sip cold water through a straw. Bailey has selected the whale visual so the piece of music 'Honey Dew' by Peter Sterling will be played. This is music enhanced with brainwave frequencies specifically created to lesson the symptoms of autism. Visit www.harpmagic.com



Class L Reading Group have been working on a short film about a vampire boy band! Coming soon...



iPad Update

Exciting news - The iPads have been distributed to classes! Each class currently has access to two iPads, with a further four iPads in the library.

Teachers are currently collaborating and sharing ideas on how to effectively integrate this new technology into our classrooms.

A big thank you to the P and C for their ongoing contribution towards this project



FATHER'S DAY STALL & RAFFLE THANK-YOU

On behalf of the Minerva P&C, I would like to sincerely thank the following local businesses for their very generous donations for our Father's Day Raffle:

- **"Total Tools" at Taren Point** for a Makita Grinder with accessories!
- **"Stapleton's Gourmet Meats" at Gynea** for 2 x \$30 Gift Vouchers!
- **"Boyle's Hotel Restaurant" at Sutherland** for a \$50 Meal Voucher!

Thank-you so very much for your support.

Also a big thank-you to ALL the Minerva families who generously provided fantastic "Dad" gifts for the other 14 of our 18 Raffle Prizes! They also were very much appreciated!

The Stall was a great success too with our Students really enjoying selecting their gifts. Thank-you to our SRC Members Corey & Anthony who did an amazing job of selling the stall items & assisting the Students with their purchases. The Father's Day Raffle prizes were also carefully drawn by Corey & Anthony, with special attention to making it a very fair Raffle draw for everyone.

A big thank-you to Michelle from the office who meticulously oversaw all aspects of the Stall & Raffle, as well as beautifully co-ordinating all the classes coming in & out of the stall! Thank-you also to our P&C, to Barb for helping set up the stall & raffle prizes & thank-you to Tracey & Jade who assisted Anthony & Corey at the stall (but the boys didn't need much help!)

The total profit from the Father's Day Stall & Raffle was \$804! Which is our highest ever profit (that I know of!) from a Father's Day, Mother's Day or Easter Fundraiser! So thank-you to EVERYONE for your amazing support of this P&C Fundraiser!

Debra Hunt
Minerva P&C Treasurer.



Class A senior boys showing some camaraderie after music practise and a great game of indoor soccer.



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

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.



Class M performed very well at the Athletics Carnival with Daylan achieving 1st place in the Javelin, Corey achieving 2nd in Javelin and 2nd in Long Jump. Kurt achieved 2nd in the running races and Chris 3rd in Javelin. Kane performed very well in the multi sports challenges. We all had a great day!
 Congratulations to you all for a fantastic Athletics Carnival!

CHANGE OF DETAILS 2014

Please complete if there have been any changes since 2013

Student's Name: _____

Parents: _____

Address: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Carers/Case Workers Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Details:

1. Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

2. Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

School Newsletter:

Would you like to receive the school newsletter by email ? : Yes ☐ No ☐

Email: _____

Companion Card:

Does your child have a Companion Card?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Connect to Reading



A big thank you to all the parents/grandparents and carers who attended the Buddy Reading Program which was held in our Library this week. It was fantastic to see so many helpers. Your continued support for Minerva School and our students is greatly appreciated.

Reading to Connect

