

MINERVA SCHOOL

Learning for Life

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WEEK 10 TERM 3 2022

Principal's Message

I cannot believe that Term 3 has come to an end. It has been a challenging term with great change in regards to staffing. We have seen a change in executive, a retirement of a colleague and an overseas trip resulting in many variations in classroom teachers. Our students have shown great resilience in facing these changes and have coped significantly well given the staffing shortages that we have experienced this term. I would like to thank the amazing Minerva staff for their hard work and efforts during this term in ensuring they continued to arrive each day with a smile and gave the best possible learning experiences to our students, even when losing their allocated release time, taking on extra duties or were asked to moved onto other classes unexpectedly. Your dedication to our students and school is inspirational.

This term, we have welcomed 2 new students, Rich and Amalia into Class Grevillea. They have both settled into their new class and routines extremely well. Students have had the opportunity to participate in some fantastic programs, activities and initiatives including an Aboriginal Cultural experience at the Yarning Circle, In School Work experience program in the School Library, Kirrawee Friendship Program, an excursion to the Kirrawee Kiln, a minibus tour of the local area, community access shopping trips to Coles and the Science KLA day and BBQ. It is so wonderful to hear of the stories and experiences had by our students, including one student particularly loving the 'Bunnings Drive through' part of the Minibus tour this week whereby students 'Screeched with delight' at being driven through the timber loading section of Bunnings and at being greeted by a Bunnings employee. These happy experiences will remain with the students as positive memories and positive memories increase positive emotions. Thank you to all of the staff who have been involved in making these experiences a reality for our students.

We were very pleased to acknowledge the great work carried out by the School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) as part of SASS Recognition Week. From balancing and dealing with the school finances, answering phones, assisting with injuries, mowing the grass, fixing broken equipment, photocopying work, greeting visitors, purchasing ingredients, managing the newsletter and school app, cleaning and sweeping our areas, assisting students in the classroom and caring for our students, our SASS staff are kept very busy every day. On behalf of the Minerva School community, I would like to acknowledge and thank our SASS staff for their significant contribution to our students, teachers and parents.

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Thank you also to our fantastic parent and caregiver community for your ongoing support and for your generosity in supporting the Play program through providing used and new toys earlier this term.

I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing break and I look forward to welcoming you all back next term on the 10th October.

Kind regards

Sarah Ellingham
Relieving Principal

Farewell to Mr John

Dear parents, carers and the entire Minerva community

It has been a very busy term and I hope everyone has a wonderful break. I would like to share some news with everyone. It is with mixed emotions that I announce I have been offered the opportunity to be the Principal at another school on a permanent basis. After 5 years of leading and working with the Minerva staff, students and parents/families, I will be moving onto a new adventure in my career. I have grown and learnt so much in my time at Minerva School. I will truly miss all the students. Thank you to everyone for your support and ongoing commitment to ensuring that the students were always the priority. As a community, we have taken the school on an amazing journey of growth and change. It has been my absolute privilege and such an honour being the Principal at Minerva School. I also would like to thank Ms Sarah, who has done an outstanding job as relieving Principal. I wish everyone all the best for the future, and I will miss you all.

Kind Regards

Mr John

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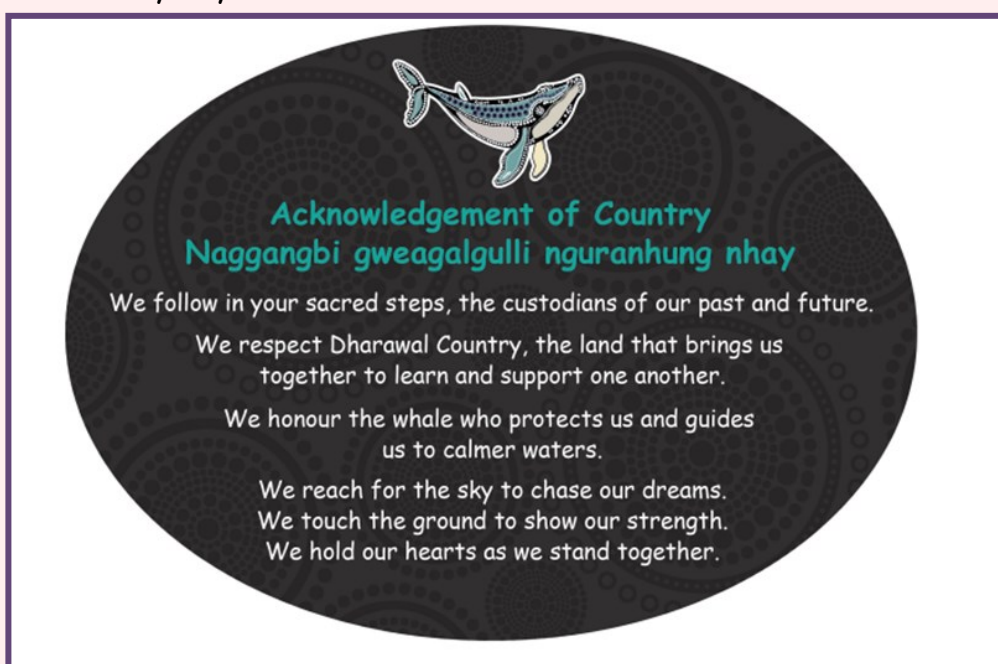
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Acknowledgement of country

Our students have collaborated to create an acknowledgement of country that is meaningful to our school community and pays respect to first nations people.

Our first nation student's lead the discussion and supported the creation of this beautiful acknowledgement, we plan to incorporate this acknowledgement across all school activities. New signage was recently installed in your yarning circle and at the entrance to the school. We are so proud to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, gather, and learn every day.



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Students have undertaken a range of play-based activities as part of the whole school Science program ('The Island') and the class-based English programs. Students have played with toys and puppets. We created landscapes and masks. We have collaborated and connected.

Play-Based Learning



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LILLI PILLI



Visual worksheets, interactive whiteboard tasks, educational iPad Apps, fine motor, Concrete activities and exploring with musical instruments, are all ways class Lilli Pilli put the word 'fun' into their learning!

Miss Carolyn, Miss Raquel and Miss Pauline

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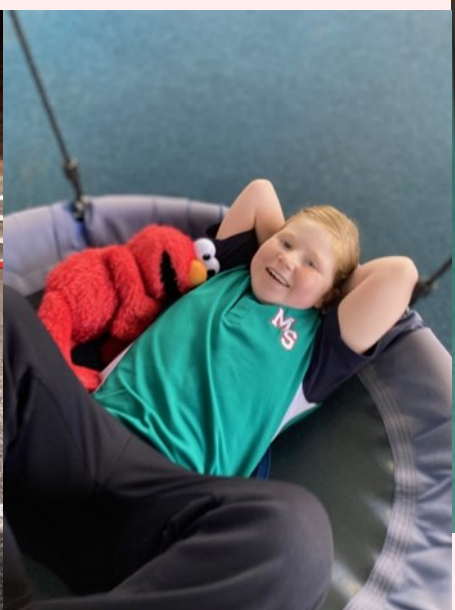
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WATTLE



Class Wattle have been enjoying the slightly warmer weather this term and have loved our outdoor learning and sensory time. We have searched the playground for 2D shapes and taken sensory breaks on the swings, bikes and trampolines.



**Miss Belinda
and Miss Maddie**

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WARATAH



Class Waratah have been keeping busy whilst Mr Jordan has been away, and he'll be very proud to hear how hard they have been working. The boys have been learning about Moroccan culture through the book 'Mirror' interpreting the text and making connections between different cultures.

In maths the boys have been working hard in their multiplication and division skills as well as position and direction, but we won't give up the GPS just yet! In Science we have been identifying features of the earth and working together in our class investigations. The boys have had a very positive end to the term, well done.



Miss Cam and
Miss Peta



KIDS AND YOUTH GROUP

The Kurranulla Kids & Youth Group programs allow children to develop a strong connection to their culture and identity.

As Aboriginal people, we know just how important it is to create a connection to one's identity and country, knowing that together they form the foundations of belonging.

Our team bring with them a wealth of cultural knowledge through their own lived experiences.

DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

- Language
- Traditional Dancing
- Painting
- Weaving
- Didgeridoo
- Cultural Tours



Aboriginal Kids Group: 5 - 11 years old



Aboriginal Youth Group: 12 - 18 years old

TO BOOK

WHEN?

Every Thursday
4pm - 5:30pm

Call (02) 9528 0287 or email
Samuel@kurranulla.org.au

WHERE?

Jannali Hall
(next door to Kurranulla)

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LIVING SKILLS



This week in Science with Miss Laura we made volcanos for our islands!



WITH MISS LAURA

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EUCALYPTUS



Eucalyptus have recently been undertaking Community Access to the local Coles supermarket. This is to solidify the skills we have learnt as part of our daily literacy program, 'Supermarket Signs.' Each week we have identified an item to purchase, such as vegetables or fruit, that we have taken home after our shopping expedition. We have brought a shopping bag and money with us, using the assisted and self-checkout sections of the supermarket. We are proud of our achievements this term.



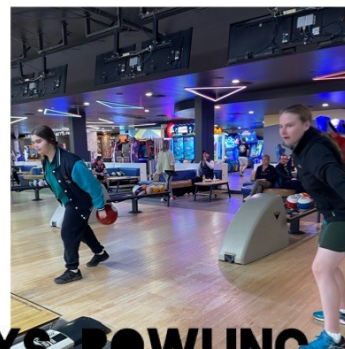
Miss Michelle, Miss Jane and Miss Vanessa

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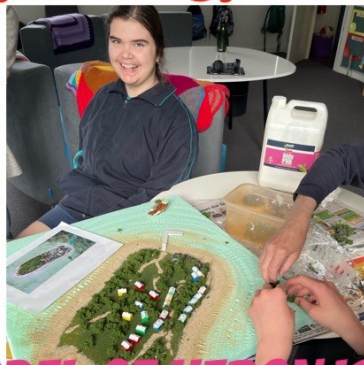
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BANKSIA



Class Banksia ENJOYS BOWLING



CREATING A MODEL OF HERON ISLAND and



demonstrating excellent commitment



TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

PIC COLLAGE

Mr Aris, Miss Julie D and Miss Merrel

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GREVILLEA



What a busy few weeks it has been! We celebrated Miss Kat's happy retirement. There have been many amazing experiences; Science KLA Day, Talk Like a Pirate Day, Book Week dress ups, Landmarks Excursion, Indigenous In-cursion, the Road Safety program, Dean's Birthday, and we welcomed Mali to our class. It has been fantastic being part of these experiences and seeing our Grevillea students engaging in their learning!



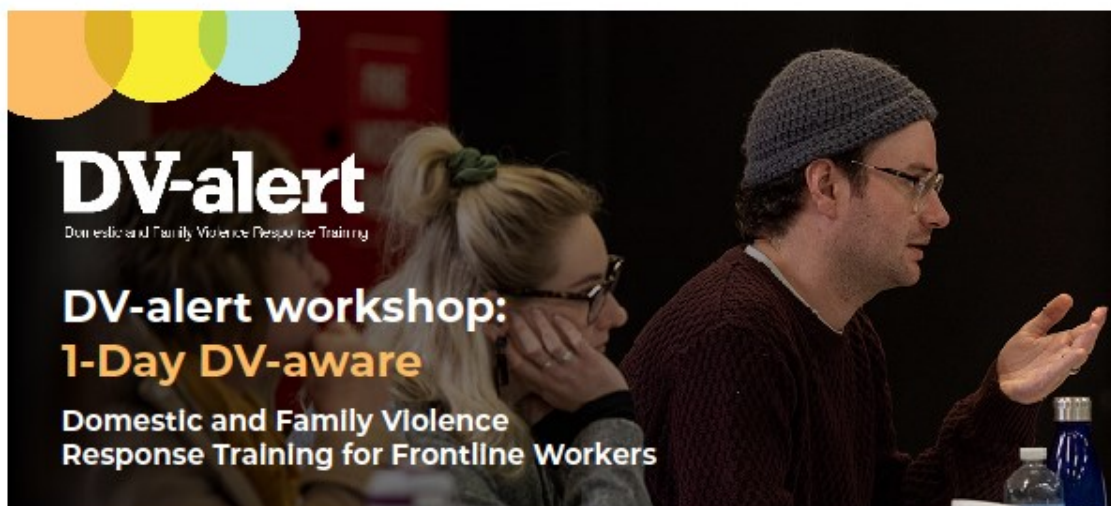
Miss Nicole and Miss Tanya

BOTTLEBRUSH

Class Bottlebrush



Class Bottlebrush have been hard at work learning about schedules, fractions and practicing their literacy & numeracy skills each day. We enjoy time in the sensory room, riding bikes and our morning circle time. We have been continuing to visit Coles as part of our literacy program, exploring the Island in science and a trip to the brick pit exhibit at South Village. – Miss Stephanie, Miss Julie B & Miss vanessa



DV-alert

Domestic and Family Violence Response Training

DV-alert workshop: 1-Day DV-aware

Domestic and Family Violence
Response Training for Frontline Workers

Date: 23 September 2022

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Delivery Method: Virtual
delivery via Zoom

Click [HERE](https://www.dvalert.org.au) to Enrol
www.dvalert.org.au

Lifeline is committed to raising the awareness of domestic and family violence.

1-Day DV-aware is an interactive workshop where participants can learn how to recognise and respond to domestic and family violence and what they can do to help make a difference.

Training delivered by



Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.
Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Why DV-alert?

DV-alert is led by experienced trainers dedicated to reducing violence against women and their children. Our 1-Day DV-aware workshop provides a safe space to learn, connect and be empowered to recognise and respond confidently to those in crisis.

What will I learn?

In attending our 1-Day DV-aware workshop you will:

- know how to identify the different signs and forms of abuse that constitute domestic and family violence
- learn about the Cycle of Violence and the Power and Control Wheel (The Duluth Model)
- reflect on and share what you can do if you know someone who is experiencing domestic and family violence
- have an opportunity to network with other individuals
- receive tools and references for domestic and family violence support and referral.

Who is it for?

- Anyone living in Australia.
- Minimum age: 18-years-old.
- Also suitable for organisations.

Cost

This workshop is free for adults.

DV-alert training is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

How do I enrol?

To enrol in a session please visit [dvalert.org.au](https://www.dvalert.org.au).

Any questions?

For further enquiries contact: training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au



Training delivered by Lifeline Australia (RTO 88036)



Date: 11 - 13 October 2022

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Delivery Method: Virtual delivery via Zoom

Click [HERE](https://www.dvalert.org.au) to Enrol www.dvalert.org.au

DV-alert is free, nationally accredited training to help frontline workers recognise the signs of domestic and family violence and know what to do next.

Frontline workers hold a unique position of trust in the community and may be the first to see the signs.

Training delivered by



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Why DV-alert?

DV-alert is led by experienced trainers dedicated to reducing violence against women and their children. Our workshops provide a safe space for frontline workers to learn, connect and be empowered to recognise and respond confidently to those in crisis.

After successfully completing the workshop, you'll receive a Statement of Attainment for the unit of competency **CHCDFV001: Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence.**

What will I learn?

In attending our nationally accredited 2-day face-to-face workshops, you'll learn how to:

-  **RECOGNISE** the signs of domestic and family violence
-  **RESPOND** confidently
-  **REFER** appropriately

Our workshops are run by our experienced trainers. There are three assessment tasks to complete during the workshop.

Who is it for?

Workshops are open to frontline workers in Australia. This includes people who provide direct service and support, paid or unpaid, to the community in sectors like health, allied health, education, childcare and community.

Cost

DV-alert training is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

It is free for frontline workers. Financial support is also offered for staff backfill for attendance of the 2-day workshop or a 1-day specialist workshop, and help with travel and accommodation is available in some cases.

Terms and conditions apply.

Go to [dvalert.org.au](https://www.dvalert.org.au) for more information.

Any questions?

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DISABILITY YES SOCIAL GROUP



Are you 17-25 years old and living with a disability? Are you in Bayside, Georges River or Sutherland?



Join the YES Social Group!



- ✓ Connect with others
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Have fun

When? Monthly starting Thursday 15th Sep 2022 @ 11am

First Session is online then face to face

To find out more or join, phone Andrea on **95561769**
or email youthworker@2connect.org.au
(With or without an NDIS Plan is OK)



Empowering People | Creating Change | Positive Futures



September 2022

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October 2022

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