Dear parent/caregiver

Term 2 Week 1

It is great to be back for another exiting term at Minchinbury PS. This term will be a long and busy one. There are many things happening across the term including an Anzac Day ceremony, performing arts activities, PSSA competition, NAPLAN testing, cross country, excursions and student reports. Please see the attached term planner for details.

School Photos
These were given out to students on Tuesday. If you have any concerns about the photos or would like to order additional copies, please contact the photographers, MSP.

Anzac Day Service
We will be holding an Anzac Day Service on Friday 23 April. Parents are invited to join us at 10.00 am under the COLA where we will remember our past and how our country has been shaped. Students are asked to bring with them some flowers so we can make some floral tributes that will be used during the service and will then be taken to the memorial at Rooty Hill RSL.

Recorder Group
The recorder group will be travelling to Sydney on Tuesday 27 April for a rehearsal for the performance in the Acacia Concert. Details about the day were sent home on Tuesday.

P&C Meeting
The first meeting for this term will be on Wednesday 28 April at 9.15am in the AV room near the library. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to those parents who have paid their voluntary contribution of $25 per student. Those families that have paid will go into a draw for a xx. This will happen during the morning assembly on Monday 3 May. Last minute payments can still be made at the office. We appreciate your support.

NAPLAN Testing
The NAPLAN 2010 Tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held from Tuesday 11 May to Thursday 13 May 2010. For more information and test samples, see www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html

Notes This Fortnight

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Definitions

**English**

**Possessive Adjectives:** show possession. *My* in the sentence, *This is my book*, is a possessive adjective. The possessive adjectives are:

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Pronoun adjectives must be with a noun. Possessive adjectives are sometimes called pronoun adjectives or pronominal adjectives.

**Maths**

**Compass points:** the main points are north, south, east and west. Other points are north-east, south-east, south-west and north-west. Additional points are north-north-east, east-north-east, east-south-east, south-south-east, south-south-west, west-south-west, west-north-west and north-north-west.

**Technology**

**Gigabyte:** a unit of measure equal to 1,073,741,824 bytes, which is about one billion bytes. "Giga" means "billion." Measuring the number of gigabytes tells you how big your hard drive is, by counting billions of bytes.

Notes: Gigabyte is abbreviated as "GB."

A gigabyte is the same as a thousand megabytes.

When we talk about a gigabyte, we usually refer to it as a billion bytes. However, keep in mind that computers use the binary system (not the decimal system) to work with data. Therefore, a gigabyte really refers to **2 to the power of 30 bytes**, which is **1,073,741,824 bytes**. (Remember, 2 to the power of 30 is the same as $2^30$, which equals $1,073,741,824$.)

School Vacations
The holidays start at 3.00pm on Thursday 1 April. School resumes for students on Tuesday 20 April. The school will be closed for the Anzac Day public holiday on Monday 26 April. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

**Food for Thought**

"Home is the place where boys and girls first learn how to limit their wishes, abide by rules, and consider the rights and needs of others".

Sidonie Gruenberg

Pauline Baker
Principal

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Minchinbury Public School

A great school….. close to home!