Dear parent/caregiver

Term 2 Week 5

Winter appears to have struck. The days have become increasingly colder in the last few weeks. A reminder was put in the newsletter last fortnight to label student’s clothing with their name and class so that items ending up lost can be returned to their owners and to check the lost property regularly for missing clothing. Please do this. A lot of clothing is collected at the end of the term with no labels making it impossible to determine the owner. As the colder weather has certainly arrived, it is a good idea to send students to school with warmer clothing even if it looks like being a nice sunny day as it can remain cold or the weather may change.

Young Writer’s Competition Awards
The Young Writer’s Competition Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday 19 May at Rooty Hill High School. Congratulations to those students who received awards.

Stage 3
Rachel Varley Year 5
Courtney Colclough Year 6
Angelina Palaki Year 5
Danielle Brownjohn Year 6
Mitchell Piazza Year 5

Stage 2
Olivia Molnar Year 4
Samuel Gregory Year 3
Jacob Nuqui Year 4
Holly Vallesiter Year 4
Joy Cayabby Year 4
Alexander Burns Year 4

Stage 1
Jamieson Berida Year 1
Jagmeet Kaur Year 2
Emily Moyse Year 2
Natalie Johnson Year 1
Jayden Chan Year 1
Michael McEwan Year 2
Linda Burgess Year 2

ES1
Kai Huet Kindergarten
Belinda Cunningham Kindergarten
Joshua Gange Kindergarten
Manasheh Tautu Kindergarten

The Young Writer’s Competition is a great way for our students to demonstrate the skills they have learnt in the classroom. We look forward to reviewing the work students produce during next year’s competition and celebrating the wonderfully talented students of Minchinbury PS.

P&C Meeting
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 June at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

District Cross Country Carnival
The district cross country carnival was postponed this week due to inclement weather. As a result, the carnival will now be held on Wednesday 26 May. A note went home stating that the carnival would be held on Tuesday 25 May. However, due to circumstances beyond the school’s control, the carnival date has been moved again. A new note has been sent home with the new date, Wednesday 26 May. Students selected for the carnival need to ensure that they return this note as soon as possible. The school apologises for the inconvenience this may cause. Ms Zuber and Mr McKenzie will be attending the carnival with the selected students.

Road Safety
A number of students ride their bike or scooter as a means of transport to and from school. It has been noted on occasions that some students are not wearing helmets when doing this. Helmets are an essential piece of safety equipment, required by law, when riding either a bike or scooter. If you have a child that rides their bike or scooter to school, please remember to remind them to wear their helmet. It could save their life.

The Sun-Herald ‘Reading Rewards’ Program
The Sun-Herald, as a Media Partner of the Premier’s Reading Challenge, has announced a Reading Rewards Program. The program is a chance for you to help the school. It allows you to subscribe to the Sun-Herald for 40 weeks at a cost of $30.00 (a reduction of 60%). The Sun-Herald will then donate $10.00 from each subscription back to the school. The Sun-Herald claims student information will remain confidential and there will be no direct mailing by the Sun-Herald to students on other matters. For more information and to subscribe go to the website: http://www.heraldeducation.com.au/readingrewards

NAIDOC Week celebrations between the 4th and 11th of July.
NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Indigenous Australians. Find out more at www.naidoc.org.au

Eco tip
Did you know?
Australians are the second highest waste producers in the world.
We throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food a year - the equivalent of a quarter of the nation’s food supply.

What can you do?
Shop smartly – avoid unnecessary packaging and buy only what you need.
More great tips at www.livingthing.net.au

Internet Safety Tip
Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school and even your credit card number to themselves. When signing up to a chat room, they should use a screen name that is a nickname and not easy to work out. The same goes for choosing passwords - don't make them easy.

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to figure out. If your child is going to put photos on the Internet, ensure they don’t show them wearing their school uniform – this can be enough to identify your child's school. Also ensure that any photos are not the type that would attract unwanted attention from strangers. More great advice at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

It is also a good idea to be aware of the sites your child is visiting and signing up to and the rules associated with them. Many people are not aware that sites such as Facebook actually have in their terms and conditions an age restriction of 13 years or older. These restrictions are in place for your child’s safety.

Helping your child with writing
Ask your child to tell you about events which did not involve you, e.g. a friend’s birthday party. This helps them work out what a listener needs to know and prepares them for writing. More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents

Late Arrival to School
Please remember when students arrive to school in the morning after the bell, prefects distribute late passes to all latecomers. Parents are asked not to ignore prefects or tell them not to issue the passes. They are doing the job they have been asked to do. Please do not speak to them rudely or aggressively. Remember, they are only children. Demonstrate responsible behaviour for your child by graciously accepting the late passes from our prefects who are learning how to be good leaders and responsible citizens.

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Definitions

**English**

**Composition**
a work of music, literature, or art: *Chopin’s most romantic compositions.*
- the action or art of producing such a work: *the technical aspects of composition.*
- an essay, esp. one written by a school or college student.
- the artistic arrangement of the parts of a picture: *spoiling the composition of many of the pictures.*

**DERIVATIVES**
- compositional adjective
- compositionally adverb

**Maths**

**Asymmetry**
Does not have sides exactly the same.

**Technology**

**Touchpad or Trackpad**
A touchpad or trackpad is a pointing device consisting of specialized surface that translates the motion and position of a user's fingers to a relative position on screen. They are a common feature of laptop computers as a substitute for a computer mouse. They vary in size from laptop to laptop. They can also be found on personal digital assistants (PDAs) and some portable media players, such as the iPod using the click wheel.

**Food for Thought**

‘We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.’

Aristotle

Stuart Holstein
Relieving Principal

20.5.10