Dear parent/caregiver

Term 2 is quickly coming to a close and there are still lots of exciting things happening in the next few weeks. Student reports will be sent home on the last day of term, Kinder students will be visiting City Farm next week, Stage 1 will be visiting Belgenny Farm and Stage 3 will participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Band and choir workshops will also be happening in readiness for both the PULSE and Reach! concerts later in the year. There is always something happening here at Minchinbury PS!

Music Camp
Congratulations to Cassie Smith S3J and Caitlin Bradley S2LN who attended the three-day music camp last week. The girls participated in workshops to develop their technical skills as well as areas of interest such as musical theatre and junk drumming.

Instrumental Music Festival
Congratulations to our wonderful recorder group who performed in the Acacia concert at the Opera House on Monday 31 May. They were stunning and impeccably behaved. They are great ambassadors for our school. Many thanks to both Mrs Anderson and Mrs Guerin for training the group and taking them to their rehearsals and performance.

Boys’ Dance Camp
Cameron Holmes S3M, Keanu French S2K and Anthony Surace S3D are attending this three-day dance camp this week. The boys will be developing their skills in a range of dance styles from contemporary to funk. We do have lots of talented students at Minchinbury PS!

P&C Meeting
The P&C meeting scheduled for this week has been postponed until Wednesday 9 June. The meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the staffroom. We hope you will be able to join us and hear about upcoming events and projects.

Cross Country Carnival
The district cross country carnival has been postponed several times owing to wet weather. We are hopeful that this event will go ahead on Monday 7 June, weather permitting.

Fairfield City Farm Excursion
On Monday 7 June, Kindergarten students will visit City Farm (previously known as Fairfield City Farm). They will be looking at the many animals that live on farms and how they help us to live. We hope they have a wonderful day!

Jump Rope for Heart
Stage 3 students will be completing their ‘jump off’ for the Heart Foundation on Wednesday 16 June. Parents and friends are asked to sponsor students on their participation in this event. Information about how you can sponsor has been sent home with students. We encourage all students to participate in this valuable program and raise vital funds for research into cardiovascular disease.

Mobile Phones at School
The Department of Education and Training Legal Services Unit has given the following advice to schools in relation to students bringing mobile phones to school.

“Mobile phones are sometimes viewed as enhancing security for students travelling to and from schools… students bring mobile phones to the school at their own risk – schools and institutes will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones… If students use mobile phones inappropriately, principals have the right to take action.”

We understand that some students are asked by parents to bring a mobile phone to school as a safety measure. The school does ask that students hand in their mobile phone to the front office at the beginning of the day to be stored securely. The phone can be collected through the front office at the end of the day. Students must sign them in and out each day. This procedure helps to ensure that potential for loss or damage is reduced. It also ensures that any ringing or message beeps do not distract other students from their work and that mobile phones are not being used inappropriately throughout the day.

Cyber bullying is illegal. Instances of cyber bullying may be referred to the police.
NAIDOC Week celebrations 4 – 11 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? Australian households spend on average, $1,500 on energy bills each year.
What can you do? Install energy-efficient lighting such as compact fluorescent bulbs, and turn off lights when you leave a room.
More tips at www.livingthing.net.au

Internet safety tip
Keep computers out in the open!
Your child might think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.
More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Road Safety Reminder
The best way to protect your children near traffic is to hold their hands. Young children do not make effective use of their hearing and vision, and lack the skills to make safe decisions when in the road traffic environment.
More tips at www.kidsandtraffic.mq.edu.au

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Food for Thought
‘Music is what feelings sound like’. Anon

Definitions

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Pauline Baker
Principal
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