Dear parent/caregiver,

مرآقب / مادر و بدر غزیز

We hope all our mums had a wonderful Mothers’ Day on Sunday 13 May. I saw lots of lovely gifts being purchased by our young shoppers at the Mothers’ Day stall. Last week was a very busy week for our students, especially those in Years 3 and 5 who sat the NAPLAN tests. There are lots of things happening again this week to keep our students and teachers busy. These include the Zone Cross Country, Year 5 Science and Technology Day, UNSW Computer Competition, Scienza Viva incursion for Stage 2 and the Young Writers’ Awards next week.

NAPLAN
Our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests last week over three days – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday we attempted to ‘catch up’ on any tests missed by students owing to absence. Unfortunately not all tests could be given on this day. All test papers have now been collected for marking outside of the school. The results should be available for collection early in Term 4. We will send home a note asking parents to indicate their preferred method for collection.

Cross Country
On Monday 21 May our school sent a team of 43 students to participate in the zone carnival at Doonside Technology HS. The students represented our school very well. Many thanks to those parents who transported students and to Mr McKenzie and Ms Zuber for managing our team. Congratulations to all competitors for their fabulous effort!

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
From Wednesday 9th May, you can participate in this promotion being conducted by Woolworths supermarkets. Last year we took part and received valuable teaching resources including programs for our interactive whiteboards. All you need to do is start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) to place on your child’s sticker card. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

A sticker card has been sent home. Spare cards are available at the office.

Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey. May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census. 2012 marks the 45th anniversary of the 67 referendum.

On 3 June, 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title. This year is the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision.

Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Honour Assemblies
On 25 May and 1 June, a large number of students in our school will be recognised at Honour Assemblies for their efforts as respectful, safe learners and will receive a Bronze Award. This is a valued achievement and the parents/carers of these students will receive an invitation to attend an assembly. We hope you can join us to celebrate your child’s achievement.

Stage 1 Excursion
Or 6 & 7 June, students in stage 1 have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Breuengle Environmental Education Centre (EEC). Breuengle EEC is a NSW Department of Education and Training facility that provides environmental education for students, teachers and the community in Western Sydney. The aim of the centre is to take students beyond the classroom to explore, experience and discover! If you have not already paid for your child to attend this excursion, the cost is $25 and the final date for payment is 1 June. A copy of the note can be found on the school website: www.minchinbur-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Young Writers Awards
On 30 May our Learning Neighbourhood will be celebrating the writing achievements of students in our schools. One student from each class has been selected as a winner to receive a Young Writers Award, which will be presented at a special ceremony. An invitation to attend this ceremony has been sent to each of these students and their families. A runner up from each class has also been selected and these students will receive their award at the morning assembly on Monday 4 June.

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A great school..... close to home!
P&C Meeting
The next meeting will be Tuesday 5 June at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Unfortunately our last P&C meeting was unable to go ahead as we did not get enough people to form a quorum. We are always looking for new members and would love to see you at our upcoming meeting. Come along and find out what's happening in our school – bring a friend!
If you would like to know more, please contact our P&C President, Emma Davis.

Definitions

English
Conjunctions That Exist in Pairs: some conjunctions exist in pairs. These conjunctions are called correlative conjunctions. The common correlative conjunctions are:

both .... and  either……or neither……nor
not only…..but also whether……or not ..... but

The batsman was not only stumped but also caught.

Neither Jim nor Tim were in my class.

Maths
Dividend: the amount to be divided.

\[ 36 \div 9 = 4 \]

36 is the dividend

Technology
Network: Any connection of two or more computers that enables them to communicate. Networks may include transmission devices, servers, cables, routers and satellites. The phone network is the total system for transmitting phone messages.

Useful Websites for Parents

ACARA – My School
The My School website provides profiles of around 9,500 Australian schools that can be searched by school location, sector or name. The website provides statistical and contextual information about each school, as well as results from the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) that can be compared with results from schools serving students from statistically similar backgrounds across Australia. Information about the National Assessment Program can be found on the NAPLAN website.

My School can be accessed at:

http://www.myschool.edu.au/

Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week’s target is:

‘We put our rubbish in the bin!’

Our school encourages students to be respectful and considerate of others. One way we do this is by maintaining a clean and tidy school environment. Students are expected to put their rubbish in the bins provided, both in the classroom and playground. In addition, we all sometimes make the effort to put other rubbish in the bin as a way of taking responsibility for our shared space.

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UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY
EXOPLANETS AND LIFE ELSEWHERE
The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory will be running a special Family Astronomy night on Saturday, 26 May 2012 from 7pm to 9 pm.

The night will not only include a telescope viewing of the wonders of the night sky and a 3D movie but members of the public will be able to enjoy a talk by Dr Jonathan Horner from the University of New South Wales on Exoplanets and Life Elsewhere. In recent years, a huge number of planets have been discovered orbiting distant stars - including many discovered from Australia. In the near future, astronomers will find the first truly Earth-like planets, and the search for life elsewhere will begin in earnest. Dr Horner will explain how astronomers are finding these distant worlds, and talk about the possibility of finding life beyond the Earth - either elsewhere in our Solar system, or on a planet orbiting a distant sun.

The cost is $15 adult, $10 child/concession or $40 family. Bookings are essential:
Phone (02) 4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

Food for Thought
After this week’s stunning full moon....

“For most people, we often marvel at the beauty of a sunrise or the magnificence of a full moon, but it is impossible to fathom the magnitude of the universe that surrounds us”.

Richard H. Baker

Have a great week!

Pauline Baker
Principal

24.5.12

Minchinbury Public School
Child’s name: ____________________________
Class _______ Date/s absent: ____________

My child was absent from school on the following date/s: ____________________________

Reason for absence: ____________________________

Signed: __________________________________
(parent/caregiver)

Teacher: ____________________________________

Minchinbury PS
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Payment Voucher Options

Student Name: .................................................. Roll Class: .................

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Payment for: ........................................................................................................

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Please tick:

☐ CASH

☐ CHEQUES payable to: ‘Minchinbury Public School’

☐ CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION

Please debit my: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐

Account Number:

............................................................................................................................

Name on Card: .................................................................................................(BLOCK LETTERS)

Card Expiry Date: ....... / ....... Security (CCV) Number: ☐ ☐ ☐

Cardholder’s Signature: ..................................................................................

Cardholder’s daytime/moblie number: ...............................................................

Date: ........../ ........../ ..........

Total Amount To Be Paid: $..........................................................
# Minchinbury Public School

## Canteen Price List

### Breakfast Menu

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<td>Juice $1.50</td>
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<td>Water - small or Large $1.00 / $1.50</td>
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<td>Mooves $1.50</td>
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<td>Up &amp; Go $2.00</td>
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<td>Banana Bread - quartered $0.50</td>
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<td>Sao with Vegemite $0.30</td>
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<td>Muffins $0.10</td>
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<td>Cereal Cup $0.80</td>
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### Sandwiches

**Available on Brown or White Bread**

- Jam $1.50
- Vegemite $1.50
- Egg $1.80
- Egg & Lettuce $2.00
- Tuna $2.20
- Chicken Loaf $2.00
- Devon $2.00
- Ham $2.00
- Ham & Cheese $2.20
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato $2.50
- Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber & Carrot) $3.80
- Salad with Meat (Ham, Chicken Load, Devon, Tuna) $4.00

### Extras:

- Salad Items $0.30
- Cheese $0.60
- Baby Roll $0.50
- Long Roll $0.70

### Ice Blocks

- Milo Sticks $0.10
- Jelly Sticks $0.20
- Animal Pops $0.30
- Loopy Dooly $0.30
- Ice Morn (TNT Triangle) $0.50
- Jelly Cups $0.60
- TNT Sour (Long) $0.60
- Gelato (Strawberry, Banana, Chocolate, Caramel) $1.30

### Hot Food

- Garlic Bread $0.60
- Macaroni and Cheese $3.50
- Fried Rice or Hakken Noodles $3.50
- Spaghetti Bolognaise $4.00
- Lasagne - Meat, Chicken or Vegetarian $4.00

### Snacks

- Muffins $0.10
- Jelly Sticks $0.20
- Sao with Vegemite $0.30
- Banana Bread - quartered $0.50
- Delites $0.50
- Mini Noodles (BBQ or Chicken) $0.30
- Jelly Cups (cold) $0.50
- Eucalyptus Drops $0.60
- Bananas, Apples or Oranges $0.70
- Monster Noodles $0.80
- Jumps $0.80
- Cheese and Bacon Balls $0.80
- BBQ or Salt & Vinegar Smithy Chips $1.00
- Honey Soy Chicken / Sea Salt Deli Chips $1.00
- Banana Bread - Thick Slice $2.00

### Drinks

- Pop Top Juices - 300ml - Orange/Apple $1.50
- Milks - Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla $1.50
- Small Water $1.00
- Large Water $1.50
- Slushies - Mon, Wed, Fri Only $1.50
- Up & Go $2.00
- Focus Water / Playwater $2.00
- LOL $2.00

### Other

- Tomato or BBQ Sauce $0.20

### Canteen Opening Hours

- **Breakfast**
  - 8.30am - 8.50am

- **Recess**
  - 11.00am - 11.30am

- **Lunch**
  - 1.30pm - 1.45pm

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**Sample Order Bag**

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- **Food** - Salad Sandwich $3.80
- **Drink** - Large Water $1.50

**Total** $5.30

**Enclosed** $5.30

**Change Required** $0.00

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***Turn over for Meal Deals and Daily Specials***
# Minchinbury Public School

## Canteen Price List

### Available all week - Sandwiches and Rolls or the following hot food:

- Garlic Bread: $0.60
- Macaroni and Cheese: $3.50
- Fried Rice or Hokkien Noodles: $3.50
- Spaghetti Bolognaise: $4.00
- Lasagne - Meat, Chicken or Vegetarian: $4.00

### New Combo Meal Deals and Daily Specials !!

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<td><strong>Italian Day</strong></td>
<td><strong>On a Roll Day</strong></td>
<td><strong>Friday Pie-Day</strong></td>
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<td>Chicken or Vegie Nuggets &amp; a large water or Moove</td>
<td>Hot Dog &amp; Sauce - $2.50</td>
<td>Pizza Square - $3.00</td>
<td>Baby roll with salad and your choice of ham, chicken loaf or devon, with a small water or Moove - $4.50</td>
<td>Pie or Sausage Roll - $2.50</td>
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<td>3 Pack Combo - $2.50</td>
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<td>Spaghetti Bolognaise - &amp; a large water or Moove - $4.00</td>
<td>Large Roll with salad and your choice of ham, chicken loaf or devon, with a large water or Moove - $5.00</td>
<td>Potato Top Pie, Vegetarian Pie or Chicken Pie - $2.70</td>
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<td>6 Pack Combo - $4.00</td>
<td>Hot Dog &amp; sauce, &amp; a large water or Moove - $3.50</td>
<td>Pizza Square &amp; a large water or Moove - $4.00</td>
<td>Chicken wrap with Mayo and Lettuce, with a large water or Moove - $4.50</td>
<td>Sausage Roll or Plain Pie &amp; large water or Moove - $3.50</td>
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<td>9 Pack Combo - $5.50</td>
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<td>Spaghetti Bolognaise &amp; a large water or Moove - $5.00</td>
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<td>Potato Top / Chicken or Vegetarian Pie &amp; large water or Moove - $3.70</td>
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**Please Note:** No Swapping & Changing Meals Around

**Slushies are only available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**Flavours:** Sour Blueberry and Raspberry - $1.50