



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

18 May 2022

MINMI PUBLIC SCHOOL KOALA FUNDRAISER

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

In February, Elaina, a Year 3 student at Minmi Public School approached the School Principal, Alison Fittler, with an idea she had about raising some money so that the School could adopt one or more koalas at the Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary.

Leaping at the idea, Ms Fittler arranged for Monday, 21st February, to be an opportunity for students to come to School out of uniform and bring a \$2 donation toward this very worthy cause.

With the students on board, the out of uniform day was an absolute success.

The students and staff raised in excess of \$200 to adopt a Koala from the Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary.

In fact, the day was so successful that Minmi Public School was able to adopt not just one, but four koalas at the Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary.

Thanks to Elaina for this wonderful idea and to her classmates who helped with the really difficult decision of who to adopt!

Minmi Public School are now the proud adoptive parents of Maree, Spring, Tilly and Basil.

Congratulations Elaina, Ms Fittler and the Minmi Public School community.