

The Kookaburra Gazette

Newsletter of Miranda Public School

Term 1— Week 6

07 March 2018

Principal's Report

What a busy 2 weeks it has been at Miranda Public School!

Updated Website Link

Please take note the updated link for our website is <http://www.miranda-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Swans AFL visit February 26th

Thank you to Mr. Williams for organising some of the Sydney Swans players to visit Miranda Public School to speak with our 3-6 Students. The students were given a great opportunity to ask some questions, win some prizes and have clothing and other merchandise signed by the visiting team members.

If you have a child that is interested in joining an AFL team our local club is:

www.mirandabombers.org/

Canteen Clean up

A big Thank You to Cameron and the group of dedicated volunteers, who gave up their time last week to clean out and paint the downstairs canteen area. It is amazing what a group of dedicated volunteers, some cleaning products, determination and muscle power can achieve!

This newly painted area will be used for our breakfast club mornings.

If you are interested in helping out with the breakfast club please see our attached flyer in this newsletter.

Zone Swimming Carnival March 1st

Congratulations to all of the students that attended our Zone swimming carnival at Caringbah pool. Team Miranda looked sensational in their new Miranda swimming caps and seated under our Miranda gazebo. As always our students gave 110%, with many achieving personal bests on the day.

Thank You to all the parents and community members who supported Team Miranda on the day and transported students to and from the event.

Well done to Mr Williams and Miss McMillan for your organisation and management at this event.

P and C

Thank you to all the members that attended the P and C meeting held on Wednesday 28th March, it is wonderful to hear about all of the exciting fund raising activities that you have planned for 2018 to help support the students at Miranda P.S.

Thank you to our staff representative, Mrs Leavold, who volunteered her time throughout 2017/18 to represent our staff and attend the P & C meetings. I will take up the position as staff representative at the next meeting.

If you are interested in joining our P and C, then please see the attached information included by our current P and C President, Jessica Chan.

A reminder that Wed 28th of March will be the P and C AGM.

International Women's Day Breakfast at Woollooware High School

Today, together with our Administrative Manager, Mrs Williams, I had the pleasure of attending a breakfast meeting hosted by the Staff and Student Leaders at Woollooware High School. The breakfast was to celebrate International Women's Day.

The theme for this year is **#pressforprogress**.

The breakfast was attended by our Schools Director, local Primary and High School Principals, School Administrative Managers, Police, Sutherland Shire Council representatives and community members.

Congratulations Woollooware High school on hosting this wonderful event.

Miranda Public School looks forward to joining with Woollooware High school in November for their White Ribbon day walk.

Port Hacking High School Open Night

I had the pleasure of attending the Port Hacking High School Open Night last night, along with many parents and students from our school. We had the pleasure of participating in a school tour and Information Session held in the school auditorium. I would like to commend Mr Hearne and the staff and students at Port Hacking High School on an amazing student led evening.

It was great to see so many former Miranda P.S students involved in the event, which was an interesting and informative evening for all involved.

Student Invoices – School Fees

This week we will be sending home Student Invoices with the yearly fees associated with your child attending Miranda Public School. These fees are related to online subscriptions which enable your children to access Literacy and Numeracy programs, textbooks, workbooks and art/stationery supplies.

We have kept these charges to a minimum and hope that you understand that it is a requirement that these expenses are met. Your children are already accessing these programs in the classroom and using the resources we provide.

Please endeavour to have all of these costs met by the end of Term 1, if possible. If you would like to discuss a payment plan please speak to Mrs Williams, in the office, or myself.

With the implementation of LMBR all government schools are now expected to generate revenue and recoup expenses related to supplying resources to students.

The Voluntary School Contribution helps to supplement the department's funding and enables us to budget for extra resources for the students. We are very grateful to those families who are able to meet this added expense.

Easter Egg Donation

Once again our Torch Team will be organising our Easter Egg Raffle. Please support this Torch Team initiative. Please read the attached information in our Newsletter.

The Big Vege Crunch

Congratulations and well done to Mr Sarkis, Miranda staff and students who participated in last Thursday's Big Vege Crunch. It was great to hear the *crunch* of vegetables as I moved around the school.

World's Greatest Shave

Don't forget to get behind our fundraising for a great cause - see attached information in our newsletter.

Before school Supervision

A reminder that there is no teacher supervision on our school grounds prior to 8:40am.

If you are on the school grounds before this time, then you are asked to wait with your child/ children until the bell rings at 8:40, when a teacher will begin morning duty supervision.

Riding Scooters and Bikes to School

A reminder, that we actively discourage students from riding bikes and scooters to and from school.

Miranda Public School is located in an area of high traffic, surrounded by extremely busy roads. We want all of our students to be able to travel to and from school safely and we thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Narelle Chaplin

Relieving Principal

The Big Vege Crunch—Yum!



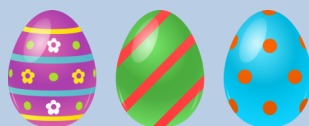
**Don't forget to
bring in your
Easter Egg
donations**



Upcoming Events

Thursday 29 March

Easter Hat Parade and Eggsibition



Weeks 10 and 11

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 13 April

Students final day for Term 1

Tuesday 1 May

Students return to school

Thursday 3 May

School Photos—Summer uniform

Principal's Awards



Harrison 56M

Alessandro 1S

Kevin 34C

Eliza 56M

Rhylan 1S

Elliot 1S

Jehnus 1S



We're excited to announce that Miranda Public School is participating in the **Coles Sports for Schools** program! The program gives schools across Australia the opportunity to earn sports gear just by collecting vouchers from Coles.

Through Sports for Schools, Coles has supplied over \$20 million worth of sports gear to over 7,500 schools across Australia.

During the Sports For Schools program, our students families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for their school from Coles stores across Australia. When the program ends, we can exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school.

Please place your vouchers in our box at Coles or at the School Office.

Thank you for supporting this great program!
(07 February – 03 April 2018)



How does it work?



Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.





**Big
Vegie
Crunch!**



You're invited to Miranda Public School's

E·A·S·T·E·R H·A·T P·A·R·A·D·E

The annual Easter Hat Parade and Easter raffle is fast approaching!

When: Thursday 29th March 2018

Where: Miranda Public School's Hall

Time: 1:30pm

The Torch Team are asking for donations for our Easter Raffle - to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

Please bring donations to the front office and place in the Easter box **by Monday 26th March**.

Some donations may include: Easter eggs (any size), chocolate rabbits, small Easter toys, baskets or clear cellophane. Please ensure all chocolate is wrapped/covered.

***A prize will be given to the class that brings in the most donations. ***



Easter Hats

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In the coming weeks all children will be making an Easter hat to wear at our Easter Hat Parade. Each K-2 class will buddy up with a primary class and make the hats at school. We ask that all children bring in a sheet of coloured cardboard and any decorations such as glitter, feathers, sequins etc. that the children may wish to use.

You will have a chance to view these wonderful creations at our parade on Thursday, 29th March at 1:30 pm. The Easter raffle will also be drawn then.

The children enjoy working and socialising with their buddy class to create something they have made themselves.

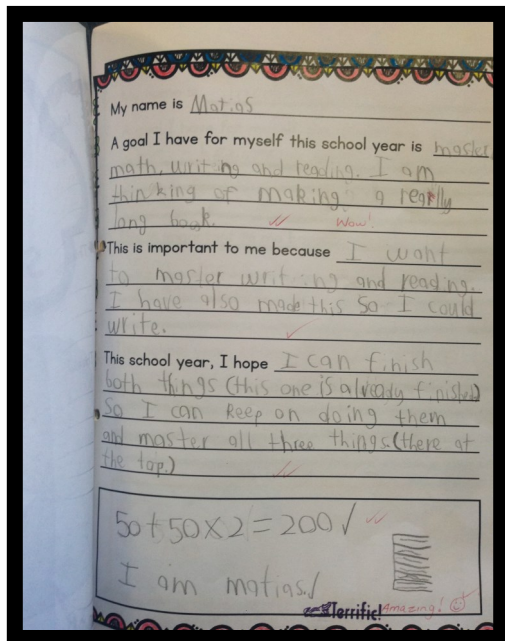
Please send along the cardboard and decorations as soon as possible in a plastic bag clearly marked with the child's name.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Class Teachers

Mrs N. Chaplin
Rel. Principal





23T's week!



Peer Support Lesson 2 Reflection Sheet

Overall Reflection

Today we taught the Peers about Habit 2, Begin With The End In Mind, and the Peers learnt it pretty quickly. We played a obstacle course game where a person would get blindfolded and another person had to guide him through the obstacle course, and whoever did it without touching anything got a sticker! Today about 8 stickers were handed out to the Peers.

Behaviour

Like yesterday, we didn't have to give out a single warning to anyone which was great, and the Peers were so good that we decided that on the last lesson we would bring in fairy bread enough for everyone, and some people might even get two pieces!

Top 3 Listeners

1. Abiel
2. Vincent
3. Sienna

Top 3 Answerers

1. Samuel
2. Abiel
3. Eva

Student of the lesson

Abiel

By Nikolay O

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- ❖ Next P&C Meeting: Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Wednesday 28 March 2018,
7.15 pm

President:
Jessica Hicks
0422 865 300

Fundraising Coordinator:
Lucy Keefe
lucy.keefe@yahoo.com.au

Hello Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. There are some things in this issue we hope you will be interested in!

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club was created at Miranda Public School as Teachers and Staff saw an opportunity to provide breakfast for students, who for whatever reason may not have had a chance to eat a nutritious and fulfilling breakfast before coming to school.

Breakfast is a very important meal, as a good breakfast fuels you up and gets you ready for the day. In general, kids and teens who eat breakfast have more energy, do better in school, and eat healthier throughout the day. Without breakfast, people can get irritable, restless, and tired.



The Breakfast Club is currently run by the wonderful volunteers from St Lukes Miranda, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Club has seen a growing need from 20 students per morning when it started last year, to now 40 students per morning, and growing.



St Lukes would like to see the Breakfast Club run 5 times a week, however needs the help of Parent Volunteers to do this.

If you can spare some time from 8.20 to 9am to help with this, please let me know so we can arrange for the Breakfast Club to be run every morning.

The Breakfast Club is also **in need of donations in the form of Long Life Milk and Juices (Orange and Apple)**. Please leave these donations at the School Office or with the Breakfast Club Volunteers

The Volunteers from St Lukes has kindly tidied up the old Canteen Area to accommodate the increasing number of students requiring Breakfast and will let you know when this area will be operating.

Easter Hot Cross Buns



Once again Thank you to Bakers Delight Miranda for supporting Miranda Public School in Fundraising.

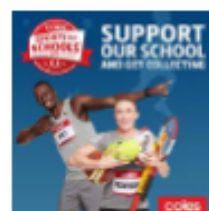
We will receive \$2.00 for every 6pack of Hot Cross Buns sold at \$7.00 per pack. This is a great offer we can share with Family, Friends and Neighbours! The more Buns you purchase the more contributions you make!

You have a choice of Traditional, Mocha, Choc Chip, Fruitless and, Apple and Cinnamon. Purchases can be made in the mornings on the Primary side on Thursdays 15th, 22nd and 29th March. Order Forms will be sent to students this week.

Parent Helpers Welcomed! Please let me know if you can assist with this ☺

Coles Sports for Schools Program

Thank you for your vouchers! The Leadership Team has had a big job in counting the vouchers and great to see that there is so much potential to redeem the vouchers for great sports gear for the school.



The program finishes on the 3rd April, so plenty of time to get more vouchers in. Happy Shopping!

Fundraising updates

The Calendar for the year has been planned and waiting to confirm dates on some events. In the mean time please Save the Date for our next **Bunnings BBQ for Sunday 19th August 2018!**

P & C News

Next P&C Meeting: The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 March 2018 @ 7.15 pm, in the Primary Meeting Room. Entry via School Office. Meetings are held monthly (4th Wednesday of the month) and usually runs for about 2 hours. Children welcome.

This next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting where the 2018 P&C Committee Office Bearer Positions will be voted on. This means the Positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be vacant.

Some Examples of the Roles are:

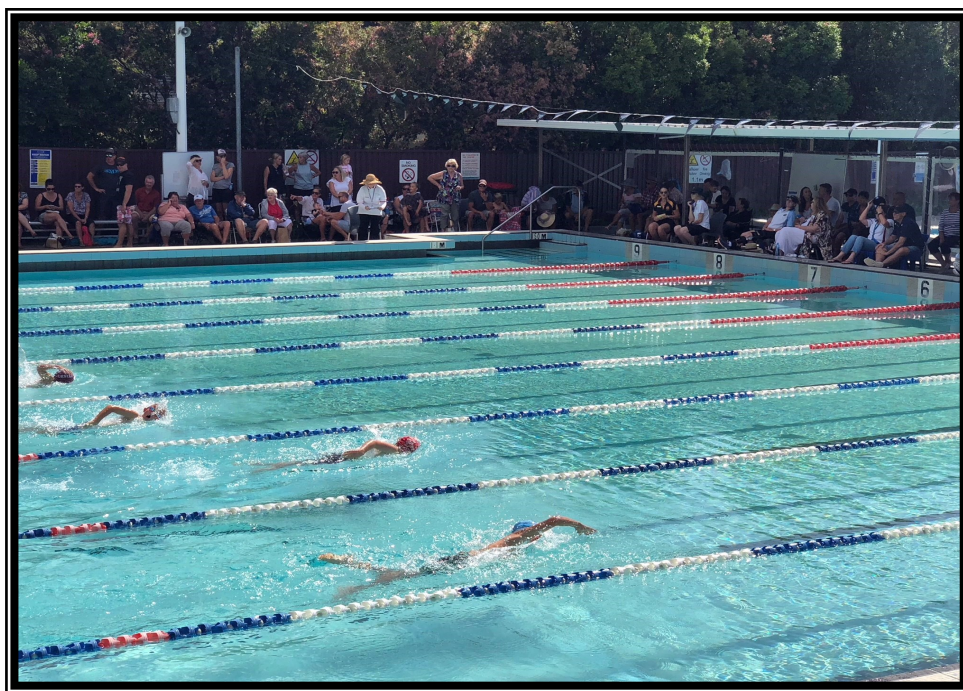
President / Vice President: The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings, The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives, Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school, Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome, Supporting volunteers, Consistent adherence to the constitution, Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed, Setting up lines of communication with the Principal, Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts, Chairing meetings, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

Treasurer: The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques* and presents accounts. The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association. This includes all P&C Association committees. This does not mean that the Treasurer must undertake the actual bookkeeping themselves but they must ensure that the various sub-committee financial records have been kept to the Treasurer's satisfaction. The Treasurer is a signatory on the P&C accounts and should not delegate this responsibility.

Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas. The Secretary is required to attend P&C Association meetings and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting. (In the absence of the Secretary the meeting should elect a person to take the Minutes, this person should be identified in the Minutes.) Further, the position includes receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate. The Secretary also issues notice of all meetings and maintains official records of the P&C Association such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book.



Swimming Carnival 2018



Uniform Shop

Clothing Pool is open every Wednesday during school term from 9am-10am alternatively order forms are available from the office, where orders may be placed and collected at your convenience.

No longer required uniforms can be donated for re-sale eg. Can be sold on your behalf or as a straight donation. These must be Miranda Public School only, be freshly laundered and in good condition. School Hats can be purchased from the office cash only.

Thank you

Heather and Faye

Port Hacking High School



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Open Night

For prospective Year 7 Students 2019

Wednesday 7 March 2018

5:45 pm

Extension Class Test

Year 7 2019 Extension Class Test will be held on

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Applications available from our office

OR download on

www.porthackin-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Welcome to the School Library

Students in **K-2 and 2/3T** will visit our school library each **Thursday**. During that time all K-2 students will read and participate in the **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge**. PRC entry and participation will be logged at school for K-2 students. The PRC starts this week! All students are encouraged to bring a library bag weekly.



Library for Primary Classes

Tuesday – 3/4C, 3/4J, 4/5W and 3/6C

Friday – 5/6M and 5/6T

PRC is not compulsory for primary students, but we encourage participation as the book lists for the challenge cover a wide range of topics and authors. More information will be available during library lessons. Primary students are responsible for logging their own reading records on-line. Please see the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website for rules, booklists and reading log.

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Mrs. Sue Leavold (teacher/librarian)



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Thank you for
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Miranda's Mighty Breakfast Club update

☺ THANK YOU!

Cameron and his team of volunteers from St Luke's Church cleaned up our old canteen area so it can be used for our popular Breakfast Club. They scrubbed and swept and painted and cleared the space to make for a permanent place to serve **Miranda's Mighty Start Breakfasts**.



With clean cupboards to store our cereal, a fridge for our milk and juice and space to sit and eat - we're hoping to get some parent to volunteer as weekly helpers so we can open the **Breakfast Club** more often. Cameron and the St Luke's team serve **free breakfast** to Miranda PS students on **Wednesday and Thursday mornings** from 8:40am. With some parent volunteers we are aiming for a 5 day program. Kellogg's have donated lots of boxes of cereal, Woolworths gave us a voucher to get started with milk and juice. It's been a very successful start. **Thank you to everyone involved.**



Volunteers are needed between 8:20 and 9am on any weekday. Please use the slip below to reply. If you're unable to offer your time but would like to support our school breakfast program **we welcome donations of long life milk and fruit juice** which can be left at the office or your child's class at any time.

Many thanks from Miranda Public School Breakfast Club students ☺

Mrs. Sue Leavold and Mrs. Janelle Townsend (Breakfast Club staff contacts)

Parent name : _____ Child's class: _____

Contact - mobile phone # _____

I am available to assist with Breakfast Club on _____ morning.

Sydney Swans Visit





EASTER 2018 HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM

Bakers Delight Miranda would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for our school.

The more buns you purchase the more contributions you make!

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, Bakers Delight Miranda will **give \$2** to **MIRANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL**.

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too!

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent / Carer's Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Please Tick your order Pick Up date -

☐ For Delivery on Thursday 15th March (2 weeks before Easter)

☐ For Delivery on Thursday 22nd March (1 week before Easter)

☐ For Delivery on Thursday 29th March (same week as Easter)

Please submit your Order and cash only to the Fundraising Table on the Primary side in the morning from 8.30am on Thursday 15th, 22nd and 29th March

(Deliveries will be made to child's class on Thursday afternoon)

Traditional Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.00 per 6 pack	Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.00 per 6 pack	Mocha Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.00 per 6 pack	Fruitless Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.00 per 6 pack	Apple and Cinnamon Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.00 per 6 pack	Total \$

Thank you for your support!

(Any queries please feel free to contact Parent Volunteer Jessica on 0422 865 300)



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This 3 hour program will help fathers gain the skills necessary to build closer relationships with their children.

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- Connect with your children
- Discipline constructively
- Understand the special role of fatherhood
- Father from the inside-out

Thursday, 22nd March

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Interrelate, 383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah

Cost: \$15 per person (includes pizza and refreshments)

**Bookings essential — numbers limited
phone 8522 4408 or email KristenM@interrelate.org.au**

YOUR CHILD ONLINE



Monday 12 March
6.30pm to 7.30pm

Caringbah Library
376-378 Port Hacking Road

BOOK ONLINE NOW

Discover tips to help keep your kids safe in the online world, including using parental locks and hints for monitoring use.

Learn the risks of popular apps and find out how to best utilise privacy settings.

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FAMILY DAY CARE CHILDCARE INFORMATION SESSIONS



Join us for a coffee, meet our Educators and learn how Sutherland Shire Council Family Day Care can meet your child's early education and care needs.

Saturdays	7 Apr	9.30am	Gymea Bay Resource Centre 276A Gymea Bay Road, Gymea Bay
	4 Aug		
	20 Oct		

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE:
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/careinfo

For enquiries: T 02 9710 0466 sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/careinfo

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Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

7 May | 14 May | 21 May | 28 May

4 June | 18 June | 25 June | 2 July 2018

Cost: \$50 per child

Venue: Caringbah Interrelate

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd
Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

Note: This program is developed by Good Grief and facilitated by Interrelate