



KOOKABURRA GAZETTE



CALENDAR

15th Nov - District Chess Competition

15th Nov - PHHS Transition
1.15pm-2.30pm

28th Nov - Yr 6 Zoo Snooze

29th Nov - Yr 6 Zoo snooze



Principal's Message



Farewell Mrs Beazley

As from next week, we will miss seeing a regular friendly face around MPS.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff of Miranda Public School, to farewell a very much loved and respected teacher, Mrs Beazley. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Mrs Beazley has been an integral part of Miranda Public School teaching staff filling a variety of positions since 1992. Her expertise in K-2 teaching and Reading Recovery has had a lasting impact on many students who have started their educational journey at Miranda Public School.

Mrs Beazley has also been a well- respected mentor, to many of our young teachers who have worked in classes on the K-2 site.

Mrs Beazley will be remembered, not only for the professionalism and dedication that she always brought to the job, but also for her never- ending energy and enthusiasm, always in evidence at such events such Easter Hat Parade and Harmony Day.

We wish her a relaxing and enjoyable retirement, with plenty of time available to spend with her family and loved ones.



Sutherland District Chess Competition

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the schools that participated in the Sutherland District Chess competition, which was hosted by Miranda Public School today.

Special thanks to Mr Aaran Wooley, from Miranda for hosting the event and to Mr Richard Gastineau-Hills, the Primary Schools Coordinator of NSW chess league.

School attendance

As we approach the end of the term, an important reminder about the importance of arriving to school on time. Remember that classes start each day at 9:10am. Students that arrive late in the mornings, miss out on vital instructional time. Developing good school attendance habits from an early age, helps contribute to a positive attitude towards your school years.

Please refer to the departmental information below, about the importance of being at school on time.





EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ⅓ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!



Uniform Shop - The end of the school year is fast approaching. Our last day for 2018 will be 5th December. Please make sure all orders are finalised by this date. Uniform shop is open Wednesdays 9am-10am or orders may be placed and collected from the office. Donations of good, used and clean uniforms are much appreciated, and we are in need of girls summer tunics.

Making Community Connections

We had a lovely group of children from Canberra Road Kindy visit K/11 this morning for a "Transition to School" experience. We read stories, made a Christmas ornament and played some games. The Miranda students were great role models and the children that visited had a great time.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Preet	2H
Vladislav	2H
Levi	2/3T
Dexter	3/4J
Flora	3/4C
Laurice	4/5W



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



The kindness of Strangers

We would like to say a big "Thank You" to the very generous anonymous Shopper, who kindly purchased a Christmas tree for the students in K-6C, when they were shopping on Wednesday. We thank them for their kindness. The tree looks beautiful in their classroom.

Welcome to our special visitors from Canberra Road Kindy



Relieving Principal
Narelle Chaplin

MPS Supporting Local Charities This Christmas.

During History this term K-2 students are comparing aspects of their own lives with those in the past. To assist with this, volunteers from The Sutherland Shire Toy Restoration Centre have kindly offered to come to MPS and to show students some toys from previous generations. Exploring historical artefacts, such as these, provides authentic learning opportunities that develop students' curiosity about the past and helps build their inquiry skills.

The Sutherland Shire Toy Restoration Centre is a fantastic organisation that requires continual community support. The centre is a non-profit organisation that is run by volunteers and has been operating at Jannali for over 40 years. Toys are donated to the centre, and are cleaned, repaired and restored by senior volunteers. Some of these toys are given to children's charities, but most are sold by volunteers in the shop and the money is donated to charities that assist women and children in need. In 2017 the centre donated an astonishing \$22 000 to various charities. This year, they are aiming higher and are hoping to raise \$30 000.

With Christmas approaching fast, you can help support this wonderful organisation by heading to their annual Christmas sale, on **Saturday 17th November 2018, between 8:30am and 1:30pm**. There is a huge range of toys available at very reasonable prices, including cars, dolls, games and bikes for all ages. Why not head over and grab some Christmas bargains, while helping out some very worthy charities?



Saturday 17th November 8:30am - 1:30pm

Cnr Jannali Avenue & Mary Street, Jannali

The centre not only supports women and children in need, it also provides a supportive social environment for the seniors in our community. New volunteers, particularly senior ladies, are always needed at the centre. Most ladies volunteer one day per week (Monday to Thursday) to sort and price donated toys and serve in the shop. The work is easy, not physical and there is plenty of time for tea breaks and a friendly chat. If you know anyone who would be interested in volunteering and making new friends. The centre would love to hear from them.

If you have any questions regarding the toy sale or volunteering, please contact the Sutherland Shire Toy Restoration Centre on 9528 4024 or look them up on Facebook.



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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within **7** days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within **2** days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**
You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court**
- Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**
School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, Information and brochures

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and
Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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High Performing Students Unit

Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in

2020

Thinking of applying for a
government selective high school for Year 7 entry in
2020?

You must apply online at
[https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key dates

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Application website opens

Monday 12 November 2018

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.

Thursday 28 February 2019

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

Thursday 14 March 2019

Selective High School Placement Test

Friday 5 July 2019

Placement outcome information is sent

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.



SAVE THE DATE

Miranda Public School
Presentation Day

K-2: Tuesday 11th December, 9.45am

3-6: Thursday 13th December, 9.45am



Twilight markets

at
Yowie Bay

**16th
November**
6.00pm-9.00pm

Boutique Shopping Experience

Come & enjoy a boutique shopping experience at Yowie Bay Public School.

This year we have many new exciting stalls and many of our favourites returning.

Bring your friends, Mum, Grandma and your Christmas shopping list!

Gold coin entry. Browse through many unique and exciting stalls.

Port Hacking High School are sending special selections from their Performing Band to give us the music to shop to.

Buy a \$10 ticket for your chance to win a door prize and receive a free glass of champagne to sip whilst shopping!

Delicious finger food will be available for purchase on the night.

*We hope to see you at the 2018
Yowie Bay Public School Twilight Markets*



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Please note: This is an adults only event

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