



KOOKABURRA GAZETTE

Principal's Message

Weeks 5 and 6

It's hard to believe that we are already at the midpoint of Term 4. The students have been busy completing Term 4 assessments and staff are busy in preparation for reports. Our Miranda Public School students have been busy as always participating in a wide range of Educational and Community events.

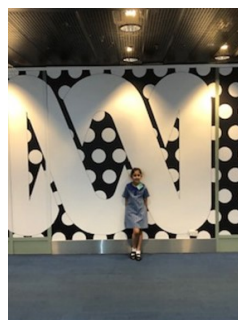
State Finals Spelling Bee.

On Friday the 8th of November, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the State Finals of The NSW Spelling Bee. Our Year 3 student, Preet, proudly represented the Sydney Region in the finals at the ABC studios in Ultimo. Preet made it through to the final 3rd round of the knock out. The competition was at such a high level and we are so very proud of your efforts. Well Done Preet.



CALENDAR

- 20th November - SU Swimming
- 22nd November - White Ribbon Walk
- 27th November - K-6 Scripture Christmas Service / Final Ethics class
- 28th November - Stage 3 BYOD Parent Information Session
- 5th December - Year 6 Excursion
- 6th December- PSSA Concludes





Remembrance Day Services

On Monday 11th November, our Leadership Team and a number of Stage 3 students attended Remembrance Day activities at Westfield Miranda and at the Central Road memorial, Seymour Shaw Park. As always Miranda Public School is proud to have our student representatives support such important community events.

Student Wellbeing Programs

As well as focusing on the Leader in Me Program and encouraging students to use the 7 habits at school, we also use the restorative Justice Practice program when helping students resolve issues or playground incidents.

The 7 Habits of Happy Kids

- 1 Be Proactive
- 2 Begin with the End in Mind
- 3 Put First Things First
- 4 Think Win-Win
- 5 Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- 6 Synergize
- 7 Sharpen The Saw



Restorative practice is a set of principles and practice that encourages children to take responsibility for their behaviour by thinking through the causes and consequences. Its all about developing, maintaining and repairing relationships, building a community based around empathy and self-learning, where children take responsibility for their behaviour.

White Ribbon Day

Miranda Public school is proud to support White Ribbon Day-which focuses on standing up, speaking out to prevent violence against women.

The school has already produced 2 films exploring this issue, which are available on YouTube on the following links.

Just say something: <https://youtu.be/9W5ogO7X29Q>

New beginnings: <https://youtu.be/NgmTpBuJriA>

Students from Miranda Public School will join with students from surrounding local school on Friday 22nd November, to join the White Ribbon Walk from Woollooware High School to Cronulla.



Social networking and gaming applications

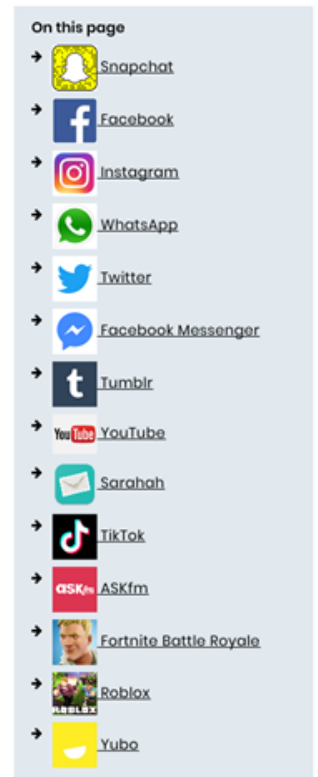
Social networking and gaming applications enable people to interact with one another online. Many students have personal phones and may have networking applications downloaded on their phones.

A reminder to parents that many of these applications require the user to be over the age of 13. If you are not sure of the age limits on some applications or which applications your child may be using it is worth checking phones and the registration information and details.

In early Term 2 this year, the Sutherland shire police youth liaison officer gave a talk to all students 3-6 about online safety and cyber bullying.

If you require more information regarding social networking applications, the Department of Education has a great deal of information available under **staying safe online** and also with regards to online bullying- or cyberbullying.

For further information , I have included a parent and carers online bullying fact sheet as an attachment in this newsletter .



Sutherland Shire Chess Tournament

On Monday 11th November 2019, Miranda Public School hosted the annual Sutherland District Chess Tournament.

A big Thank you to Mr Woolley, who Coordinated the event and to Mr Gastineau– Hills and his volunteers from the NSW Junior Chess League.

34 teams from Sutherland shire schools participated on the day. Miranda placed 14th overall. Well done to all participants.



Thank You!

P and C Thank You

The staff and students from Miranda Public School, would like to take the opportunity to thank our very generous \$3000 P and C donation for the new desks, Books, Playground toys and mats and year 6 farewell. We thank you for the wonderful work you do to raise money for our school.



Resources bought from P & C



Bushfire safety Procedures

As you may have been aware this week, the Department of Education implemented new safety strategies for schools in areas of high risk regarding bushfires.

Many schools around the Sutherland Shire were closed on Tuesday the 11th November.

On behalf of Miranda Public school, we hope that any of our Miranda community who may have family and friends in fire affected areas or working as volunteers in the RFS and SES organisations. We hope that the weather conditions over the next few days will elevate the current conditions and that family and friends are well.

Good luck Misss Higgins

Finally, we would like to wish Miss Higgins all the best as she leaves us this week to begin her Maternity Leave. We wish her all well and can't wait to see photos when her baby boy arrives in January.

Kind Regards

Narelle Chaplin

Relieving Principal



PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Daria - 4/5W

Emily - 4/5W

Noah - 4/5W

Kindergarten Orientation Day 3



Miranda Public School - Term 4 Week 8-10: Year 6 Events Overview

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December	8	2	3	4	5 <u>Year 6 Circus Excursion</u> Wear Sports shirt with tights or tracksuit pants	6
December	9	9	10 <u>3-6 Presentation Day 12:30pm</u>	11 <u>Year 6 Farewell Dinner 5:30pm</u> Miranda RSL	12 <u>Christmas Disco</u> Year 6 fundraiser K-6 during school hours – Christmas muffi	13 <u>Year 6 Fete Day</u> students wear muffi
December	10	16 <u>K-6 Picnic Day at Kurnell</u>	17	18 <u>Last Day of term for all students!</u> <u>Year 6 Graduation Assembly</u> school gates open from 1:30pm for a 1:45pm start	19 <u>Happy Holidays</u>	20 <u>Happy Holidays</u>



Education

Anti-bullying

Parents and carers Online bullying fact sheet



What is online bullying?

Online bullying – or cyber-bullying – is engaging in bullying behaviour using technology such as the internet or mobile devices. Online bullying is different from other forms of bullying several ways:

- It is more likely to happen outside school.
- Material can be shared quickly and long after the first incident.
- It can happen anytime, day or night.
- It is more difficult to defend yourself or get away.

What does online bullying look like?

Online bullying may include sending abusive messages, posting hurtful or threatening material on social media, imitating or excluding others online and making inappropriate comments on posts or pictures.

How do I know if my child is being bullied online?

The following behaviours may indicate your child is upset by something happening online:

- being hesitant about going online
- seeming nervous when an instant message, text message or email appears
- being visibly distressed after using a computer or mobile device
- suddenly avoiding the internet
- closing a laptop or hiding a mobile device when others enter the room.

How can I keep my child safe online?

Be aware of the age restrictions for the sites and applications your child wants to use, and remind them not to share their passwords or personal information with others.

Talk with them about how they use the internet and mobile devices and understand the privacy settings. Make sure they know they can tell you or another trusted adult if they are being bullied online.

What can I do if my child is bullied online?

There are lots of things you can help your child to do if they are being bullied online:

- remind your child not to respond or retaliate
- keep a record of any incidents of online bullying for example take screenshots
- block or delete the user who is bullying
- remind your child to change their privacy settings
- contact the service provider – they can help to block messages and calls
- report the bullying.

How to report online bullying?

Keep records or screenshots of calls or messages that are offensive or hurtful.

If the bullying is related to school, contact the principal to report what has happened and work together to resolve the issue.

Call the police if your child is physically threatened, and report serious online bullying behaviour to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

Useful websites:

<https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au>
www.esafety.gov.au
www.bullyingnoway.com.au
www.kidshelpline.com.au

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HABITS OF RESILIENT KIDS

1

THEY HAVE POSITIVE SELF-TALK

Resilient children use positive self-talk to help them negotiate tricky or potentially tricky situations. "I will be fine. I will make friends on the first day of school and have a fun time."

2

THEY ARE OFTEN LESS ANXIOUS

Resilient kids often have less anxiety as they are not worrying about 'what is coming next'. They know chances are good that they will be able to move through and overcome the situation somehow.

3

THEY HAVE HIGHER SELF-CONFIDENCE

Resilient kids often have higher self confidence due to having learnt that they CAN move through tricky situations, even if it's with the help of others. They know they will be OK on the other side.

4

THEY UNDERSTAND HARD WORK = REWARD

It does take hard work sometimes to 'bounce back' from a hard situation. But those children who have seen and lived this can better understand that hard work = the reward of moving past the situation.

5

THEY CAN OFTEN THINK MORE OBJECTIVELY

Children who have been through hard things and learnt coping skills already have a thinking structure around problem-solving and can therefore often think of better and more creative solutions.





An invitation from Miranda Public School

*To our wonderful helpers,
Thank you for supporting our students throughout
the school year. To show our appreciation for your
time and effort we would like you to attend our -*

Thank you Morning Tea

Tuesday 10th December
from 11am in our School Library
(after the K-2 Presentation Day Assembly)

*Best wishes for a restful holiday and a New Year filled
with happiness from the students and staff of MPS.*



Miranda PS School Banking

Last Banking day for Term 4 will be

Monday 9 December 2019

***Week 9**

(instead of Tuesday to ensure all Deposit books are returned in a timely manner)

A huge Thank you to all the Families and Students for continuing to make this a great success for Miranda Public School.

Your deposits help to raise funds for our school!

Special Thanks to our Volunteer Parent Banking Team: Martha, Mandy, Jaqi, Simone and Too, for their time. We would also welcome more volunteers to join us!

When school begins in 2020 we will advise when School banking recommences

Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300



Welcome to Primary Ethics (SEE) at Miranda Public School!

Thank you for electing your child to attend Primary Ethics (Special Education Ethics) Classes. A first for Miranda Public School!

Stage 2 commenced in the middle of Term 3 and now we can welcome a new Volunteer Teacher for the Kindergarten class in Term 4 2019!

The participation and responses in discussions have been wonderful!

We welcome more Volunteer Teachers to help with expanding this curriculum across all stages.

For more information or to learn more about Primary Ethics in schools, please feel free to visit: <https://primaryethics.com.au/>

or speak to your MPS Volunteer Coordinator: Jessica Hicks on 0422 865 300.

Thank you from your Volunteer Teachers,
Mrs Jessica Hicks & Mrs Naziah Gargan



Primary
ETHICS



**15th
November**
6.00pm-9.00pm

Come & enjoy our unique shopping experience at Yowie Bay Public School.

We have many new exciting stalls and many of our favourites returning.

Come along with your friends, Mum & Grandma. Browse through our fabulous selection of boutique stalls with unique gifts for Christmas.

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

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

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

Gold coin entry.



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