



KOOKABURRA GAZETTE

Principal's Message



White Ribbon Walk Friday 22nd Nov

Congratulations to our students from Miranda Public School who participated in the White Ribbon walk last Friday 22nd November. We are proud to continue to be involved with this wonderful initiative.

Student Leaders 2020

Congratulations to all our Yr 5 students who put forward nominations for the 2020 Student Leadership Team and presented their speeches last Wednesday.



Congratulations also to our successful Sports Captains and Vice Captains. Thank you to Mrs Townsend and for her Leadership and coordination of these events. We will announce the results of these elections at our 3- 6 Presentation Day assembly to be held on Tuesday 10th December.

Not just a Brush Exhibition - Hazlehurst

The annual Not Just a Brush exhibition opened on Wednesday 27th November at Hazlehurst Gallery. Our school's display can be found in the gardens. If you have an opportunity to visit, there is some amazing artwork on display from our local Public Schools.

LIM end of Term Assembly

Congratulations to all of our award winners, who received their wrist bands and certificates.

Thank You to our wonderful Leadership Team for hosting today's assembly and also a big thanks to Mr Wooley for the organisation of certificates and audio visual displays.

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



CALENDAR

- 5th December - Year 6 Circus Excursion
- 6th December - PSSA Concludes
- 10th December - K-2 Presentation Day - 9.30am
- 10th December - Helpers Morning Tea - 11am
- 10th December - 3-6 Presentation Day - 12.30pm
- 11th December - Year 6 Farewell Dinner Miranda RSL
- 13th December - Year 6 Fete
- 16th December - Picnic Day at Commemoration Flat Kurnell
- Wednesday 18th December - Year 6 Graduation
- Last Day of school for Students

ShireAbility Film festival

Congratulations to Mr Skene and the students of K-6S , who last night won the Youth Award for their film "Miranda Learning Style" at The ShireAbility Film Festival, which was held at Hazlehurst Gallery.

Many amazing films were entered into this competition and this was a fantastic achievement for everyone involved at Miranda Public School!



Playground Markings

Over the next week, a number of playground decals will be added around our walkways, near the hall area and on the K-2 playground. We are looking forward to the addition of our bright & colourful play areas and the difference it will make to the playground environment.

Parking around Sylva Ave and Miranda Public School



With Christmas fast approaching and Westfield parking often difficult, we remind parents that the area around Miranda Public School is patrolled regularly by Sutherland Shire Council parking officials. There is very limited timed parking around Sylva Ave and **all cars parked in disabled parking spaces must display the correct label**. A reminder also, that the school staff car park is for school staff only and is not to be used as a drive through for dropping off students, at any time. It is also NOT available for parent parking.

I have once again been contacted by Miranda District Office and asked to remind parents that their parking area is for Dept of Education employees only. Please do NOT park there!

Bushfire Community Appeal

Thank you to all those families who have donated goods for our community appeal. Your donations will go towards helping families who have been affected by the recent bushfires in the Taree area of the State. We will be collecting donations up until the 11th of December.

Upcoming Event and Notes

Parents please check student's school bags for notes being sent home. There are many events coming up in the next 3 weeks and many require a permission note and money returned to school by a specific date.

High School Orientation Day

We wish all our year 6 students a fantastic High School Transition day next Tuesday 3rd December.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Eesa - 2/3C
Jona-Riv—5/6M
Trinity—2/3C
Elliot—2/3C
James—K/6S

Building Relationships through Film

Congratulations to Mr Skene and Miss McMillan who have been acknowledged in the most recent *TrueBlue* magazine for Rex Airlines.

The article celebrates the extraordinary filmmaking and visual literacy skills of both Mr Skene and Miss McMillan, who attended a 2 day camp with students from remote rural areas around Nyngan, in NSW earlier in the year.

A copy of the article has been included in this Newsletter for your information.

Kind Regards

Narelle Chaplin - Relieving Principal



rex.
UPFRONT

A still image from a music video created by a student at a Film by film camp!

Building relationships through filmmaking

Film by... Where creativity takes flight

When students create film, they work together; they bounce ideas, collaborate, discuss, plan, visualise, problem-solve, organise, create and celebrate each other's ideas, skills and achievements. Visual learning is inclusive learning. Anyone can feel confident to comment or have an opinion about something they have seen, which is not always the case with printed information, when accessibility requires the reader decode the print, read with enough fluency to comprehend, and have the necessary language conventions to make meaning.

By combining digital filmmaking tasks with traditional literacy objectives, children are provided with a clear, purposeful end goal to aim for. It enables them to appreciate that the creative process of writing, planning, drafting, editing and revising is integral to the quality of the end goal.

With the support of Rex Airlines, **Film by** teams travel to rural and remote schools to provide teachers and students with support to access filmmaking and professional training.

Four outstanding teachers, with extraordinary skills in filmmaking and visual literacy, were recently given the opportunity to work with rural and remote schools on a two-day filmmaking camp around Nyngan in rural New South Wales. The teachers (John Skene, a special-needs teacher at Miranda Public School; Jade McMillan, a stage-three teacher from Miranda Public School; Matt Watt from Terara Public School; and Susan Gonzalez from Forster Public School) spent two days with teachers and students from public schools in Marra Creek, Carinda, Quambone, Hermitdale, Pilliga, Nyngan and Gilrumbone. What eventuated was days full of activities, fun and making

films, with firm friendships established.

Film by wishes a big 'thank you' to Rex for supporting this important initiative that provides opportunities, skill development and training to students in rural New South Wales. In the land of the oldest storytelling culture, it's essential to offer the opportunity for all students to tell their stories and to guide a new generation of filmmakers to become the storytellers of the future.

Film by is an initiative of the New South Wales Department of Education, which supports the establishment of local film creating communities. Actor and producer Bryan Brown is a proud patron. Rex sponsored the **Film by** invitation-only inaugural event, held at the Bryan Brown Theatre in Bankstown, by providing flights for teachers from as far away as Broken Hill to attend and meet Bryan Brown himself.

To learn more, visit filmby.com.au

DEC 2018/JAN 2020 5

White Ribbon Day Walk



Combined Scripture Christmas Service



Hockey



2020 Leadership Team Candidates

On Wednesday this week our Year 5 candidates for the 2020 Miranda Public School Leadership team presented their speeches to the whole school. Congratulations to the following students who would all make wonderful leaders of our school next year. The Captains and Prefects will be announced at the 3-6 Presentation Day on Tuesday 10th December 2019.



Gabe



Clark



Alina



Zoe



Logan



Joel



Samantha



Amiah



Dexter



Ines



FACT SHEET

ROAD SAFETY FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Do you have children starting kindergarten next year? Starting school is very exciting for your child. They may not be thinking much about safety, but you should.

Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. They will need your help to spot the dangers around traffic.

Sutherland Shire Council wants all children to be safe going to and from school - and that depends on you. Act safely when driving or walking around schools so our children will learn to be safe too.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint in the car that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit and keep a sharp lookout in school zones as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Up until the age of eight, always hold your child's hand whenever cars and other vehicles could be around. Park your car and walk them to the school gate.
- Drop older kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.

- Avoid calling out to children from across the road because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road, away from passing traffic.
- If walking to school, plan your trip so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK

Every time children cross the road, remind them to:

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb
- **Look** for traffic to your right, left and right again
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

This brochure has been developed from the Transport NSW Centre for Road Safety website <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au>

Find out more about Australian Road Rules at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND SCHOOL



NO PARKING

What does it mean?
You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.



NO STOPPING SIGNS & CONTINUOUS YELLOW EDGE LINES

What do they mean?
You CANNOT stop in these areas FOR ANY REASON.

Why are they there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.



BUS ZONE

What does it mean?
You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.



FACT SHEET

SAFE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers will be out at all schools again this year helping you to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians: your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable.

Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RMS).

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the carpark or when crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Take the time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are walking.

HAVE A PLAN

Plan with your son or daughter how you will collect them. When and where will you be after school? Where should they wait? Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is still in

traffic, even if you are stopped; they should wait until you have parked at the side of the road.

Plan to arrive **AFTER** the school bell goes in the afternoon, so your children are ready and waiting for you and you are not blocking traffic.

NO PARKING ZONES

A No Parking zone is a pick up and drop off area: you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and must remain within three metres of the vehicle. When parents park in a No Parking zone for longer than two minutes they prevent other parents from stopping to drop off or pick up their children, creating frustration and dangerous situations. If you arrive before the school bell and block the pickup areas, you risk a fine.

Parking offences in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Sutherland Shire Council makes no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and in school zones.

See the Roads and Maritime Authority website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au for more about Australian Road Rules and other road safety information.

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Bushfire Donation Drive

As of 21 November 2019, a total of **612** homes have been lost so far this bushfire season, with 530 houses lost this past fortnight.

Miranda Public School Community have been invited to join in a Donation Drive to help the Taree Region, in rebuilding their lives.

We welcome donations of the following items:
(New or in excellent clean condition)

For Men, Women, Adolescents, Children & Babies-
Clothing/footwear, toys/stationery, books, bags (not single use)
New: socks, underwear, toiletries/paper, sanitary items, towels

Non-perishable unopened foods/water, Christmas items,
crocery/cutlery/kitchen items, batteries.

Other useful /practical items will be gratefully accepted

Also accepting Cash donations of \$10/\$20/\$30/\$40/\$50/other

Please send all donations to the school office

Cash Donations clearly marked and to the school office for collection

Donated cash will be used to either purchase needed items that haven't been
donated or donated into a Relief fund

Please DOUBLE bag or box all items

Please separate different items

If you are unable to lift it, please place in another bag/box

No furniture please

Collection Start Date: **NOW**

Collection Last Date: **Wed 11 Dec19**

THANK YOU for your generosity and kindness in supporting this cause.

Any queries please feel free to contact me

Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300



Education

Invitation

Student Artist and Family

The Not Just a Brush Committee requests the pleasure of your company at the

Not Just a Brush K-6 Visual Arts Exhibition

“Every Artwork Takes a Journey”

Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 2pm

Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre
782 Kingsway, Gympie

Exhibition concludes 3 December, 2019

RSVP

Thursday 21 November 2019

Please email Katherine.Horner@det.nsw.edu.au to indicate whether you will be attending.



Clothing Pool

The last day for clothing pool this year will be Wednesday 4th December.

Return Dates for Term 1 2020

Wednesday 29th January and Thursday 30th January 2020

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. It's very much valued and appreciated by us and the school community.

Have a very "Merry Christmas" and a safe and relaxing holiday and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Peace to All

Heather and Faye

(the Clothing Pool ladies)

A promotional poster for Honeybears Junior. The background is a warm-toned photograph of a young child with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a white knitted sweater, sitting at a wooden table and stacking wooden blocks. On the left side, there is a circular logo featuring a cartoon bear and the text 'honeybears'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'ENROLLING NOW !! Honeybears Junior (proposed opening Feb 2020)'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'We are now taking enrolments for Honeybears Junior, our brand new, purpose built 0-3 years service, 1 Terrace Avenue, Sylvania, located next door to Honeybears ELC (2-5 years)'. A bulleted list follows, detailing the centre's features. At the bottom left, contact information is provided. At the bottom right, the text 'A SAFE, HAPPY PLACE TO LEARN, GROW & PLAY' is displayed. A small logo with the word 'EXCEEDING' is also present at the bottom left.

 **ENROLLING NOW !!**
Honeybears Junior
(proposed opening Feb 2020)

We are now taking enrolments for Honeybears Junior, our brand new, purpose built 0-3 years service, 1 Terrace Avenue, Sylvania, located next door to Honeybears ELC (2-5 years).

- Boutique 29 place, family owned and operated centre
- Open from 7am -6pm
- Above required child: staff ratios
- Qualified educators including Early Childhood Teachers
- 2 large playrooms and three dedicated cot rooms
- Beautiful, natural centre inspired by Reggio Emilia

FOR ENROLMENTS & ENQUIRIES
please call - 9522 2188 or
email - manager@honeybears.com.au
■ HoneybearsEarlyLearningCentre

 **EXCEEDING**
MINIMAL QUALITY STANDARD

A SAFE, HAPPY PLACE TO LEARN, GROW & PLAY



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



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

