



KOOKABURRA GAZETTE



Principal's Message

Building Early Numeracy Skills

Thank you to the parents who attended our Numeracy session on Monday 25th February. It was lovely to be able to have ongoing informative conversations re learning with many of our new parents.

A special thank you to Mrs. Metros and Mrs. Wilkins who spoke at this session. We hope that all who attended were able to gain a clearer idea of the strategies used to build Numeracy Skills K-2.

We hope to make these Monday sessions a regular event. The next one will be held on Monday 25th of March and will focus on student wellbeing. All parents are welcome to attend.

Student Absences

The importance of regular, punctual school attendance is undeniable. Apart from illness, children do best academically, socially and emotionally when they come to school every day. A Department of Education Home-School Liaison Officer regularly audits the school to check student attendance and it is therefore important that we follow strict guidelines and procedures.

If your child is absent from school please contact the school either by School Stream, email or by a phone call on the day of the absence. We are then able to record the absence immediately. By doing this you do not need to send a note to school.

Absence notes must be sent to school immediately after the absence to avoid a follow-up letter. All notes can be put in the letterbox in the school office. Early departures and late arrivals must come through the school office regardless of whether a note has been sent to school. This is a WHS requirement, in case of an emergency we are able to accurately locate all children on school grounds.

CALENDAR

- 1st March - SU Swimming Carnival
- 2nd March - Twilight Market
- 4th March - Save Our Sons Yellow Mufti
- 5th March - Cronulla Zone Swimming Carnival



Email Contacts

Later this term, Miranda Public School will be trialling an instant email contact to parents, when their child is absent from school. **If you have recently changed or updated your email address, please let the school know to enable us to have relevant contacts in our system.**

Support Unit Swimming Carnival Friday 1st March

We wish all our students in our support classes, the best of luck at their swimming carnival at Cabarita pool on Friday.

Clean up Australia Day Friday 1st March

Miranda Public school is a registered member of the Clean Up Australia Day Campaign. On Friday the 1st March, all classes at school will take some time out of class to help clean up areas around our school.

If students are able to bring along some garden or plastic gloves to wear on the day that would be appreciated.

Volunteer Ethics Teachers

If there are any parents or community members who are interested in training to be Ethics teachers at Miranda Public School, you are asked to please contact Jessica Hicks for more information. There is also further information published by Primary Ethics Limited, in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Before school drop off and after school pick up

A reminder that supervision of students at school begins at 8:40am when the morning playground teacher begins supervision. No students should be unsupervised on the playground prior to the 8:40am bell.

School ends at 3:10pm. If you are unable to make it to school on time to pick up your child, please ring the office to let them know and make arrangements for your child to be collected from school.

Please be advised that there is no teacher supervision provided after school hours.

Parking in Miranda District Office

I have been asked to remind our school community that the area in Miranda District Office (first gate on the left off Sylva Ave) is not to be used by parents or carers for car parking, for any reason during business and school hours, particularly during drop off and pick up times.

Miranda District Office regularly hosts Professional Development courses and Departmental meetings for schools across the Port Hacking, Sutherland and Woronora schools networks. The parking in this area is for District Office staff and participants attending meetings only.

Miranda Gourmet Food Markets Saturday 2nd March

A reminder that Miranda Public School will be hosting the Outdoor Kitchen Gourmet food markets this Saturday 2nd of March from 4pm.

We invite all local families to come out and support this community initiative, which we are hopeful, could become a regular event at our school.



SOS Yellow Day Mufti Monday 4th March

Wear Yellow for a great Cause!



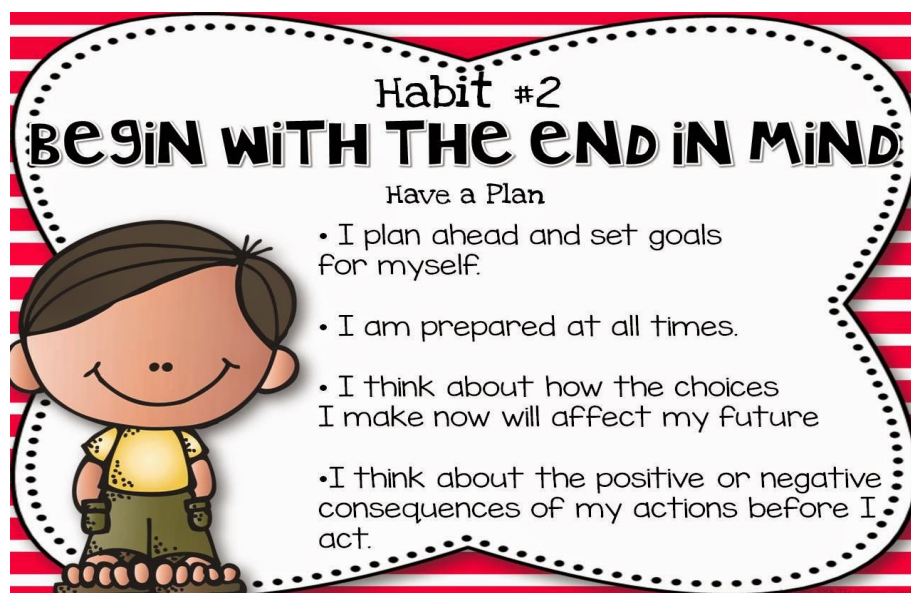
On Monday the 4th of March, Miranda Public school will be wearing yellow Mufti and we ask that students contribute a gold coin donation to the SOS Duchenne charity.

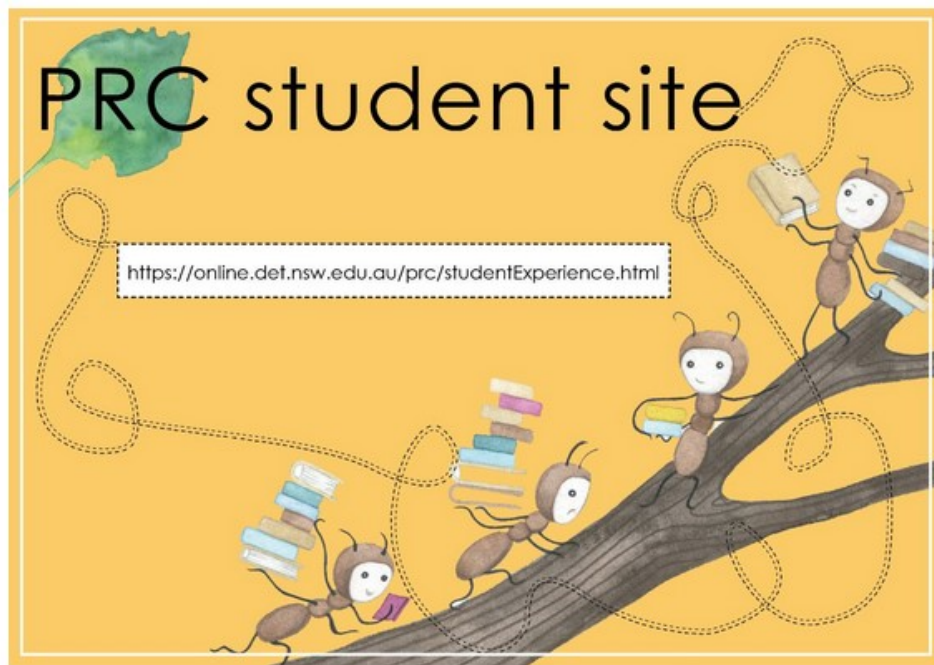
The following classes: 5/6T, 4/5W, 5/6M, K/6 S, 3/4A and 3/4T will still be participating in Gymnastics lessons on Monday, so please ensure that these students come dressed in clothing suitable for gym activities.

Relieving Principal
Narelle Chaplin

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Sofia 3/4T
Jye 2/3C





The PRC student site is available again this year! Students can search for books to read, add books to their reading logs, and track their progress throughout the challenge. The website is currently being updated and will be available for students when the challenge opens on March 4. You can find the site at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/> and there is a [useful help video available](#) to demonstrate how the site works.

Mrs Leavold will guide Primary students interested in completing the 2019 **Premier's Reading Challenge** - registrations start next week. All K-2 student will participate at school - challenge books will be read during library lessons.

CLASS LIBRARY DAYS

Please bring your library bag to school and borrow weekly.

- TUESDAY - KJ, 2/3C, 3/4A, 3/4T and K/6C
- WEDNESDAY - K/6A and K/6S
- THURSDAY - KS, 1J, 1/2T, 1/2W, 4/5W, 5/6M + 5/6T



☺ **BREAKFAST CLUB – FREE!** ☺

CEREAL, MILK, JUICE and FRUIT for all students

OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **8:40 - 9am**

Easter Raffle Notice

The Torch Team would like to let you know that Easter will be upon us before we know it.

We would like to remind you that we need your help to send donations of Easter goods for us to make some fabulous baskets to raffle off.

Please keep this in mind next time you are going to the shops and place all donations into a designated box in the Office area.

Thank you for your support in this.

MPS Torch Team & Mr Skene



Ethics helps me to relate to others better.
- Year 6 Ethics Student



Ethics classes support children to learn to think critically, discuss respectfully and make well-reasoned decisions. Classes are facilitated by our trained volunteers using approved lesson materials.

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Helping children develop skills for life



Ethics has added a real cohesiveness to our school. There's a strong sense of children working and playing together.
- Principal, Parramatta Region

Ethics in the infant years

Ethics classes in years K-2 focus on developing core skills such as listening to others, taking turns to speak and giving reasons.

Stories, poems and rhymes prompt children to discuss ethical issues such as hurting someone without meaning to, telling the truth, being kind, forgiving, ownership, fairness and empathy.

Our skills-based topics for this age group include asking and answering questions, disagreeing, changing your mind, working out what is true, giving and evaluating reasons as well as giving examples and counter examples. Logic is also introduced, with topics touching on inductive inference and deductive reasoning.

Ethics in the primary years

In years 3-6, ethics students develop their critical thinking and discussion-based skills.

Stories, contemporary issues and real life scenarios form the basis of discussions on ethical issues such as selfishness, how we should treat living things, promises, greed, friendship, cheating, voting, punishment, homelessness, teasing and fairness in society.

Skills-based topics for this age group include respectful disagreement, inferring or figuring things out, validity, generalising, proving claims, structuring arguments, identifying incorrect conclusions, identifying faulty reasoning, evaluating the strength of evidence and thinking about thinking. Primary aged students are encouraged to develop their community of inquiry skills by asking each other well thought out questions and challenging each other's arguments.

Enrolling your child

Ethics classes run weekly during the school year within the Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics (SRE/SEE) timetable.

Primary Ethics classes are free of charge

If you'd like your child to attend ethics classes, advise the school office via a note or email. Your child can start as soon as an ethics teacher is available and eight or more students have enrolled in a class.

Become a volunteer

Ethics classes are taught by specially trained volunteers who are often parents, grandparents or members of the broader community looking to give some of their time to a worthy cause. Becoming an ethics coordinator or ethics teacher can be a very rewarding way to be involved in your school community. Volunteer ethics teachers are always needed to ensure that there are adequate classes to meet demand. Experience is not required, as comprehensive training and access to lesson materials is provided.

Primary Ethics is the sole approved provider of Special Education in Ethics to NSW public schools

Information for families



2019 NEWS TERM 1 Week 5

School Built on Strong Relationships



Hi All,

Where has the Term gone? We have much to do for the remainder of Term 1 and trust that we will once again get a great response for helpers!

First of all, Thank you to the P&C Members, Mrs Shields and Mr Skene for attending our 1st 2019 P&C Meeting. We welcome all Parents and Carers to attend, even if you wonder what it's all about. Come along and feel free to get involved where you can!

Here are the dates/events locked in for which we **NEED YOUR HELP**:

Thursday 21 March: HARMONY DAY

Great day to share our 50+ Cultures and Traditions at Miranda Public! The P&C will be selling drinks @ \$2.00 and glow sticks from \$1.00.

Please let me know if you can help at our stand for 15-30 mins!



Saturday 23 March: NSW STATE ELECTIONS - MPS will be an Official Polling Station

The Traditional Election Day BBQ will be held at the Polling station. We welcome all Parents/Carers who are available to help by rostering on for a short shift on the BBQ, serving or contributing with items. Notes will be sent out very soon for donations towards the BBQ and work roster. **More information to come...**



Thursday 28 March: MPS Cake Stall



The much-loved Cake stall is back! We ask classes hosting to bring treats to school to sell to students and staff. Treats can be homemade, or store bought. Homemade treats must be clearly labelled, noting the ingredients, to enable students/staff with allergies to identify ingredients (eg, nut, dairy, eggs, gluten, etc) that may affect them. Please provide nut-free items where possible.

Treats are sold @ \$1.00 each by parent/carer helpers. A note will be sent out by Kathy with the dates each class will be hosting and requesting helpers. *All cakes/ treats bought in for sale can be left in the Infants or Primary staff/meeting rooms.

Wednesday 10 April: MPS Cross Country

An exciting day for Parents and Carers to cheer on the runners! The P&C will be there to supply drinks and snacks to all competitors, staff and families. **Please let me know if you can help at our stand for 30 mins or an hour or so!**



2019 Proposed Events: Other events we're working on-TERM 2



Tuesday 07 May: Mother's Day Stall = Mother's Day is on Sunday 12 May!

An exciting New Range has been ordered for this years' Mother's Day Stall. This year there will be gifts selling for \$5.00 and \$10.00. As Stage 3 will be away at school camp, pre-order forms will be available. **More information to come**

Loose Change Challenge: June 2019

Is back for the entire month of June! Will your class be the one which brings in the most amount of change and wins the challenge? Start saving your coins now! **More information to come**



Little Caesars Sponsorship

Once again Little Caesars is supporting Miranda Public School with this great offer that is available **EVERY DAY** (online order)
Feel free to share this special **CODE MPS2019** to **ALL** family and friends!

This code also gives you a DISCOUNT and RAISES money for MPS!



Don't miss out on this great souvenir and celebrate our schools' 125 Years Milestone!

If you missed out last year, they are still available to purchase at the Office.

Be quick as there's only a few left!



Miranda Public School P&C Association Annual General Meeting

Will be held on Wednesday 01 May 2019

We invite all Parents, Carers and the Community to attend the meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2019 and or Wednesday 10 April 2019, in order to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 01 May 2019.

If you want to:

- ✓ Get to know the needs of the school
- ✓ Get to know other parents/carers
- ✓ Be involved with the fundraising for the school
- ✓ Engage in Student and/or Family events and activities

Feel free to come and join us at our next meeting to know more about how you can help our school make an enjoyable learning environment for the students.

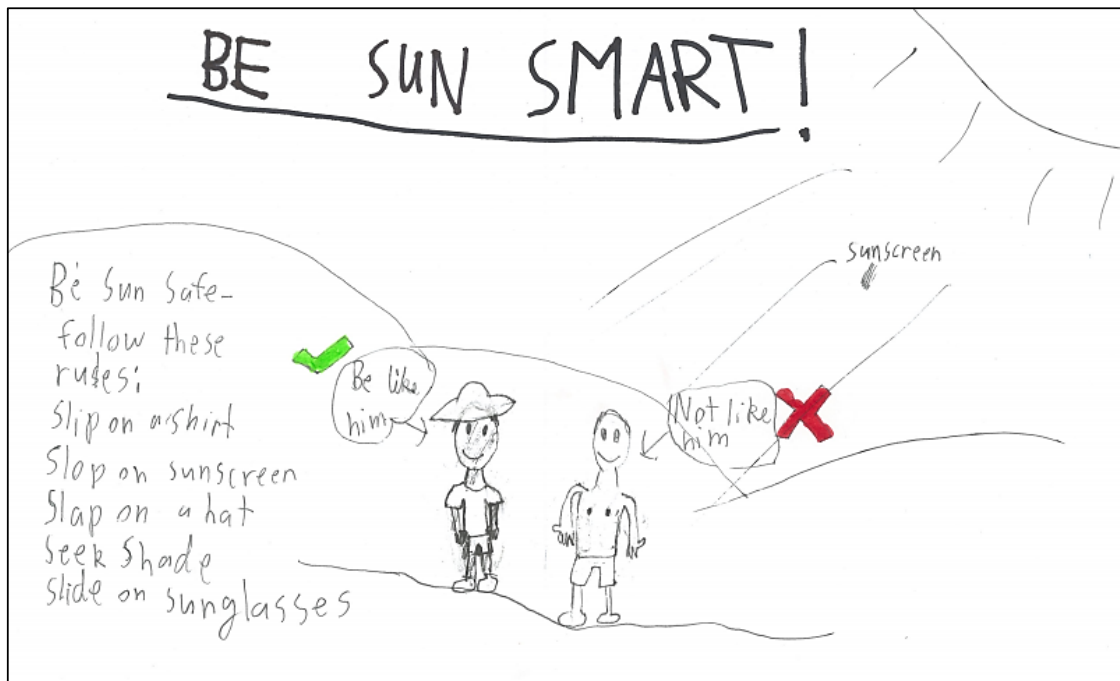
At the May meeting all positions will be declared vacant and we expect to vote on 2019 Roles, such as President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc. We hope you can join us to make a difference at Miranda Public School.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Jessica Hicks

Thank you for supporting Your P&C. Please feel free to contact me for any queries or offers of assistance.
Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300 | 2018 P&C President

Even though we are nearing the end of summer, 5/6T students hope everyone will still remember how important it is to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide to stay protected from the sun!



By Antonio



By Reese



By Tia



By Ruby



By Holly

Be Sun Smart

Do your part

Slip on some clothes
 Slop on some sunscreen
 Slap on a hat
 Seek some shade
 Slide on a pair of sunglasses

*Don't be dumb
 Have some fun*

The sun hurts, well it is a ball of fire

SunScreens Cool

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!



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 ½ 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!**



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