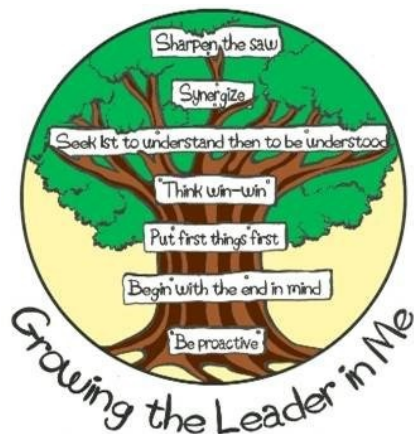




KOOKABURRA GAZETTE



Principal's Message

Young Leaders Day

Congratulations to our School Leadership team who attended the Halogen Foundation's Young Leaders Day at Darling Harbour Convention Centre on Monday. This day, is designed to motivate and provide leadership training for the young leaders, currently in our schools. Thank you to Ms. MacMillan and Mrs. Cainduff for organizing and accompanying the students to this event. For more information please read about the day's events, in the report written by the leadership team which is included in this newsletter.

High School EOI 2020

A reminder to all Year 6 parents, to please return the High School Expression of Interest note back to school by Friday 15th March.

Volunteer Ethics Teachers

It was lovely to meet today with a group of parents, who have volunteered to teach Ethics classes at our school. We hope to be able to begin Ethics classes at a time yet to be decided in Term 2.

Notes will be sent home early in Term 2. We will be asking that you indicate your interest in having your child/ children attend these classes.

School Community Charter

The Department of Education's new School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW Public Schools. A copy of this document is included in this newsletter. In it you will see how it outlines the responsibilities of schools and all community stakeholders, to engage in collaborative, respectful communication, to ensure supportive and cohesive learning environments for all.

CALENDAR

21 March - Harmony Day and Food Festival

23 March - State Election

28 March - Cake Stall

10 April - Cross Country



Tell Them From Me Survey

Notes have been sent home this week with Year 3-6 students, about the 2019 *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey is designed to find out what students think of school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. The survey is run online by an independent research company **The Learning Bar**.

Miranda Public school will use the feedback from information gathered in this survey to reflect upon student engagement and future Strategic directions for the school Plan. Parents are required to return the notes, **only** if you **do not wish** for your child to participate in this online survey.

Optical Health

Notes were sent out with students this week regarding an optical Health Van program that will be running at Miranda Public School from the 3rd to 10th May (weeks 1 & 2 Term 2). This will run in a similar format to last year's dental health van visits. If you are interested in having your child attend, please return the note to the school office as soon as possible.

Miranda Gourmet Food Markets Sat April 6th

I am pleased to announce that our recent Gourmet Food Markets, held on Saturday 2nd March, were very successful. The vendors are keen to continue this market as a monthly event, to be held on the first Saturday of each month. The next market will be held on Saturday 6th April. We invite all local families to come out and support this community initiative and invite you to contact the market organisers, if you are interested in holding a stall at one of these events.

Easter Egg Donations

Thank you to all of the families who have kindly donated Easter Eggs for our Torch Team Easter raffles.

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall March 23rd

The P and C are still looking for volunteers to help out at the Election Day BBQ and cake stall. If you are able to help out in any way please contact our P and C president, Jessica Hicks. This is a great community fundraiser so please try and help.

Reading Helpers Wanted

If we have any parents who are interested in volunteering their time to help as Reading Tutors in years 3-6, could you please return the note included in this newsletter or contact Mrs. Metros, our Learning and Support teacher. The program runs over 2hrs in our morning session from 9-11am.

Mrs. Metros will be running training programs for interested helpers over the next few weeks. Come along and be part of the school's learning.



Harmony Day Muffi – 21st March

All children are encouraged to wear National costume or orange clothing to school on this day.

A reminder that after school activities with families will begin at 4.30pm and conclude at 6pm. Children are to be collected from school at 3.10pm and may return back with an adult, at 4.30pm. Adult supervision is required throughout the duration of Harmony Day activities. No children are to be dropped off and left unaccompanied.

Families are invited to share their favourite foods with the rest of our Miranda School Community. Please ensure that all ingredients are clearly marked for those people who may suffer from food allergies. Harmony Day is always one of our busiest events and we look forward to seeing everyone, sharing in the delights of many different cultural cuisines, which are represented here at Miranda PS.



Parent Information Morning Tea Monday 25th March

We invite all parents to attend our morning tea information session to be held in the Library on Monday 25th March. This will be our 3rd information session and it has been wonderful to welcome and meet many of our new parents. The meeting on the 25th will have a guest speaker from the Family Referral Service. For further information, please refer to the flyer included in this newsletter.

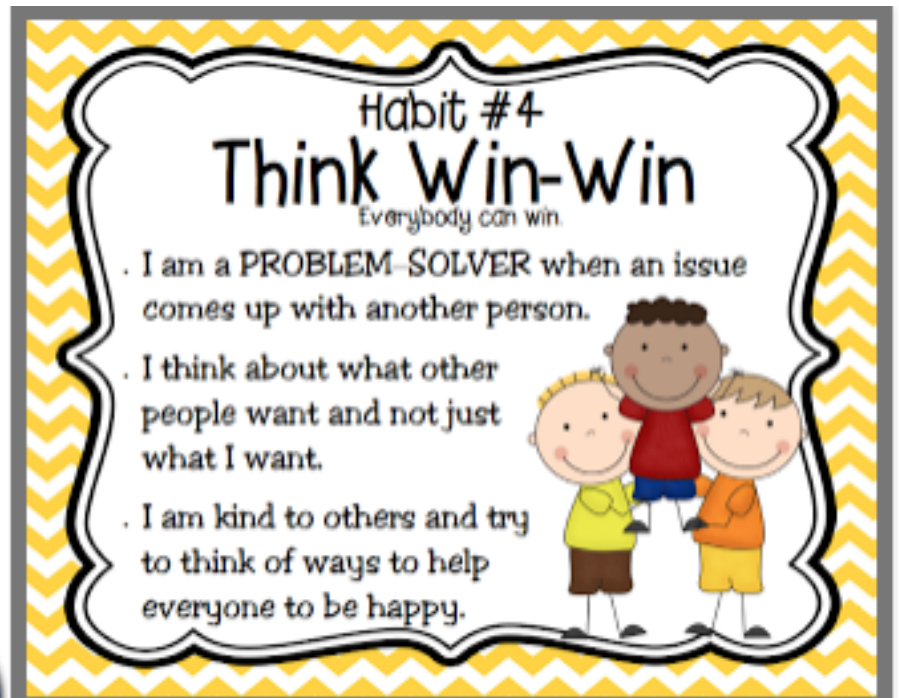
We hope to see many of you on 25th March.

Narelle Chaplin

Relieving Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Inia	2/3C
Maxwell	2/3C
Jasper	2/3C
Summer	1/2T





School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
a part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative.
Respectful.
Communication.**

School Community Charter

education.nsw.gov.au

National Young Leaders Day

On Monday 11th March the 2019 Leadership team made their way into the city for the annual National Young Leaders Day conference. Halogen Australia, who runs the day, seeks to provide the right conditions for producing a generation of leaders who will burn bright on behalf of those they lead. We listened to 4 speakers and took onboard their advice and tips. Below are 2 of the speakers we listened to.



Tim Diamond

General Manager- Cotton On Foundation

Tim Diamond is the General Manager of the Cotton On Foundation. The Cotton On Foundation's mission is to develop 20,000 educational places globally by 2020, believing that education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

He spoke to us about collective impact- how small changes by everyone help to make big changes globally. He has generated more than \$90 million for the foundation so far.



Cate Campbell

Swimmer- Gold Medal Olympian

Cate Campbell is currently one of the most prominent names in Australian swimming. She has won many medals including a gold and silver at the olympics in Rio (which we got to hold- see picture below)

3 things we learnt from Cate:

- Achieving something takes hard work and effort
- When you succeed be humble
- Choose the way you interact with people and who you hang out with



Thinking Skills Group

One of the activities that our thinking skills group undertook this week was to construct the tallest tower possible using miniature marshmallows and mini skewers in 30 minutes. Here are some of the results from the cooperative team work undertaken by **Stage 3**.





2019 NEWS TERM 1 Week 7

A School Built on Strong Relationships



Hi All,

We are gearing up for a few events in the next few weeks that will need **YOUR HELP**, so please let us know how you can get involved in our MPS Community!

WHAT'S ON

In this issue:

*Next P&C Meeting: – ALL WELCOME
Wednesday 10 April @ 7pm

*Term 1 2019 Events

*P&C Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 01 May



Thursday 21 March: HARMONY DAY



Your P&C Stall will have the following available to purchase on the night

Drinks @ \$2.00
Glow Sticks from \$1.00
125 Years Anniversary Tea Towels @ \$15.00



Saturday 23 March: NSW STATE ELECTIONS – MPS will be an Official Polling Station Come to the school to submit your vote!

The Traditional Election Day BBQ will be held and welcome all Parents/Carers available to help with short shifts on the BBQ/Serving or contributing with items.

Please return the completed form to let us know how you are helping MPS at the BBQ ☺

Thursday 28 March: MPS Cake Stall

We ask classes hosting to bring treats to school to sell to students and staff. Treats can be homemade, or store bought. Homemade treats please clearly label the ingredients so students/staff with allergies can identify (eg, nut, dairy, eggs, gluten, etc). Please provide Nut-free where possible.

Treats are sold @ \$1.00 each by parent/carer helpers.
Note will be sent out by Kathy with dates the classes are hosting and to ask for helpers.

*Classes hosting please leave your treats for sale in the Infants or Primary staff/meeting rooms

The Classes hosting on 28 March are: 5/6M, KS & K6S
(Please remember to let Kathy know that you can help sell on the day)



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!
(From approximately 11.00 am onwards)

Little Caesars Sponsorship

Come on Miranda Public School! **LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH!**

We are working with Little Caesars Pizza again to help us raise much needed funds for our projects. Thanks for your support!

- STEP 1** Click **ORDER ONLINE** from littlecaesars.com.au
- STEP 2** Order the **FAMILY MEAL** under the **DEALS** section
- STEP 3** Enter code **MPS2019** and save \$1 on the meal
- STEP 4** Enjoy your pizzas and The school scores some dough!

**Little Caesars®
FAMILY MEAL**
2 Select Pizzas, 2 Crazy Combos®
and a 1.25L Drink

\$29 **\$34**
Pickup Delivery



littlecaesars.com.au



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!

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 10 April 2019 and 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.

We also need YOUR input on how to model our committee and direct attention to where it's needed most. This is your opportunity to ask questions and understand the needs of the school and the students.

At the May meeting all positions will be declared vacant and we expect to vote on 2019 Roles, such as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, etc. These roles are open to anyone and all resources/information you need are readily available and an easy to step in to. There's a great team of committee members and the MPS Community that support these roles.

We hope you can join us to make a difference at Miranda Public School and we 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 | 2018-19 P&C President



Attention ALL Parents You're Invited to Morning Tea

When: 25 March

Time: 9:30-10:30 am

Where: Library



We have invited Guest Speakers from

Family Referral Service

to come and share information about the community services
available to families.

FRS can assist you in accessing relevant support services depending on the situation.

Services including, but not limited to:

- Domestic violence support services (including counselling)
- Housing or accommodation services
- Financial assistance
- Counselling and mediation
- Parenting struggles and support services (including parenting programs)
- Mental Health support services
- Culturally appropriate support services

There are many services that you might need and we can help you find them.

OUR job is to assist you to navigate the service system.

Come along and find out more or just join us for a
cup of tea !





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You can...

- Bring in chocolate eggs to the office for the raffle
- Buy raffle tickets
- Or do both



**A kind thank you from the Torch Team
Easter Hat Parade Raffle will take place in the hall on the
11th April 2019**

School Support Programs ...HELP NEEDED !!!!

We are in need of parent/ community volunteers to assist with our **school support programs in reading.**

If you think you could spare some of your time (on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings) and would be willing to assist **once per week** please fill out the attached note and return to school.

Connie Metros

Learning and Support Teacher



School Support Program in Reading

Yes I would be interested in assisting with school reading program.

Name: _____

Day I am Available: _____



SATURDAY DADS & GRANDPAS PLAYGROUP

ENGADINE COMMUNITY
SERVICES (ECS)
1034-1036 OLD PRINCES
HWY, ENGADINE

SATURDAYS
10 AM -12 NOON

WELCOME
ALL DADS
& GRANDPAS

*Playgroup NSW supported playgroups
are led by qualified early childhood
educators, giving parents the
opportunity to meet other parents
in the community & connect with
their children through play.*

Provided in partnership with



For Dads, Grand-pas & male guardians with pre-schoolers 0-5 years

Playtime - Activities - Morning Tea



C Rebecca Pragnell
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JOIN US
NOW!
NO COST!

PRC student site

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html>

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.

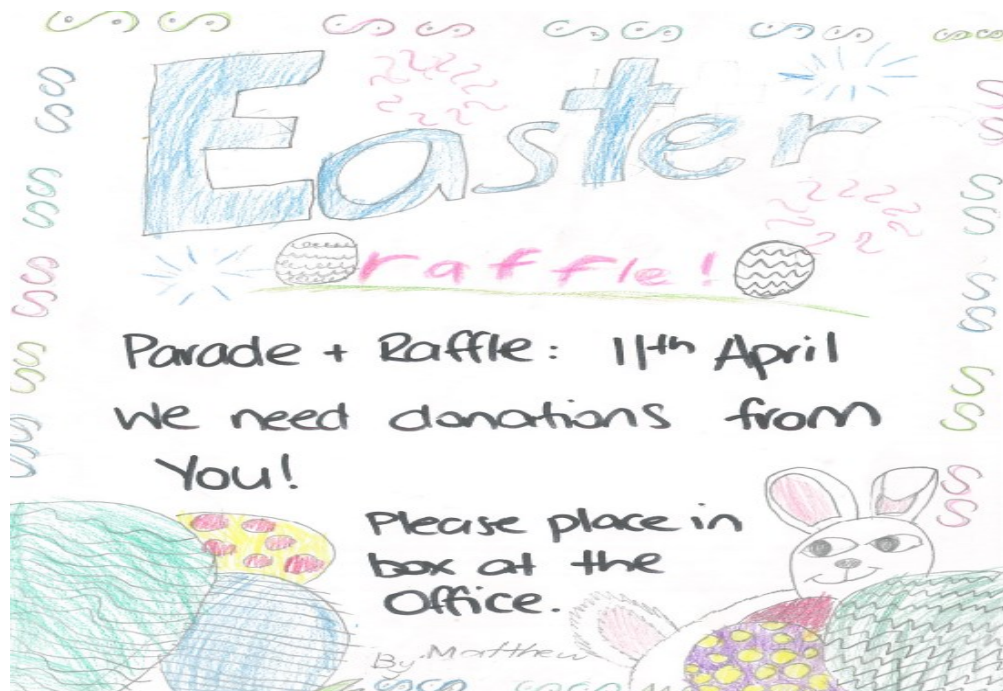
- TUESDAY –KJ, 2/3C, 3/4A, 3/4T and K/6C
- WEDNESDAY –K/6A and K/6S
- THURSDAY –KS, 1J, 1/2T, 1/2W, 4/5W, 5/6M + 5/6T



☺ BREAKFAST CLUB – FREE! ☺

CEREAL, MILK, JUICE and FRUIT for all students

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



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!



SUTHERLANDSHIRE



UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

Thursday 21 March | 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Sutherland Library | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
 Suitable for parents of children aged 3-12

Does your child struggle with anxiety issues?

Kerry Moss, author and community programs manager at Southern Community Welfare, shares her expertise in recognising the effects of anxiety and shares strategies to help children cope.

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