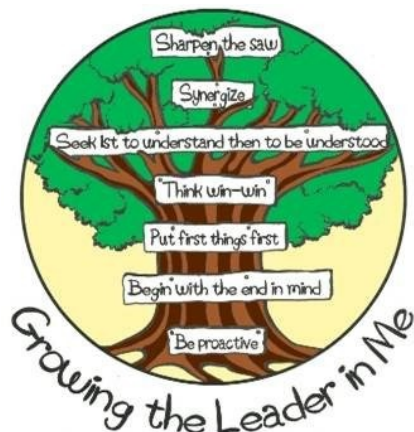




KOOKABURRA GAZETTE



CALENDAR

2nd April - Year 2 Choir
Rehearsal (be at school by
8.40am)

2/3/4 April - Parent Teacher
Interviews

8th April - White Ribbon Day

9th - LIM Assembly

10th April - Cross Country

11th April - Easter Hat parade

Principal's Message

P and C Election Day BBQ

A big "thank you" to our P and C helpers and parents, who were here from 6:45 am and throughout the morning running our BBQ and cake stall on Saturday 23rd March. The event managed to raise \$700 for the P and C and I thank everyone involved for giving up their time and for making donations to this event.

Parent Information Meeting- Family Referral Service

Thank you to all of the families that attended our Morning Tea on Monday 25th March.

Jane O'Reilly from the Family Referral service spoke about the support that is available to families outside of the school setting. It was wonderful to see so many families attend and contribute to the discussion held at this meeting.

If you would like to find out more information about the service please ring 1800066757.

Cyber Safety Parent Meeting

On Monday 5th June, 9:00-10:00am we will be hosting a Cyber Safety talk for interested parents. The Talk will be held in our school library and will be hosted by Senior Constable Deb Wilson, our Sutherland Shire Youth Liaison officer from the Sutherland Shire Police area command.

White Ribbon Day – Lucas Heights Community School

Our school leadership team, accompanied by Mr. Skene, will be attending a White Ribbon day forum at Lucas Heights Community School on Monday 8th April. We are very proud to be sending our students to this event.



NAPLAN online readiness

Mrs. Cairnduff, Miss Macmillan and Mrs. Metros worked with our year 3 and 5 students this week in online readiness for NAPLAN. I thank them for the time they put in to organizing these sessions.

Practice through Informal sessions this week, will enable all students to familiarise and become comfortable with the procedures, when the actual Testing Period begins in Term 2 week 3.

Parent Teacher Interviews

I hope that most parents have managed to book a time to speak to your child's teacher over the next week.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 2nd, Wed 3rd and Thursday 4th April. A meeting with class teachers in Term 1, allows parents to begin open communication to best address student learning needs. As a staff we have a goal of 100 percent contact with parents for these interviews. If you are unable to make the allotted dates, I encourage parents to speak to their child's teacher to arrange another time or alternatively make a phone interview.

Thank You to Miss MacMillan for setting up the Sentral portal login in for parents and the notes that were sent home regarding procedures.

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.

Please be aware that under the School Community Charter, if a parent, carer or community member, has concerns about something that has happened at school, they are encouraged to report their concerns to the Principal or school executive team.

It is not appropriate for parents to directly raise their concerns or speak individually to other children on the school playground about issues, without their own parent present.

Leader In Me Assembly

Our Term 1 Leader in Me assembly is coming up in week 11. The Assembly will be held at 9:30am on Tuesday 9th April, in the school hall. All parents welcome.

Cross Country carnival

Our school cross country carnival will be held on Wednesday 10th April, at Miranda Park. The carnival will begin after morning lessons and scripture. If you are interested in helping out with the P and C stall on the day, please contact Jessica Chan.

Easter Hat Parade

Our very exciting, annual Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday 11th April at 1:30pm. Students will be busily making their hats with buddy classes, in preparation for the event.

Anzac Day dawn Service

Anzac Day this year, once again falls in the school holidays. Staff from Miranda Public School will be attending the Dawn service at Miranda Memorial. Any Students that would like to walk behind the school banner at the March, are invited to wear their school uniforms and attend. Times and final organisational details will be sent out closer to the event.

Anzac Day School service

Our Anzac day school service will be held on Tuesday 30th April in our school hall. Parents are invited to attend and students are encouraged to bring a floral tribute to lay at our lone Pine memorial, after the assembly.

Thank You to Mrs. Townsend who will be coordinating our Anzac assembly this year.



LEST WE
FORGET



Narelle Chaplin

Relieving Principal



PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Hooriya	2/3C
Leela	2/3C
Lennon	2/3C
Summer	1/2T



I am confident in voicing my ideas.

Habit 5:

seek first to understand, then to be understood


I look people in the eyes when talking.

Listen before you talk

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings.

I try to see things from their viewpoints.

I listen to others without interrupting.





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.



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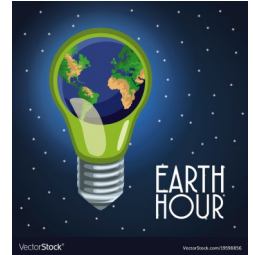
School Community Charter

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Earth Hour

This Friday, we're going to take action on climate change and #Connect2Earth with hundreds of other schools across Australia for Earth Hour School's Day! Together we can make a difference and help our planet.

You can make a difference at home too - switch off the lights for the planet at 8.30pm on Saturday night for Earth Hour.



A big Thankyou to all the girls for a great effort in soccer this Term. I'd also like to Thank the parents for coming to support the girls.

Mr Williams



You're invited to...

Miranda Public School's Easter Hat Parade!



When: Thursday 11th April 2019

Where: Miranda Public School's Hall

Time: 1:30pm



*Hippity hop on over to Miranda Public School
to see our crazy hat creations and for the*

Torch Team's Easter Raffle!

We hope to see you there!









2019 NEWS TERM 1 Week 9

A School Built on Strong Relationships



Hi Everyone,

It's been a busy couple of weeks, and we couldn't have done it without you!



In this issue:

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

*What's On: Term 1 and 2, 2019 Events

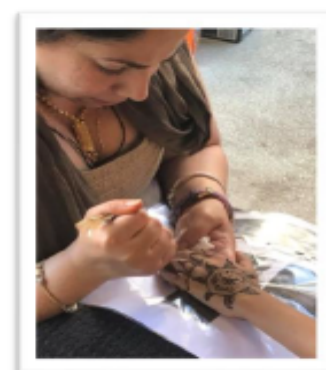
*125 Years Anniversary Pavers

*Don't forget

*P&C Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 01 May

Thursday 21 March: HARMONY DAY

For supporting our drinks and glow sticks stall, but **ESPECIALLY THANK YOU** to Mum Ritu for sharing her culture with her amazing Henna tattoo creations! Many happy customers and your patronage have raised \$250.00! (Photo courtesy of MPS)



Saturday 23 March: NSW STATE ELECTIONS

It was amazing to see our MPS Community come together with donations, time at the stall and the wonderful cakes and jelly cups. We are truly humbled by your generosity and you have helped raise almost \$700.00!

Please remember to support our Sponsors or Thank them for looking after our Miranda Public School!



WHAT'S ON: TERM 1

THURSDAY 28 MARCH: MPS CAKE STALL

We're looking forward to our 1st Cake Stall for the year and for our students and staff to have a little treat!

Hosted by 5/6M, KS and K6S

- ✓ Treats can be homemade, or store bought.
- ✓ Homemade treats are to be clearly labelled (eg, nut, dairy, eggs, gluten, etc).
- ✓ Please provide Nut-free where possible.



Treats are sold @ \$1.00

*Classes hosting please leave your treats for sale 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!
(From approximately 11.00 am onwards)

WHAT'S ON: TERM 2

Wednesday 1 May: Miranda Public School P&C Annual General Meeting

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

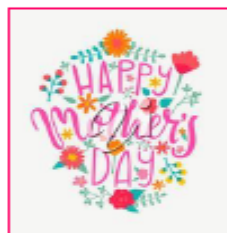


Feel free to come and join us at our next meeting to know more about how you can help our school make an enjoyable learning environment for the students.

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 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!



Tuesday 7 Wednesday 8 May: Mother's Day stall

We have a wonderful new range to spoil your Mum, Grand Mother, God Mother, Aunty, and all the special Ladies! There will be limited stock of \$5.00 and \$10.00 Gifts. More info to come

Thursday 23 May: Cake Stall

Our Term 2 Hosts for this day will be 5/6T, K/1J and K6C



125 Years Anniversary Pavers

Pavers have arrived! Mrs Chaplin is working on how this will be displayed around the Lone Pine Tree. More info to come!



Little Caesars Sponsorship

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 gives you a DISCOUNT and RAISES money for MPS!

Raffle Prizes for: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas

We are still looking for and Welcome Sponsors/Donations towards our 2019 Raffles. These raffles help MPS raise money from outside our school's community. It also gives you the opportunity to let your neighbours, families and friends know great Miranda Public School is for our students.

Yours truly!

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



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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: _____





Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

6 May | 13 May | 20 May | 27 May

3 June | 17 June | 24 June | 1 July 2019

Cost: \$50 per child

Venue: Caringbah Interrelate

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd., Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

Note: This program is developed by Good Grief and facilitated by Interrelate





Parents not Partners

This is a six-session program for separated parents in conflict over their children. It is designed to improve emotional and developmental outcomes for children in separated families by:

- raising parents' awareness of the impact on their children of the ongoing conflict in their family
- providing them with knowledge, tips and strategies to be able to focus on their children rather than on their issues or conflicts with the other parent

Parents will learn:

- ways to better regulate their emotions and to self-care
- ways to help their children manage their emotions
- to recognise the effects of ongoing, mismanaged conflict on children
- skills to better manage conflict with the other parent
- to reorient interactions with their child's other parent to be respectful and cooperative
- to recognise and differentiate between their own and their children's individual needs
- skills to communicate effectively with the other parent
- to reflect on their behaviour and make changes where needed

Mondays, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

29 April | 6 May | 13 May

20 May | 27 May | 3 June 2019

Cost: \$150

Family Relationship Centre

383 Port Hacking Road South, Caringbah 2229

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4450

FUN-FILLED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Autumn school holidays are fast approaching. Have you considered enrolling your little ones in some **Council-run FUN?**

Council offers a range of activities and programs for the kids over the school holidays. From bushwalks to Bubble Soccer, drama to dancing, painting to picnics, from stories to swimming and everything in between – Sutherland Shire Council has **something for every child!**

SUTHERLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES
• BUSHCARE • SUTHERLAND SHIRE
LEISURE CENTRES • HAZELHURST
ARTS CENTRE • VACATION CARE •
SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Full program visit: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays



FAMILY DAY CARE CHILDCARE INFORMATION SESSIONS



Join us for a coffee, meet our Educators and learn how Sutherland Shire Council Family Day Care can meet your child's early education and care needs.

Saturdays	4 May	9.30am	Gymea Bay Resource Centre
	27 July		276A Gymea Bay Road, Gymea Bay
	12 October		

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE:
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/careinfo

For enquiries: T 02 9710 0466
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/careinfo

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