



KOOKABURRA GAZETTE



Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3

We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing break, enjoying the sunshine with family and friends. We've had a great start to Term 3 and there are a number of wonderful events happening throughout this term, which we are really looking forward to. Main events include Education Week (Week 3), Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival (Week 4/5), and Grandparents Day (Week 9). Dance will be our sports focus this term for K-6, all students are no doubt busy preparing a speech for our Public Speaking Competition and some of our primary students will be visiting Port Hacking High School and participating in a range of activities. It's sure to be a jam packed and exciting term! Please continue to refer to the calendar in our newsletters for dates and our school's Facebook page for information closer to the events.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Initiative

A huge thank you to our families and community members for shopping up a storm at Woolworths, during the Earn and Learn period, supporting us to receive equipment and resources for our students. The points earned from the stickers will allow us to provide a range of fun and engaging equipment for our students to use on our playground. It would have been an enormous effort to count each individual sticker and we are extremely grateful to Ms Martha Cheng and Mrs Jessica Hicks for taking much time to do this. Thank you Jessica and Martha!

Staff Development Day

On Monday, our teachers were involved in a whole day's professional learning with a community of schools on the new Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus and its implementation in 2020. Congratulations to Miss Higgins, Miss James and Mrs Attard for presenting on the day, delivering workshops to teachers from different schools on an area of the syllabus. We will be working collaboratively to plan and develop meaningful and relevant learning opportunities in PDHPE for our students, in line with the new syllabus requirements.

CALENDAR

26th July—100 Days of Kinder
PSSA
31st July—Year 6 Writing Workshop/Sports
Activities—PHHS
1st August—Pyjama Day
5th August—Education Week
Westfield Performance
6th August—Year 5 Taste of High School—PHHS
9th August - Athletics Carnival, Sylvania Track

NAIDOC Week

This week, our school is celebrating NAIDOC Week, under the 2019 theme – Voice. Treaty. Truth. Our classes have been participating in activities in the classroom, exploring Indigenous themes and engaging in conversations around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. Today, we attended a whole school NAIDOC assembly, which was then followed by the Jollybops incursion. Students enjoyed the Jollybops shows, learning about Science with Aboriginal perspectives. Thank you Miss Higgins for all your organisation and for leading the events this week.

100 Days of Kindergarten

Friday marks 100 Days of Kindergarten. How time flies! Our Kindergarten students have learnt and grown so much in 100 days of schooling and to celebrate, students will have a fun day of activities around the number 100. Well done Kindergarten on achieving this amazing milestone.

Education Week

In Week 3, we will be celebrating Education Week. The theme for 2019 is **Every student, Every voice**. During this week, we will celebrate student empowerment and students expressing themselves throughout their educational journey.

During this week our students will be involved in performances at Westfield. Performing will be, our Junior and Senior choir groups and Kindergarten students.

Our annual Open Day will be held on Thursday 8th August, where you are invited to visit your child's classroom. Mrs Leavold will hold the annual Book Fair in the Library and students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a favourite book character to celebrate their love of reading! Just for fun, we will also be hosting a Book Character Parade and a morning tea. We hope to see you all there!

Please Support Our Wider Community

Mrs Helen Mabbutt, who served as Miranda Public School P&C President for 7 years till 2012 and additional years as Treasurer, has continued contributing to our school community as a volunteer tutor in the Support Unit, 10 years to date. The funding for our school's covered walkway, COLA and hall are the result of grant applications written by Mrs Mabbutt. Currently as the President of a charity that fundraises for the Support Unit at Endeavour Sports High School, Mrs Mabbutt has requested our help in obtaining a grant for Endeavour Sports. The project needing funding is an outdoor shelter for assemblies, learning and PE. As the grant will be decided by public votes and voters must live in the Miranda electorate, Mrs Mabbutt is requesting our support. Every vote will count. Please read her letter to the school community and voting guidelines.



SKWAD

SPECIAL KIDS WITH A DISABILITY

17th July 2019

Endeavour Special Kids With A Disability (SKWAD) My Community Project

Dear Miranda Public School Community Member,

I have applied for successful grants for M.P.S. (covered walkway, COLA, School hall) in the past and am asking for your help in obtaining a grant for a local high school. SKWAD is a charity based at Endeavour Sports High School, which supports the largest population of Special Education students in Sutherland Shire. This year we have embarked on our most ambitious project yet, outdoor shelter for all 64 Special Education students and the 1100, and growing, student population.

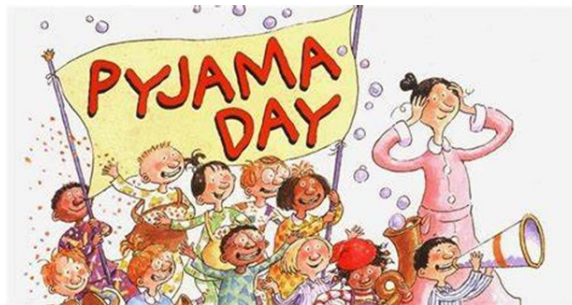
Our shelter for the whole school, costs \$147120, will be fully funded and ready for the start of the 2020 school year if our project gets the most votes for the Service NSW **My Community Project** grants in the **Miranda Electorate**. Our project is called **Endeavour Special Students Inclusive Outdoor Learning Area**. We have chosen a design incorporating all weather shade sails that is both an effective and economical method of covering the large open space that is the student quadrangle. The shelter is multi-purpose allowing all students to participate in whole school assemblies, sheltered outdoor learning and physical fitness. In providing a more accessible, inclusive, healthier and opportunity filled learning environment, Endeavour SKWAD aims to provide an enduring resource for generations of students.

Vote at **My Community Project**, <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/> with a Service NSW online account or in person at a Service NSW centre. You must be 16yrs and live in the Miranda electorate and vote for 3 projects voting Endeavour Special Students Inclusive Outdoor Learning Area 1st. If you live elsewhere, please tell someone who lives in the Miranda electorate about our project and how to vote. Voting closes 15th August 2019.



We will be holding a **PYJAMA DAY** at school on
Thursday 1st August.

Please wear your pyjamas to school on the day,
and covered shoes, and bring along a gold coin to
help the P&C raise funds for some reading desks
for the K-2 classrooms!



Save the Date!

Year 6 Farewell dinner - Wednesday the 11th December

Year 6 Graduation assembly - Wednesday the 18th December

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

James—K/6S

Mason—1/2W

Laura—1/2W

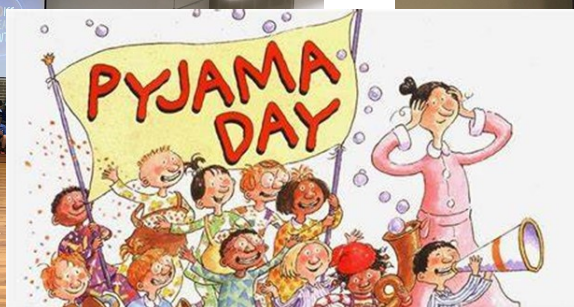
Scarlett—1/2T

Eva—2/3C

Noah— 4/5W



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS





You're invited to Open Day 2019

Come to school dressed as a favourite book character!

*Please join us in celebrating Education Week and
Book Week bringing children and books together!*

When - Thursday 8th August 2019

Where - Miranda Public School

What's happening

*Visit the **Book Fair** in the School Library*

Open 9:00am - 1:00pm

- . 9:20-10:30am **Open Classrooms** K-6*
- . 10:40am **Book Character Dress-up Parade** in the hall*
- . 11:30am-12:00 **Morning tea** K-2 site*

We hope you can make it!



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

**5 August | 12 August | 19 August | 26 August
2 September | 9 September | 16 September
23 September**

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





SUTHERLAND AREA OUTREACH EVENT

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST, 10.30am – 1.30pm
@ MIRANDA COMMUNITY CENTRE
95 KARIMBLA RD, MIRANDA

Families experiencing financial hardship can attend to;

- Pick up toiletry packs, nappies, and other essentials
- Collect pre-ordered food packs (these must be booked in advance. Text 0402 787 571 to request an assessment form)
- Receive free resources to help with family budgeting and managing finances
- Learn about other support for financial hardship

NO CASH OR VOUCHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Sydney Help Hub is an initiative of



For further information call 0402 787 571 or email
mail@prosperprojectaustralia.org



Safe people, Safe places

Protect your children

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

Protect your child on public transport

- **NEVER** travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- **ALWAYS** try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

Protect your child when in public spaces

- **ALWAYS** carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- **DO NOT** walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- **ALWAYS** walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- **REMEMBER**, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

*For more crime prevention information
visit us on www.police.nsw.gov.au*



Justice



Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.



Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non emergencies.



Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information, it can be anonymous.