



KOOKABURRA GAZETTE



Principal's Message



Welcome back everyone!

I hope that all our families were able to make the most of the wonderful weather during the school holidays, taking some time to relax and recharge with family and friends, during the holiday break.

Term 2 is already shaping up to be an extremely busy term. We have School photos, Vision Van visits, Mother's Day Stall, 3- 6 Cyber Safety talks, Stage 3 Camp, K/6S Luna Park excursion, Cronulla Zone Cross Country carnival and NAPLAN all on the agenda in the next 3 weeks.

Vision Van

The Vision Van will be setting up at the school on Friday 3rd May.

All students who have returned the consent form to the office, will be assessed by the visiting optometrist throughout week 2.

Mother's Day Stall

Just a reminder that our very hardworking P and C will be holding their Mother's Day Stall next Tuesday 7th May. There are some amazing gifts available for purchase, please take a look on our Facebook page or at the attachment at the end of this newsletter.

CALENDAR

2nd May - School Photos

3rd May - Vision Van arrives

- PSSA starts

7th May - Cyber Safety talk

- Mothers Day Stall

8/9/10 May - Stage 3 to Berry

10th May - K6S Luna Park

13th May - Zone Cross Country

14,15,16th May - NAPLAN

15th May - P & C AGM 7pm



ANZAC Dawn Service



Thank you to all of students and their families who joined us to walk behind the Miranda Public School banner for the Dawn Service held on Thursday 25th April. It is wonderful to see an increasing number of students and their families joining us at the service each year, despite ANZAC Day being in the school holidays, as it has been for the last few years.



It shows great pride and I thank you for joining us on this very special occasion to represent the school community.

Thank you also to Mr. Bruce Grimley, parents and community members who attended our school ANZAC Day service on Tuesday 30th April. It was a lovely assembly hosted by our school leadership team and I thank the students who also read their ANZAC poems on the day.

Special thanks goes to Mrs. Townsend for her organisation of the assembly.



Update Family Contact Information

A reminder to any of our families who may have moved or changed any contact information during the holidays, please let the school Office know promptly so we can update your details.

3-6 Cyber Safety Talk

On Tuesday 7th May the students in years 3-6 will be participating in a Cyber Safety talk held by our Miranda Police liaison officer, Deb Wilson.

This talk will outline some of the key safety concerns that students need to be aware of when involved in using computers online.

A parent information session on cyber safety will be held on Monday 3rd June at 9:00 am in the school library. I would welcome and encourage all parents to attend.

Stage 3 Camp

Our stage 3 students are packing their bags in readiness for their 3 day camp at Berry on 8th, 9th and 10th May and we are sure they will have a fantastic time away. Thank you to Mrs Townsend, Mr Williams, Miss McMillan and Mr. Bray for accompanying our students for the 3 days.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will begin on Tuesday 14th May for our year 3 and 5 students. As we are completing tests online this year, the testing period will continue until the 23rd May. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN testing please ring the office to make an appointment with either myself or Mrs. Cairnduff (AP 3-6).



Safe People, Safe Places

As the new term starts a reminder from the police to our students, to remember when walking to and from school not to talk to strangers and to go straight home. Primary school aged students are advised not to be left unsupervised or waiting for parents in Miranda Westfield .

Respect the Sea Reusable Shopping Bags

We are very excited to announce that the reusable shopping bags for Miranda Public School have finally arrived. Notes will be sent home with students this week and the bags will be on sale on the playground each Thursday morning @ \$7 each or 2 for \$12. Miranda Public School is very excited to be part of this 'respect the sea and be plastic free' initiative.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

A reminder that we are collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn tokens again this year. Over the past few years we have managed to purchase a great deal of new sporting equipment through this program. We look forward, once again, to our community's support in 2019.

I'm sure we're all looking forward to another sensational Term of learning at MPS!

Narelle Chaplin

Relieving Principal

**PRINCIPALS
AWARDS**





NSW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

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.



Education

High Performing Students Team

Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in

2020

(Parents must read this document before submitting an online application)

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020?

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Application website opens

Friday 17 May 2019

Application website closes at 5.00pm

You must apply by the due date

Wednesday 17 July 2019

Test authority letters sent to applicants

Wednesday 31 July 2019

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2019

Placement outcome information is sent

Application information should be read carefully before applying.

It is on the website at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Note: The information in this document is available in an accessible format on the website.

Parents* should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website and Facebook for up to date information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Team

NSW Department of Education

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Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

[^] In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

Parent is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as 'a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

A list of the primary schools with opportunity classes is shown on page 2 of this document.





Anzac Day





2019 NEWS TERM 2 Week 1

A School Built on Strong Relationships



Welcome back to Term 2!

We trust that everyone had a very enjoyable Easter Break!

We have some exciting events and news for this term so lock it in your diaries please.

P&C Contribution Fee

Your P&C Committee members work tirelessly to fundraise for the school to provide educational resources, equipment, etc and we would like to thank you for your continual ongoing support.

In this issue:

- *Next P&C Meeting: – ALL WELCOME
- P&C Annual General Meeting:
NOW CHANGED TO Wednesday 15 May @ 7pm,
Primary Meeting Room
- *P&C Contribution Fee
- *What's On: T2, 2019 Events
- *Mother's Day Raffle
- *Woolworths Earn & Learn is back!
- *June Loose Change Challenge
- *125 Years Anniversary Tea Towels
- *For Sale

However, as we all have busy lives and family commitments, finding a common time which will give us the opportunity for our committee to undertake fundraising projects, is becoming increasingly difficult. Therefore in order to continue to meet the needs of our students and the school in general, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution, which will go to the P&C and with your help, will allow us to continue to support our students, our school and make a positive contribution to the school community.

We will be asking for a small donation of \$30.00 for an only child or \$50.00 per family. In doing this, we will no longer need to organise in major events requiring a lot of parental support, time and organisation. We will however, continue with smaller fundraising efforts, such as cake stalls, Mother's/Father's Day stalls, etc.

The P&C Contribution will appear on Student Invoices, which will be issued via the school office. We thank you, in advance, for making the effort to meet this payment. Please note that this fee is voluntary, however your support is genuinely needed and will be greatly appreciated by the school community.

Should you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

WHAT'S ON: TERM 2



From 01 May – 25 June 2019

Our boxes for Miranda Public School are ready in the office and waiting for your stickers!
We also have Sticker Sheets available if your local Woolworths store has run out.



We can earn so many great and valuable resources for our students, so please try to make a contribution and ask your friends, family members & neighbours to start collecting!



2019 Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 May, 9.30-11.00 am *Bring your own bag
Gifts for Mums, Grandmothers, God Mothers, Aunties, and Special Ladies



\$5.00 Gifts			\$10.00 Gifts		
 'Love' Mug	 Shaker Maker	 'Rio' Keyring	 'Mum's' Glass	 Water Bottle Infuser	 Mixing Water Bottle
 Snow Globe Frame	 'Love' Frame	 Hand Cream (Large)	 'Inspired' Earrings	 'Inspired' Necklace	 'Inspired' Bracelet
 Magnetic Notepad	 Sticky Note Set	 Cup Cake Bath Fizzer (pack of 2)	 Body Care Pack with Scented Sachet	 'Racy' Thermal Travel Mug with Scented Sachet	
 Mobile Phone Pop Holder with Scented Sachet			 Grandmother Photo Frame with Keyring	 Grandmother Mug & Coaster with Pen	

Helpers Welcome! Contact Jessica on 0422 865 300

All profits go towards Miranda Public School!



Mother's Day is on
Sunday 12th May 2019



To celebrate Mother's Day we have some great prizes to spoil your Mum, Grandmother, God Mother, Aunty or Special Lady

Your P&C are selling Raffle Tickets between
Friday 3 - Friday 10 May 2019

Mother's Day Raffle

**1 Ticket \$2.00 or 3 Tickets \$5.00
or 10 Tickets \$10.00**

PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY 10 MAY @ 2.30PM

Please write name/class/phone on the ticket stub and return with money to the school office.

Feel free to share and sell to your family/friends/neighbours/workmates!

For more tickets or information please contact Jessica 0422 865 300

Special Thank you to our Sponsors



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And Miranda
Public School
Families

Wednesday 15 May: Miranda Public School P&C Annual General Meeting

We invite all Parents, Carers and the Community to attend the meeting of the Annual General Meeting on
Wednesday 15 May 2019 *Date changed from 01 May**

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 interested and all resources/information that you may need to assist in stepping into a role, is readily available. We have a great team of committee members and the MPS Community at large who 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!



Cake Stall

Our Term 2 hosts for Thursday 23 May will be 5/6T, K/1J and K6C, and
for Thursday 20 June our hosts will be 1/2T and 3/4A



June 2019: Loose Change Challenge will be back! More info to come!

125 Years Anniversary Tea Towels

Tea towels are still available for sale from the office at \$15.00 each. Support our fundraising efforts and have a wonderful keepsake Celebrating 125 years of Miranda Public School!



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!

FOR SALE

As we have diverted our efforts from the Chicken Coop to Sustainable Environmental projects, we now have 3 Chicken Coops/Rabbit Hutches to sell.

For more information/inspection, please contact me and we can discuss a price you are happy to pay!

All proceeds go to Miranda Public School!

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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Respect the Sea and be Plastic Free Reusable Bags

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Did you know that shoppers worldwide use approximately 500 billion single use plastic bags every year? This equates to around 100 bags a year for every single person on this earth. Alarming, this number is rising. 80% of the waste that is dumped into oceans each year is, in fact, plastic. This plastic is responsible for killing more than a million seabirds and 100,000 mammals every single year.

Respect the Sea and be Plastic Free initiative established by Cronulla South Public School involved the creation and sale of reusable bags to rid the shire of plastic and raise funds for school sustainability. Miranda Public School students supported this initiative last year and therefore joined other schools in the Sutherland Shire to produce and sell reusable bags within our school community.

Our bags have finally been manufactured and have arrived at school ready to be sold within the community, so we can be one step closer to the Sutherland Shire being 'Plastic Free'. Money raised from selling the bags will go back into the school to support our school sustainability projects.

If you would like to purchase one of these bags, the bags will be **on sale on the school playground each Thursday morning at 8.45am**, or they can be purchased daily at the school office.

The cost of the reusable bags are **\$7 each or \$12 for two bags**.



We look forward to seeing our bags out in the community.

Regards,

Tamara Tarrant
Assistant Principal



Narelle Chaplin
Relieving Principal