

Miranda Public School



Term 4 / Week 2
22 October 2020



Kookaburra Gazette

Dates to remember

Term 4 2020	
28-10-2020	7:30 pm MPS P&C Meeting https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68088841852?pwd=US9YczFWck9PYk5ZUWhjR2tKMTJ5dz09 Meeting ID: 680 8884 1852 Passcode: 689197
28-10-2020	Crazy Hair and Sock Day (fundraiser for Year 6)
29-10-2020	Metropolitan South public speaking finals via Zoom. Good luck to Alina!
3-11-2020	First session of the Interrelate Zoom program for parents: "Parents not Partners"
5-11-2020	Kindergarten Orientation 1
6-11-2020	School Athletics Day (at school)
11-11-2020	Remembrance Day
11-11-2020	P&C fundraiser (TBC)
12-11-2020	Kindergarten Orientation 2
13-11-2020	Ranger Jamie in-school experience (Years 1-3)
18-11-2020	Year 4 OC test
19-11-2020	KindiFarm visit to Special Education
19-11-2020	Ranger Jamie in-school experience (Kindergarten)
19-11-2020	Kindergarten Orientation Parent Question and answer session on Zoom
20-11-2020	Ranger Jamie in-school experience (Years 4-6)
20-11-2020	White Ribbon Day – Understanding Relationships
25-11-2020	Last day of Special Religious Education and/or Ethics classes.
30-11-2020	Student Leadership (Prefects) speeches
01-12-2020	High School Orientation Day
01-12-2020	K-2 Questacon Zoom experience
02-12-2020	K-2 Questacon Zoom experience
3-12-2020	House (sports) Captain elections
4-12-2020	Ice block day (fundraiser for Year 6)
8-12-2020	Presentation Day
9-12-2020	Year 6 farewell
10-12-2020	Semester 2 reports go home
11-12-2020	Year 6 Fete and mufti-day
16-12-2020	Last day for students
16&17-12-20	Staff Development Days
Term 1 2021	
27&28-1-2021	Staff Development Days
29-1-2021	Students return 2021 first day

Welcome back to school in Term 4

Thank you for the warm welcome that was extended to me. The children are a credit to their families and the staff at Miranda PS are very dedicated and professional. I intend on being near either of the gates on most mornings and afternoons, so please feel welcome to say hello.

As a Leader in Me school, Miranda PS prides itself on maintaining positive relationships and celebrating future focused learning, diversity and inclusion. This term we are finalising our situational analysis and we welcome your input in this process, because this is a community school and your voice matters.

If you are available, I invite you to participate in our next Zoom P&C meeting at 7:30pm on Wednesday 28 October, otherwise please feel free to provide feedback, at any other opportunity, as we finalise our new School Improvement Plan (SIP).

Thank you,

Michael Duffy (Principal)

Vale Milan Gajic

Milan Gajic was a much loved parent and grandparent of our school community since 1977. Milan sadly passed away on Monday 12 October while waiting to pick up his grandchildren from school.

Milan was born in Selo Tulez in Serbia. Times were hard and he was not able to finish school. He was barely a teenager when he began working with his father on a building site. He had very little growing up and carried a huge burden of caring for his younger siblings.

After serving in the army he struggled to find decent work so he first moved to Austria and then in 1968, Milan came to Sydney. Speaking no English, he initially lived in a hostel in Matraville, then later moved to Newtown. Milan met and later married Nada on 7 June 1970.

Milan and Nada bought a unit in Maroubra to start their family. Then in 1977 Milan and Nada bought their house in Miranda, which he never left. He loved that house. He loved the Shire. Their daughter Deana (now Dee Simic) and their son Tomislav attended Miranda Public School.

Milan took his wife and children on overseas holidays and worked hard to give his family everything his parents couldn't give him.

Some of you may have enjoyed a wonderful meal at Milan's and Nada's Steakhouse in Bondi Beach. Milan only knew one way to cook a steak in the early days... well done. But before too long customers were asking him where he had trained professionally as a chef.

Milan became a grandfather in the year 2000 with the arrival of Damian in April. Over the next thirteen years he had five more grandchildren: Georgia, Angelina, Jusinian, Daniel and Aleksandar. Milan loved his grandchildren and they loved him just as much. Whether it be buying them hot chips, or even picking up a cricket bat for the first time in his life, Milan always had time for his family. Taking the children to sport or picking them up from school was never a problem.

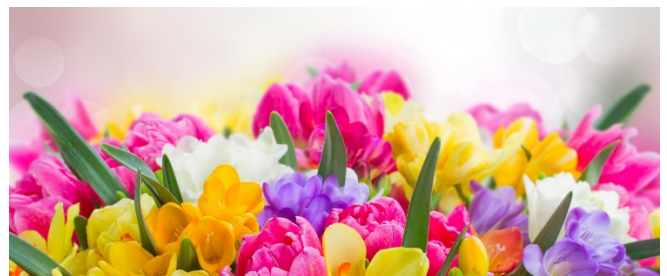
If not for illness in 2018 Milan would probably still be driving his concrete truck today. He had a work ethic like no other. He turned up for work every day at 5am.

This year he celebrated two major milestones. He and Nada celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June and he celebrated his 75th birthday in August. He gave specific instructions that his family weren't to make a fuss about either one. It just wasn't his style.

No one is really sure what went wrong on Monday. It was unexpected. Maybe it was just his way of saying goodbye without all the commotion.

Milan gave so much to this world, and left it in a much better place. He taught his family and friends how to love each other and stay away from adversity. He taught us, not by talking but by doing.

Thank you to the Simic and Gajic families for sharing Milan's story with the school community.



Changes to School Development Days (SDDs) in 2021

In support of a smooth start to the 2021 school year, the Department of Education has made these changes for the 2021 school year:

- An increase from one to two SDDs at the commencement of Term 1 (27 and 28 January, students return 29 January 2021).
- A decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.



Kindergarten has hired an incubator and today our KJ students were lucky enough to watch the first hatchling.



Shylah, Sophia, Ngamiri and Andrew with some of the food they harvested from the school garden.



Principals Awards



Jaryd 3/4A

Malik K/1S



Lost Uniforms

This is a reminder to please clearly write your children's names on all of their uniforms and property. We know it is frustrating for you too, especially at the moment, in trying to locate lost property. Our staff work hard to remind students to look after their belongings and if lost clothing has been labelled, it makes it so much easier for it to be returned.



Student Work



Jayden, Charlotte and Abbie shared some of the artwork they have made in K-6C



Art Fun:



Mooranda (pictured with "Mr Michael") was the school's entry to Dairy Australia's Picasso Cows program in Term 1. The judges said we were udderly outstanding! Mooranda scored 48 out of 50 points. Thank you to Mr Skene and all of the students and staff involved. Mooranda grazes around the school and at the moment she is in the garden near the student entrance on Sylva Avenue.

Acknowledgement of Country

Miranda Public School

Mr Skene worked closely with Karen Armstrong (Aboriginal School Learning Support Officer) in developing a personalised acknowledgement of country with the school community. Mr Skene informed me today that it has now been approved by the AECG.

We at Miranda Public School would like to respectfully acknowledge the Dharawal speaking people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands as we begin our gathering today.

Our school gives us a strong sense of belonging allowing us to be who we are with respectful positive relationships. Our teachers care for us and in a supportive way to help us to succeed and be proud as our efforts are recognised.

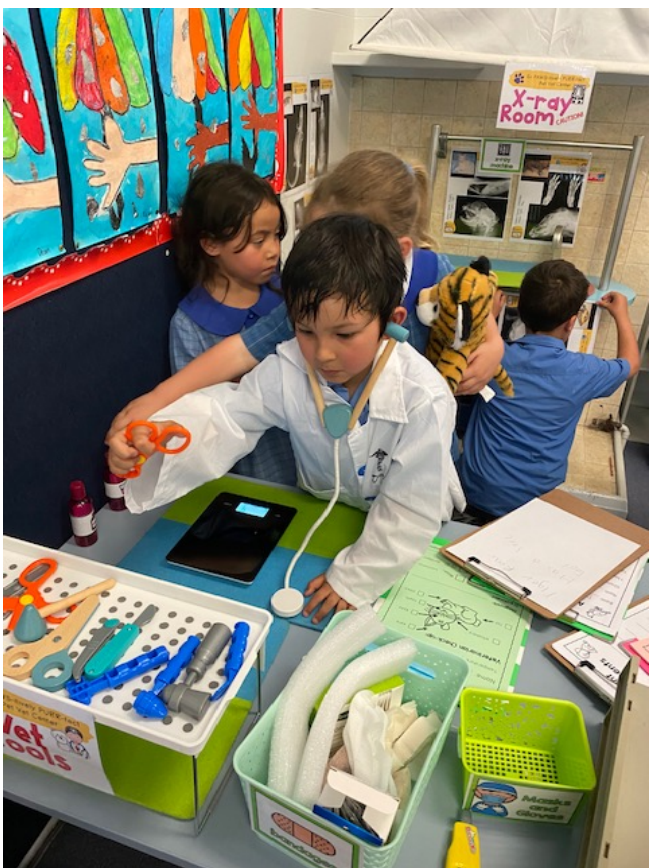
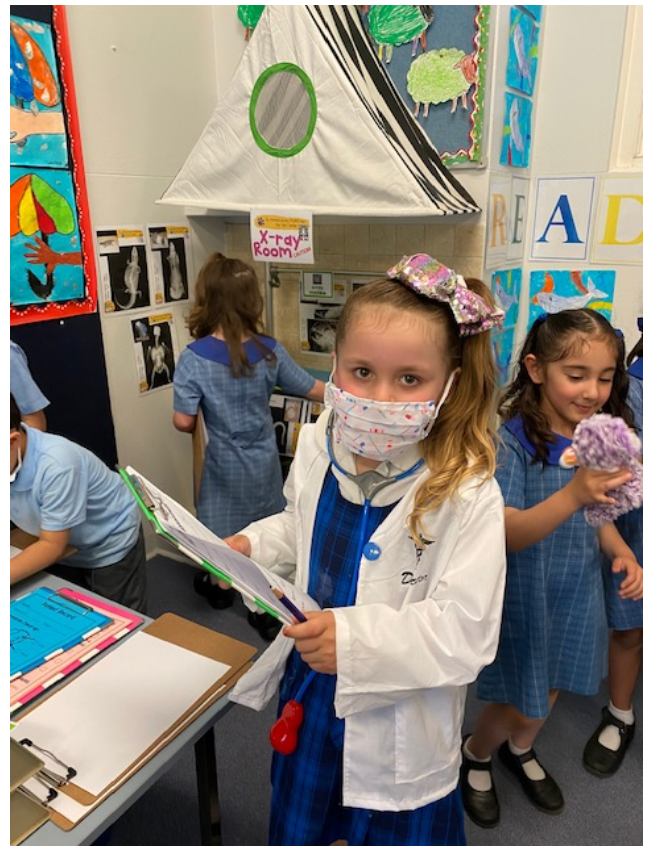
Our unique school has a special history as one of the oldest in the Sutherland Shire. We enjoy a strong sense of connectedness with our tall trees, Australian birds and animals. Miranda Public School creates a harmony that helps us to be present within our diverse cultural community.

We pay our respects to the Elders, both past and present and to those of the future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and the hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

We must always remember that this land was, is and always will be Aboriginal land.

Kindergarten Learning Centres





MPS P&C Meetings are ZOOM!

See you there!



☐ **Wednesday 28 October 2020 @ 7.30 pm**

☐ All are welcome to join from the comfort of home!

☐ Join us at

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68088841852?pwd=US9YczFWck9PYk5ZUWWhiR2tKMTJ5dz09>

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Family Support Worker for local Defence Families

Sutherland Shire Family Services offer a dedicated Family Support Worker for Sutherland Shire & St. George based defence families, providing assistance to families facing difficult circumstances who could benefit from extra support.

Family workers can assist with

- a range of support options to address feelings of being overwhelmed, stressed, concerned or alone,
- parenting support home and away
- relationships (including partner absences, domestic violence or safety concerns),
- social isolation,
- concern regarding children's development or behaviour,
- financial problems,
- challenges with drugs or alcohol, and/or mental or physical health issues.

They can help advocate on your behalf if you need help from Government departments and other local services, and support you with issues unique to military life such as managing deployment, family member absence, and regular relocations.

The regular "Coffee & Connect" gatherings provide local Defence Force Families with an opportunity to meet others facing similar circumstances in an informal and relaxed setting. Please call for location and times for the group.



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This program is proudly supported by the Department of Defence through the Family Support Funding Program



Parents Not Partners

This six-session program is for separated parents in conflict over their children – where they should live, how much time they should spend with each parent, what school they should attend, or anything else concerning the children.

Parents who are separated will learn:

- about the effects on children of the ongoing parental conflict
- how to shift focus from the conflict with the other parent to child's needs
- skills to reduce conflict
- about parenting after separation
- how to transform the relationship with the other parent into a business-like partnership
- to better understand the emotional needs of each child in the family

Tuesday evenings, 5:00pm – 7:30pm

3 Nov | 10 Nov | 17 Nov

24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec

Cost: FREE (during Covid pandemic)

Online group program delivered via **Zoom**.

Bookings essential – Phone 8522 4400