

Miranda Public School



Term 4 / Week 4  
6 November 2020



# Kookaburra Gazette

## Dates to remember

Term 4 2020	
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 at Lidcombe Public School
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.
25-11-2020	7:30pm - P&C Meeting
30-11-2020	Student leadership (Prefects) speeches
1-12-2020	High school orientation day
1-12-2020	K-2 Questacon Zoom experience
2-12-2020	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
29-1-2020	First day for students

### An impressive first visit for our 2021 Kindergarten students!

Our pre-schoolers began Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday with smiles on their faces and ready for learning. They were very sociable and friendly, impressing our Kindergarten team with their beautiful manners. Thank you to all of our parents – who are our

students' first teachers and educators - for preparing your children so well for school.





Also thank you to Mrs Tarrant and Mrs Shields for their excellent organisation. If you know anyone who has not yet enrolled for Kindergarten, please remind them to contact the office this week. Our second orientation session will begin at 10:00am on Thursday 12th November.

The Kindergarten team have prepared a film [https://youtu.be/qWr3zd\\_IHR4](https://youtu.be/qWr3zd_IHR4), a presentation and also printed materials, so parents can become familiar with what the school has to offer and with whom they and their children, can see for further support. The third session on November 19th is a Q & A Zoom meeting for parents to ask any questions they may still have.

### Changes to School Development Days (SDDs) in 2021

In support of a smooth start to Term 1 2021, the Department of Education has made these changes for the commencement of 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, 2021.

### COVID-19 Procedures

The Department of Education has just updated its advice for schools based on NSW Health advice. At this stage only essential visitors can come on to school grounds. However some of the changes include:

- Schools may have short, whole-school assemblies for students and teachers;
- P&C meetings allowed onsite after school hours with restrictions;
- Graduation ceremonies, speech nights and award presentations can be held (4 square metre rule applies so the number of parents attending will be limited)

### Year 6 Farewell

The Department of Education has given permission for schools to hold Year 6 Farewells this year, however, COVID-19 safe procedures will apply. The Year 6 teachers have booked "Sharks at Kareela", 1 Bates Dr Kareela, on Wednesday 9th December 2020.

**Please note:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the number of students and staff members will be capped at the venue. All Year 6 students will have a place, with the cost of the evening covered for them.

There will be 30 places available for Year 5 only, and they will be reserved for students who make payment on the basis of 'first come, first served'.

More information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

We thank our P&C for their generosity in supporting our farewell and their fundraising efforts for us in organising next week's Lap-A-Thon.

### Presentation Day

Please save the date for Presentation Day - Tuesday 8th December.

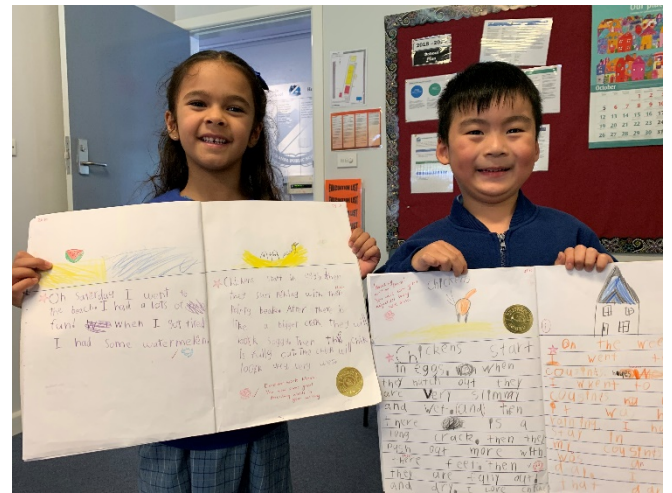
### Principal's Awards

The Week 4 Principal's Awards go to:

Ines in 5/6M, Summer in 2/3R and Dean in K/1S for consistently demonstrating the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People in all areas of school life.

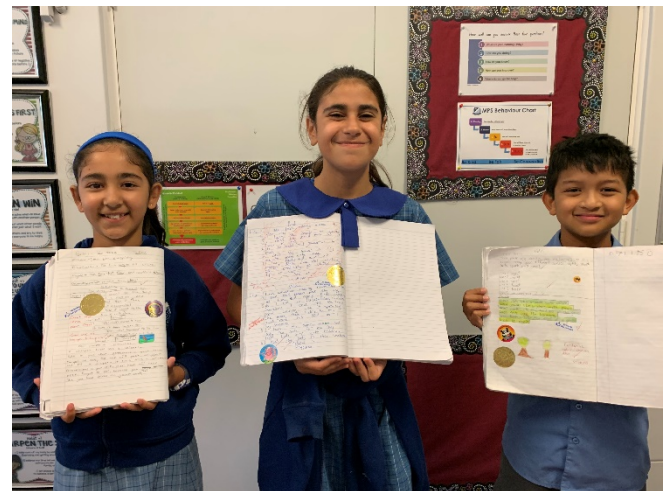
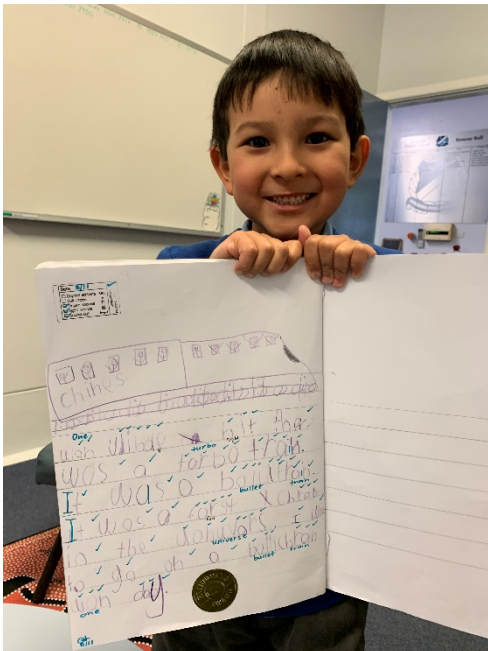




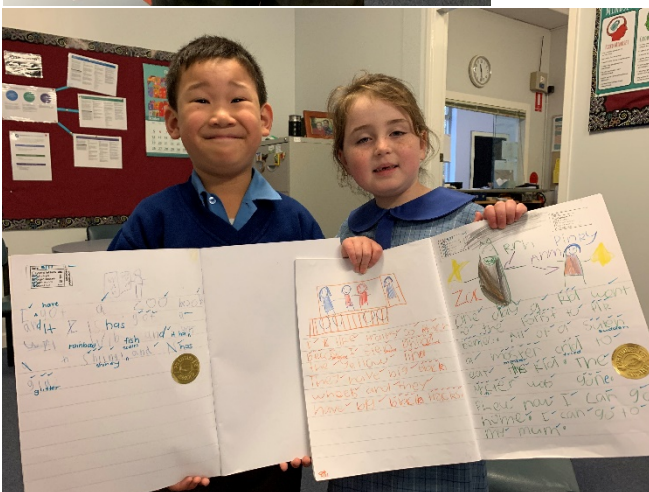


Preet, Alecia and Alex form 4/5B shared their "Colour Poems."

## Student Work



Matthew and Ricky (4/5B) with their amazing Picasso-inspired work.

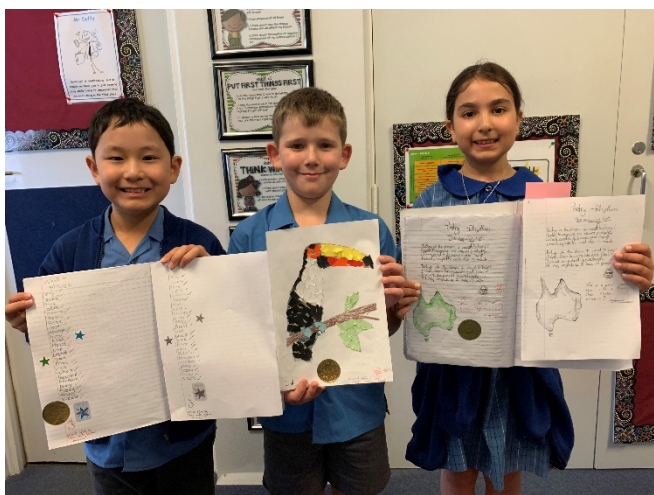


Leon, Jimmy and Audrey (KJ), and Oscar and Norah (K/1S) shared their amazing writing.



Sohma, Landon and Mia (3/4W) are very proud of their spelling, paper ripping artwork and rhythm poetry.





Reia, Flynn and Leela (1/2G) with their handwriting, reading response and “dream bedroom” mathematical work.



Marina, Andrew, Lucy and Jarryd (3/4A) created poems about paper plans, using prepositional phrases to describe their observations of how their planes flew across the playground.



### Approaching our School

From time to time parents or other members of the community may need to approach the school to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child; or
- Enquire about school policy or practice.

Please phone the school to make a time to speak with the teacher concerned.

Occasionally students may tell their parents about issues involving other students. If this happens, please assist your child in developing resilience by asking your child to talk with a teacher. You are also welcome to contact your child’s teacher or an executive teacher. **Never approach any child, other than your own child, to address an issue at school.**

### P & C Lap-a-thon

Just a reminder that we are having our Lap-a-thon next Wednesday 11th November. The students will walk laps around the primary playground during the middle session. As they go around, each class will also participate in a variety of other activities. There are prizes too! Students are asked to make a gold coin donation. Please order your \$5.00 optional snack pack by Monday. The P & C are kindly donating all money raised towards supporting the Year 6 farewell.

### School Improvement Plan

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. In guiding our school plan we have been reflecting on the theme descriptors of the *School Excellence Framework* and *What Works Best* (Eight critical quality teaching practices). We will be sending out a very brief survey to our families to find out from you:

- What do you like about our school?
- What would you like us to change?
- What else should we consider?

### Selective high school application for Year 7 in 2022 - closing date

Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2022 opened on 13th October 2020 and will close on 16th November 2020. Late applications will not be accepted so principals are asked to remind parents about the closing date.

Parents apply through the Selective high schools - Year 7 website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The online application link is available until 16th November 2020.

Enquiries:

High Performing Students Team

Email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)

Telephone 1300 880 367 (for parents)

### Change of Student/Family details

*Have you changed your address, phone number or email? Please contact the office as soon as possible with the new details.*

### OC Testing

Students who registered to sit for the OC Test this year received a letter earlier this week. If your child did bring the letter home to you, please contact Mr Beazley or Mr Duffy. The test will be held at school on 18th November.

### Film By Celebration Day – Red Carpet Event



*Come ready to walk the Red Carpet and be a star for the day!*

We are having a Film By Celebration Day in recognition of two of our school films being successful entrants into this year's Film By Online Festival. Students will view the featured movies via the live stream at 10am and participate in film and visual literacy activities throughout the day.

Date: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Dress: Red carpet ready or as your favourite movie star or movie character

Cost: Free

*Illustration by Ines in*

Parents can also tune in to watch the festival at home online at 10am by going to the following website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/student-voices/watch/film-by-online-festival-2020-k-6>