



Kookaburra Gazette

Dates to remember

Term 4 2020	
16 -12-2020	Last day for students
17 & 18-12-20	Staff development days
Term 1 2021	
27 & 28-1-2021	Staff development days
29-1-2021	First day for students (Years 1 to 6)
29-1-2021	Kindergarten Best Start assessment
1 & 2-2-2021	Kindergarten Best Start assessment
3-2-2021	First day for Kindergarten

Staffing news

The end of this year marks the end of some staff members' time at our school, while 2021 marks the beginning for others. Mr Skene was successful through merit selection in gaining a transfer to a substantive assistant principal (special education) at Marrickville West Public School. His wealth of knowledge, love of technology and film will be greatly missed. Miss Kelly was successful in gaining a position at George Bass SSP where her love of special education and passion as an educator will be warmly welcome. We hope to have her back here again one day. Mr Beazley returns to Campsie Public School after proving himself as a highly effective relieving assistant principal. His passion, energy and way of engaging everyone around him will be sorely missed.

Mrs Zambesi is hoping to spend more time with her family, but will still be here for casual work. Mrs Barris will be working closer to her home and Mrs Camfield is completing her degree. Mrs Rollings (in the office) will be working in two other schools next year. We wish them all the best with their future endeavours and hope they are happy in their new roles. I have appreciated their hard work during our time at Miranda PS.

We will have some new faces at the school next year, including Miss Dowling, our new assistant principal – special education (from Kelso PS) and Mrs Cooke (From

Caringbah PS. I trust you will welcome them all in the true Miranda PS school community spirit.

Presentation Ceremonies

What great ceremonies! Wonderful organisation from Mrs Catlett, Mrs Williams, Mr Skene, Mrs Tarrant, Mrs Shields, Mr Beazley, Mrs Chaplin, Mrs Cairnduff and Mrs Wilkins. Everything ran so smoothly. Thank you to all of you, and let's not forget all of the other staff who enthusiastically supported them as there is so much that needs to be considered, including organising awards, setting up the technology and organising the students. Our students were perfectly behaved!

It was very hard not having our families with us, as well as our special guests who present our traditional awards. We hope the videos on our facebook page were of some consolation.

Congratulations to our new school leaders. They will do a fantastic job in 2021. Our 2020 leaders are among the best we have ever had and they have been wonderful role models for the new school leaders.

Thank you also to our wonderful MCs at both ceremonies. They made a very tough job seem so easy!

Principal's Awards

The Week 4 Principal's Awards go to:

Maho in 1/2W and Preet 4/5B, for consistently demonstrating the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People in all areas of school life.



Staff Development Days

The last day of school for the students was yesterday, Wednesday 16 December. On 17 & 18 December, and 27 & 28 January, the staff and I will be partaking in professional learning for our Staff Development Days. No students are to be at school during these days. Among other things, we will be finalising our new school improvement plan, and learning about formative assessment strategies, how the Leader in Me ties in with our new school plan, and exploring how we differentiate for students' individual needs.

The first day back at school for **Years 1-6** is **Friday 29 January**. The first day for our new **Kindergarten** children is **Wednesday 3 February**.

Student Work



K/1S students shared some of their amazing artwork. They were able to describe how they used different materials and techniques to plan and complete their drawings.



3/4W students practising the fundamental movement skills of throwing and catching.

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.

Never approach any child, other than your own child, to address an issue at school. Please do not approach other parents about issues involving the students – that is the school's responsibility.

Year 6 Farewell

Thank you to our incredible Stage 3 teachers (Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Cairnduff, Miss McMillan and Mr Beazley) for their hard work and successful organisation of this year's Year 6 farewell at Kareela Golf Club, during challenging circumstances this year, especially when we consider that at the start of the term, it was unknown if such an event could even happen this year. The students were well dressed for the occasion and warmly welcomed one another. In addition to the formal parts of the night, they had a wonderful time dressing up and taking photos in the photo booth area and dancing with their friends.





We wish you all a safe holiday and look forward to seeing you back here in 2021.

To all of the families who are finishing their time with our school, thank you for the contributions that you have made our wonderful school community. We wish you all the best for the future and look forward to hearing about your successes.

And finally...

Thank you to all of our families for all of the kindness and support you have given to our staff, our students and each other during some very challenging times this year, proving yet again that Miranda Public School is an outstanding learning community.

