



KOOKABURRA GAZETTE

Principal's Message

It is wonderful to see how quickly our students have settled into their classes for 2020. Breakfast club resumed this week and our Ethics and Scripture classes have also commenced.

We also held our first K-6 Assembly this week, which will be a regular K-6 event each Tuesday afternoon for Term 1 and will move to Friday mornings from Term 2.

School Targets for 2020-2022

It was wonderful to have Mrs Karen Shehata, our Director of School Leadership Port Hacking schools district, visit our school on Tuesday and participate in a Professional Development session with all school staff. In the session Mrs Shehata outlined all the State Initiative areas and our Miranda Public School student achievement Targets in Numeracy and Literacy for 2020.

Mrs Shehata will be returning to our school on Wednesday 4th March, to visit classrooms and observe some of the wonderful programs and initiatives that we have in place here at Miranda Public School.

Instructional Leader

It is very exciting to have Mrs Wilkins working in the role as an Instructional Leader this year with all classes K-6. Mrs Wilkins began her lessons this week and will be focusing on school Literacy and Numeracy Initiatives for 2020. More detail of this program has been included in this newsletter.

Change to Morning Assembly from Monday 17th February

Students have been practising this week for the new morning assembly routine which will begin next Monday morning.

From Monday 17th February, the **morning duty drop off for all students will be on the K-2 Site, near the school hall.**

This new format for morning assemblies, means that in the event of wet weather or other weather conditions, all students will be able to assemble in the hall.



CALENDAR

18th Feb—Meet the Teacher

25th Feb—Swimming Carnival Caringbah Leisure Centre

3rd Mar—Zone Swimming Carnival

4th Mar— School Visit—Karen Shehata

The Breakfast Club will continue to run in its new location each morning under the K-2 cola.

A reminder to parents that once the morning assembly bell has rung at 8:40, there will be a teacher on duty and you are able to leave students under their supervision.

Gates to our school are closed and locked promptly at 9:10am, so if you wish to enter or leave the school after this time, you must go via the school office.

School Arrival and Pick Up Times

A reminder that the official time when school supervision begins is 8:40am. **Prior to 8:40am there is no teacher on duty and any students on the playground are expected to be accompanied and supervised by an adult.**

Any students arriving to school after 9:10am must be accompanied by an adult at the office area, to explain the reason for their absence.

Students finish school at 3:10pm. If you are running late or unable to make the 3:10 collection, please notify the office so alternate arrangements can be made and your child/children can be notified.

Behaviour Code for Students

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the NSW Department of Education Behaviour code for students. Miranda Public School abides by this code. The code outlines the expectations for all students enrolled in a NSW Public School. The code clearly states the actions and student expectations in regards to Respect, Safety and Engagement. A copy of this document can also be found on our school website.

Compulsory School Attendance

At the beginning of each school year, it important to revisit the importance of regular school attendance. A copy of the Information for parents- compulsory school attendance has also been included in this newsletter. The information included outlines parental and school responsibilities in regards to attendance. This document clearly details the importance of arriving at school on time and the parental responsibilities regarding processes to be followed when a child is sick or absent from school. This document is also located on our school website.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, ring the school office for clarification or speak to our Assistant Principals at the Meet the Teacher Meetings next Tuesday 18th February.

Cyber Safety and Meet the Teacher

I would like to take the opportunity to invite all parents up to the school next Tuesday 18th February for our Police Cyber Safety talk beginning at 3:10pm followed by our meet the teacher sessions at 4:10-4:45pm.



The police Cyber Safety presentation is a wonderful opportunity to let parents develop an awareness of the ways that you can monitor your child's usage of technology.

The talk will also focus on the implications for parents when students are signed up and using mobile phones and gaming apps.



Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately our swimming carnival had to be postponed this week, due to thunderstorm warnings but we are happy to announce that a new carnival date has been organised for Tuesday 25th of February at Caringbah Leisure Centre. All parents are welcome to come along on the day.

Port Hacking High School Year 7 2021 Information Night

If you are the parent of a Year 6 student who is in area and will be attending Port Hacking High School in 2021, you are invited to attend an information evening hosted by the Port Hacking Relieving Head Teacher HSIE, Natalie Blacker.

The meeting will be held at Miranda Public School, in the Stage 3 classrooms from 6:30pm on Tuesday 25th February.

A reminder that the following High schools are running information nights in the coming weeks.

Woollooware High School- Tuesday 18th February

Gymea Technology High School -Tuesday 3rd March

Port Hacking High School – Wednesday 4th March.

P and C Meeting and AGM

All parents are invited to attend our next P and C meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th of February at 7pm.

Any parents interested in joining the P and C are encouraged to come along with a gold coin donation, to become a financial member.

The AGM for the P and C will take place in March and any persons wishing to take up positions on the P and C executive, have to be financial members and have attended at least one P and C meeting prior to the AGM.

Have a fantastic Week 4 and 5

Narelle Chaplin

Relieving Principal

Instructional Leadership

I'm excited about my role this year as Instructional Leader in literacy and numeracy at Miranda PS. My role of Instructional Leader involves strengthening our school's practices in literacy and numeracy through demonstrating lessons in classrooms, supporting and working collaboratively with all our teachers and providing professional learning. I am fortunate to be able to work with all classes each week.

Our focus for Term 1 is on balanced literacy, working towards implementing a consistent approach to teaching reading, writing, speaking and listening, from Kindergarten to Year 6. Over the next two weeks, my lessons for each class will be around using quality literature and promoting behaviours of 'good readers'.

It has been wonderful visiting classrooms this week, to not only see familiar faces of students I have previously taught and get to know students I haven't, but to witness our students positively engaged in learning.

Mrs Charleen Wilkins
Instructional Leader & Assistant Principal (Stage 3)

Nut Allergies

Just a friendly reminder that at Miranda Public School, we currently have students enrolled who suffer from severe allergic reactions to peanuts/nuts.

This condition can be life threatening, therefore we are asking for your cooperation in minimising the health risk to these children by:

- Avoiding giving children **peanuts and nuts** in school lunches

- Avoiding giving **peanut butter** sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as **Nutella** and snacks/bars containing nuts.

We are very grateful for your co-operation in this matter.

Allergy Aware School



Parent Helpers

Our Kindergarten classes would love some parent helpers! If you are available to listen to some children read, work with small groups of children during lessons or help with classroom resource materials we would love to hear from you.

All helpers need to have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) which is available free of charge through Services NSW.

If you are available to help, please get in contact with Mrs Shields at school or by sending an email through to the school office.

Kind Regards

Mrs K. Shields



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New Morning Assembly area beginning Monday 17th February 2020





Library lessons will start soon - please bring your library bag to school and borrow regularly. ☺ Class library days :

TUESDAY – KJ, K/1S, 2/3R, 4/5B

THURSDAY – K/6C, 1/2W, 3/4A, 5/6C, 5/6M

FRIDAY – 1/2G, 3/4W, K/6K, K/6S



K-2 Students will complete the **Premier's Reading Challenge** at school.

Primary students will receive information in library about how they can be involved independently - registration is in March.

During term 1 - the library will be open at LUNCHTIME on Tuesday for Primary students ☺

Library Bags \$4

For sale at the office

(orange, green or pink dreamtime design)



☺ **BREAKFAST CLUB starts Tuesday** **11th February under the K-2 COLA**

CEREAL, MILK, JUICE and FRUIT for all students – it's **free!**

OPEN : Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **8:40 - 9am**

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Ethan Nalovski—
4/5B

Miranda Public School Awards

As part of our Leader in Me initiative we have revamped our award system slightly to align with our 7 Habits. Over a fortnight period we will focus on one Habit—where students will have the opportunity to receive a Kookaburra that is linked specifically to that Habit.

As student collect their **Kookaburras**, they will be able to attach them to an **Award log** (pictured) within their **Leadership Notebooks** at school.

Once they receive **5 Kookaburras**, students are eligible for a **Merit Award**.

Similarly, as students achieve **Merit awards** they will be able to attach them into the **Award Log** (pictured) to collate (and keep safe), the awards.

Students are required to collect **10 Merit Awards** in total to be eligible to achieve a **Principal's Award**.

Miranda Public School Award Log

1 of 5	2 of 5
3 of 5	4 of 5
5 of 5	

Congratulations you've earned 5 Kookaburras.
You can now receive a Merit Award.

Miranda Public School Award Log


1 of 10	2 of 10	3 of 10	4 of 10	5 of 10	6 of 10	7 of 10	8 of 10	9 of 10	10 of 10
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Congratulations you've earned 10 Merit Awards.
You can now receive a Principals Award.

We

hope this makes sense, and will assist students in keeping track of awards and provide an opportunity to build responsibility and desire to achieve these awards.


If you have any questions, please talk to your classroom teacher.


 **Miranda Public School**
Kookaburra Award

Name: _____
Class: _____

Habit 1: Be Proactive

Date: _____





 **Miranda Public School**
Kookaburra Award

Name: _____
Class: _____

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

Date: _____





 **Miranda Public School**
Kookaburra Award

Name: _____
Class: _____

Habit 3: Put First things First

Date: _____




 **Miranda Public School**
Kookaburra Award

Name: _____
Class: _____

Habit 4: Think Win - Win

Date: _____





 **Miranda Public School**
Kookaburra Award

Name: _____
Class: _____

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood

Date: _____





 **Miranda Public School**
Kookaburra Award

Name: _____
Class: _____

Habit 6: Synergise

Date: _____




 **Miranda Public School**
Kookaburra Award

Name: _____
Class: _____

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Date: _____





Education &
Communities

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, Information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*.

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website.

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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NSW Department of Education and Communities

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
a part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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Respectful.
Communication.

School Community Charter

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MAGPIES NEWS

New Grading Times
Announced

February 9, 2020



Sponsor Your Own Team

Miranda Magpies Football Club have announced that you can sponsor your child's team with Team Sponsorships in 2020. View our [Team Sponsors Page](#) for more information on this wonderful initiative. Teams are limited!

Adriano Coluccio Re-sign

Adriano Coluccio Funeral Services, team sponsor of the successful SWA1's in 2019 have signed on for three seasons as sponsor of the Miranda Magpies Football Club.

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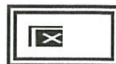
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Become a SSFA
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Magpies Announce
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January 18, 2020



New To The
Magpies

January 7, 2020





4 Teams Take The Title

It was an amazing weekend for the Miranda Magpies, with 4 of our 5 Grand Finalists taking out the title.

Our Minor Premier SWA1's won 3-0 over St Patricks

Our 35F's were runner up, going down 1-0 in extra time to Marton.

Our Minor Premier 18E's were victorious 2-1 over St Patricks

Our Minor Premier 14A's defeated Cronulla Seagulls 1-0

Our 12E's won "The Miracle Of Kareela" with a 1-0 victory over Crusaders.

Congratulations to all our teams on their amazing efforts in 2019. Let's all celebrate our wonderful season at our Senior & Junior Presentations. All are welcome so come along and support our club.

Magpies Announce
2020 A Grade Trials



November 11, 2019

Tradies Re-sign As
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November 4, 2019



SWA1's Make It
Three In A Row



August 26, 2019

35F's Go Down In
Controversial
Circumstances



August 26, 2019



\$25 each

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