



# Kookaburra Gazette

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday break. Staff and students will both return for Term 4 on Monday 12th October.

Guidelines regarding ongoing COVID -19 procedures, that will begin in Term 4, have been updated. Some of the activities that can now proceed for Term 4 with some restrictions are:

- Kindergarten Orientation
- Year 6-7 transition
- Interschool activities
- End of year celebrations such as graduations and dances
- Excursions and day camps

Further communication around these updates will be sent out in early Term 4.

**The School Sport Unit /Sydney East Schools Sports Association wishes to advise that the 'Practical Guide for Sport and Physical Activity' has been updated for Term 4.**

**The following now applies for Term 4:**

- Interschool sport (zone/district based) can recommence where there is a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. Students may now travel outside their local community.
- The representative school sport pathway remains cancelled for 2020.
- Selection trials for 2021 representative pathway events may now recommence.

**The following principles underpin these changes:**

- There must be a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place for any sporting event conducted outside the school.
- External providers who are essential for curriculum delivery can now be used.
- Parents, carers and other non-essential spectators **cannot** be on the site of the event.

Regards, Bruce **Riley Sports Coordination Officer - Executive Office**

## MOORANDA—Picasso Cow Art Competition



Our wonderful Mooranda the Cow is being sent off to be judged and the winner will be announced on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

This has been such a fantastic opportunity for our students –

Good luck MOORANDA!!



## New Principal Position Term 4

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September the school community received a letter which was sent out from Mrs. Karen Shehata, Director of Educational Leadership Port Hacking Schools District. The letter was to announce and welcome Mr. Michael Duffy, as the successful applicant for the permanent Principal position at Miranda Public School.

Mr. Duffy will take up the Principal role next term on the Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. A copy of Mrs. Shehata's letter is included in this Newsletter, for those that may not have had the opportunity to read it.



I would also like to thank Mrs. Shields (K-2) and Mr. Skene (Support Unit) who have fulfilled roles as relieving Assistant Principals and their support with school initiatives.

On a personal level, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the P and C, parents, Miranda PS staff, students and the wider Principal's network and local schools for the many lovely emails, phone calls, cards and personal messages, acknowledging my contribution as relieving Principal at Miranda Public School, over the past 3 years.

Miranda is a very special school and I truly believe that it is exemplary in the way it embraces all students, is supported by a hard-working and caring community and the genuine care and concern that all staff have for the students in their care.

As a permanent member of staff for the past 14 years, I am very proud to have had the opportunity to have led the school community from 2018-2020.

I will be remaining at Miranda for term 4 2020, but this will be my final newsletter as Relieving Principal.

So I would once again like to thank you for your support and wish everyone a very safe and restful holiday break.

Narelle Chaplin

Relieving Principal

**Principal, Miranda Public School**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to announce that as a result of recent merit selection procedures, Mr Michael Duffy has been offered and accepted the position of Principal, Miranda Public School (pending the normal 10 day appeal period).

Mr Duffy has held the position of Deputy Principal, Lidcombe Public School since January 2008 and has relieved as Principal on numerous occasions. He is highly regarded by the school community. Mr Duffy was Chairperson – NSW Primary Deputy Principal Network until 2019 and served as the first deputy principal representative to the Advisory Board for the Department of Education School Leadership Institute.

Mr Duffy brings to the school a range of teaching and leadership skills and a wealth of experiences gained through his leadership roles in several schools. Mr Duffy has an interest in innovation and future-focused learning with a strong focus on student and staff wellbeing.

Mr Duffy is very excited about being appointed as the Principal of Miranda Public School. His substantive position will commence duty at the beginning of Term 4 on Monday, 12 October 2020.


I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the selection panel who worked with me in accordance with NSW Department of Education procedures in selecting Mr Michael Duffy for this position. The panel comprised Mrs Rene Griffiths Parent Representative, Ms Charleen Wilkins Teacher Representative, and Mr Brent Kunkler Principal Chester Hill Public School as the Department's Principal Representative. I held the position of convenor.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Narelle Chaplin who has very ably filled the role of Relieving Principal of Miranda Public School for more than 3 years, leading and managing the school and delivering quality learning programs and strong wellbeing programs to support student learning outcomes.

Mr Duffy is looking forward to working with the students, staff and community of Miranda Public School and I know you will join me in congratulating him.

Yours sincerely

Karen  
Shehata

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