

Miranda Public School



Term 4 / Week 4  
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## Kookaburra Gazette

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### Dates to remember

Term 4 2021	<i>Learning from Home continues until 25 October for students in Yrs. 3,4,5 &amp; 6, K/6N and 2/3C only</i>
4-11-2021	Kindergarten Orientation (Parent session on Zoom) Thursday 9:45am
10-11-2021	Kindergarten Orientation (TBC)* Wednesday 9:45am
17-11-2021	P & C Meeting (online) 7:00pm Kindergarten Orientation (TBC)* Wednesday 9:45am
23 – 11-2021	Possible Kindergarten Orientation or Q&A session (TBC)* Tuesday 9:45am
26-11-2021	Tell Them from Me surveys close.
8-12-2021	Presentation Day (Recorded for Parents)
9-12-2021	Reports Sent Home to Parents
16-12-2021	Last Day of 2021 for Students
17-12-2021	Staff Development Day

\* TBC – dates are yet to be confirmed.

### Welcome back!

All the staff have been so happy to see the students back at school, smiling, laughing with their friends and reengaging in their learning.





### School Canteen

The new canteen provider at Port Hacking High School, "Green Light Canteens" will be providing a lunch order service for our students from next Monday 1st November. Students will need to place their orders in the box at the school office before 9:10 am. Please find the new canteen menu attached to this newsletter.

### Tell Them from Me Parents, Student and Teacher surveys

The second snapshot for Tell Them from Me is now open and has been extended until Friday 26 November. The survey is conducted entirely online using smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

All data is completely confidential – The school only sees the final collated report. No one in the school will see any individual answers. For more information, please click on this link to the [Tell Them From Me](http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/miranda21) website.

Please take ten minutes to complete the Tell Them from Me Parent Survey. Your responses are confidential and no names are identified on the school data. The link to the parent survey is:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/miranda21>

Completing these surveys will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. All students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and all of the teachers are asked to complete the survey as well.

### Principal's Award Winners

Congratulations to Amelia 5/6W and Mia 3/4M who have both earned their fourth Principal's Awards. The girls will be presented with their awards in a virtual Stage 3 awards assembly next week.



### Kindergarten 2022 Orientation and Open Days

If you have not yet enrolled your child, please complete your child's online enrolment at:

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=2574>

Our planned Kindergarten transition dates are still subject to change, depending on the restrictions in place.

Our first Kindergarten Orientation session will be held online for parents from 9:45am – 10:30am on Thursday 4th November.

We have sessions planned for Wednesday 10th & 17th November with a possible parent Q&A session on Tuesday 23rd November. These sessions will be either at school or on Zoom, depending on current health orders.

We are hoping that our pre-schoolers will have an opportunity to be allowed on site this term. This is dependent on schools being able to move from level 3+ to level 3 restrictions later in the term.

In the meantime, Mrs Shields (relieving assistant principal) has organised a virtual orientation pack that has been sent out to families.



**STOP PRESS:** We have only just learnt that schools will move to Level 3 restrictions from 8 November. This will mean that our Kindergarten students will be able to attend our orientation sessions. Next week, more details will be emailed to families who have enrolled for Kindergarten 2022.

### Mr Duffy's Term 3 Challenges

Congratulations to Kalina and Elliot who respond to "Mr Duffy's Term 3 Challenges" with this amazing, creative and colourful design for new kookaburra mascot.



### P&C Fundraising

Three of our Year 2 students were photographed playing soccer with the new goals purchased by the P and C Association to ensure that the students are supported with equipment for playing at lunchtimes. Thank you for supporting the P and C's fundraising efforts. Our next P and C meeting will be held on 17th November 2021 at 7pm.

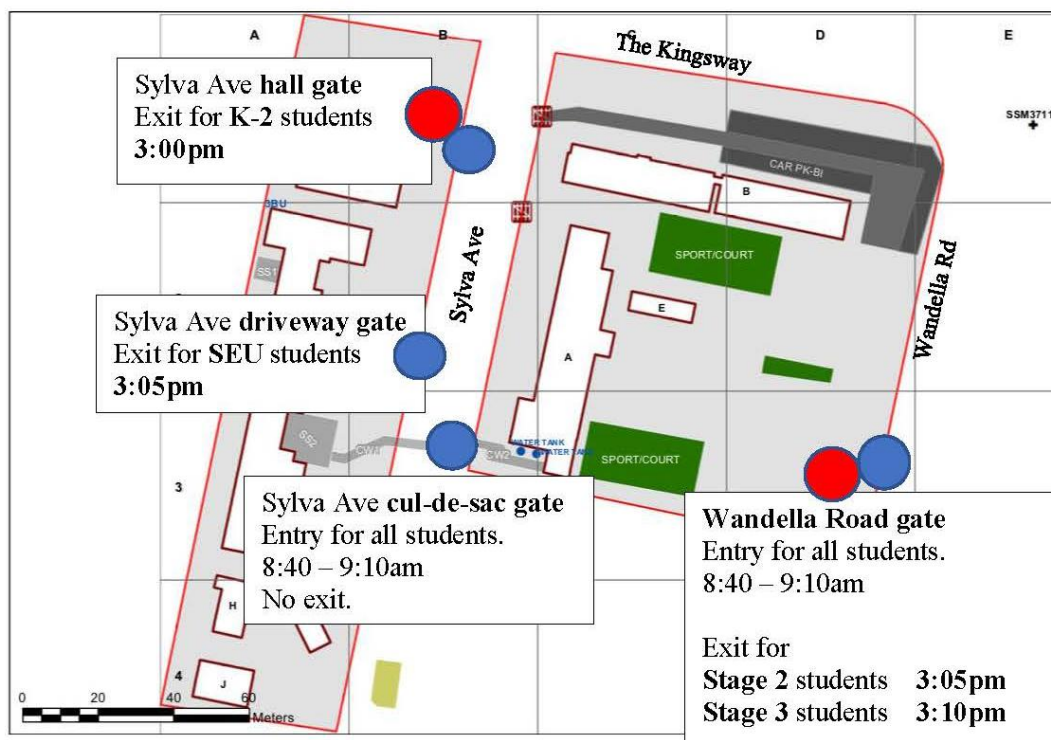




If you are waiting in Sylva Road for students who are in K-2 and older grades, the teachers will happily stay with your children between 3:00pm until 3:10pm (our usual departure time). By 3:10pm, there is usually more parking available.

## Entry and Exit points from 18 October.

### Welcome back to school! – Term 4 2021




At Level 3 & 3+, only students & staff may enter the school site.

No one can walk through the school. The uniform shop is closed to onsite visitors.

Please make sure you communicate this information to your children's parents, grandparents, other carers and siblings.

Key:  Entry/departure point

 Parents may wait between the gate and the witches' hats and dome markers.

Wear a mask and remain distanced from other parents/carers if you are waiting on the school site.

If you have several children and you would like them to wait together, please let all of your children's teachers and carers know. It needs to be the same gate every day. Please be patient while your children walk through the school.



**NEW SCHOOL VISITOR CHECK IN** – From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October all government schools will be operating a new School Visitor Check In system. This will be accessed via the Service NSW App and will be used by parents, carers, contractors, service providers, volunteers as well as all school-based staff. The school will have their own unique QR code and this will link directly back to our school systems.

Please ensure that you have the Service NSW App on your phone in readiness for the lifting of restrictions. More information about this new system will be forthcoming once restrictions have been lifted.

### Selective High School Placements in 2023

If your child is in Year 5 and you are considering a selective high school placement, please read the attachment in this newsletter. All applications must be submitted by 17 November 2021. The placement test will be held on 10 March 2022.

Please note that applications for all local and non-local high schools are given to the parents of Year 6 students early in Term 1, 2022.

### Learning with Friends – 2/3C

This week students in 2/3C have been playing, collaborating and learning with their friends. We are all very excited to be back at school.





## MIRANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICE LIST



LUNCH ORDER BAGS SHOULD CLEARLY STATE **CHILDS NAME, CLASS & ORDER**  
PLEASE PROVIDE CORRECT MONEY WHERE POSSIBLE  
**ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9.10AM**

### **SANDWICHES**

Vegemite	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.50
Egg & Lettuce	\$4.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Ham / Chicken	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Salad	\$4.00
Toasted	Add .20c

### **SALADS**

Garden Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.00

### **SUSHI (available only On Wednesdays)**

Tuna	\$3.60
Teriyaki Chicken	\$3.60

### **SNACKS**

Popcorn	\$1.00
Jelly Cup	\$1.00
Jelly & Custard	\$1.00
Custard Cup	\$1.20
Pretzels	\$1.20
Watermelon Cup	\$1.20
Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Red Rock Chips	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$1.50

### **HOT FOOD**

Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Cheeseburger	\$5.00
Hot dog + Tomato sauce	\$3.00
Traveller Pie	\$3.50
Patties Sausage Roll	\$3.50
5 Chicken Nuggets	\$3.50
5 Chicken Sticks	\$3.50
Spring Roll	\$1.00
Chicken Yummy Drummy	\$1.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.50
Spaghetti or Lasagne	\$4.50

### **PIZZA**

Cheese Pizza	\$4.50
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$4.50
BBQ Chicken Pizza	\$4.50

Garlic Bread	\$1.20
Tomato Sauce	.30c

### **TOASTED WRAPS**

Cheese	\$4.50
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$5.50
Chicken, Cheese & Avocado	\$6.00

### **DRINKS**

Water	\$2.50
Juice Popper	\$2.00
300ml Oak Flavoured Milk	\$2.50
Up & Go Choc or Vanilla	\$2.50
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.80



# COVID-safe school operations

Overview		Guidance on mask wearing		
School operating in a COVID-safe way	<b>Level 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms: negative COVID-19 test required prior to returning to school</li><li>Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on site</li><li>OR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors</li><li>COVID-19 Safety Plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events)</li><li>Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines</li><li>Community use in line with broader Health settings</li><li>SRE/EE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational</li><li>Community Language Schools operational</li><li>P&amp;C on site</li><li>Additional cleaning measures in place</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.</li></ul>
	<b>Level 2</b>	COVID-safe: restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors  As per Level 1, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Non-essential visitors not allowed on site (including parents and carers)</li><li>Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home</li><li>Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assemblies must have COVID-safe practices in place and no parents or carers are allowed</li><li>Excursions within local government area (LGA) only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.</li></ul>
<b>Level 3</b>	COVID-safe: face-to-face learning allowed on site; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors  As per Level 2, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mask wearing requirements</li><li>Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible</li><li>Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted</li><li>School canteens can operate with conditions</li><li>Exams as per Health approved COVID-safe HSC guide</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff interactions limited with physical distancing</li><li>No assemblies</li><li>No excursions</li><li>No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services)</li><li>Uniform shops are online.</li><li>No SRE/EE (externally provided religion and ethics classes)</li><li>No Community Language School on site</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>While on school sites masks or face coverings are required (unless eating or exercising) for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All staff indoors and outdoors</li><li>Indoors for students in Year 7 and above.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Masks are recommended for primary students for both indoors and outdoors, and also for students in Year 7 and above when outdoors.</p>	
<b>Level 3 plus</b>	COVID-safe: face-to-face learning allowed for certain cohorts if vaccination rates achieved; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors  As per Level 3, with following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Return to school will be based on community settings such as adults fully vaccinated and levels of community transmission</li><li>Only vaccinated staff on site</li><li>Students in cohorts (including split classes) starting with staggered return of priority cohorts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimised interactions and contact within student cohorts</li><li>Staggered access to school facilities and shared spaces such as libraries and canteens</li><li>Drop-offs, pick-ups and break times staggered by cohort</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>While on school sites, both indoors and outdoors, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above unless they are eating or exercising.</li><li>Masks are strongly recommended for all students.</li></ul>	
<b>Level 4</b>	Learning from home encouraged; schools are open for families who need it  Families are encouraged to keep their children at home, with no student to be turned away <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home</li><li>Study bubbles for students sitting their HSC exams</li></ul> Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No community use (except early childhood services)</li><li>No canteens</li></ul>	<p>Schools in identified local government areas of concern are operating under Level 4 settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Requirements for authorised workers in an LGA of concern remain in place. Staff must not leave their LGA for work unless they:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>had at least 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or provide evidence of a medical exemption</li><li>have registered their travel with Service NSW.</li></ul></li><li>Staff who live outside but work in an LGA of concern will need to register their travel.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>While on school sites, both indoors and outdoors, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above unless they are eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for all students.</li></ul>	

# Returning to School after Lockdown and Isolation

*You and your child might be worried about heading back to school. Below is some information and strategies for you and your family to use to get ready for a return to school.*



Talking to your child is one of the best ways to work through fears and anxieties. Use language they can understand to discuss returning to school. This is an excerpt and image above from [DHHS Victoria](#).

## Early Primary School

- Balance plans to return to school with reassurances that their schools and homes are safe
- Remind them that adults are there to keep them healthy and to take care of them
- Discuss handwashing as a step in staying healthy at school and home
- Use language such as 'adults are working hard to keep you safe'



Plan Ahead: Check uniforms, equipment, bags and other resources.



Name the possible support people at school, home or care.

## Upper Primary School

- They may be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what will happen if COVID-19 comes to their school or community
- They may need assistance separating reality from rumour and fantasy
- Discuss efforts of school and community leaders to prevent germs from spreading



Talk to your child about going back to school and that things may look different.



If you are concerned that your child is not coping, seek further help. See details on the next page.

## High School

- They may be able to discuss COVID-19 in a more in-depth fashion and can be referred directly to appropriate sources of information
- Provide honest, accurate information about the current status of their schooling. Having such knowledge can help them feel a sense of control
- Plan together what the return to school will look like



Eat well, sleep well and be active.



Take care of yourself and acknowledge the difficulties you have been through.



## If you need further support

### Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service (Beyond Blue)

1800 512 348

However the pandemic is affecting your mental wellbeing, you can talk it through with a counsellor who will provide advice and support based on your needs. 24/7

### Kids Help Line

1800 55 1800

Provides free online support and counselling for children and young people aged 5-18 across Australia

### Lifeline

13 11 14

Provides suicide and crisis support if you are experiencing emotional distress 24/7

### Suicide Call Back Service

1300 364 277

### Translating and Interpreting Service

131 450

If you require an Interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service TIS.

### Domestic Violence Line

1800 737 732

Keeping safe is a priority. If you or someone in your home is experiencing domestic violence, please contact the Domestic Violence line for support.

### Parent Line

1300 1300 52

Parent Line is a free telephone counselling and support service for parents and carers with children aged 0 to 18 who live in NSW. 9am to 9pm Weekdays, 4pm to 9pm Weekends



## Wellbeing Apps

### Smiling Mind

Meditation app, with programs available ages 7+. Available in some Aboriginal languages.

### Insight Timer Meditation App

This app has over 25000 free guided meditations and guidance. Ages 12+

### FitOn

Free workout app with a variety of fitness options. Yoga, Cardio, Strength, Barre, Pilates and more. Videos range from 10 minutes to full workouts.

### Niggle

An app for kids to work on their wellbeing. It includes games and puzzles and videos. Produced by Kids Helpline.

## Web resources

Sydney Children's Hospital Network. This website has a variety of reliable COVID-19 resources for yourself, your children and your family including links to mental health resources.

<https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-information>

### Reach Out

Helps under 25's with tough questions and through difficult times. They also have a page for parents.

### WayAhead

Mental health support and information.

<https://wayahead.org.au/>

### SANE Australia

Counselling support, Peer support, live blogs moderated by health professionals. Visit [www.sane.org](http://www.sane.org)

### Head to Health

Links a variety resources <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>

### Brave Program

Program for children and young people with anxiety. Can also be completed by parents and carers.

<http://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>

If you need more support, you can contact your GP to talk about receiving a mental health care plan with a psychologist or support from a Psychiatrist.





# Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in **2023** Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

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



## Key Dates

Application website opens:  
**19 October 2021**

Application website closes:  
**17 November 2021**  
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:  
**24 February 2022**

Selective High School placement test:  
**10 March 2022**

Placement outcome expected to be released:  
**8 July 2022**

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

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There may be changes to the procedures in this document.

Check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc) regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

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Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

### Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education

Email: [shs-oc@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shs-oc@det.nsw.edu.au)

Telephone: 1300 880 367

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>



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# CLOTHING POOL 2021

Items	Size	Quantity	Each	Total \$
POLO SHIRTS (4,6,8,10,12,14,16)			\$22.00	
HATS (55cm,57cm,59cm,61cm)			\$16.00	
SKIRTS/NETBALL (4,6,8,10,12)			\$20.00	
SKORTS (4,6,8,10,12)			\$20.00	
JACKETS (4,6,8,10,12,14)			\$33.00	
JUMPER (4,6,8,10,12,14)			\$28.00	
BAGS - SMALL			\$48.00	
BAGS - LARGE			\$50.00	

**CASH ONLY**

**TOTAL \$**

## **SECOND HAND OPTION**

Price and condition of second hand clothing varies. Second hand items are best viewed at the Clothing Pool on Wednesday mornings 9.00-10.00am or a small selection can be left at the office by arrangement.

ITEMS	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE RANGE

**NAME:** .....

**CLASS:** .....