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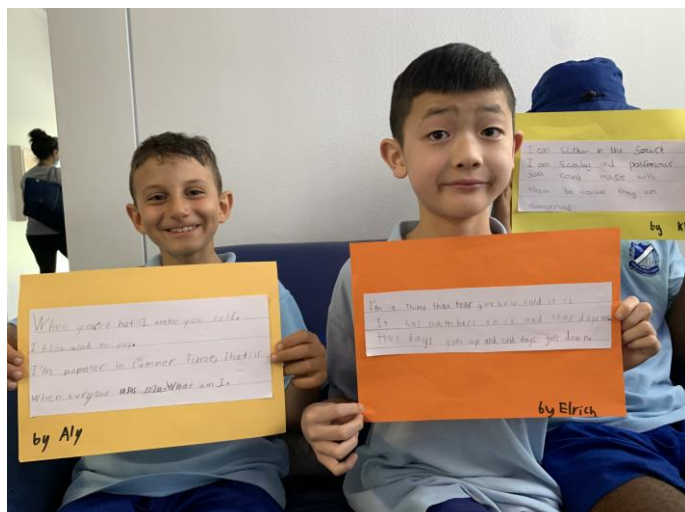
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Dates to remember

Term 4 2021	
13-12-2021	Reports Home to Parents
14-12-2021	Year 6 Mini-fete and Christmas themed Mufti Day
16-12-2021	Last Day of 2021 for Students
17-12-2021	Staff Development Day
Term 1 2022	
28-1-2022	Staff Development Day
31-1-2022	Staff Development Day
1-2-2022	First Day for Students (Years 1 to 6); Kindergarten Best Start Begins
7-2-2022	First Day for Kindergarten students
16 -2-2022	P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting
23 -2-2021	Swimming Carnival (Years 3 to 6)

As we approach the end of the year we have some exciting activities arranged in week 11 to help celebrate 2021 and our students' achievements. Please see the below table for information on daily events.

Monday 13 December	Tuesday 14 December	Wednesday 15 December	Thursday 16 December
Disco	Fete Day	Fun day	Year 6 Send off K-2 sports activities
Students to wear sports uniform	Students to wear Christmas/ Holiday themed Mufti. Money for prepaid tokens needs to be handed to the office by Monday 13 December.	Students will participate in fun activities with their stages. Students wear school uniform.	K-2 students will be participating in sporting activities. K-2 students wear sports uniform.



Aly, Elrich and the students of 3/4M have been thinking carefully about descriptive vocabulary and phrasing. In this picture they are sharing some riddles that they enjoyed writing.

Principals Awards

Congratulations to Lleyton in 5/6R who have received principal's awards for being safe, respectful learners who consistently demonstrate the seven habits of highly effective people.

Year 6 Farewell

What a tonne of fun we had at our Year 6 Farewell last night! It was an enjoyable evening of delicious food, speeches, dancing and creating memories with our friends. Lots of photos have been taken to share with parents and we also have a two-page flyer at the end of this newsletter.



I hope all of our community realises how lucky we were to have Sharks at Kareela allow us to host our farewell this year, especially with such tight restrictions placed on schools for formals. Without their support, we would have only been able to have had a simple evening here at school.

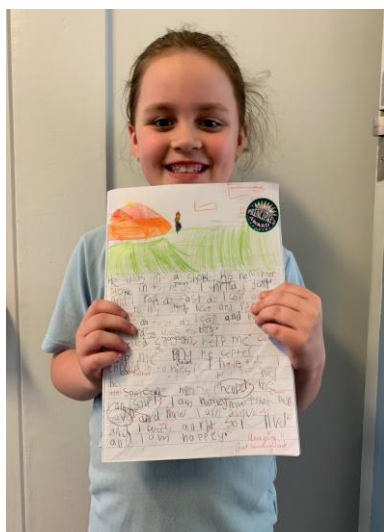
Year 6 Last Day – Handing out of Certificates

In following the ever-changing NSW Health and Department of Education advice on holding events it is very important that as a community, we focus on what we can do, and not lament on what we would have liked. We were worried that we might not be able to have anything at all for parents this year. That said, there has been an increase of COVID cases affecting schools very close to us.

We are hoping to have a very small and quick outdoor presentation from 2:45pm – 3:00pm on Thursday 16 December involving Stage 3 students and teachers. This will depend on dry weather and any changes to the current guidelines. If it is raining, the event will need to be cancelled.

In response to the current guidelines, we can only invite one (1) fully vaccinated parent/carer for each Year 6 child to present a graduation certificate. Year 6 Parents/carers will need to QR code in, show their vaccination certificates, remain distanced and leave with their children immediately after the ceremony. We cannot allow photographs to be taken on the school site. Plenty of photographs are already being provided to families. Of course, families are welcome to organise their own private celebrations after school at other locations.

The presentation will be held on the top basketball court. Please enter and leave by the Wandella Road gate. If you have other children, please let their teachers know that you will be waiting for them at the Wandella Road gate by Wednesday at the latest.



(Left) Jaylah in 1/2W is very proud of the improvement she has made to her written work this year and has worked hard to expand on her thoughts and ideas. She is now writing longer and more interesting sentences and paragraphs

Before and After School Care -New Provider Announcement

Sutherland Shire Council has announced that it is closing the Miranda Out of School Hours (MOOSH) care service at the end of this year. MOOSH will provide vacation care in its current location (and use our school hall) from 17 to 24 December. Please contact them immediately if you need this service.

The Department of Education has selected OSHClub, for the interim provision of out of school hours care services for our school. OSHClub is working closely with the Department and the Council to ensure a smooth transition effective from the start of vacation care in January 2022. OSHClub will commence operations with a new vacation care program in our school hall from 10 January 2022.

If your child was enrolled in out of hours school care/vacation care with the Council, you will need to re-enrol with OSHClub as personal details cannot be transferred between the different organisations. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Staffing News – We'll miss you, Miss James!



Miss James is a, dedicated, caring and hard-working teacher who is always focused on improving her teaching and learning for her students. Miss James will take up a new classroom teacher position at Milperra Public School next year, where she is looking forward to broadening her knowledge and skills in a new context, as well as sharing with them, the knowledge and skills she has acquired over the past three years, working with your children at Miranda PS. We will miss Miss James. She is a greatly valued member of our team and I am sure that you will join us in wishing her all the best.

Also thank you to Mrs Armson, who has worked this term as our Learning and Support Teacher, replacing Mrs Metros who has been on leave. Mrs Armson has worked hard to support our students in their return to school; and organised our Learning Support Team meetings and reading groups.



Please do not park in the Miranda Education Office carpark. It is not part of our school. The Department of Education does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any items or motor vehicles. It's not worth risking your insurance.

If you are waiting in Sylva Road for students who are in K-2 and you also have children in the older grades, you do not need to meet your children until 3:10pm. The teachers happily wait with your younger children between 3:00pm and 3:10pm (our usual departure time). This will free up more parking for everyone.

Year 6 Mini-Fete and Mufti Day.

The Year 6 students are very excited to be holding their end of year fundraiser on Tuesday 14 December 2021. They have been working hard to plan activities for plenty of stalls, including target games, ping pong toss, soccer shots and guessing competitions.

Tokens can still be purchased no later than Friday 10 December (tomorrow) by returning the Mini-Fete note with payment made in cash or EFTPOS at the school office or via online POP. Tokens will be unavailable for purchase on the day.

Students are invited to wear Christmas themed mufti clothes (no singlet tops, thongs or sandals - sensible shoes please).

The event will be held outside and COVID safe measures will be in place to limit mixing between cohorts.

We hope this will be a fun day for all!



Bee-Bot Challenge – 2/3C

2/3C enjoyed using their coding skills to complete the Bee-Bot challenges set by 5/6T. Thank you to Mrs Townsend and her class for making these engaging and interactive activities for Stage 2.





**OSHClub
are bringing
the fun to**

Miranda Public School



OSHClub are excited to have been selected as Miranda Public School's dedicated onsite Before School, After School and Vacation Care provider.

Miranda OSHClub Program Benefits:

- The OSHC spaces will be filled with a wide range of play-based learning resources and equipment to meet the interests of all children (and we ask for input from our regulars to provide what they'd like to play with in service!).
- Affordable session fees, with no additional charges for casual bookings. We don't charge enrolment or annual fees.
- Our staff are the best of the best. The majority of our team members are permanent, so you and your child/ren will have the opportunity to build long-lasting relationships. OSHClub staff provide a safe, caring and stimulating atmosphere.
- Our management team is based in the Sutherland Shire, and we make regular visits to the school to say hello.
- Super-charged fun! We offer an extensive range of activities that cater for the social, intellectual, physical, recreational and emotional needs of all children. We're inclusive and welcoming.

**Come along to one of our
Parent Info Sessions**

Want to know more about OSHClub? Join us for one of our Parent Info Sessions to learn about our exciting programs and ask any questions you may have.

WHERE

VIA ZOOM (<https://zoom.us>)

Meeting ID: 863 2581 3663

Passcode: BBjZ98

WHEN

- 7PM TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER
- OR
- 7PM TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

**We're opening
Commencing
Monday 10
January
2022**



Enrol online for free!
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Celebrating Our Year 6 Superstars



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What a tonne of fun we had at our Year 6 Farewell last night. It was an enjoyable evening of delicious food, speeches, dancing and creating memories with our friends.

Thank you to our farewell committee for their organisation, our teachers and support staff who were in attendance and Sharks at Kareela for their hospitality and helping us put on a memorable evening for our students.

A special thank you to Wendy Norton for designing personalised placemats for our Year 6 students to take home as a keepsake.

Have a look at just some of the photos from our farewell.



MPS Primary Ethics 2021



2021 Challenged us not only as an individual, also as a family and a community.

The strength in our MPS Community showed our resilience, adaptability and compassion. I am very proud that we all came together and overcame many of the challenges we faced in Home schooling and Back to school.

This term we were fortunate that at Miranda Public School we were able to return to Primary Ethics classes in Term 4 for 3 short, but wonderful weeks to remind the students that we can find other ways or other solutions to a problem. That is critical thinking.

We also welcomed our new Volunteer Parent Teacher Olesya to introduce Primary Ethics to the Kindergarten class. Following safety guidelines we presented our lessons in masks but for those who want to recognise us, this is your MPS Primary Ethics Team and Supporters (L-R): Mrs Natalie Cooke (MPS SEE coordinator), Olesya Khagay, Jessica Hicks, Naziah Gargan, Jessica Vazquez, Mr Michael Duffy (MPS Principal).

Great feedback was received from the students in the last lesson of 2021 and they are eager to return in 2022! They found the topics current and relevant. Throughout the year many continued these lessons outside of the classroom and pursued their own research.

We would love to welcome more Volunteer Parent / Carer Teachers to our MPS Team. No pre-requisites required, free training is provided and your availability for 30 mins on Wednesday mornings to present the lessons. MPS has a waiting list of students who want to join classes and is in need of more Teachers.

More information can be found as follows: <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

Thank you for supporting your child and your Team of Volunteer Parent Primary Ethics Teachers and classes at Miranda Public School. We look forward to conducting 2022 classes with a range of topics that your family will discuss at home.

Wishing all our MPS Families a very wonderful holiday festive season and new year!

Jessica H, Naziah, Jessica V, and Olesyaa

MPS Primary Ethics Volunteer Parent Coordinator | Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300

Primary
ETHICS



COVID-safe school operations



Overview

Guidance on mask wearing

Level 1

School operating in a COVID-safe way

- Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; negative COVID-19 test required prior to returning to school
- Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on site
- OR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors
- COVID-19 Safety Plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events)
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings

- Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines
- Community use in line with broader Health settings
- SRESEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational
- Community Language Schools operational
- P&C on site
- Additional cleaning measures in place

- Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.

Level 2

COVID-safe; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 1, and:
- Non-essential visitors not allowed on site (including parents and carers)
- Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only

- Assemblies must have COVID-safe practices in place and no parents or carers are allowed
- Excursions within local government area (LGA) only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance

- While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.

Level 3

COVID-safe; face-to-face learning allowed on site; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 2, and:
- Mask wearing requirements
- Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted
- School canteens can operate with conditions
- Exams as per Health approved COVID-safe HSC guide

- Staff interactions limited with physical distancing
- No assemblies
- No excursions
- No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services)
- Uniform shops are online
- No SRESEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes)
- No Community Language School on site

- While on school sites masks or face coverings are required (unless eating or exercising) for:
- All staff indoors and outdoors
- Indoors for students in Year 7 and above.
- Masks are recommended for primary students for both indoors and outdoors, and also for students in Year 7 and above when outdoors.

Level 3 plus

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:
- Return to school will be based on community settings such as adults fully vaccinated and levels of community transmission
- Only vaccinated staff on site
- Students in cohorts (including split classes) starting with staggered return of priority cohorts

- Minimised interactions and contact within student cohorts
- Staggered access to school facilities and shared spaces such as libraries and canteens
- Drop-offs, pick-ups and break times staggered by cohort

- 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.

Level 4

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
- Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home
- Study bubbles for students sitting their HSC exams
- Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, and:
- No community use (except early childhood services)
- No canteens

- Schools in identified local government areas of concern are operating under Level 4 settings.
- Requirements for authorised workers in an LGA of concern remain in place. Staff must not leave their LGA for work unless they:
 - had at least 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or provide evidence of a medical exemption
 - have registered their travel with Service NSW.
- Staff who live outside but work in an LGA of concern will need to register their travel.

- 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.

Miranda Public School

Uniforms 2021



Items	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
Polo Shirts (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) Sky Blue			\$ 18.00	
Boys Shorts (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) Grey/Gaberdine			\$14.00	
Unisex Sport Shorts (6,8,10,12,14,16) Royal Blue/Polycotton			\$14.00	
Skorts (4,6,8,10,12) Royal Blue			\$18.00	
Jackets (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) Royal Blue/With Zipper			\$30.00	
Jumper (4,6,8,10,12,14,16) Royal Blue			\$24.00	
Girls Summer Tunic (4,6,8,10,12,14,16)			\$48.00	
Girls Winter Tunic (4,6) Dark Check			\$49.00	
Girls Winter Tunic (8,10,12,) Dark Check			\$52.00	
Girls Winter Tunic (14,16) Dark Check			\$53.00	
Hats (55,57,59,61) cm			\$14.00	
Bags – Medium			\$44.00	
Total				

**Second-hand uniforms available on Wednesday mornings in the Uniform Shop from 9am

Name _____

Class _____

Telephone _____

Have Your Say – The Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link



A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) is now available for public comment.

Project information and the REF is available on the project website: **nswroads.work/SCATL**



To find out more about the project, join one of our online information sessions with the project team. Use the QR code or visit the project page for more details.


The Have Your Say period is open for four weeks from **Wednesday 17 November to Sunday 19 December 2021.**

Formal submissions can be sent in via:

Email: **projects@transport.nsw.gov.au**

Post: SCATL Submission, Transport for NSW
Level 7, 27 Argyle Street Parramatta NSW 2150

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