

Miranda Public School



Term 1 / Week 10
1 April 2021



Kookaburra Gazette

Dates to remember

Term 1 2021	Gymnastrix on Mondays and Fridays
1-4-2021	Hat Parade and Eggs-hibition – parents /carers invited if it is dry weather. Last day of Term 1
2-4-2021	Good Friday public holiday – school holidays begin
Term 2 2021	
19-4-2021	Term 2 staff development day (staff only)
20-4-2021	Term 2 begins for students
22-4-2021	ANZAC Day Ceremony
29-4-2021	School Cross Country
3-5-2021	AED Data collection begins (Kindergarten students)
5-5- 2021	Year 5 Enrichment program at Port Hacking High School
7-5-2021	Winter PSSA sport begins
10 – 5- 2021	Zone Cross Country
11 – 21 May	NAPLAN online for Year 3 and 5 students

Professional Learning

Earlier this term, five of the executive leaders and myself joined the *3 Rivers 4 Learning* project with a leading educational researcher, Ann McIntyre. A number of other schools from southern Sydney have also volunteered. Our joint inquiry will focus on leading teachers to use formative assessment expertly to maximise learning for all of our students.

Two weeks ago, week I attended the Principals' Induction conference for all newly appointed principals. This week I attended the first two seminars of the *Aspiring Principals Leadership Program*. The prestigious APLP has a scholarship provided to all successful candidates.

The 3 Rivers 4 Learning and the Aspiring Principals Leadership Programs are designed to focus and maximise our leadership impact across the school by meeting some of the goals in our school improvement plan. During our Term 2 staff development day on 19 April, the teaching staff will be using the National Literacy Progressions to evaluate student writing and develop learning intentions and success criteria (LISC) to help students improve with appropriate, descriptive feedback.

Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 2

Easter Hat Parade and Eggs-hibition

Our Easter Hat Parade (Years K-4) and Eggs-hibition (Years 5-6) was held today Thursday 1 April. Thank you to Mrs Tarrant, Mrs Cooke, Negro-Malfitano and Mrs Townsend for their organisation, as well as all of the staff and families who supported this event. It was so nice to have you all back in the school again. Thank you also to the SRC, Mr Richardson and Mrs Williams for organising the Easter raffle and our generous families for your wonderful donations.



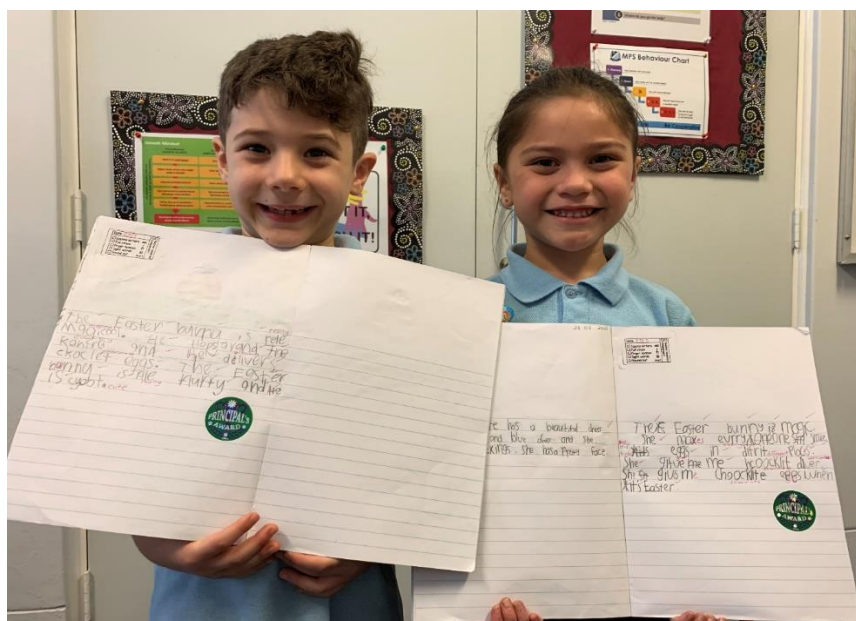
COVID restrictions

The response to COVID restrictions varies between schools because each school's response to the Department of Education's guidelines is based on each school's unique context. As a community, we also need to understand that the guidelines can change very quickly.

Currently, parents/carers are welcome to enter the school grounds before and after school to drop off and pick up their children. This is based on the understanding that parents/carers comply with social distancing from each other, teachers and other students. They also need to leave when the morning assembly song begins. If parents/carers are using the uniform shop or entering classrooms for parent/teacher interviews or meetings, they still need to sign in at the office and use the COVID app.

As a school we are looking at different ways to hold events for our school community, while complying with the DoE's guidelines. We want to include parents as much as possible, however, social distancing means we do not always have space available to invite parents and visitors into the school for whole school events. Thank you for your understanding.

K1 J – Independent Writing



Miss James uses learning intentions and success criteria to give her students meaningful feedback and Julian and Cadie-Rose from K/1J shared their amazing independent writing about the Easter Bunny.

Student Invoices

Thank you to those families who have managed to pay their statement of account for student resources, which was emailed out recently.

For those families still to pay, please be aware that we are happy for you to pay off your fees, over a period of weeks or terms, if you are finding it difficult to pay in one payment. Please contact Mrs Williams, in the school office, if you would like to discuss this.

AED Census

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) measures how children have developed by the time they start school. The AEDC looks at groups of children, not individuals. This survey is conducted in Term 2 with students in Kindergarten.

With four sets of data collected every three years since 2009, valuable trend data is used to help governments and communities design programs and policies that better meet the needs of children and families. Teachers of children in kindergarten use the Australian version of the Early Development Instrument (AEDI), which measures children across five areas of development. These areas are closely linked to children's overall health, education and social outcomes as they mature into adults:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school based)
- communication skills and general knowledge.



NAPLAN

During Week 4 and 5 of Term 2 (10th – 21st May 2021), students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be completing their NAPLAN assessments. With the exception of the Year 3 writing test, students will be completing these assessments online. The *NAPLAN Online 2021* guide for parents has been attached for your information.

Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a practice assessment for the online components of NAPLAN during Weeks 9-10 this term. They are also receiving additional opportunities in class to familiarise themselves with the testing format.

An assessment schedule, outlining the dates students will be completing each of the NAPLAN assessments, will be distributed early in Term 2. If you anticipate that your child will be away during the NAPLAN assessment period, please contact the school office as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please contact your child's teacher, Ms McMillan or Mr Duffy.

Hockey Zone/Area Trials

Congratulations to Imogen and Samuel in Year 6 who were both selected for the Sydney East Area trials, and Harlem We wish you both all the best and know that you will proudly represent our school.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC student site is available again this year! Students can search for books to read, add books to their reading logs, and track their progress throughout the challenge. The challenge opens on March 2. You can find the site at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/> and there is a [useful help video available](#) to demonstrate how the site works.

K-2 Students will complete their challenge as a part of Library lessons each week. The K-2 student reading logs will be registered and updated by Mrs. Leavold. Certificates will be distributed to students with end of the year reports.

Year 3-6 students are welcome to register and participate in the challenge. They are responsible for their own PRC reading logs. Please see Mrs Leavold if you need any assistance getting started. All entries should be completed by August. Please refer to the website for detail.



Principal's Awards

Principal's awards are presented to students for demonstrating the seven habits of highly effective people (Leader in Me). This week's awardees are Abbie (K/6N) and Kalina (1/2G).



Gymnastrix

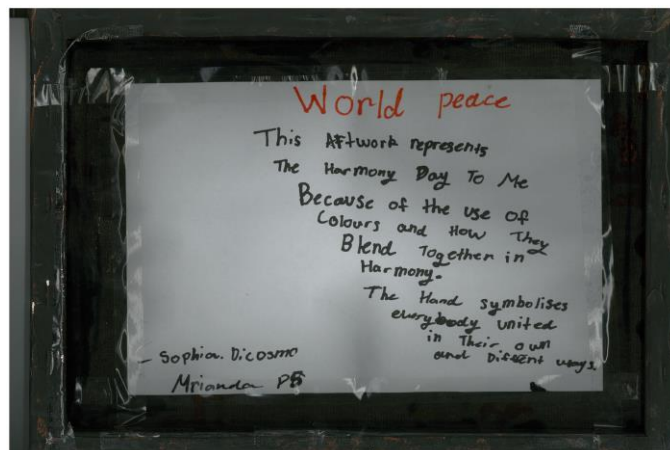
Here are some photos of K/6D students demonstrating their prowess in using the Gymnastrix



equipment this term.

Harmony Day Art Competition

Thank you to the students who submitted their artwork for the competition. These will be entered into the NSW Harmony Day Competition and we hope to announce the results later next term.



Easter Hats and Eggs-hibition

Our Easter Hat Parade and Eggs-hibition are sure to be fantastic this year!

Congratulations to all our students who buddied up with other classes to help create Easter Hats. Our Year 6s did a particularly wonderful job helping their Kindy buddies!

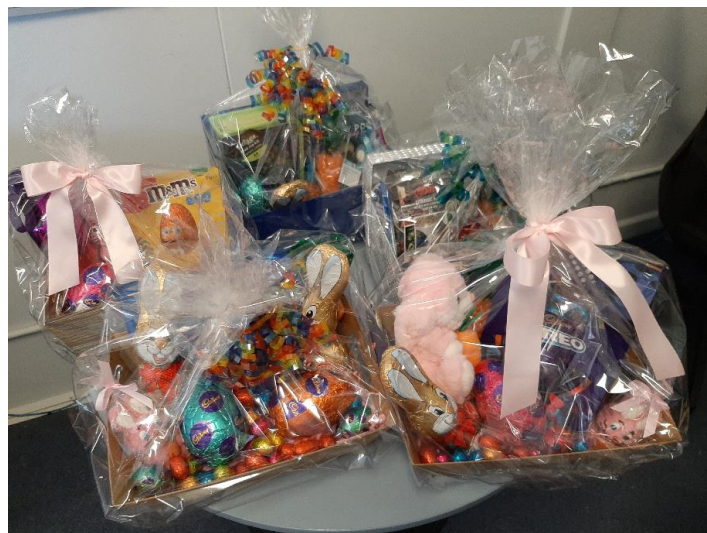
Meanwhile, Stage 3 have been working hard to prepare for their Easter Eggs-hibition with lots of colour, creativity and egggy Easter puns!

We are all egg-cited to share our finished products on Thursday!



Easter Basket Donations

A big thank you for our generous Easter Basket donations for our Raffles. A special thank you to one of our wonderful Grandmothers who donated two basket with handmade bunnies and a parent who donated 10 beautifully presented baskets.



P & C Association

Congratulations to our 2021 P & C executives.

President:	Lina Persson
Secretary:	Renee Griffiths
Assistant Secretary:	Melissa Olsen
Treasurer:	Peter Pakarinen
Uniform Shop:	Fay Ellicott & Heather Mitchell
Fund Raiser:	Jessica Hicks



**Mother's Day is on
Sunday 9th May 2021**



To celebrate Mother's Day we have some **great prizes** to spoil your Mum, Step Mum, Foster Mum, Grandmother, God Mother, Aunty or Special Lady!



**Your P&C are selling Raffle Tickets
Tue 20 April — Fri 07 May 2021**

Mother's Day Raffle

1 for \$2.00 / 3 for \$5.00 / 10 for \$10.00

PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY 7TH MAY @ 2.00PM

Please write name/class/phone on the ticket stub & return with money to the school office.

Share & sell to your family / friends / neighbours / colleagues!

Who wouldn't LOVE these prizes?

Nutrimetics Gift Basket (Valued at \$150.00) by Robyn A (Kindy Mum)
Shire Cleaning Ladies (Valued at \$110.00): 1 x 2 Hour Cleaning Service
Fruitezy Miranda: 3 x \$25.00 Vouchers & Flowers valued at \$25.00
Styles Studio Hair Designers: 1 x \$100.00 Voucher
Fair Beauty Miranda: 1 x \$50.00 Voucher
Chargrill Chicky: 2 x \$20.00 Dining Vouchers
Table Linen & Napkin Gift Set
And much more!



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Special Thank You to our Local Sponsors!



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**And Miranda Public School
Families / Community**

For more tickets / information / donations, please contact Jessica on 0422 865 300

**WE ARE *DESPERATELY* SEEKING MORE
VOLUNTEER PARENTS/CARERS TO LEAD OUR
MPS PRIMARY ETHICS CLASSES!**

Thank you MPS Community for acknowledging the value of
Primary Ethics Classes for your child to attend.

The demand has been so great our classes are now FULL and
have a *Waiting list* for Kindergarten, Stage 1 AND 2!



**Primary
ETHICS**

Free training is provided, and no previous experience required

Classes run on Wednesdays at 9.10 am for 30 mins

Do something life-changing this year and become a
volunteer ethics teacher. You'll be rewarded with a unique
learning and development opportunity while supporting
children to think logically, disagree respectfully and use
evidence and reasoning to make decisions rather than act
out of habit or peer pressure. Teach ethics and you'll be
helping children develop important skills for life.



<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

Feel free to contact your MPS Primary Ethics Coordinator
Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300

Miranda Public School School Banking

**2021 Term 2 recommences
Week 1 – Tuesday 20 April**

Bring your Banking wallets to class
every Tuesday to make your deposit

CommonwealthBank 



Thank you for supporting School Banking at MPS

Learn more about the Commonwealth Bank Parent Guide:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/school-banking/docs/school-banking-parent-guide.pdf>

Or feel free to contact your MPS School Banking Coordinator Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300



Music Workshop

This school holiday music workshop is specifically designed for children with additional needs



Music and movement will be used in a fun and interactive manner to encourage children to express themselves and have fun at the same time. Every child is given the opportunity to 'shine', create sound and music, explore their own creativity and push their physical boundaries.

This face to face workshop is aimed at school-aged participants with additional needs, however anyone is welcome to join in!

All instruments and equipment are supplied.

Date: Tuesday 13 April 2021

Time: 10.00am - 11.00am followed by morning tea until 11.30am

Where: KCS Community Hub, 49 English Street, Kogarah

Cost: FREE. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited:
admin@kcs.org.au or 9553 6506



**Visit kogarahcommunity.org.au or call 9553 6506
for information and bookings**