

**Miranda Public School**



Term 3 / Week 2  
23 July 2021



## Kookaburra Gazette

### Dates to remember

Term 3 2021	Learning From Home – stay tuned

#### Learning From Home.

I am looking forward to being able to say, “Welcome Back.” Instead, I am thanking you for your amazing support of our school at such a difficult time. I also want to acknowledge all of the support and encouragement you have given to the staff, each other and myself during this time. It is greatly appreciated.

As you know, we are all being encouraged to keep our children at home so they are safe, by limiting our movement throughout our community. I share your pain during this time, as do most of our staff, who are trying their best to serve our school from home, while also supervising their own children’s learning at home. I know how difficult it is to be working from home while my own children (Year 2 and Year 5) are learning from home... And I understand how difficult it is when your child would prefer to be doing anything else instead of completing the work set by the teacher!

The best advice I can give is to have realistic expectations for ourselves and our children. Having our children and our families safe is our greatest concern. This situation is not ideal and none of us are perfect, so just do your reasonable best. Our teachers understand this.

This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge how proud I am of all of our school staff. They have gone well above and beyond in preparing quality learning programs, resources and all of the systems in the background to support online learning. Even though we anticipated this last term, I know that most of the staff freely gave up most of their “holiday” time preparing for home learning.

The Department of Education states that parents must keep children - of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare - home if they can. Students will be supported to learn from home. Schools and early childhood education and care services, including Out Of School Hours Care services are open for any child that needs it.

As of Sunday evening, this means that all staff in schools are being rostered to work from home to reduce their movement and interaction in the community. Minimal supervision is provided for students who need to be at school. The office is staffed remotely. If you need to contact the school, please contact your child’s teacher or send an email to [miranda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:miranda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

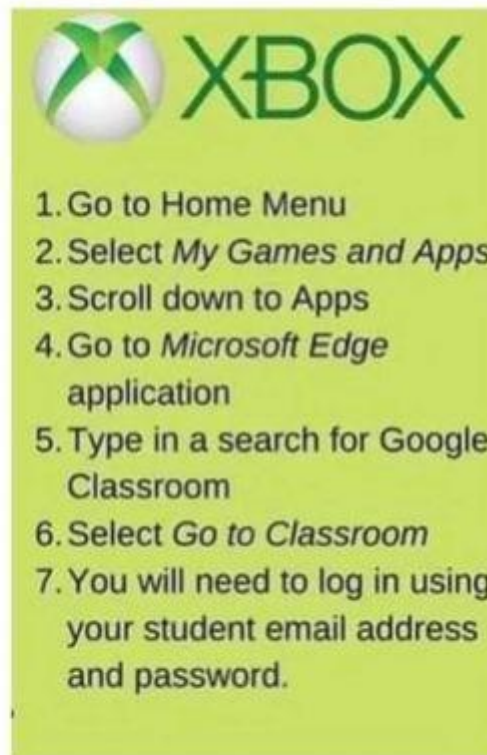
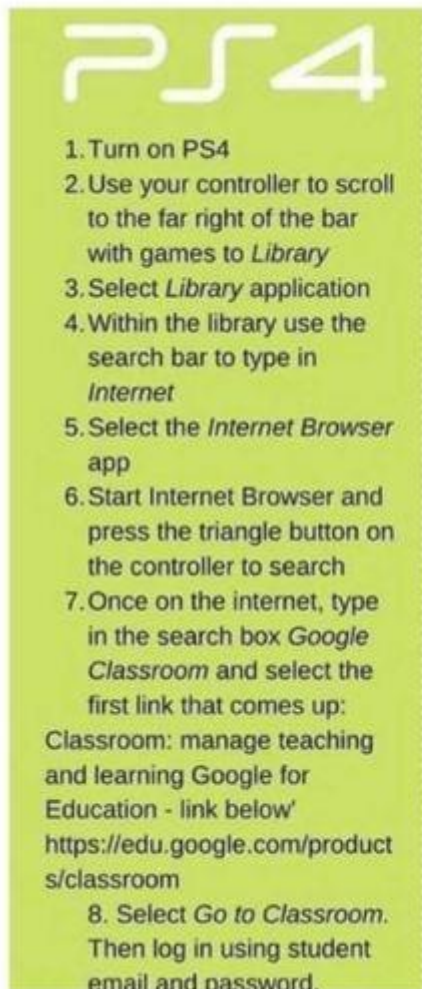
If you have not been receiving emails, please email the school from your preferred email address and we will update your details.

## Learning at home packs

We are doing our best to keep you informed and this is challenging because the NSW Health advice changes throughout the week in response to the changing situation. This impacts our community because we have to implement Department of Education procedures.

NSW Health asks that we all stay home and avoid all risk of transmission, hence one of the changes introduced across the region this week was that the packs cannot be collected from schools. The packs were only ever intended for the few families who do not have any access to online learning. Here are a few options that you may like to consider:

- You may like to request work to be emailed by the class teacher and print it, or have your children view it on a mobile phone, smart TV or an Xbox or Playstation.



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- Not every child needs to be in front of their own individual screen all day long. Apart from online sessions with the teacher, the timetable is a recommendation. Your children could access work via phone/laptop/iPad at different times of the day and rotate time for play, eating and fitness activities while their siblings (or you) need the device.
- Instead of printing, use a small whiteboard or scrap paper for your children to record their answers/responses and then this can be photographed and emailed back to the teacher.
- If you believe printing is necessary and you do not have a printer, Officeworks has an online print and collect service: <https://www.officeworks.com.au/print-copy/info/pcc-print-and-copy-self-serve>
- If you are thinking about buying a device, some computer companies give discounts for school children, especially when the orders are placed online. They also deliver to your home.

We do not want any student to miss out on learning, so if none of these options work for you, please contact your child's teacher and we will help you with a solution.

## P and C Meeting

The P and C meeting has been postponed until Wednesday 18 August, at 7:00pm. It is likely that this meeting will be online.

## 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 opened on 2 March and closes on Friday 20 August. 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.

## Kindergarten 2022 Orientation and Open Days

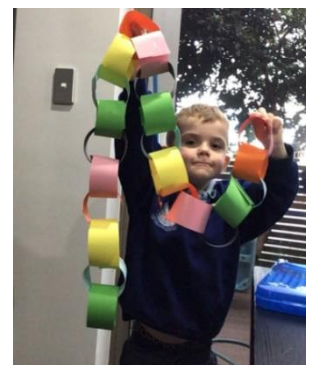
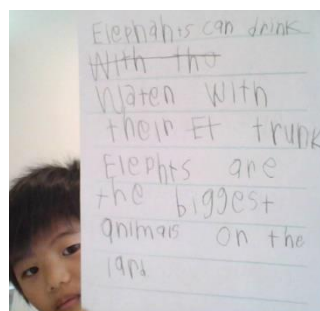
Unfortunately, many of the planned open days for preschool children to visit the school this term are likely to be cancelled or postponed until further notice. If you have not yet enrolled your child, you can complete an online enrolment at:

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

We will invite you to bring your original documentation to the office (birth certificates/passports & VISAs, immunisation and proof that you live in our local area), when all of the staff return to school.

## KS – Home Learning

KS have been very busy during at home learning!! Mrs Shields is very proud of their amazing work.

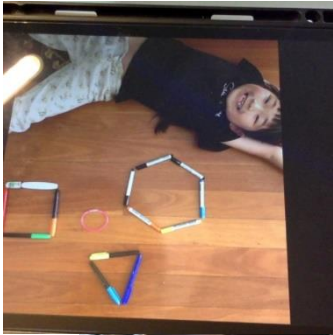


## Headlice

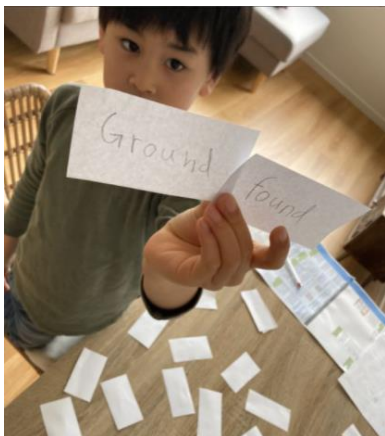
Please be aware that we have been informed that some of our students have headlice. Now (during home learning), is the perfect time to treat them. For more information about headlice and the best treatment options, please visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/health-and-safety/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

Home Learning with 1/2 G



2/3C students are amazing! They love to learn and they can learn anywhere.



## PSSA Football

Congratulations to the Term 2 PSSA football teams on a wonderfully positive season representing Miranda Public School.

The juniors had a great season in which many players were playing for the first time. They won 2 of their 6 games and scored 11 goals for the season. Well done to the whole team.

The seniors had a highly successful season in which they won all 6 of their games, scored 49 goals and didn't have any goals against. The Division 3 winners this year and a credit to the fine talent and effort the boys displayed throughout the season.

Mr Williams.



## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

What type of housing should go where in the future? One size does not fit all. What suits one person may not suit another. What suits us today may not suit us in 10 or 20 years.

Where do you see yourself, your children or your parents living?

Tell Sutherland Shire Council about your housing preferences: [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc)

Open: 1 July to 21 August 2021

