

Miranda Public School



Term 2 / Week 10  
25 June 2021



## Kookaburra Gazette

### Dates to remember

Term 2 2021	
24-6 - 2021	Reports to parents
25-6 - 2021	Last day of term
Term 3 2021	<b>** Some of these events may need to be modified due to latest COVID-19 restrictions. **</b> NAIDOC Week Theme: Heal Country! (4-11 July 2022)
12-7 - 2021	Staff development day
13-7- 2021	First day of Term 3 for students
15-7- 2021	Athletics Carnival
22-7- 2021	Spelling Bee
22-7- 2021	100 days of school for Kindergarten students (pre-schoolers are welcome to attend)
28-7- 2021	Education Week open day
30-7- 2021	Term 3 PSSA begins
6-8- 2021	Cronulla Zone athletics carnival
10-8- 2021	St George Eisteddfod (Junior and senior dance groups)
18-8- 2021	Book week parade
25-27 August	Stage 3 Camp at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre.



### Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all of our students, parents and teachers for your hard work, energy and enthusiasm expressed during our Student Led Conferences, held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (15 – 17 June 2021).

The response was overwhelmingly positive and it is so reassuring to have a school community who are so supportive of and interested in the educational achievements of their children.

*"When teachers and schools evaluate the effect of what they do on student learning we have visible*

*learning inside"* John Hattie

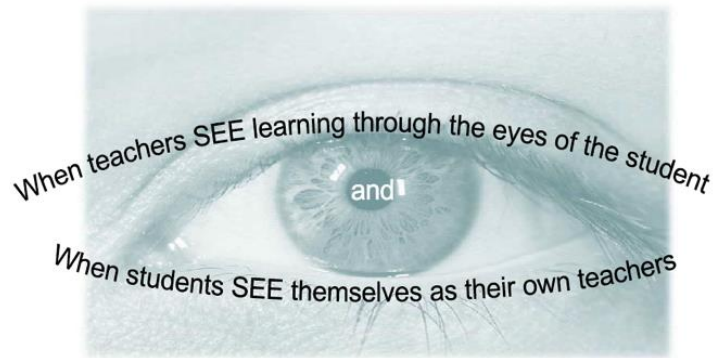
At the end of our current four-year school improvement plan, we want all of our students to be visible learners. They need to feel empowered to take charge of their own life long learning. Visible learning occurs when students know:

- what they are learning
- why their learning matters; and
- how they can improve.

Your role in this is crucial. Please make sure that your children are at school on time every day that they are well.

In this issue, we are also sharing some questions that the principal and executive teachers ask individual students to encourage them to talk about their learning. *(written by Lyn Sharratt)*

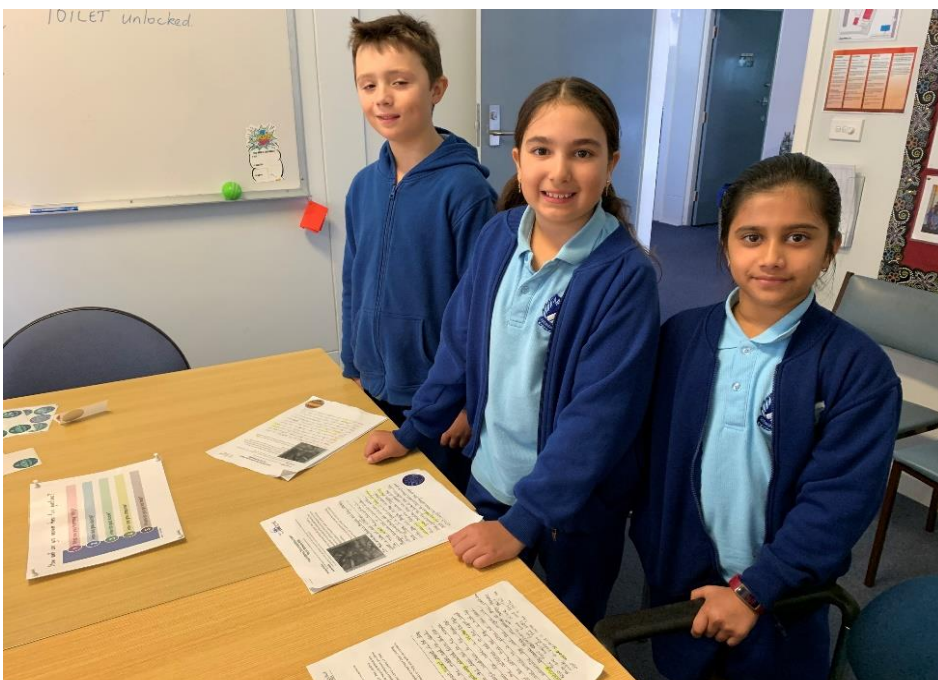
## Visible Teaching – Visible Learning



### Five Key Questions for Students

- 1 What are **you** learning? Why?
- 2 How are **you** doing?
- 3 How do **you** know?
- 4 How can **you** improve?
- 5 Where do **you** go for help?

Please be patient when you ask your children these questions so they gradually develop confidence. Start with Question 1, but please don't advance to other questions until your child is ready.



Max, Mia and Suchita in 3/4M shared their writing with Mr Duffy and talked about their successes using learning intentions and success criteria and an assessment rubric.

All three students were able to answer the above five questions.

## 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten in 2022. If you have (or know of a friend who has) a preschool child turning 6 next year, please ask them to come to the school to complete their enrolment forms. Parents are asked to bring original copies of:

- the student's Australian birth certificate (or family passports and VISAs); and
- the student's immunisation certificate (from Medicare)
- proof that they are living in the area, e.g. a rate notice or lease agreement and a utility bill (such as council rates, water, gas or electricity).

If your pre-schooler has any special needs, please help us to set him/her up for success by completing the enrolling process now so we have time to ensure that supports are in place. It would also be helpful to bring in any reports from professionals who have been supporting your child. Please also see the flyer at the back of this newsletter for our transition dates.

We would like to have our K2022 enrolments organised before the end of August so we can include the pre-schoolers in our Kindergarten transition program.

If you are applying as a non-local area student, please complete a separate form at the office, noting the selection criteria that is strictly enforced. Non-local families should also enrol at their local school and not assume that places are available.

## COVID – 19 Update

COVID restrictions vary between schools because each school's response to the Department of Education's guidelines is based on each school's unique context. In each newsletter we have reminded you that the guidelines change very quickly and heavier restrictions may need to be reintroduced without warning. Last Wednesday night this happened and we want to thank all of you for being so respectful of the sudden changes.

**If you are attending any planned events, or enter any school building, you must sign in at the office first and use the Service NSW COVID app.**

As of 24 June 2021, this means:

- Students and staff should not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurring symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- Please monitor the [NSW government COVID-19 News and updates webpage](#) for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the advice as appropriate.
- Schools are to exclude non-essential school visitors from school premises (i.e.: visitors not involved in delivering or supporting curricular activities). This includes:
  - NDIS workers
  - breakfast club
  - school banking
  - uniform shop
  - face to face parent/teacher meetings
- We are holding separate morning assemblies again (based on the school's geography)
- PSSA Sport may continue for students and staff only. Students must be separated from other schools as much as possible and visitors (such as parents) may not attend.
- Essential school visitors must wear a mask and check in via the Service NSW QR code app, sign in for each visit and comply with the department's COVID safe requirements, including personal hygiene, infection control and physical distancing requirements, while on the school site.
- School-initiated non-curricular social activities (such as school discos and other events) need to be deferred.
- All visitors 12 years and over must wear a mask on the school premises, be distanced from others.
- Students and staff in school settings are exempt from the requirement to wear masks.

- Masks remain mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 13 years and over, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services.

### **Dropping off and Picking up children from school.**

Please remember the safety of our students during drop off and collection time at school should be the priority of all our school community.

All visitors/parents/carers to the school must wear masks while on the school site. If you do not have a mask, please remain outside and away from all visitors, students and staff.

**Morning drop off** - Please drop your children off quickly and leave. If they are really anxious, encourage them to go in by themselves. If that doesn't work, you may walk in with them if you are wearing a mask, say goodbye quickly and leave.

**Afternoon pick up** - Please wait for your children in the pink areas shown on the map (below):

K-2 Grass area near drive way

3-6 Under the trees

Parents/carers/visitors may use the walkway for now, as long as you are wearing a mask and keep moving. Do not stop.

Parents/carers/visitors must sign in at the office before entering any buildings.

## **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

This is a wonderful school community and we want to acknowledge all of our parents who support the school and their children's learning by:

- Ensuring that their children attend school everyday that it is open for learning
- Ensuring that their children are at school ON TIME every day (that is before 9:10am).
- Keeping their children home when they are sick and sending a note in when they return OR bringing in a letter from the doctor if they have had more than two days away from school, or regular absences.
- Speaking with teachers if you or your child have any concerns. We want to work with all families to ensure that every child feels safe, valued and supported at school.

Education is a privilege and your children are empowered with greater choice if they are well educated. Attendance is monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer and cases of Educational Neglect can result in legal action being taken.

**Special Education Unit families please note** that in Term 3 Special Education students will leave school at 3:10pm, unless they are using the Assisted School Travel Program. ***every minute at school counts.***



## NSW PSSA Rugby League



Congratulations to Harlem (5/6T), who played with the Sydney East team at the NSWPSA Rugby league Opens Championship in Tamworth last week (16-18 June 2021). He is also wearing the No.10 jersey.

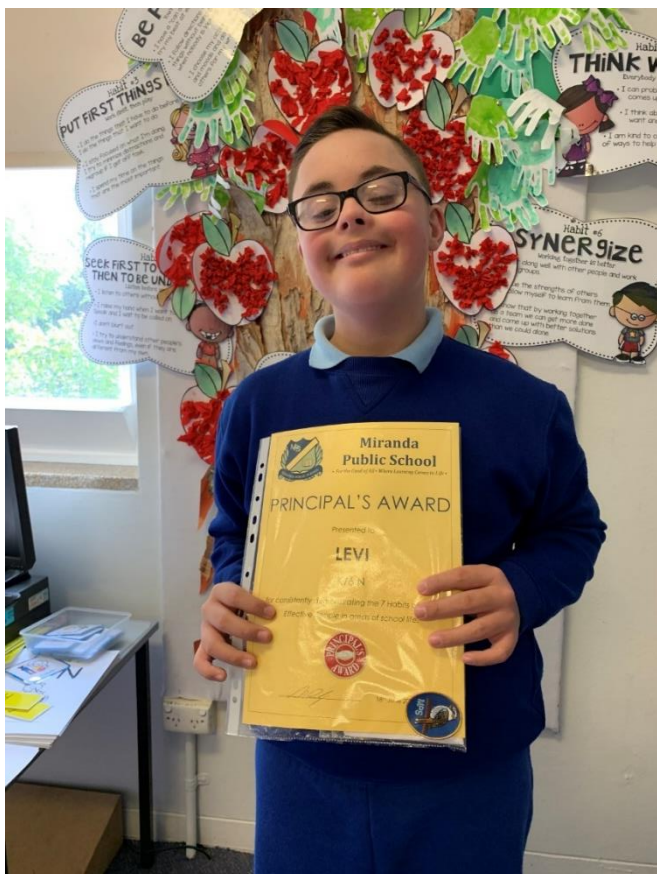
## Road Safety Around our Schools

Traffic enforcement is not the school's responsibility and 99% of parents do the right thing and look out for each other by obeying the traffic laws. Every school community member has a shared responsibility for using the roads safely and respecting all students, staff and parents using the roads and footpaths. The school has a good relationship with the local police and Sutherland Shire Council and we appreciate their support in monitoring traffic around the school.

Unfortunately, there have been a few reports lately of parents in cars not considering the safety of others.

**BE WARNED:** Drivers not obeying the law may be fined by the police or council rangers.

**Suggestion:** - Park in the Westfield carpark next to Miranda Library and enter/leave the school by the Wandella Road School gate.



## Principals Awards

Principals Awards are presented to students who have acquired ten Kookaburra Awards for practising the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Leaders. This fortnight, Levi from K/6N received his Principal's Award. Congratulations!

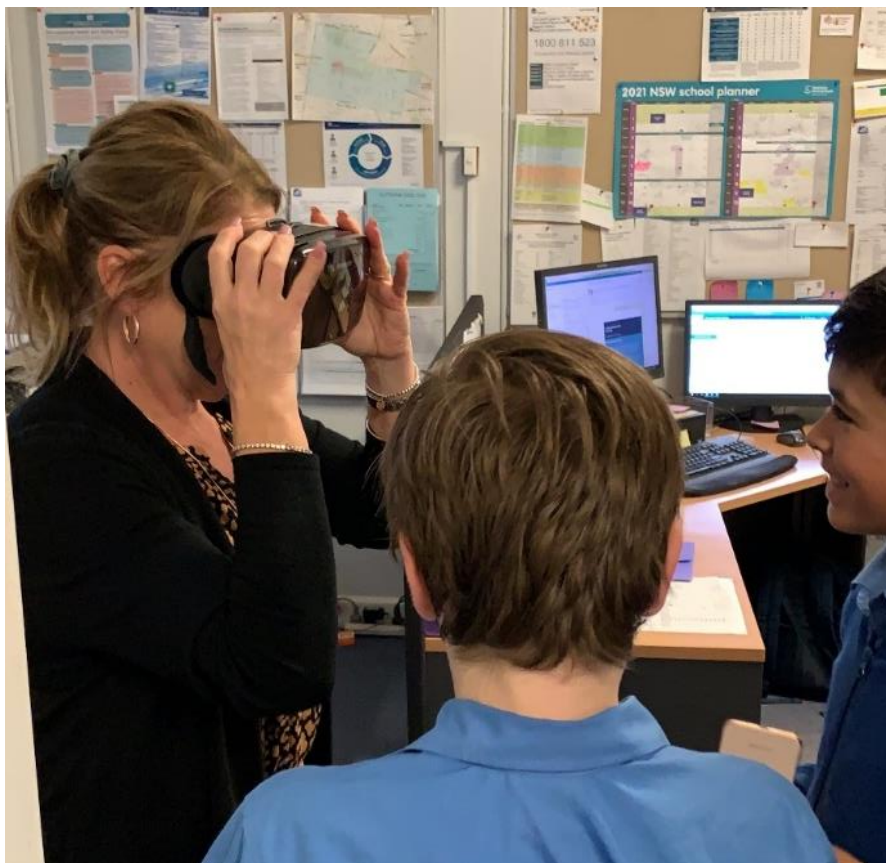
### Thank you to the Miranda RSL Sub-branch!

On Wednesday 23 June 2021, Mr Duffy had the pleasure of attending a presentation hosted by the Miranda RSL Sub-branch where they presented all of the local schools with a \$300.00 book voucher for the school's library collection. As always, we are very lucky to have their continuing support of our school and of education in the local area.





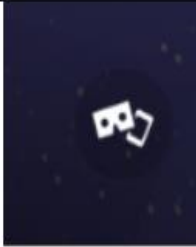
### VR Playground Project

This term, students in 3/4M and 5/6T synergised to create a virtual tour of our K-2 and 3-6 playgrounds. Their target audience was students who may be new to our school who might feel it helpful to know the different areas of our playgrounds and what types of games can be played there. As you will see, they also had a lot of fun posing for our amazing 360-degree photographs! If you would like to explore the project, you can do so by following these steps:



Preet, Matthew, Jeremy and Justin in 5/6T teamed up with Lucy and Sienna M to create a virtual tour of the school (using Co-spaces) for our Kindergarten students. The shared this with the principal and office staff.

Please scan the QR code featured in the newsletter to see their project.

Step 1	Install the CoSpaces Edu app on your smart phone or device.	
Step 2	View the QR Code with your camera and allow your device to Open in CoSpaces.	
Step 3	Press Play	
Step 4	Click on the icon on the bottom right corner of your screen and select Turn on gyro (or View in VR if you have a VR headset at home!).	
Step 5	To move around the VR space, place the dot in the centre of your screen over an option and tap anywhere on your screen. Hover the dot over any red pin in the tour to learn more information about that part of our playground.	



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## Harmony Day Poster Competition

The long awaited 2021 Harmony Day Poster Competition regional results have now been released with the state winner to be announced on 24th June. There were more than 5000 entries from over 400 schools! The standard of entries from across NSW and the ACT was extremely high and we thank the students of Miranda Public School who entered their artworks. The following students will receive a 'Certificate of Participation' at Friday's award presentations:

Sophia Di Cosmo, Dominic Moses, Mary Stuart-Christie, Hayley Grant, Max Bailey and Kira Lapatova.



## P & C Funding

Thank you to the P and C for funding new equipment.





## MPS School Banking

Thank you for supporting School Banking at Miranda Public School!

We are back in Term 3 Week 1, every Tuesday **from Tuesday 13 July 2021.**

Please ensure to bring your Banking deposit books every week and see your savings grow!

Feel free to contact us for any queries.



**Your Parent Volunteer School Banking Team:**

Jessica (0422 865 300), Martha, Simone, Kanako, Kumiko, Mandy and Tanya

## MPS Primary Ethics News

We are delighted to Welcome Olesya Khegay to our MPS Primary Ethics Team in Term 3 2021!

Olesya is mum to Andrew (Yr 5) and Daniel (Yr 3), and a Dungeons and Dragons Master!

Kindergarten students who have been waitlisted will now have Olesya as their Teacher!

We are looking forward to returning in Term 3 Week 1 on Wednesday 14 July with Topics of Questions, Puzzlement and what is okay? When is it Fair? Being an Ethical Consumer, and Structure of Arguments.

More volunteers are still required and very much welcomed as we still have students on the waiting list for Primary Ethics classes. For more information please visit <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

Or contact your Volunteer MPS Primary Ethics Coordinator

Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300

**Primary**  
**ETHICS**





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# 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 run by The Rhythm Village is aimed at school-aged participants with additional needs, however anyone is welcome to join in!

All instruments and equipment are supplied.

**Date:** Tuesday 6 July 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](mailto:admin@kcs.org.au) or 9553 6506

**Visit [kogarahcommunity.org.au](http://kogarahcommunity.org.au) or call 9553 6506  
for information and bookings**



THE RHYTHM VILLAGE  
MUSIC SPEAKS BEYOND WORDS



# Miranda Public School

## Kindergarten 2022



### Is your child starting school next year?

Miranda Public School would love to invite 2022 Kindergarten students and their families to our exciting school events taking place in Semester 2.

#### **Celebration of 100 days of learning**

Wednesday 22 July 2021

9:30am to 10:30am

Hands on activities in Kindergarten classrooms

#### **Education week – School Open day activities**

Wednesday 28 July 2021

9:30am -11:00am Open classrooms and student performances

Join us in showcasing the wonderful programs we have at Miranda Public School

#### **Book Week Parade**

Wednesday 18 August 2021

2:00pm to 3:00pm Book character parade

Kindergarten 2022 are invited to dress up and join in the parade

#### **Kindergarten 2022 Transition Program**

Tuesday 26 October 9:45am-10:45am

Thursday 4 November 9:45am – 10:45am

Wednesday 10 November 9:45am – 10:45am

#### **First Day of Kindergarten**

Information regarding Best Start interview times will be provided during the Kindergarten Transition Program.



Please contact the school if you would like to register for any of these events

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Email:

[miranda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:miranda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Website:

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# Circle of Security<sup>®</sup>

## PARENTING SERIES

**Facilitator:** Kerry Moss  
Licensed COS Group Facilitator

**Location:** Hopefield Services  
2-10 Tea Gardens Avenue  
Kirrawee

**Times:** Mondays, 2 August 21-6 September 21  
7.00-8.30pm  
Once per week for 6 sessions

**Cost:** \$95\* per individual  
\$150\* per couple  
(incl. supper & handouts)

**Who should attend:** Parents/Grandparents/Carers of children aged 0-5 years

**How to contact us:** **RSVP before 26.7.2021** to reserve your place on **9545 0299**  
Or email [kerry.moss@hopefield.org.au](mailto:kerry.moss@hopefield.org.au)

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what their child might need from them. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security<sup>®</sup> Parenting<sup>™</sup> program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

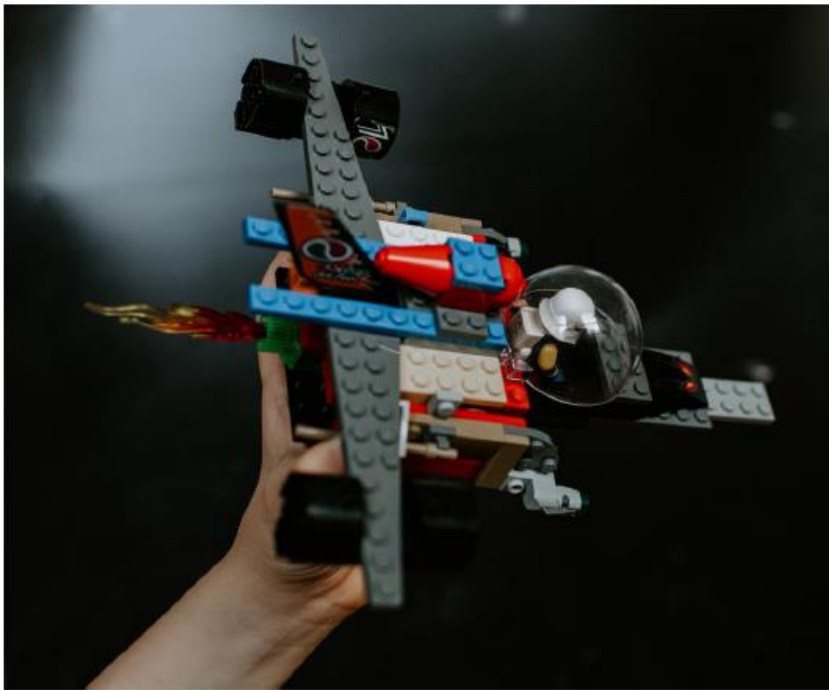
### Learning Objectives of the Program:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem and resilience
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

This venue is registered as COVID safe and compliant with all COVID regulations in maintaining current regulations for social distancing, hand sanitising and venue cleaning. Participants will be required to manually check in on arrival each week. If COVID restrictions are enforced, this event will be postponed or moved online and participants advised.

\*subsidised fee available for financial difficulties





## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP**

# **BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS WITH LEGO®**

### **COLLABORATION COMMUNICATION COMPETENCE**

This fun workshop teaches children how to work together using the social skills of clear communication, joint problem solving, sharing, turn-taking and conflict resolution to build Lego® models. Our workshop is facilitated by speech pathologists experienced in working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADD/ADHD and anxiety. This workshop is suitable for children aged 7 – 9 years attending mainstream schools who may struggle with social skills particularly when working in a group or team.

Hopefield

Wednesday  
June 30, 2021  
9.30am-  
12.30pm

Small group  
program for ages  
7 - 9

Contact below to  
register

Cost: \$110  
*We are NDIS registered*

### **Hopefield**

2-4 Tea Gardens  
Avenue  
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[admin@hopefield.org.au](mailto:admin@hopefield.org.au)



## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP**

# **POWERFUL SPEECHES**

### **PREPARATION PRESENTATION PRACTICE**

This practical workshop teaches children how to identify suitable topics and craft a persuasive speech, practice and presentation tactics, and strategies to reduce anxiety accompanying speech preparation and public speaking. Our workshop is facilitated by speech pathologists and educators experienced in working with children who have challenges in organization, literacy and anxiety. This workshop is suitable for children aged 10 - 12 years in upper primary who struggle with giving speeches in class.

Hopefield

Tuesday  
July 6, 2021  
9.30am-3.00pm

Small group  
program for ages  
10 - 12

Contact below to  
register

Cost: \$150

**Hopefield**

2-4 Tea Gardens  
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Community Education

Understanding and Managing Anxiety in Children

## **MONDAY, 21 JUNE 2021 @ 7PM UNDERSTANDING & MANAGING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN (2-12)**

Kerry Moss is an author and educator at Hopefield and also works in a primary school, supporting children, parents and staff wellbeing. Trained in various parenting programs, she is drawing on many years of experience to present this online community education session to help parents understand and manage anxiety in their children. She will explore the physical, emotional and relational effects of anxiety on children and parents and most importantly, offer strategies for supporting children through anxious moments. This talk will also highlight the effects of recent events, such as COVID-19 on child and family wellbeing. 2 hours. \$15 per screen.

To book your tickets follow this link to Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BRHOU>

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