Miranda Public School



Term 3 / Week 10 17 September 2021

Kookaburra Gazette

Dates to remember

17-9-2021	End of Term 3		
Term 4 2021	Learning from Home Continues		
4-10-2021	Labour Day (Public Holiday)		
5-10-2021	Level 4 Restrictions - First Day of Learning from Home for all Students and Staff		
	World Teachers' Day		
8-10-2021	Family Trivia afternoon (online) 4:30pm		
13-10-2021	P & C Meeting (online) 7:00pm		
15-10-2021	Tell Them from Me surveys close.		
25-10-2021	Proposed Date of Return to School for all Kindergarten and Year 1 students (and K/6A & K/6D)*		
1-11-2021	Proposed Date of Return to School for all Year 2 and Year 6 Students (and K/6N)*		
8-11-2021	Proposed Date of Return to School for all Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 Students*		
4-11-2021	Kindergarten Orientation (TBC)*		
10-11-2021	Kindergarten Orientation (TBC)*		
17-11-2021	P & C Meeting (online) 7:00pm		
	Kindergarten Orientation (TBC)*		
8-12-2021	Presentation Day (Recorded for parents)		
16-12-2021	Last Day of 2021 for Students		
17-12-2021	Staff Development Day		
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Learning From Home – We're almost there! Thank you

Thank you yet again to our wonderful and appreciative school community. Your support in following the NSW Health orders has been outstanding, especially after such a long and sustained time. We really appreciate all of the positive feedback that you have been sharing with the staff and all of your offers to assist school staff and our community in general.

During the school holiday period, we encourage your children to switch off from their screens as often as possible. That said, we fully respect that everyone's family circumstances and working commitments are different.

Please know that we are here to support you and your children. If there is any other help you need, please contact your child's teacher. If you have a confidential issue that you would like to discuss, please <u>email the school</u> and ask for the relevant staff member to contact you.

I know from the wonderful feedback that you have been providing, that you appreciate how hard the staff are working to support your children and you. Like all of you, each of my staff have faced their own sets of personal, health and/or family difficulties during this period, but remained focused towards supporting their students. I am so proud of all of our staff and they continue to inspire me with their tenacity and dedication. The staff thrive on hearing your positive feedback, so please keep it coming!

Best wishes and stay safe, Michael Duffy

Roadmap to Return to Face-to-Face Learning

The following information is taken directly from the Department of Education's communications. (Updated 15-9-2021.) Please note that these plans may change, depending on what happens over the next five weeks. The logistics are currently being discussed by the departmental officials and you will be kept up to date when this information is shared with us.

Return to School Roadmap for Term 4

Schools in LGAs that are no longer operating under stay-at-home rules will move to <u>Level 3 operations</u> and a full return of all students with reduced mingling and onsite activities. Masks will be required on site for all staff and students Year 7 and above, indoors and outdoors.

In Term 4, where stay-at-home rules are still in place but high community vaccination and low transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staggered approach for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.

Order of Return Under Staggered Approach Where We Remain Under Stay-at-Home Rules

Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVIDsafe <u>Level 3 plus</u> settings on school sites in the following order:

From 25 October 2021: Kindergarten and Year 1 (including K/6A and K/6D)

From 1 November 2021: Years 2, 6 and 11 (including K/6N)

From 8 November 2021: Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on our <u>Advice for Families page</u>.

Vaccinations for Students Aged 12 years and Over

Young people aged 12 years and over are now also eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. You can <u>book in your children for Pfizer now</u>, or Moderna from Monday 20 September.

Vaccination appointments are available at more than 3,000 locations across NSW, including GPs and pharmacies. More appointments will become available as supply increases, so keep checking for new appointments in coming weeks.

Learning from Home

For families who are continuing to learn from home, <u>the learning from home page</u> has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further support your child's learning, if needed.

Thank you again for your understanding and support. We hope you and your family enjoy a safe and very well-deserved break over the holidays. Please take some time over the break to check out our <u>wellbeing resources for students and families</u>. You'll find useful tools for mental health and Term 4 preparation. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to help you and your children to prepare for Term 4 or if you have any concerns about the return to school.



Kirby Delic 5/6W

Landon Bosch 5/6W

Sofia Kacanic - 5/6T







Imogen Olsen 5/6T





Flora Dobras-Vincze, 5/6R



Jaylene Wang 5/6T





Isabelle <u>Rakarinen</u> 5/6W Jaylene Wang 5/6T



Flora Dobras-Vincze 5/6R

Stage 3 – Camp Inspired Art







Kara-Lee – 5/6T

Bella Pickett 5/6R

Brock Mellor 5/6R

Tell Them from Me Parents, Student and Teacher surveys

The second snapshot for Tell Them from Me is now open and includes the student, parent and teacher surveys. The survey window will remain open until Friday 15 October (Week 2, Term 4). 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.

The survey questions cover similar topics, but are suited for each group. 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 <u>Tell Them From Me</u> website.

It is important that we have different points of view about our school:

Parent Survey: 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: <u>http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/miranda21</u>

Completing these surveys will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

Student Survey: All students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are asked to complete the second student survey so we can learn about the children's experiences with school. Please note that this is not a test. Next week, class teachers will begin sending individual passwords to the students so they can access the survey.

Parents and carers may assist students in reading the survey questions, as long as **their child's point of view** is submitted. When your children have received their logon details, they can complete the survey at nsw.tellthemfromme.com

If you do <u>not</u> want your child to participate in the survey, please complete the non-consent form at the end of this newsletter, or inform your child's teacher. Please click here to read the non-consent form in <u>different languages</u>.

Teacher Survey: All of the teachers are asked to complete the survey as well.

School Camps at Home – holiday activities:

School Camp at Home is a fantastic resource for Teachers and parents alike. Developed by the Office of Sport with COVID-19 lockdown in mind the activities can be done in a wide range of environments - parks, backyards, green spaces, balconies or even inside!

This can be a great way to break up a student's day, the self-distancing and social isolation. Maintaining the public's physical and mental well-being is now as important as ever. Where possible, it is important community members continue to exercise, so long as social distancing is practised and rules around public gatherings are complied with. Some of these you can do with your child, or set them free in the backyard, make a cup of tea, or catch up on work.

Please go to: <u>https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-</u> 04/school camps at home 23042020 final.pdf

K/6A Learning from Home











Contacting Our School

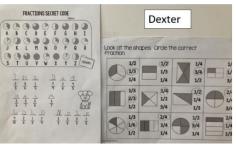
Due to the *stay at home* order from NSW Health, there is only enough staff to provide minimal supervision for students who need to be at school. This means that our office is staffed remotely and there may not be anyone available to answer the phone when you call.

If you need to contact the school, please contact your child's teacher or send an email to <u>miranda-</u><u>p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u> The school emails are monitored throughout the day and forwarded on by our office team.

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

Stage 2 - Mathematics



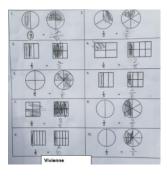




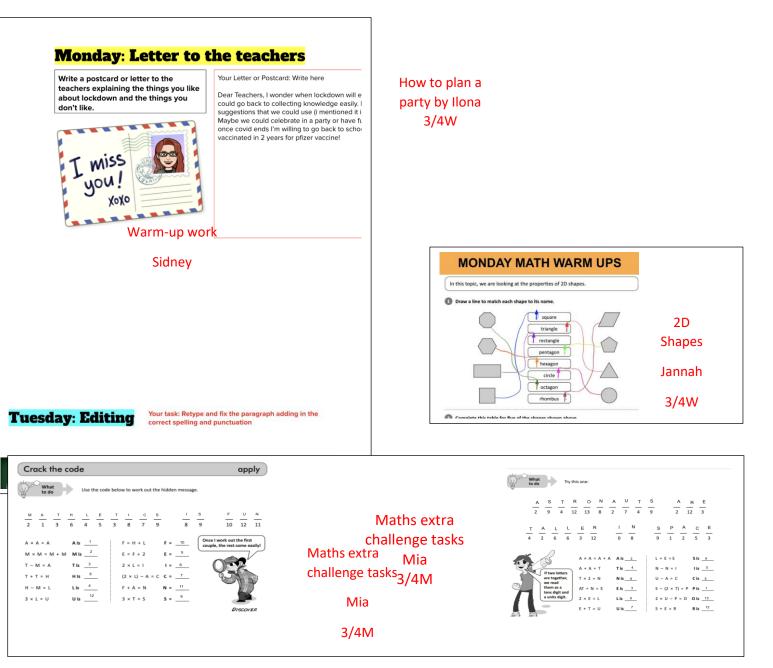
Stage 2

Stage 2 completed their procedural writing unit by

Year 4: List as many words with the 'er' sound:					
Example: writer					
Nerf					
Father					
Mother	Spelling				
Feeder	Alessandro				
Pooper	Alessanuro				
Pooper scooper					
Sniper					
Paper					
Scooter					
Cattery					
Herd					
Catcher					
Linder					



How to play a videogame by Nicholas 2/3C



School Photographs

We were expecting to receive the school photographs at the very beginning of Term 2 this year. Mrs Wilkins persisted in following up with the photography throughout Term 2 and the school photographs finally arrived a couple of weeks ago. As explained above, there is nobody at school to sort through, or safely organise their delivery. Even if it was possible to post them out, we would be very concerned about them being bent or damaged, given how much you have paid for them. In the meantime, they will be kept safe and given to your family as soon as the students return to school.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for Year 3 and Year 5 were posted to families at the end of last week. It is the responsibility of parents to keep student reports and NAPLAN results in a safe place at home. Some high schools ask Year 6 students to provide this information and schools do not have spare copies available.

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

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.

We were hoping to confirm our orientation plans with parents at the end of this term, however, we are now waiting for confirmation on what these visits will look like and when they can take place, given the staged return announced last week.

In the meantime, Mrs Shields (relieving assistant principal) is organising a virtual orientation pack that will be sent to families at the beginning of Term 4.



K/1J Learning from Home



1/2G Learning from Home



Kalina -Homemade Parachute



Maho – Stem Challenge

Yamato – Great Maths







Zac's - Measure me Activity



Norah - Math Game go Fish



Sara – Character in a Movie



Noah -Measure Me Activity

Corey – Plate is two lengths wide Jaimee -

Measuring with Ribbon

K-6 CRAZY HAIR & SOCK DAY

The students at MPS enjoyed a virtual crazy hair and sock day this week. Check out some of the fabulous creations.







Being Cyber Safe

We are very lucky that we have very few cyber instances in the school. This is because we have proactive teachers, sensible, caring students and supportive, informed and caring families who work together to protect our children from cyber bullying and guard their developing digital footprints. That said, our students are children who are still learning to socialise appropriately and they make mistakes from time to time.

Tips for cyber safety at home:

- Have good relationships so your children will come and tell you if they have a problem.
- Teach your child what to do if they have a problem STOP: Do not respond, tell a trusted adult, save a screenshot, block the sender.
- Show them examples of phishing and scam emails. Show them how you use social media safely.
- Keep all devices used by your children in the public areas of your house (e.g.: kitchen, family rooms, dining room, lounge room). No devices in bedrooms unless the doors are open and you check in regularly.



- Children need sleep. Make them hand in their devices an hour before bedtime. If your child has a desktop computer set up in the bedroom, set rules about its use and enforce them.
- Do not have any financial details (VISA, PayPal etc) on any devices being used by your children.
- Remember that they are learning. Pre-plan realistic consequences that you can follow through on. If they have done the wrong thing, teach them be honest and make it right.
- Follow the age restrictions. No primary students should be using any social media. The minimum age for Facebook, Tik Tok (and so on) is 13.

With the holidays about to be upon us and the increased screen time many children are experiencing currently, we would like to just like to put out a reminder about the importance of talking to your children about being safe and responsible digital citizens.

It is also important to make sure that any social networking apps or websites that your children are on are age appropriate. Tik Tok and Snap Chat for example require that users be 13 years old and should not be accessed by primary school children.

If you feel like you need more support in this area you can visit the following link to register for a parent webinar on supporting your children in the use of popular apps. The date of the webinar is Friday 15 October and is part of the October Cybermarvel online safety program:

https://t4l.schools.nsw.gov.au/resources/cybermarvel/cyberparents.html

Please find some more resources below that can provide more information:

Child Family Community Australia

See: <u>https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/online-safety</u>

Think U Know

http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab?page=1

ESafety Commissioner

https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people/be-an-upstander-not-a-bystander

https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people/banter-vs-bullying

Miranda Public School Expectations for online lessons:

Our school is always open to self-reflection on how we can improve learning and meet our student's needs. When we realised that the learning at home period was to be extended, Mrs Wilkins worked closely with our staff to develop expectations for online learning. The teachers will be discussing these with the students and we ask you to discuss them with your children:





Everybody has the right to be in a safe, respectful and proactive online learning environment.

Teachers will remind students about the possible consequences for not respecting the safety and learning of others.

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Verbal Redirect My teacher will give me a reminder during the lesson so I can engage appropriately in the learning.	Pause and Reflect My teacher will contact my parent/carer and I will reflect on making proactive choices. * Warning *	Take a Break My teacher will remove me from the Zoom session. The Assistant Principal will then contact my parent/carer. * Final Warning *	Synergised Conversation The Assistant Principal or Principal will contact my parent/carer. I will be removed from online forums until further notice. A possible suspension might be recorded against my name.

We want your feedback so please email the school if you have any further suggestions.

Tell Them From Me Student Suvey



Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar** which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **<u>not</u>** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete.

This survey will help out school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you <u>do not want your child to take part</u> in the survey, please return the attached form or inform your child's class teacher by Wednesday 8 September.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English at education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

Michael Duffy

Principal

Miranda Public School

Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you <u>do not want</u> your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by Wednesday 8 September 2021.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student 1	Roll class of student 1
Name of student 2	Roll class of student 2
 Name of parent/carer	
	Date

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ALL SERVICE LIST

AUGUST 2021

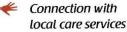
FREE & LOW COST FOOD	COUNSELLING/LEGAL/SUPPORT
MONDAY	
St John's Sutherland Hall - Ph: 95214314 43a Belmont St, Sutherland Mobile Community Pantry (\$10 BYO bag) 1:30pm to 2:30pm (every 2 nd Monday from 1/3/21) St John Bosco Church - Ph: 9520 8277 46 Waratah Rd (cnr Banksia Ave), Engadine Free grocery/fruit/bread	COVID19 ALL SERVICE LIST NOTICE: Current NSW Public Health Orders have changed the way services listed below are able to provide support. Some changes include appointment only/ specific hours or service via phone/Zoom. Please contact the service via details listed below, prior to attending their office, as they may be closed.
6:45pm	GENERAL COUNSELLING
T U E S D A Y One Meal Sutherland Shire @ SALVOS Miranda 23 Kiora Rd, Miranda - Ph: 0478 478 464 Operating as take away meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm	Orana Hub Central9521 8280Orana Women's Health9525 2058Enough Is Enough9542 4029Hopefield9545 0299
WEDNESDAY	FIANANCE & GAMBLING COUNSELLING
Southside Care Miranda - Ph: 9522 4300 175 Port Hacking Rd, Miranda Free produce/bread/grocery -BYO bags all welcome 12:30pm to 4:00pm	Salvation Army 1800 722 363 Wesley Mission 1300 827 638
T H U R S D A Y Urban Food Care Menai - Ph: 9532 1622	Orana Hub Central 9521 8280
13/800 Old Illawarra Rd, Menai (next to Vulcan Gym)	FAMILY LAW ADVICE
Low cost food/grocery/fruit/vegs 5:00pm to 7:00pm (includes free BBQ dinner) One Meal Sutherland Shire @ REVIVE Church	Orana Women's Health 9525 2058
11 Gosport St, Cronulla - Ph: 0478 478 464	IMMIGRATION ADVICE
Operating as take away meal 5:30pm to 6:30pm	Gymea Community Aid 9524 9559
FRIDAY	SAFE & HEALING PROGRAM
Urban Food Care Menai – Ph: 9532 1622 13/800 Old Illawarra Rd, Menai (next to Vulcan Gym)	Orana Women's Health 9525 2058
Low cost food/grocery/fruit/vegs 9:30am to 11:30am (includes free morning tea)	FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / TRAUMA COUNSELLING
St Phil's Anglican Church/Anglicare partnership 402 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah - Ph: 8536 4222	Crossroads Community Care Centre 95253790
Mobile Food Pantry (\$10 for \$50 worth of food) 1:30pm to 2:30pm (every 2 ^{#d} Friday)	FIND LEGAL ANSWERS
S A T U R D A Y / S U N D A Y	www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/advice/index.html
SUNDAY @ One Meal Sutherland 816 Old Princess Hwy, Sutherland - Ph: 0478 478 464	LIFELINE – 13 11 14 24 hour crisis support
Operating as take away meal 4:00pm to 5:00pm	117
FOOD PARCELS	EAPA / WORK DEVELOPMENT ORDER Crossroads Community Care Centre 9525 3790
Hopefield www.hopefield.org.au - Ph: 9545 0299	Know of changes or want to be added to the mailing list?
Food parcels - Available by appointment Orana www.oranansw.org.au - Ph: 9521 8280 Food parcels - Available by appointment	Please contact Karen Williamson Crossroads Community Care Centreph: 9525 3790 or communitybuilders@crossroadscommunitycare.org.au



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🌽 Access to a mental health professional



Support for carers and professionals

People in a life-threatening situation should phone 000. Calls from landlines are free but charges may apply from mobiles.



Connecting you with the right care



Mental Health Line



Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Office Level 4, 73 Miller Street North Sydney NSW 2060

SHPN (MHDAO) 100194

Connecting you with the right care



Annual Generation

Pandemic Fatigue

While we can all experience pandemic fatigue in different ways, it is possible to counter its effects. Look out for some of these signs in yourself and those around you and take practical steps to be kind to yourself, stay connected, check in with each other, and seek professional support when needed.

Some of the feelings and behaviou you, or someone you know may be experiencing include:

- Tiredness
- + Frustration
- + Low in energy
- Restlessness
- + Imitability
- + Hopelessness
- Difficulty looking forward to tomorrow
- + Dread
- Not wanting to be with others
- -> Increased use of alcohol or
- Lack of enthusiasm for things you would normally enjoy

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overcome these feelings include:

Some of the most effective ways to

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If at any time you feel overwhelmed by any feelings, it is important that you talk to someone you trust. A GP, family member or friend, or make contact with any of the services (available 24/7) below:

Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Services: 1800 512 348 Lifeline: 13 11 14 Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800



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headspace National is hosting free mental health education sessions for parents and carers of young people in NSW to support their mental health. The session aims to:

Strengthen your understanding of mental health and mental health literacy.

Strengthen understanding and skills in how to cope and where to find help.

 Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study. Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.



How do I register?

Click here to register via Eventbrite, or type the URL below into your web browser: headspace.org.au/covid-19/

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar. These sessions will not be recorded

You will receive a digital information pack following the conclusion of the session. Contact

For more information email headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au



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