

Miranda Public School



Term 4 / Week 4
4 November 2022



Kookaburra Gazette

Dates to remember

Term 4 2022	<i>Events are subject to the weather conditions and/or COVID restrictions at that time and/or decisions made by Department of Education.</i>
Wednesdays	<i>SRE and Ethics; Year 6 transition afternoons at Port Hacking HS (20 October to 24 November)</i>
10-11-2022	Kindergarten Orientation 3. Please arrive at 9:30am for a 9:45am start.
22-11 & 1-12	Stage 2 Claymation in-School Experience
30-11-2022	Last Day for Special Religious Education and Ethics Classes
30-11-2022	Community "Thank You" Morning Tea
2-12-2022	Last Day of PSSA Sport for Term 4
8-12-2022	Proposed Date for P&C Disco and PSSA Raffle Draw
9-12-2022	Year 6 Fete Day
13-12-2022	Presentation Assembly and Show case.
14-12-2022	Year 6 Excursion Stage 2 Claymation Presentation Reports Sent Home to Parents
15-12-2022	Sport Presentation Morning Year 6 Farewell 5:50 – 8:30pm
Friday 16-12-2022	Last day of school for students
Monday 19-12-2022	Staff Development Day <i>(The staff have completed additional professional learning after school over the past two terms in lieu of the second professional learning day on 20-12-2022).</i> OSHClub Vacation Care opens 19 – 24 December.



The [Not Just a Brush exhibition at Hazelhurst Art Gallery](#) opened on Monday afternoon featuring art works from many of our local schools, including items completed by our own Stage 2 students with Miss Tuite and the Stage 2 teachers.

Hailey and Summer were among a very small number of students invited to speak at the opening. They addressed the audience beautifully and described how they had made their works of art.

The Stage 2 students' work can be seen in the *Not Just A Brush* exhibition at Hazelhurst this month.

COVID and Staffing

Thank you for your support over the past two weeks. Since last Thursday, twenty-two students and four staff members have tested positive to COVID-19 and today we have seven confirmed active cases:

- six students (5 x K-2 and 1 x Stage 2); and
- one staff member

While it is pleasing to see a decline in the number of active cases, the Department's COVID Response Team advised that if the number of cases increases, Learning from Home may be necessary for some classes. Nobody wants that to happen, so the following temporary precautions are being taken:

- Students to remain with their own class groups as much as possible. 2Q will eat and play on the Wandella Rd / Block A (two storey building) side of the school;
- All staff and adult visitors are being asked to wear masks;
- No assemblies – students are being collected and taken to classrooms;
- Teachers will keep rooms ventilated and have sanitiser available for students;
- No unnecessary class visits by external visitors.

You are reminded that staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. The school has some test kits available at the office (on request by parents and carers).

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students are paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Term 4 P&C Pie Drive

The Miranda Public School P&C Association is running another pie drive and we would love it if you were able to/would like to order some delicious goods supplied from Loftus Pies to help the P&C Fundraiser.

Orders CLOSE on THURSDAY 17th November 2022.

Goods will be delivered to school for pick up on Friday 25th November 2022. Everything is freezer friendly.

Please share the link and form at the back of this newsletter with friends and family to support our efforts:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/MirandaPC1/MPSPieDrive>

5/6G Musical Creativity.

Stage 3 students have been working with their friends during music classes to invent small group musical performances.





Work Around the School – No Access from Wandella Road

Jaewon Constructions have informed the school that the new asphalt on the Wandella Road playground will be installed next week, beginning on Tuesday 8 November.

There will be **NO ACCESS** between the school and Wandella Road **for at least three days**, meaning that all access will need to come through Sylva Avenue.

This will require people to walk around the school. To assist with this:

- Staff will stand on the corners of Wandella Road/Kingsway and Sylva Avenue/Kingsway to monitor students before and after school;
- An additional gate will be opened at the top of Sylva Avenue in the afternoons;
- Please allow an additional five minutes to walk around the school and avoid driving into Sylva Avenue.

Sutherland Hospital School

Sutherland Hospital school has requested the use of a room for an outreach program to assist a small group of their students in transitioning back to school after illness. After considerable negotiation, it has been agreed that the Hospital School will use Block G (where the uniform shop used to be sited) next year, for four days a week. This program will not impact on any of our school programs and their students and teachers will not interact with our students. Our school will benefit from having Block G upgraded, including the special education kitchen.

Principal's Award



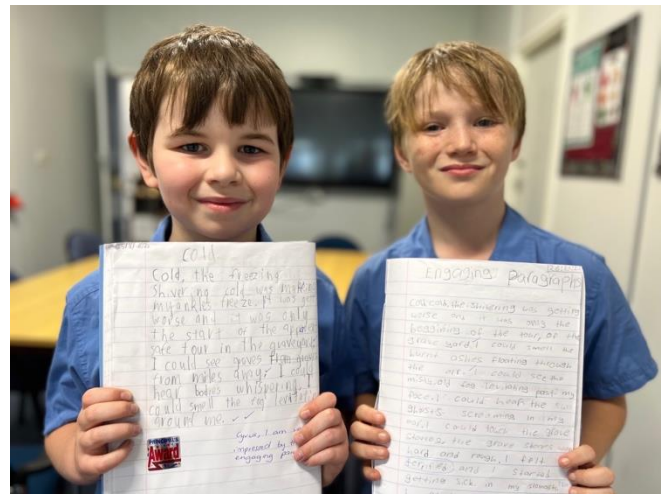
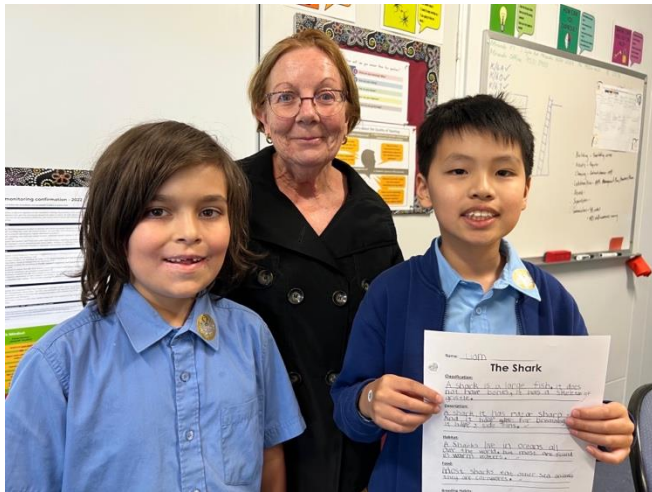
Principal's Awards are received by students who are safe, respectful learners and have been awarded with ten Merit Awards. Congratulations to Vivienne.

Selective High School Applications for 2024

Reminder: Applications must be completed online before 16 November. Don't forget to also hand the paper EOI form to the office so we know to check for your child's online application.

Writer's Corner

Congratulations to all of the following students on the amazing improvements that have made to their writing this year.



Parent Survey

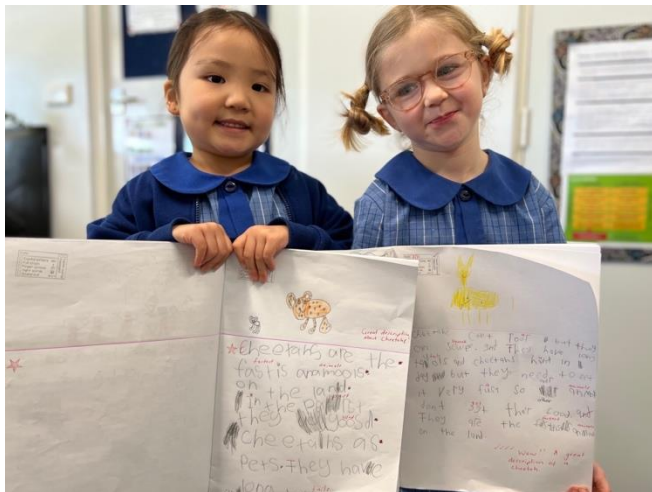
We will be surveying the parents about our school programs shortly this term, including your uniform preference for additional options for students not wanting to wear tunics or dresses. Your feedback is very important to us, however, it needs to be focused on improvement. When giving feedback please remember to be:

- Kind (helpful intention is to improve)
- Explicit (so we fully understand the issue)
- Helpful (Provide practical solutions or alternatives)

The PBL Expectations matrix is again included at the back of this edition for you to read and please provide feedback and questions.

Orientation Sessions

Our Kindergarten orientation sessions have been well supported by the community and we have been in contact with almost every family. We anticipate having two kindergarten classes again next year.





Thank you to Mrs Shields, Mrs Wilkins, Miss Dowling and the all of the staff who have assisted with the excellent organisation.

Speech Program

We welcome Kate Romeo (a speech pathologist with Learning Links), who is working with our teachers. From time to time, Kate will provide suggestions to help your children's speech development:

*Vocabulary is the set of words a child knows.
Receptive vocabulary refers to the word's children understand when they hear or read them.
Expressive vocabulary consists of the word's children say when they are speaking or writing.*

Ways to build your child's vocabulary:

- *Read with your child - expose them to lots of different reading materials and talk about any new words that come up.*
- *Use the new words that have come up in books or at school in conversations with your child during day-to-day life - children are much more likely to understand and learn these words if they are surrounded by them and hearing them in different situations.*

- *Encourage your child to tell you what new words mean in their own words and help them to think of words that have similar meanings (synonyms) and opposite meanings (antonyms).*
- *Talk about what you see around you e.g. naming what you see out the window while on the bus/train.*
- *Play categorising games such as naming as many fruits/animals/types of transport as you can - you can play these games while you are waiting in a line at the shops or when sitting on public transport.*



Congratulations to the Pollard and Delic families. We greatly appreciate your generosity with outstanding fundraising for Year 6 Colour run.

Newsletters

Our "Kookaburra Gazette" is published at the end of every **even week** and can be received by email, Facebook "Miranda PS (official)", and the NSW Education Parent app (now on Apple and Android):
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/schools-digital-strategy/nsw-education-parent-app>



K/6 Amber

We have been busy exploring Australia, local places and connections people have with places. After learning about our local beaches we made a sensory artwork using sand and tissue paper.



MIRANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Talent Show

16th December



WHO CAN JOIN?

Any student who can sing, rap, play instruments, make people laugh, dance, do magic tricks, or some talent etc.

REHEARSALS!

K-2 Thursday lunch

3-6 Monday lunch

INVITING ALL STUDENTS TO COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

The Miranda Public School Talent Show will be held on the final day of school to showcase our many talented students. Students of all ages are encouraged to enter and show us what they can do. We will be accepting solo and group performances. Stage 3 students will collect participant's names and the details of their performance on Friday 11 December. So, get your thinking caps on. Rehearsals will run once a week during lunch from week 6 onwards.

All participants will receive a free ice block after the show.

If you have any questions, please see Miss Tuite or Mrs Attard.

MPS TERM 4 PIE DRIVE

ORDERS CLOSE ON THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2022.

GOODS WILL BE DELIVERED TO SCHOOL FOR PICK UP ON
FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2022.

ORDER VIA THE LINK:
[HTTPS://WWW.COGNITOFORMS.COM/MIRANDAPC1/MPSPIE
DRIVE](https://www.cognitoforms.com/mirandapc1/mpspie-drive)



WATERFALL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS MARKET & MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022
15 Mckell Ave Waterfall

MARKETS OPEN at 3PM

- ★ FOOD ★ GIFTS ★ CHRISTMAS CRAFT
- ★ RAFFLE ★ PRIZES ★ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- ★ FACE PAINTING ★ LUCKY DIPS ★ CAKES
- ★ SAUSAGE SIZZLE ★ FIRE TRUCK ★ GAMES

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

- ★ COMBAT OBSTACLE COURSE
- ★ LASER TAG ★ KINDI FARM

\$10 each or \$20 Unlimited Entry

www.trybooking.com/ccvyr or FOLLOW THE QR CODE

MOVIE STARTS at 7PM

MOVIE TICKETS

FAMILY \$30
(2 Adults & 3 Kids)

SINGLE ADULT \$10
SINGLE CHILD \$5

Tickets Available on-line or at the gate

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Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2022 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications open on 18 October 2022 and close on 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

The tear-off slip below is NOT an application, it is advice to the school that you intend to apply. The school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 16 November 2023

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2024 for my child through the Selective Education Unit website between 18 October 2022 and 16 November 2022. I am aware that this is not an application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

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EXPECTATIONS MATRIX for *Safe, Respectful and Responsible Students* at MIRANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL



	Always	Learning Spaces	Lining Up/ Assembly	Corridors/ Stairs / Pathways	Playground	Toilets / Bathrooms	Using technology / Online
Be Safe	Follow directions. Keep hands and feet to yourself. Use equipment safely.	Line up to enter or leave the classroom. Walk in the classroom. Respect personal space.	Walk straight to lines/toilet when the music plays. Stand or sit in two straight lines.	Keep hallways and pathways clear. Walk calmly on the left. Stay off the railings.	Wait for the teacher before playing. Use equipment safely. Wear a hat or play under the COLA. Inform teachers promptly of issues.	Ask for permission to leave the room. Flush the toilet, wash your hands and leave. Walk safely.	Protect personal information. Report any issues or concerns. Always logout & shut down after using the device. Only download if you have permission.
	Move sensibly around the school.	Walk to the toilet buildings in pairs.					
Be Respectful	Respect yourself and the way you interact with others. Use friendly words and actions. Be kind and polite.	Follow the class rules Keep learning areas tidy. Raise your hand to speak Listen and participate actively.	Be on time. Stand still and remove hats for the National Anthem. Leave quietly in class lines with your teacher.	Move quietly so learning is not disturbed. Respect the property of school and others.	Show good sportsmanship Share spaces and equipment. Place rubbish in the bins.	Respect others' privacy. Be calm and speak quietly.	Follow the BYOD technology contract. Respect the rights, feelings and privacy of others when posting online.
	Wear school uniform with pride.	Respect school equipment.	Sit quietly.		Put equipment away.		
Be Responsible	Be your best. Be prepared. Listen to others.	Stay on task. Challenge yourself. Be organised.	Listen to the speaker.	Walk the most direct way to your classroom.	Think before you act. Make good choices. Use 'STOP, WALK, TALK'.	Keep bathrooms clean.	Stay on task while online. Use, carry, charge and store devices properly.
	Own your actions.						

Updated with second round of student feedback 18-10-2022

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4-9PM



FRENCH FEST

@ TAREN POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

MUSIQUE, PIQUE-NIQUE, FANTASTIQUE!

LIMITED TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

PURCHASE ONLINE \$20 EACH CHILDREN FREE

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/french-fest-tickets-430037161727>

**FAMILY EVENT - FRENCH MUSIC & FOOD
FREE JUMPING CASTLES & FACE PAINTING**



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Christmas Tree Sale

Support Engadine Public School's P&C
Pre-order a REAL 6ft Christmas Tree for \$65

**10% EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT
IF YOU ORDER BEFORE 31 OCTOBER**

**ORDER ONLINE AT
[TRYBOOKING.COM/CDJRY](https://trybooking.com/cdjry)**

**PICK UP SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 2022
(FURTHER DETAILS ON BOOKING PAGE)**

**DISCLAIMER: SIZES OF TREES MAY VARY DUE
TO CIRCUMSTANCES OUT OF OUR CONTROL**

**PLEASE DIRECT ALL ENQUIRIES TO
ENGADINEPS.FUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM**