

Miranda Public School



Term 4 / Week 8  
16th December 2022



# Kookaburra Gazette

## Dates to remember

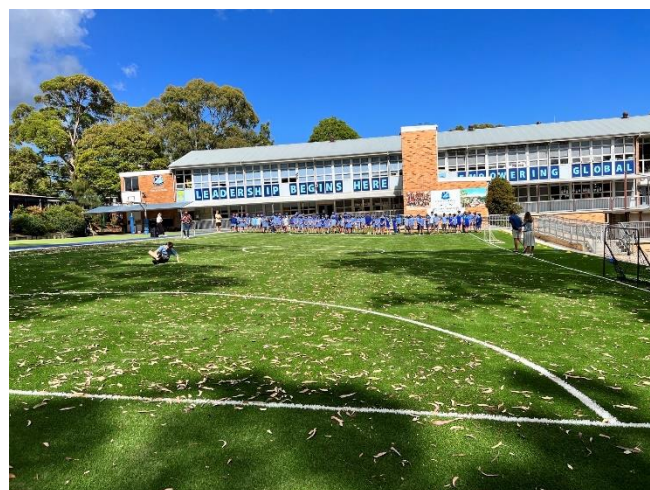
Term 4 2022	<i>Events are subject to the weather conditions and/or COVID restrictions at that time and/or decisions made by Department of Education.</i>
Friday 16-12-2022	Last Day of School for Students
Monday 19-12-2022	Staff Development Day <i>(The staff have completed additional professional learning after school over the past two terms in lieu of the second professional learning day on 20-12-2022).</i> OOSHClub Vacation Care opens 19 – 24 December.
Term 1 2023	
27 & 30-1-2023	Staff Development Days (staff only)
<b>Tuesday 31-1-2023</b> (First Tuesday after Australia Day)	<b>Students Return to School (Years 1 to 6)</b> Best Start Appointments Begin for Kindergarten. <i>(Please see Mrs Shields if you have not confirmed your appointment)</i>
Monday 6-2-2023	Kindergarten Students Begin School.
Thursday 23-2-2023	3-6 Swimming Carnival
15 to 27-3-2023	NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 and Year 5.
3-4-2023	School Photos

### Thank you everyone.

2022 has proved to be a challenging year, yet we moved forward to work with you to continue improving our school for our students. We focused on improving how we teach *writing, working mathematically* and catering for high potential and gifted students. This is in addition to what we already do every day. We introduced new expectations with our Student Representative Council to show our students what it means to be a safe, respectful and responsible learner at Miranda Public School.

Thank you to all of our staff for their dedication and rising up to meet every challenge thrown at them this year.

We have also seen improvements made to the school's physical environment with a new kitchen in the hall and bathroom in our special education unit, covered walkways being installed and renovations to our playground areas.



Our P & C Association and especially our core members - Mrs Lina Persson, Mrs Jessica Hicks, Mrs Elise Bygrave and Mrs Trudi Grant – led many successful and enjoyable fundraising ventures and supported the school in making a number of key decisions this year.

We are also very pleased to have our parents and carers enthusiastically accepting all our invitations to be part of the school. Your children are an absolute credit to you all and they energise us to keep wanting to do our absolute best.



Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given us this year, especially during the hard times. We wish you and your family a happy holiday, merry Christmas, and good fortune in 2023.



To our outgoing Year 6 and the families moving out of the area in 2023, we wish you diligence, tenacity, self-determination, and a positive mindset. We know that you will take what you have learnt at Miranda PS to make our world a better place.

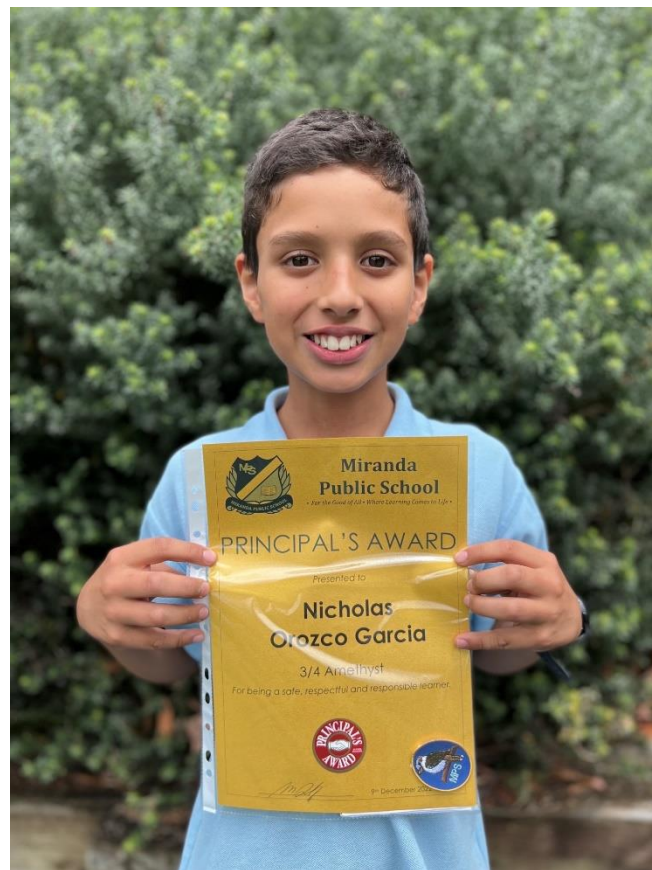
### 2023 Classes

Students will stay in their 2022 classes until we know the exact enrolment at the beginning of 2023.

Our enrolment numbers are steadily climbing and we may have an additional (or 11<sup>th</sup>) mainstream class at the start of next year.

If you know that you are moving out of the area or will not be returning until after 31 January, please send an email to [miranda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:miranda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) If we know that your children are safe, we won't need to disturb you with phone calls.

### Principals Award

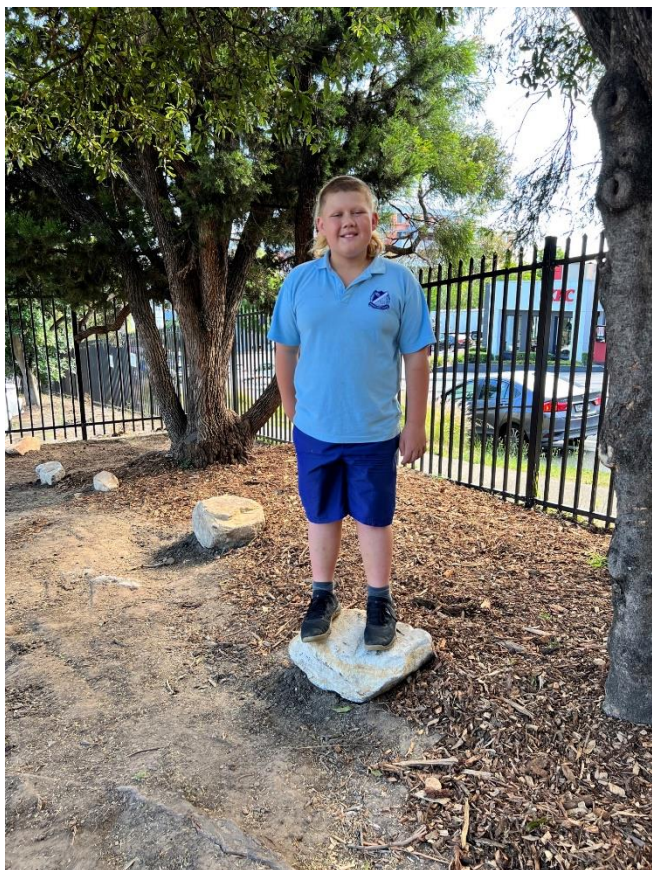


Congratulations to Nicholas in 3/4A, who is the last recipient for 2022. Nicholas has received this award for working hard at being a safe, respectful and responsible learner.

### Green Streets Planting

Thank you so much to Mrs Cooke for giving up her time and the generosity of Katie Denoon (Sutherland Council) and Craig Morton from Waratah Landscapes for their tree (shrub) plantings and the establishment of a dry creek bed in our school playgrounds.





### Premier's Back to School Vouchers

As we prepare for another year of learning in 2023, you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, and stationery

Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for the vouchers.

You can apply for and access your vouchers in your MyServiceNSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by visiting your local [Service Centre](#).

To be eligible, your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in 2023. For more information, visit the [Service NSW website](#)

### Speech Tips

Kate Romeo is a Speech pathologist who has been hired through Learning Links to work with the school on Thursdays each week. Kate provides tips for parents in our newsletters from time to time.

Language activities for the school holidays

- Recount a day out including 'when', 'where', 'who' and 'what'
- Practice following instructions when making a simple recipe together
- Go on a treasure hunt for items that have been hidden around the house or backyard – give you child clues about the location of an item (e.g., under, next to, on top of) in order to find it, then swap and have your child give you clues to find an item.
- Play a listening and speaking barrier game – put a barrier between yourself and your child. Have your child draw a simple picture and give you instructions to draw the same one. Take the barrier away at the end and see if they look the same.
- Borrow a new book from the library – talk about any new words that appear in the book
- If it's a rainy day at home or you're in the car, you can try these games:
  - Celebrity Heads – have your child think of a favourite celebrity or character and ask questions to find out who it is
  - Charades – have your child act out a movie, book, or activity
  - I Spy – take turns naming the first sound of an item in sight to be guessed by another person. You may also adjust this game to include a description or use of the item.

### 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>

# Learning with Mrs Holt

Students are doing practical activities to help build their vocabulary to enable them to write about their experiences. Games help to develop vocabulary as well.



These are examples of writing tasks completed by EAL/D students. Students are taught how to form sentences and the correct use of tense.

Name: Kai

## The Shark

**Classification:**  
A shark is a large fast-swimming fish.

**Description:**  
It has razor-sharp teeth, gills for breathing, and a long tail.

**Habitat:**  
Sharks live in rivers and oceans but they mostly live in ocean waters.

**Food:**  
Sharks eat plankton, tiny floating animals, fish, porpoises, and whales.

**Reproduction:**  
Different sharks breed in different ways. Some sharks lay eggs.

Name: Celine

## The Shark

Sharks have rows of sharp pointy teeth. They eat tiny floating animals and fish. They have gills for breathing. They have no bones. Sharks live in oceans but some sharks live in warm waters.

A simple drawing of a shark swimming in the water. The shark is grey and has a long tail. The water is represented by wavy lines.

## How to make Popcorn

**What you need:**

- a popcorn maker
- Popcorn
- a bowl
- a spoon
- a measuring cup

**Steps:**

1. Put some popcorn into the measuring cup.
2. Put the popcorn into the popcorn maker.
3. Turn the maker on.
4. Put a bowl under the maker to catch the popcorn.
5. Eat and enjoy.

A drawing of a red and white striped popcorn bucket. It has the word 'Popcorn' written on it.



## P&C Christmas Disco

Thank you to everyone involved in the coordination of last week's disco. The kids had a great time.

The P&C stall was a hit thanks to the teachers and parent volunteers for their time in ensuring a fabulous event for all the kids. From a parent's perspective it was so lovely watching the teachers interact with the students which we rarely get to see given the last few years of COVID restrictions.

We had over 200 children attend and most purchased something from the stall.

Again, thank you for allowing us to coordinate this event and everyone's contribution to its success.

Mrs Elise Bygrave  
Miranda P&C Treasurer.







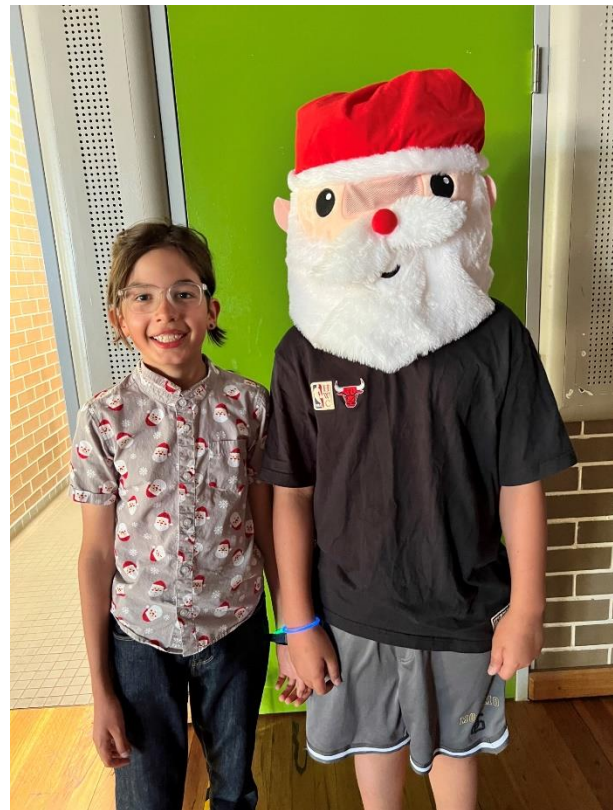














## Farewell to our Year 6 2022









