



# Kookaburra Gazette

## Dates to remember

Term 1 2022	<i>All events are subject to the COVID restrictions in effect at that time.</i>
5 & 6 - 4- 2022	Parent Teacher Optional Meetings.
7-4-2022	ANZAC Day Ceremony (for students and staff only)
8-4-2022	Hat Parade at 2pm. Parents invited if dry weather permits. Last Day of Term 1
25-4-2022	ANZAC Day (Student leaders invited to Dawn Service and March by Miranda RSL sub-branch)
26-4-2022	Term 2 Staff Development Day
27-4-2022	Term 2 Begins for Students
28-4-2022	P&C Mothers Day stall. Please see flyer at the back of this edition for more details.
29-4-2022	3-6 Cross Country Carnival
3-5-2022	Stage 2 Hazelhurst Excursion
4-5-2022	7pm P&C Meeting
5 & 6 - 5-2022	P&C Mothers Day stall. Please see flyer at the back of this edition for more details.

### Hat Parade (and Egshibition)

Weather permitting, parents are cordially invited to attend our annual hat parade next Friday, 8 April at 2pm. You will be advised on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mirandapublicschoolofficial> or ClassDojo if the outdoor event needs to be cancelled due to wet weather.

Parents may view the Egshibition in the Library on Friday before school (8:45 – 9:10am) and before the parade (1.20 -1.40pm)

Please scan the School QR code or sign in when you arrive. This is a WHS requirement. While in the school, please remain distanced from others and remain in the designated areas for parents. Please wear a mask when you cannot remain distanced. After the parade please wait in the usual waiting areas while the teachers take the students back to their rooms to get their bags.

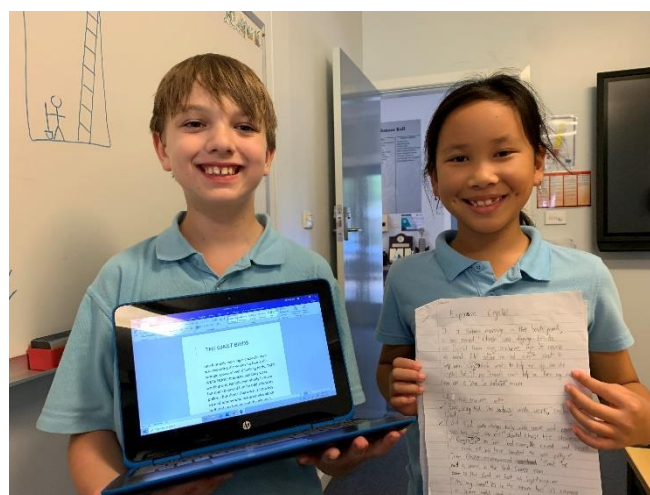
Thank you for your generous donations for the Easter raffle. The last day for tickets is 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### Parent teacher (Term 1 Check in) interviews

Optional parent teacher interviews are scheduled for the afternoons of Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 April.

This is an opportunity to catch up with class teachers, or discuss student goals and planned interventions. **Final date for bookings is Monday 4 April.** Instructions for booking these meetings were sent out this week. Please call the office or contact your child’s teacher if you would like some assistance with this.

A reminder that you are welcome to organise a meeting to speak with your child’s teacher at any time of the year. Please organise a mutually agreeable time by contacting the office



Congratulations to Jet and Summer (3/4E) who demonstrated how they have made improvements in writing this year to engage their readers. Both students were able to successfully talk about the writing devices they used and how they can improve.

### Learning from Home

#### **COVID Positive Students:**

All students with COVID will be recorded as being "sick" on the class rolls until they have isolated for seven days and are symptom free. There is no expectation for them to complete work. Rest and recovery are important.

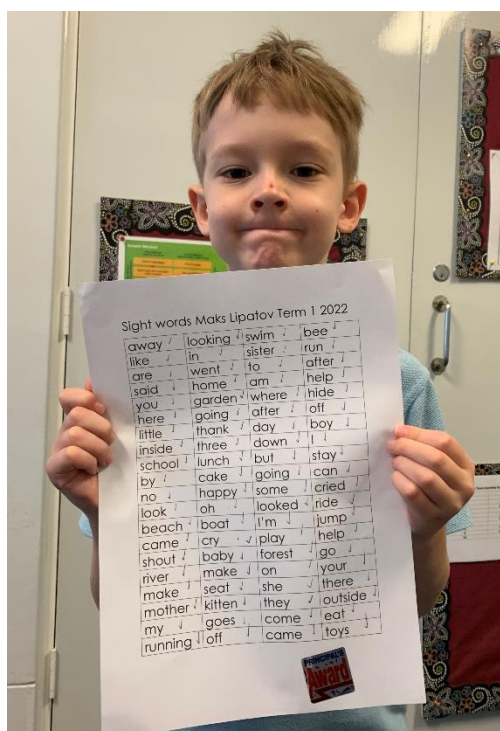
#### **Students in Isolation:**

If your children are feeling well, but need to be in isolation due to being a close contact, and it is possible for them to complete work at home, please use the learning packages at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/learning-packages>

If students can submit this work to their class teachers they will be marked as "flexible – learning from home" on the class roll.

We understand that this may not be possible in every situation. Students will be marked as "sick" if they do not complete work.



Mrs Holt is very proud of Maks (1/2P) who has learnt English very quickly since beginning school last year. Maks is now able to successfully identify all of these sight words.

### ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Thursday 7 April 2022, we will be holding an ANZAC Day Assembly. Due to current COVID regulations, we still need to maintain social distancing and cannot invite family members to this year's commemoration. Photos will be shared on Class Dojo and Miranda Public School's official Facebook page.

### Unwell at school

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay there until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed as another condition such as hay fever, the student or staff member can return to school.
- In NSW, positive COVID-19 cases are provided with a Medical Clearance Notice after 7 days and allowed to leave self-isolation as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.
- If your child suffers from a sinus or allergic condition (e.g.: hay fever), please provide the school with a letter from your doctor. This will save possible embarrassment for everyone.
- If your child or a family member tests positive to COVID-19 please inform the school and follow the current health advice.
- A household contact will only need to self-isolate for 7 days commencing from when the diagnosed person took the test, rather than 7 days from last contact with the diagnosed person.
- A household contact is not obligated to self-isolate as a contact more than once in a 21 day period (if the person is diagnosed with COVID-19, they will need to self-isolate again).
- A person who had COVID-19 and later becomes a close contact or household contact does not need to self-isolate as a contact if it has been less than 12 weeks since the person finished their self-isolation period.
- Updated references to self-isolation for families is on the [NSW Government's Testing positive to COVID-19](#) and [Information for people exposed to COVID-19](#) fact sheets.

If you are worried about any of these aspects, the best people to speak to are the class teachers, assistant principals and principal. We are very happy to listen to your concerns. We want your children to feel safe and comfortable at school so they can learn.

## Principal's Awards

Principal's awards recognise students who consistently demonstrate that they are safe, respectful and responsible learners. Congratulations to:



Sofia in 5/6Z. This is Sofia's fourth principal's award.

## Newsletters

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

The newsletters keep our school community informed and often feature student work and achievements.



## Canteen Orders

We have been having a lot of lunch orders coming to us in plastic bags. The preference for enviro friendly and also for ease for the Port Hacking High School canteen, is brown or white paper bags.

If parents could please try and provide a paper bag with child's name, class and lunch order that would be appreciated. Also, if you are ordering a drink or yoghurt, or a number of food items, please provide a second bag, particularly for drinks.

Also, increasingly, we are finding that the incorrect money has been placed in the bags. Please ensure that you are placing the correct amount of money to cover your child's order. The office staff are having to supplement lunches that are short.

Thank you for your co-operation.





# 2022 Mother's Day is on Sunday 08 May

## MPS P&C Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 28 April (wk 1)  
Thu 05 May & Fri 06 May (wk 2)

- \*Samples can be viewed at the office.
- \*Limited stock, please have alternative choices if preferred item(s) Sold Out.
- \*Please bring your own Shopping Bag



Parent/Carer, Volunteers NEEDED at the Stall! Either both or 1 day, approx. 9.00-10.30 am  
Volunteers will need to sign in on the QR code at the office, provide current WWCC number, and vaccination certificate.

For any queries or offers of help, please contact your MPS P&C Parent Volunteer  
Trudi 0404 017 664

## 2022 MPS P&C Mother's Day Stall



Body Scrub Pouch



Cupcake Bath Fizzer



Donut Bath Fizzer



Vitamin Keeper



Heart Keyring



Mobile Phone Pop Holder



String Lights

All

Gifts

\$ 5.00

each



Pineapple Glass Jar



Heart Mug



Snow Globe Photo Frame



Ceramic Photo Frame



Mum Photo Frame



Tin Candle



Grandmother Hand Cream



Grandmother Keyring



Grandmother Tin Candle



Grandmother Heart Mug



Grandmother Ceramic Photo Frame



SUNDAY 1 MAY 2022

9am - 3pm

TAREN POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Invite friends and family for a fabulous French experience x0

BYO: Beret and a joie de vivre!



[facebook.com/La-Belle-Vie-French-Market](https://facebook.com/La-Belle-Vie-French-Market)

Entry by coin donation at the gate - all proceeds assist the learning programs at TPPS ☺

Immerse yourself in French culture, food, wine,  
books, fashion, homewares & live music!



"Vivre la culture  
française au sud de Sydney"





## POP enhancements are now live

Dear Miranda Public School,

The Schools Digital Strategy team is excited to announce that we have gone live with the School Website Service Parent Online Payments (POP) enhancements on your school website.

As communicated earlier this month, these enhancements to the POP facility make it more accessible from your school's website, improving the way parents and carers make online payments from any device at anytime.

These new features include:

- a quick and simple user interface;
- mobile-friendly experience – making it easier to pay via phone or tablet (as well as from a desktop computer); and
- multilingual support which enables users to access POP in their preferred language.

### Benefits to schools

The anticipated increase in online payments will help to relieve the administrative burden on your staff. Additionally, your school will benefit from improved data quality, with the POP upgrades making it easier to reconcile payments with individual students.

In all, schools can look forward to a more streamlined payment process, as well as a reduced need for cash pick-ups.

If you haven't already notified your parent and carer community, we have developed the following communication templates to help you.

1. [A digital poster](#) that can be printed and sent home, highlighting the benefits and instructions for making a payment. You can display notices in your school office and communicate it digitally through your preferred third-party vendor products, such as Sentral and School Bytes.

If you'd like more information on how to communicate via your preferred platform, refer to our [QRGs](#) or reach out to the School Administration Digital Uplift project team via [schoolsdigitalstrategy@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolsdigitalstrategy@det.nsw.edu.au)

2. [Social media tiles and suggested text](#) for your school's social channels to provide parents and carers with awareness of when the changes are coming and when they are live.

If you have any technical or banking questions relating to POP, please contact EDConnect on 1300 32 32 32.

For any support with sending communications to parents or questions about Schools Digital Strategy, please contact us via [schoolsdigitalstrategy@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolsdigitalstrategy@det.nsw.edu.au)

Kind regards,

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**FREE FAMILY EVENT**

**EASTER SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2022**

**KIDS AGED 6-11: 11:30AM**

**KIDS AGED 1-5 YRS: 11:45AM**

**PEACE PARK - STAPLETON AVE SUTHERLAND**

ORGANISED BY HORIZON CHURCH: 7 STAPLETON AVE, SUTHERLAND. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: 9521 2933 WWW.HZ.CHURCH

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