



Kookaburra Gazette

Dates to remember

Term 3 2022	<i>All events are subject to the COVID restrictions in effect at that time.</i>
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>Groove Nation</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>Stage 3 Drone Workshop</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>SRE and Ethics</i>
16-8-2022	Book Week Parade 2022
17-8-2022	Starting School Information Talk at Miranda Kindergarten (Pre-school) 7:00pm
22 -8-2022	K-2 and SEU Excursion to SOPAC
25-8-2022	Cronulla Zone Athletics Day 2
26-8-2022	P&C Fathers' Day Stall – please see flyer in this newsletter
29-8-2022	Personalised Learning Pathways Review Meetings
30-8-2022	Special Education and Integration Funding Review Meetings
1&2-9-2022	P&C Fathers' Day stall – please see flyer in this newsletter
2-9-2022	P&C Loose Change Drive Finishes
6-9-2022	Special Education and Integration Funding Review Meetings

Combined Schools Concert



What an excellent evening of dance and compering by our talented students at the Hurstville Entertainment Centre last night. Our students were well rehearsed and all of their performances were upbeat and thoroughly delightful.





While we attempted to take photos of all of the students, some are not very clear, and others cannot be published due to privacy reasons.



Thank you to all the parents/carers for their support, as well as Teagan (pictured) and the team from Groove Nation, and school organisers Mrs Shields and Miss Szeles (pictured above after the concert).

[Cronulla Zone Athletic Carnival](#)

Congratulations to all of our students for their good participation and behaviour at the first day of the Cronulla Zone athletics carnival. The highlight was Lucy's fourth place in 11 years high jump!



Orto (centre) in the 12 years 200m final.

[2023 Kindergarten Enrolments](#)

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten in 2023. 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 will need to bring original copies of:

- the student's Australian birth certificate (or family passports and VISAs);
- the student's immunisation certificate (from Medicare); and
- proof that they are living in the area, e.g.: rates 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.

Work Around the School – Please Use Caution

Our playground upgrade is underway and it has taken three weeks to update the drainage system before the synthetic multipurpose court and new asphalt can be installed.

In the meantime, we are currently using the double gates in Wandella Road to exit and enter the school and this involves walking over uneven ground.

If you are affected by balance issues or a physical impairment, please use the gates in Sylva Avenue instead. We are all responsible for our personal safety.

Uniforms

New Girls Uniform Options

We have had some parents express interest in having alternate options for Miranda PS girls for both summer and winter uniform.

We have asked LW Reid, our uniform supplier, to send some samples of girl's shorts, culottes and long trousers which are on display in the office foyer until the end of term. Please take the time to come and have a look at the options, if you are interested in having another choice, apart from the standard summer and winter tunics. The new options will be paired with a white blouse.

The P & C will be surveying parents later in the term as to their preferences.



Uniform Sale

On Tuesday August 16, in conjunction with the Book Week Parade, the administration staff will be holding another 2nd hand uniform sale at school. Parents will also be able to purchase new uniform items during this time or place an order for pick up at a designated time.

Staff will have the tables set up with items available from 1.20pm – 2pm on Tuesday August 16, outside the main office area, under cover. Items will be priced from \$2 - \$10 depending on their condition. Please come along and have a look.

Please label your children's clothing and if another student's item is brought home, could you please return to school.

Preparing for 2023 Classes

Placing students in classes is a very complex process and a lot of factors need to be taken into consideration to ensure the best placement.

If you have information to share about your children that you would like the school to consider for 2023, please organise an interview with your child's class teacher, assistant principal, or Mrs Wilkins at the beginning of Term 3.

No promises can be made, because we need to consider all the students and also meet with Department of Education funding protocols. We are in a better position to consider your information if it is conveyed well in advance.

Some parents ask the school to consider repetition. Research has shown that repetition only proves to be effective in a small number of cases, so this is not a decision that can be rushed through at the last minute. Parents may be required to speak with the school counsellor to organise an assessment, answer surveys along with class teachers, and meet with the learning support team so that a fully informed decision can be made. If you have been thinking about repetition, please approach Mrs Wilkins or your child's assistant principal early in Term 3.

OSHClub

Students must not attend school before 8:40am. If you cannot provide supervision for your children, please contact OSHClub at:

<https://www.oshclub.com.au/nsw/miranda-public-school/>

If your child attends OSHClub and is absent from school, please notify OSHClub as soon as possible. This is a parent responsibility.

OSH Club employs staff according to the number of students expected. If they have not been given adequate notice, they have the right to charge parents to pay for any additional staff employed.

Book week parade

Just a reminder that parents are invited to attend our book week parade this Tuesday 16 August from 2:00pm.

We are looking forward to seeing the students in their book week costumes.

Public Speaking

The Miranda Public School Public Speaking competition will be held during Term 3. All students in Years K to 6 will participate in this activity, fulfilling English syllabus requirements as well as providing students with the opportunity to develop their confidence and oral presentation skills. Your child's teacher will have conveyed this information.

Principal's Award

Congratulations to Arielle (5/6Z) who has received her Principal's Award for being a safe, respectful and responsible student.



Tell Them From Me Surveys

Each year students in Years 4, 5 and 6 participate in these confidential surveys in Term 1 and again in Term 3 to assist the school with information to improve learning and wellbeing. The survey also asks students about teaching practices and the learning environment. The survey will provide 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.

The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar. Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

The same students, as well as teachers and parents are invited to participate in TTFM surveys in Term 3.

Explaining the survey to your child

- Your child will be filling out an online survey called 'Tell Them From Me'.
- This survey is an opportunity for them to let their teachers know how they are going at school.
- The survey will ask your child how engaged they are with their learning, different ways that their teachers teach them in class, how supported they feel at school, and more.
- Your child's responses are confidential, which means their teachers won't know how they have answered.
- Please encourage your child to answer as honestly as they can. There are no right or wrong answers. The school just wants to hear what they think and their responses will help to improve their school. Some of the questions are there to help the school understand students and how to best meet their needs.
- If your child is unsure how to answer them, they can skip these questions.
- They can skip any question that they don't feel comfortable answering.
- If your child would like to talk about any of the questions in this survey, please encourage them to talk to their teacher, their Year Adviser, the school counsellor or the school psychologist.

If you do **not** want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the form at the back of this newsletter and return it to the school by 18 March 2022.

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



**Learning Fun
in
3/4 Amethyst**



MPS Pie Drive

Miranda Public School P&C Association is running a pie drive for families who may like to order some delicious goods supplied from Loftus Pies to help the P&C fundraiser. Orders CLOSE on 18 August 2022. Goods will be delivered to school for pick up on Friday 26th August 2022.

Everything is freezer friendly. You can share this form with friends and family if they would like to support our efforts and enjoy some goods also.

The link is:

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

For more information, please contact Trudi or Elise via the school office.

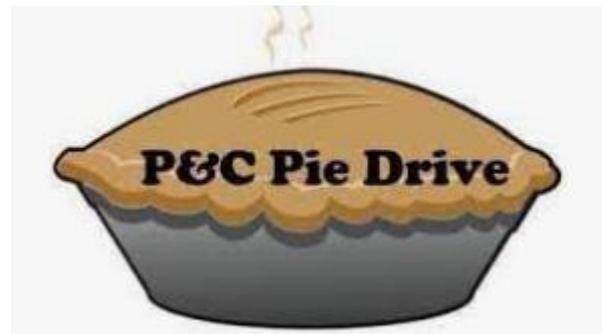
Please see the attached flyers for the upcoming P&C events:

- Fathers' Day stalls
- MPS Pie Drive
- P&C Loose Change Challenge

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>



***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

(only relevant for students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.)

Please read article about “Tell them From Me surveys” in this newsletter first.

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by **12 August 2022**.

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

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Name of student 2

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Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

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Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

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Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer

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Signature of
parent/carer

Date

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MPS P&C Fathers Day Stall

- FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST
- THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
- FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

There will be three stalls so all children have the opportunity to purchase something if they please.

This year MPS P&C will be hosting the Fathers Day stall

All items \$5 - CASH ONLY.

Volunteers wanted to help on stall days

Please email mirandapublicpc@gmail.com if you may be able to volunteer.



\$5



Something for Dad/Granddad
or Someone Special to You

Images are examples of items available. \$5 per item.
CASH ONLY PLEASE



MPS P&C Loose Change Challenge is back for 2022!

Monday 08 August – Friday 02 September

Yes it's time to check in and under the couch, the back and under shelves and cupboards, and under the car seats for all the loose change (and notes if you find them first 😊) for your class to win the Challenge!



The class that raises the most amount of money wins a class prize!

For a next level challenge, let us know the most interesting place you found the loose change!

Thank you for supporting your MPS P&C!

c/o Jessica Hicks
P&C Secretary | 0422 865 300



We are proud to be working with a Shire Local Business Loftus Pies to bring you 2022 MPS P&C Pie Drive Fundraiser!

Choose from FAMILY size savoury and dessert selections, AND Gluten Free options from \$10.00

Details and order form via

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

**2022 MPS P&C
Pie Drive 28 July – 18 August**

Pick up from MPS on Friday 26 August

Thank you for supporting your MPS P&C!



