

Miranda Public School



Term 3 / Week 10
23 September 2022



Kookaburra Gazette

Dates to remember

Term 4 2022	<i>All events are subject to the weather conditions and/or COVID restrictions in effect at that time.</i>
Wednesdays	SRE and Ethics; Year 6 transition afternoons at Port Hacking HS (27 October to 24 November)
23-9-2022	Last Day of Term 3
10-10-2022	First Day of School for all STUDENTS and Teachers. (The teachers do not have a staff development day at the beginning of Term 4)
14-10-2022	PSSA Sport Resumes
17-10-2022	NAPLAN Check-in Assessments Stage 2 and Stage 3 begin
25-10-2022	Kindergarten Orientation 1. Please arrive at 9:30am for a 9:45am start.
2-11-2022	Kindergarten Orientation 2. Please arrive at 9:30am for a 9:45am start.
2-11-2022	Stage 2 Museum in-School Visit
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 Morning
14-12-2022	Sport Presentation Morning
14-12-2022	Stage 2 Claymation Presentation
14-12-2022	Reports Sent Home to Parents
15-12-2022	Year 6 Farewell 5:50 – 8:30pm
Friday 16-12-2022	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony from Primary School
Monday 19-12-2022	Year 6 Excursion
Monday 19-12-2022	Last Day of School for 2022 for students and teachers (The staff have completed additional professional learning after school over the past two terms instead a professional learning day on 20-12-2022).

Term 3 has flown by and we would like to thank the whole school community for your support. We are grateful to see that at every event we hold, parents always want to be involved in the school community. The P&C have held several community events, all of which were very successful.

We ask that the community please keep an eye on the school during the school holidays and call 1300 880 021 if you notice anything suspicious.

Students return on Monday 10 October as there is no Staff Development Day. Staff have also completed their end of Term 4 Staff Development Day after school

which means their last day will be the same as the students on Monday 19 December.

In Term 4 we are looking forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students at the transition days. If you have a child starting next year, it is very important to complete the online enrolment form so we are ready to welcome your child and you to our transition days.

Work Around the School – Please Use Caution

During the holiday time we are hoping to have a covered walkway linking Block F (Library, K-2 and special education classrooms) with the toilet blocks.

We have also arranged for the canteen area gates to be replaced with bi-folding doors. This will make the canteen area more user friendly and improve the comfort for everyone working in Block A (the 2-3 storey building).

Our playground upgrade is progressing well and hopefully the wet weather will not hamper this over the school holidays. The synthetic multipurpose court is beginning to take shape.

In the meantime, we are still using the double gates in Wandella Road to exit and enter the school. This involves walking over uneven ground that can be slippery when wet.

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.

Staffing Update

A number of students and staff have been away from school over the past few weeks (mainly due to COVID, the flu and other viruses circulating throughout the community). This means that when casuals are not available, some classes are split, or other support programs have been collapsed.



This week the staff held a small morning tea to acknowledge the selfless dedication given to so many students in our school by Mrs Connie Metros, who announced her retirement at the end of last year. Mrs Metros leaves a wonderful legacy for so many students and teachers whom she has helped.

Preparing for 2023 Classes

If you have information 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 **now**.

Placing students in classes is a complex process and a lot of factors are taken into consideration to ensure the

best placement for each student with the resources available to the school.

No promises can be made, because we need to consider all the students and meet with Department of Education funding protocols.

We are in a better position to consider your information if it is conveyed well in advance.

Repetition

Research has shown that repetition is only 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:

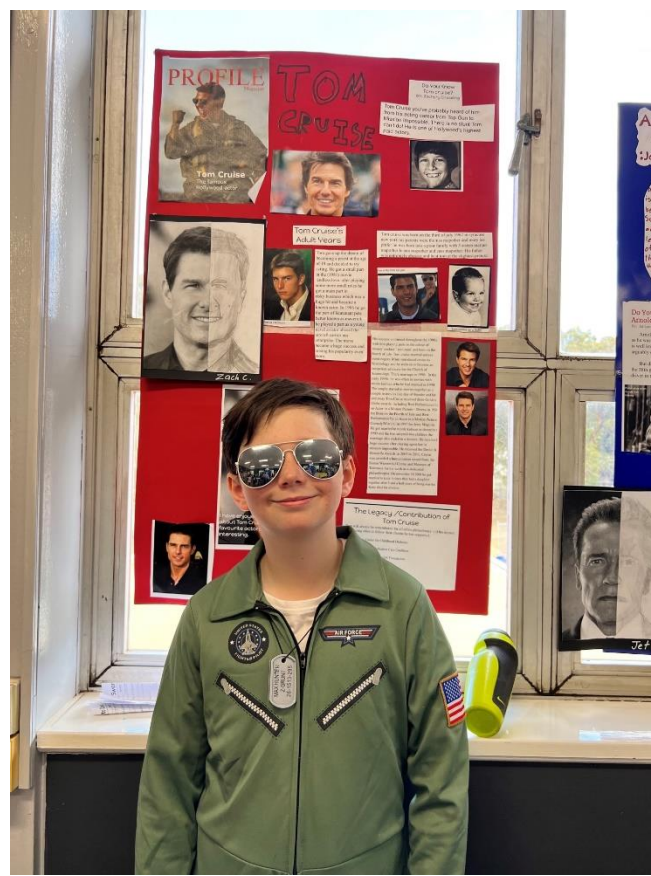
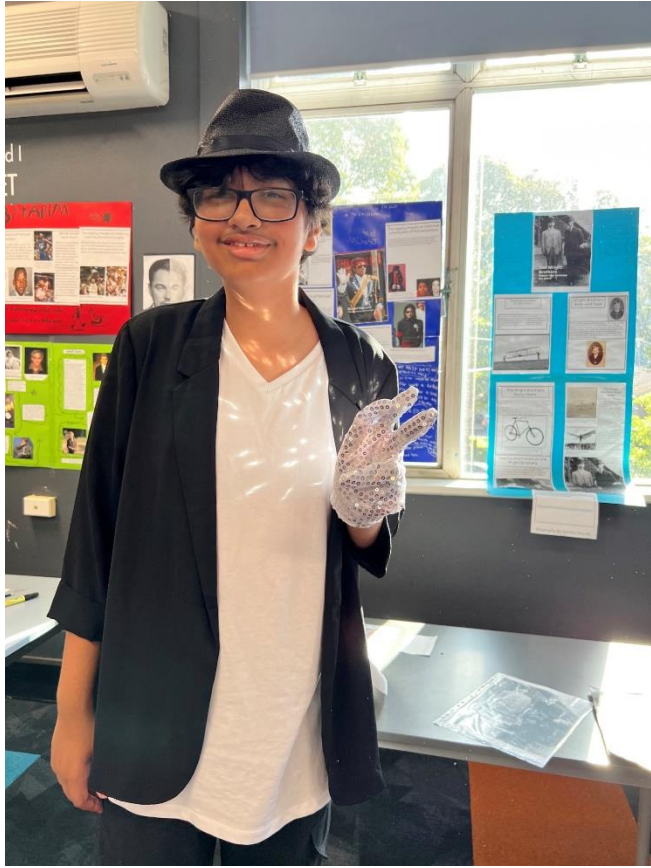
- speak with the school counsellor to organise an assessment.
- answer surveys along with class teachers, and
- meet with the learning support team so that a fully informed decision can be made.

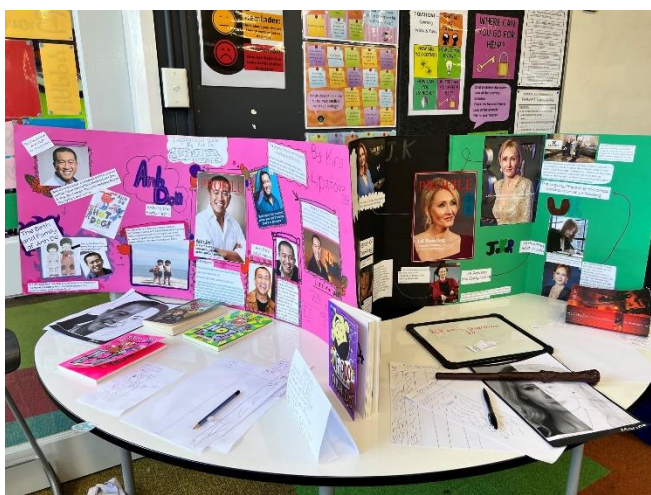
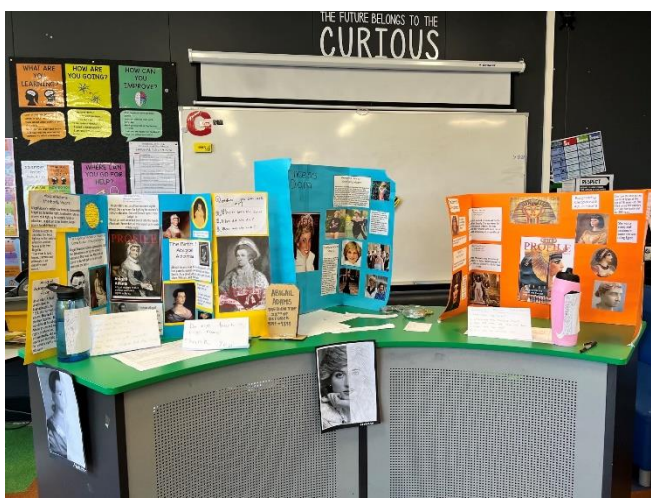
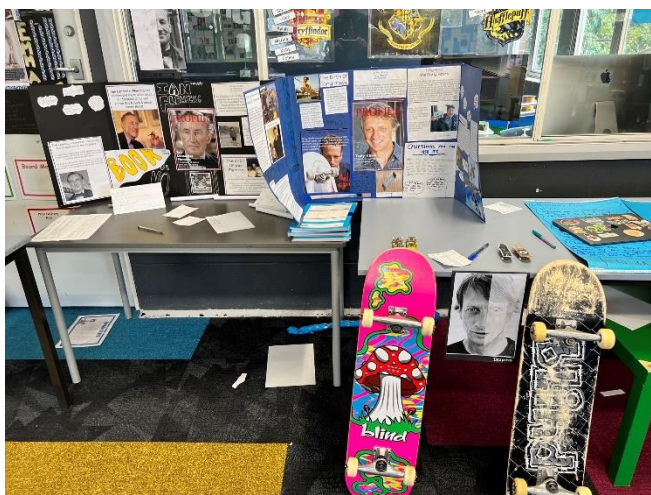
If you were thinking about repetition for your child, you should have already made an appointment with Mrs Wilkins or your child's assistant principal.

Stage 3 Wax Museum Displays – People of significance.

As part of the HSIE program for Stage 3, our students researched a world leader who they found to be inspirational. This week Stage 3 students proudly shared their displays with students, teachers and their parents.







Principal's Awards

Congratulations to Zalia (4/5 Onyx) who has received her Principal's Awards for being a safe, respectful and responsible student.



Check-in assessment

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will soon be participating in the Check- in Assessment. The Check-in assessment is an NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

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>



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you so much for your generosity and support! It is wonderful to share that our Colour Run was a huge success and the students had a great day with excellent weather and superb behaviour. It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school. Of course, the true highlight was the smiles on the student's (and teacher's) faces as they ran participated in our Colour Run.

Together we have raised \$8,137 which will go toward our Year 6 Farewell and the Year 6 gift to the school- starting to upgrade the bubbler systems. Our top 3 classes for fundraising was a close race with 4/50 taking out the top spot, followed by KS in second and 1/2D coming in third.

Days like Colour Run require a lot of organisation, collaboration, help and support. We would like to recognise and thank the P&C for running the food stall, Amy and the team at Groove Nation for coordinating the disco sessions, the fantastic student helpers from Port Hacking High School organised by Ms Rochelle Thompson, our amazing GA- Michael Cameron for helping us set up and pack up the course, the office staff for coordinating notes and money, and the Colour Run staff committee- Mrs Hristopanos, Mrs Leavold, Miss Romeyko, Mrs Attard, Mrs Atu, Mrs Brennan and Miss Szeles. Also, a huge thank you to all staff for their help on the day in making things run smoothly and all students for being safe, respectful and responsible participants.

More smiles to come! Your incentive prizes have been ordered and are on their way! They will arrive shortly and be distributed to students early in Term 4 for anyone who participated in online or cash fundraising and sponsorship.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

Jade McMillan & the Year 6 Fundraising Committee
Stage 3 Relieving AP





STAGE 3 WAX MUSEUM EXHIBITION

Students in Years 5 & 6 were excited to share their biography research projects with other classes, family & friends this week. They became quite the experts as they shared their knowledge through posters, websites, props, artworks, poems and costumes.

Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school.

If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on the role, and how to apply for the position:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp/atso>

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278, or email ASTP at

atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au



**What does it
mean to be
brave?
Is it ever okay
to break a
promise?**



We don't have the answers to those questions. In an ethics class the children form their own views through respectful discussion with their classmates, guided by our trained volunteers.

Ethics classes support children to develop the life skills they need to consider other points of view and make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

Lessons are facilitated by impartial ethics teachers who are trained to deliver our Education Dept approved curriculum. Full, free training and lessons are provided for you.

Classes run for 40 mins at the same time as scripture each week.

**Volunteers are needed to teach ethics at
Miranda Public School.**

Contact Jessica Hicks on 0422 865 300

We urgently need Volunteers!

Do you have 40 mins after school drop off on Wednesday mornings?

At Miranda Public School, we value Primary Ethics Classes.

The demand for Ethics Classes is so high we do not have enough Volunteers to facilitate classes, and sadly not all our students are able to participate.

Teach ethics and you'll be helping children develop important skills for life.

Support children to listen empathetically, disagree respectfully, build on each other's ideas and use evidence and reasoning to make decisions rather than act out of habit or peer pressure.

Become a volunteer ethics teacher and you'll be rewarded with a unique development opportunity for yourself and the students.

FREE training is provided, and no previous experience required

For more information or register:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

OR contact your MPS Volunteer Primary Ethics Coordinator,
Jessica Hicks | 0422 865 300



KURNELL PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTS

100 YEAR CELEBRATION

Twilight Market

FRIDAY 18 NOV

4-8PM

KURNELL PUBLIC SCHOOL
13-31 DAMPIER ST, KURNELL

WHAT'S ON?

DANCE
SHOWS

GIFT
STALLS

MUSIC

ACTIVITIES
FUN FOR
ALL

FOOD
STALLS

AND SO MUCH MORE...



The Young Naturalist

Bringing biodiversity to life & connecting children with Nature

PhD qualified
Scientists &
Educators

Sydney Olympic Park School Holiday Workshops

27th, 28th & 29th September 2022

Canon

2021 Canon Oceania
Business Grant
Winner

Tuesday 27th September Microscope Magic

- Discover the magical world of Australian Biodiversity, with microscopes & magnification!
- Investigate pollen grains, fungal spores & insects under the microscope & learn to identify key species!



Wednesday 28th September Incredible Insects

- Journey into the world of insects
- View the world through insect eyes
- Explore our worldwide collection



Meet our
Australian Spiny Leaf insects (*Extatosoma tiaratum*)
& Goliath Stick Insects (*Eurycnema goliath*)

Insect adoptions
available

Thursday 29th September Nature Detectives

- Discover the secret adventures of Pamela the Long-nosed Bandicoot
- Solve clues & decipher the code to identify the plants, fungi & insects Pamela encounters in the forest



"Using the cameras for Citizen Science was fun!" Leo (8 yrs)

"Pollen grains
look beautiful
through the
microscope"
Brooke
(15 yrs)

- In ALL Workshops**
- Investigate Australian Biodiversity in our Nature/Insect Laboratory
 - Investigate our 'Living World' using research microscopes
 - Learn to identify key taxonomic groups of plants, fungi &/or insects
 - Learn Nature Photography using our Canon cameras
 - Become a Citizen Scientist with iNaturalist Nature Discovery Projects

"I loved seeing
the native flowers
with the hand lens"
Sofia (9 yrs)

Details

Ages 7 to 16 yrs
Max 20 children/workshop
Time: 10.30am to 3.30pm
\$100/workshop or use CK Voucher

To book, visit:

www.youngnaturalist.com.au



Location

Education Annex (near outdoor gym)
Bicentennial Drive
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127
Closest carpark P10F

"Please bring a snack, lunch, drink, hat & sunscreen with you & wear enclosed shoes"



READY-SET-CONNECT



Hello, Sutherland!

**FREE NDIS
NETWORKING EVENT**

 Thursday 22/09/2022
 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
 Southern Sydney Event
Centre 2 Crofts Ave Hurstville
NSW

WHO?

Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

WHY?

Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

HOW?

Register at onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

JOIN US

EVENT SPONSORS



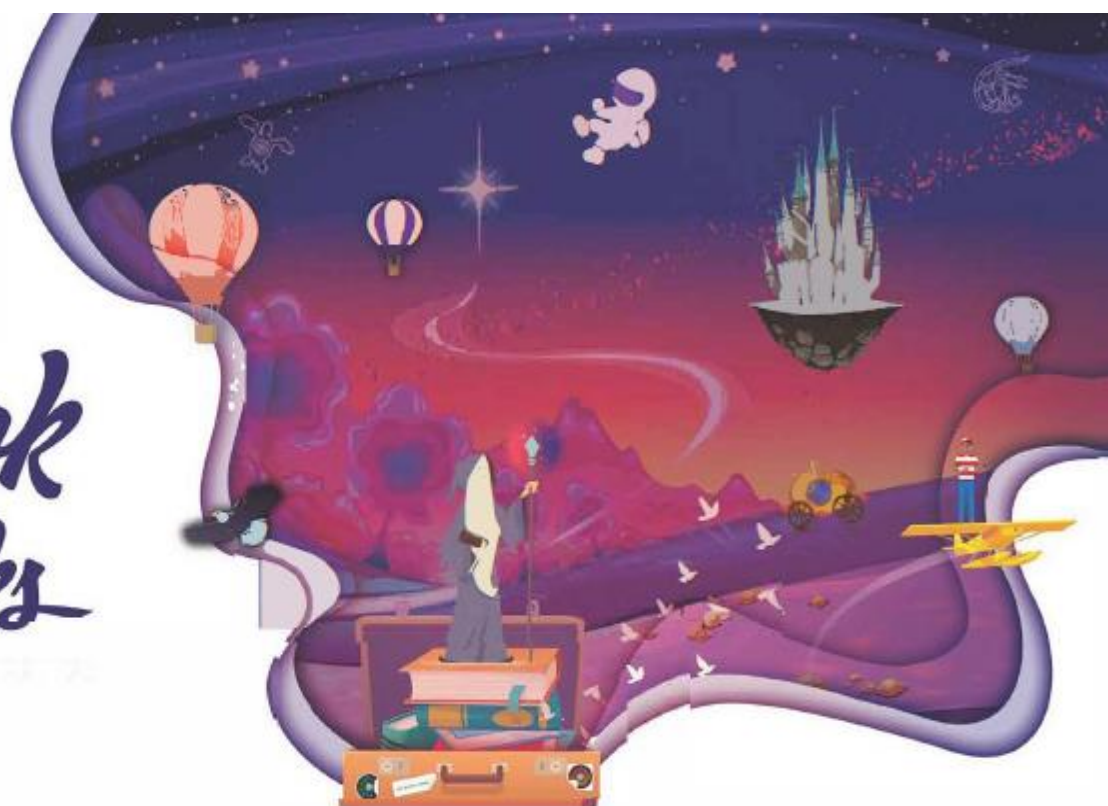
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CALITYCARE
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Hook into Books

WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL STORYTIME

WHO FOR?

For all Foster and Kinship Carer Families

WHEN?

Wednesday 5th October
10am - 12 noon

WHERE?

Sutherland Branch Library
30/36 Belmont St
Sutherland NSW 2232

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll enjoy Storytime, watch some short films,
do a fun craft activity, explore the library &
join up to become a member!
We'll also enjoy morning tea together

RSVP

Text Jacintha on 0436646596 by 28 September
Include: Carer name/number and ages of children
Please also include the name of your Agency

*We want to make sure we have enough food and craft to share,
so please make sure you RSVP ASAP!*

We look forward to Hooking into Books with you!

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