



Kookaburra Gazette

Dates to remember

Term 3 2022	<i>All events are subject to the weather conditions and/or COVID restrictions in effect at that time.</i>
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>Groove Nation (Term 3)</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>Stage 3 Drone Workshop (Term 3)</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>SRE and Ethics</i>
9-9-2022	Last Day of PSSA Sport for Term 3
13-9-2022	Stage 2 Science in-School Investigations
14-9-2022	Sydney East Athletics Carnival
16-9-2022	Colour Run
22-9-2022	Stage 3 Wax Museum Presentation
23-9-2022	Last Day of Term 3
Term 4 2022	
10-10-2022	First Day of School for all STUDENTS and Teachers. (Staff development day is at the end of the Term 4)
14-10-2022	PSSA Sport Resumes
25-10-2022	Kindergarten Orientation 1
2-11-2022	Kindergarten Orientation 2
2-11-2022	Stage 2 Museum in-School Visit
10-11-2022	Kindergarten Orientation 3
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
15-12-2022	Year 6 Farewell 5:50 – 8:30pm
16-12-2022	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony from Primary School
19-12-2022	Year 6 Day Out
19-12-2022	Last Day of School for 2022

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the public speaking competition this year. The public speaking stage finals were held yesterday and it was nice to see so many of the finalists' parents being able to attend. The students' speeches were amazing! Thank you to Mrs Greer and Mrs Attard for their organisation and all of the teachers who assisted in co-ordinating the competition. Special thanks to Mrs Shields, Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Leavold and Mrs Holt for adjudicating the finals and providing helpful feedback to the students. The finalists were:



Early stage one: Rian, Arvind, River (1st place), Mason, Eleanor (highly commended), Jaxon and Scarlett;



Stage one: Norah (highly commended), Leon, Oscar, Audrey, Thasini (1st place), and Arcadia



Stage two: Rosie (highly commended), Maho, Annabelle, Joshua (1st place), Zane and Travie



Stage three: Marina, Eva (1st place), Madeleine, Sohma, Hunter and Jasper (highly commended).

2023 Kindergarten Enrolments

All enrolments for Kindergarten in 2023 need to be completed now, so we have time to include your child in our orientation program. If you have (or know of a friend who has) a preschool child turning 6 next year, please urge them to come to the school and complete their enrolment now. Before children can start school, 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).

Set your children up for success: If your children have any special needs, we need to know now so we can begin organising support. Please bring in any reports from professionals who have been supporting your child.

Work Around the School – Please Use Caution

Our playground upgrade is starting to take shape since the dry weather began. The drainage system has been completed and work is underway to install the synthetic multipurpose court.

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

Uniforms

New Girls Uniform Options

Following interest in alternate options for the girls' uniform, LW Reid, our uniform supplier, has provided samples of girl's shorts, culottes and long trousers which are on display in the office foyer until the end of term. Please come and have a look at these options which will be paired with a white blouse.

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



Staffing Update

Please be aware that the school continues to experience significant staffing shortages due to sickness, resulting in specialist programs being collapsed and classes needing to be split.

Mr Williams is on leave for the next two weeks and Mrs Negro-Malfitano (also known as Miss N) is teaching 5/6G in his place.

Congratulations to:

- Mrs Townsend who was successful in applying for a library/technology teaching position at Picnic Point PS; and
- Mrs Wilkins who was successful in her application for the assistant principal (curriculum and instruction) position at Miranda PS.



We can't have student learning without staff learning. On 30 August, the teaching staff took part in a twilight session (in place of the Term 4 staff development day) about mathematics, led by Cathy Azzopardi (numeracy consultant) on the new mathematics syllabus, differentiation planning and rich tasks.



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 have been thinking about repetition for your child, please approach Mrs Wilkins or your child's assistant principal **now**.

OSHClub

Students must not attend school before 8:40am. If you cannot provide supervision for your children, you must make private arrangements with a responsible adult, or you can contact OSHClub at:

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

OSHClub 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.

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

Preschool Talks



Mrs Shields and Mr Duffy enjoyed meeting with Jenny Hind (Director) and some of the parents at Miranda Kindergarten a few weeks ago. On Monday 5 September, they visited Chapter 1 Karimbla Road (in View St – pictured above), and enjoyed discussing transitioning to Kindergarten with the parents and educators.

Thank You, Miranda RSL Sub-Branch.

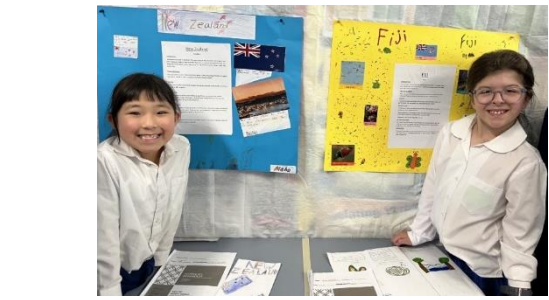


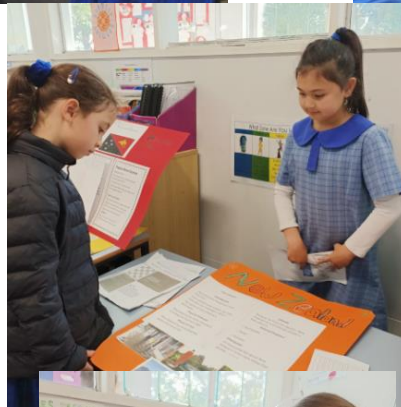
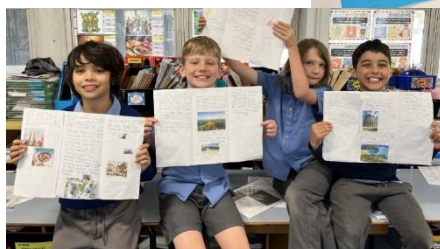
The Miranda RSL sub-branch invited school principals and librarians to an annual book presentation and kindly donated several books to the school library about ANZAC Day as well as a \$300 voucher.



Stage 2 Learning Centre Displays – Australia's Neighbours.

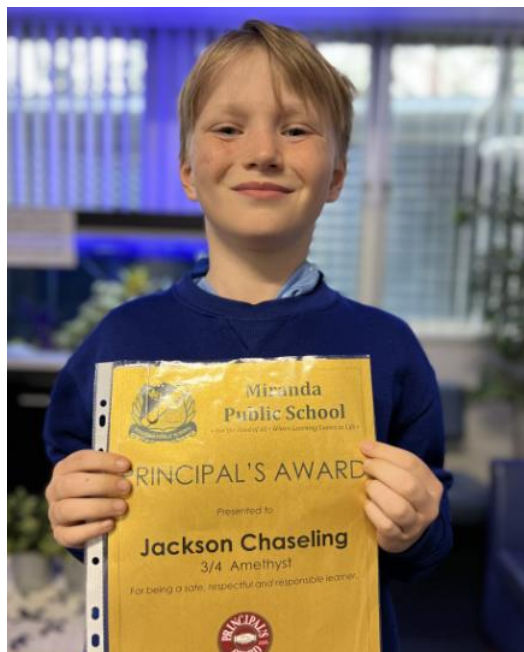
As part of the History and English program for Stage 2, our students researched one of Australia's neighbouring countries and created an informative poster and brochure to educate others. This week Stage 2 proudly shared the learning stations they had created with their peers.





Principal's Awards

Congratulations to Mila (2/3Q), Hunta (3/4A) and Jackson (3/4A) who have received their Principal's Awards for being safe, respectful and responsible students.



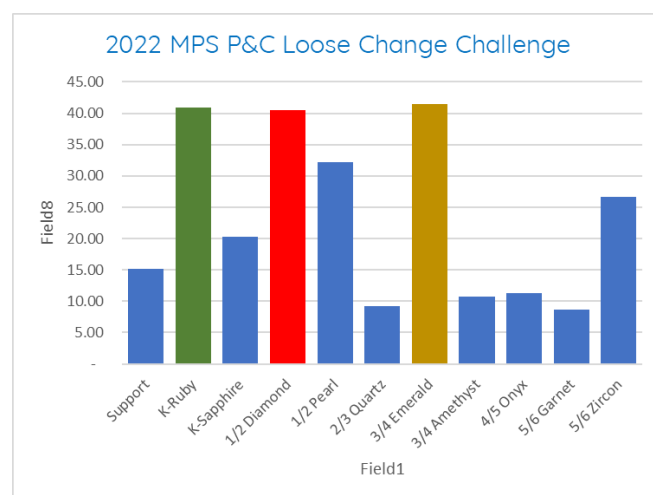
Students can receive principals' awards after they have earned ten merit awards. The school awards system is currently being reviewed.

2022 MPS P&C Loose Change Challenge: and the Winner is

It was a fierce last-minute surge from all classes and the competition was VERY close and the winner was 3/4E by 0.50c!

The Next Level Challenge of the most interesting place they found the loose change was Kylani in 4/50 for finding it in the pool!

The total collected overall was \$256.95



Thank you everyone,
Mrs. Jessica Hicks - Miranda P&C.



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.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom. The assessments will be scheduled:

- Year 6: Week 9 Monday and Tuesday
- Years 3, 4 and 5: Early Term 4
(More information to come)

All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing task.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. If your child doesn't have headphones the school has a limited supply that can be shared.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like further information.

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>



**It's Fun to
Learn!**



FUN IN DRONES 5 ONYX

TERM 3 WEEK 8

This term the year 5 students from 4/5 Onyx have been engaged in science with drones. Each Tuesday as part of our Exploring Forces unit, year 5 has been learning about how to code and fly drones on land and in the air. This has involved a lot of teamwork as the students have been in pairs, taking turns to add a variety of codes to a sequence, testing the sequence, and then discussing how to change the sequence to get it just right. This can be very particular as each drone moves and flies differently, so the smallest of changes to the code might set the drone short of the target or smash into the wall! The students have faced a number of challenges that have required them to move around cones and land in particular places collecting points and proving they are ready to move on to more challenging tasks. Some weeks it becomes a fun friendly competition between each stage 3 class to see who can get more points, this week we took the win by a landside getting over 40 points more than the other two classes! Way to go 5 Onyx! We have two weeks left of the program now and will be sad when it finishes. It has been such a fun addition to our learning journey that has engaged the students in learning skills they might need in a future career.



EXPLORING COUNTRIES 4 ONYX

Over the last few weeks, the year 4 students from 4/5 Onyx have been working on an independent research project where they were tasked to research one of Australia's neighboring countries as part of their Geography unit. Most of the students chose New Zealand as it was the country of most interest to them, however, they also researched The Pacific Islands and Papa New Guinea. To begin the project, the students used a research booklet to gather notes on their chosen country and organise them into categories to help plan their presentations. Once the research was complete the students put together a persuasive brochure and an informative poster. These were then presented to the school as an exhibition where the students were asked questions and shared their work with their peers. The students were nervous at first to share their projects, however, it was clear that once their peers started to visit, their confidence grew as they showed pride in their work. Well done year 4!



K-2 & SU Excursion

Our K-2 and SEU students went to Bicentennial Park for an excursion to learn all about animal habitats, our bushland and how Aboriginal People lived on country. We learnt so much and had a wonderful day! Everyone's behaviour was exceptional and the educators at Homebush were very impressed with the interesting questions our students asked. We were very lucky to see a blue tongue lizard, explore the mangroves and scavenger hunt in the bushland. It was lots of fun!





Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are hosting a **Colour Explosion School Fun Run** to raise money for new bubblers and the Year 6 Farewell. We have currently raised over \$2500 with 4/5O leading the race for the class who has fundraised the most followed closely by 1/2D and 1/2P.

The big day is coming! We are so excited to host our first Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Friday the 16th September during our middle session sport time. On the day, students will receive their white shirt to go over their sport uniform, sunglasses and headband for the Fun Run! They will be covered in non-toxic, high quality colour powder from head to toe! We suggest wearing older shorts, shoes and socks just in case. They will participate in a range of activities during this session including the Colour Run obstacle challenge, a disco run by Groove Nation and have the opportunity to purchase snacks from the P & C stall. At the conclusion of our session students will receive an ice block to help them cool off after all their physical activity.

Money for the P&C stall: We ask that students bring no more than \$5 to spend at the P&C stall. As students may run the course first before visiting the P&C stall, we are encouraging our younger students to bring their money in an envelope with their name and amount clearly marked on the front to hand to their teacher to mind during the day.

Did you know? Students raise 3x times more when they fundraise online! Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile. Instructions are in your child's sponsorship booklet. You have until 16-9-22 to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking!

How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise more by setting a prize goal online! Students automatically achieve incentive prizes as they fundraise, starting from \$10. The more they raise, the more prizes they receive. Each prize is ordered automatically, so you don't need to worry about prize ordering! You can see what the incentive prizes are in the sponsorship booklet provided.

Please note: This is a weather dependent event. If we encounter any rain on the day the event may have to be postponed.

Thanks in advance for your support!

The Year 6 Fundraising Committee & Miss McMillan



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?

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