

Miranda North Public School Newsletter

Week 2 Term 1



Principal's Report

Welcome back to Miranda North Public School, we extend a warm welcome to our new students across the grades and particularly Kindergarten. This year we will continue to see improvements made to our school grounds and play areas. We are only a few weeks away from a brand new Netball/Basketball court opening. Works have been carried out on the driveway to install new guttering to prevent water coming from the field and into the school playground, new walkways provide shelter for getting around the school and more work on the facilities are about to start. The student toilets are scheduled to get an uplift, new flooring, new cubicles and a freshen up. We have also engaged with one of our parents to produce some murals to brighten up the spaces with the help of some senior students.

Our school is sitting at 338 students down from 345 last year. As a result our planned 14 classes have had to be adjusted and we will have 13 classes. These class arrangements have been planned during the week, students will meet their Teacher on Monday morning and form classes. However please recognise that with 4-6 student enrolments of local students, we will need to reform the structures back into 14 classes. It is very important to know at the end of the year the numbers of students returning from K-5 as this is what informs the staffing and budgeting for the entire year.

There are a variety of events occurring this term. The Swimming Carnival, a Welcome BBQ, NAPLAN, School Photo day, Cross Country and the Easter Hat Parade. The State Election will also be held with the school doing some fundraising. Please see the Calendar in this newsletter which will be published each fortnight and updated consistently.

The Premier's Back to School NSW Vouchers program will be operating through the school however, there are many conditions with this program. As the school's Uniform shop is managed through the P&C, we will need to work with them for the purchase of bags, hats and other items. Claudine's at Caringbah supply new uniform items which are available with the vouchers. Sports uniform can also be purchased. They only accept the voucher instore not online.

It should be noted "Each voucher can only be redeemed once. If the transaction is less than the total value of the voucher, the remaining balance is forfeited and cannot be used in another transaction. For example, if the transaction is \$96.50 and two vouchers, totalling \$100 are redeemed, the remaining \$3.50 is forfeited (<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers/guidelines#appendix-a-eligible-expenses>) The NSW Government is providing 3 x \$50 vouchers, totalling \$150 for each eligible student. More details on how the school is able to accept this and what the vouchers are able to be used for will be forthcoming.

School and Teacher Communication

Following advice from the Department of Education in regard to using third party online programs such as See-Saw and Dojo, Miranda North will no longer be utilising this method for communication with home. We were advised to consider the security and commercial ramifications of using them in light of security breaches and inappropriate sharing of personal data.

We request that all communication go through the School Office (95246842) email (mirandanth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) . Class teachers will then make contact. The school has a fortnightly newsletter of events with a term calendar. Notes are electronically sent through our app School Stream. Please see further in this newsletter for instructions on downloading the app.

Principal's report continued

Meet the Teachers – Wednesday 15 February

Wednesday afternoon, 15 February, the school will hold 3 meet the teacher session sessions. This is a time to share information about the organisation of the stage in 2023, meet the teachers on the stage and learn of any upcoming events.

Stage 3 will be held in the hall at 4.30

Stage 2 will be held Hall at 5.15

Stage 1 will be held K-1L Classroom at 4.30

Congratulations to our 2023 Sport Leaders



Welcome Kindergarten!

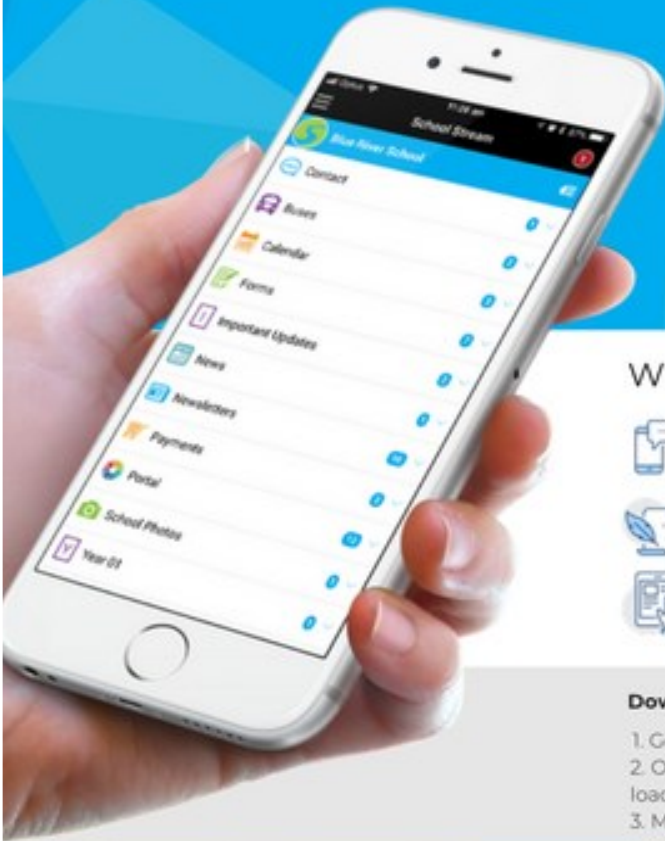







School Calendar 2023

Term 1 Week 1	School Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	26/1 Australia Day	27/1 Staff Development Day
2	30/1 Staff Development Day	31/1 Students Yr1-6 Return	1/2 Best Start	2/2 Best Start	3/2 Kinder First Full Day
3	6/2 New Classes Formed	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2
4	13/2	14/2	15/2 Information Sharing – Meet the Teacher	16/2 Swimming Carnival	17/2
5	20/2	21/2 Welcome BBQ – P&C P&C Meeting 7pm Scripture Starts	22/2	23/2	24/2
6	27/2	28/2 Zone Swimming	1/3	2/3	3/3
7	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3
8	13/3	14/3 P&C Meeting 7pm	15/3 NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5 commences	16/3 NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5 School Photo Day	17/3 NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5
9	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3
10 Three Way Conferences	27/3 NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5	28/3 Last Day of NAPLAN	29/3	30/3	31/3
11 Three Way Conferences	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4 Cross Country Easter Hat Parade	Good Friday
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Week 1 Term 2	Staff Development Day	ANZAC Day	26/4 All students Return	27/4	27/4
Week 2	1/5	2/5 K-2 Gymnastics	3/5	4/5	5/5
Week 3	8/5 Zone Cross Country	9/5 K-2 Gymnastics P&C Meeting 7 pm	10/5	11/5	12/5

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-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

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2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.