



School News

Wednesday 25 October 2017

Kindergarten make their first visit to school

Last Wednesday was an exciting day for our newest members of the school community. Fifty of our kindergarten students arrived at school with their parents and carers and enjoyed a morning where they met their buddies and explored their new environment. Welcome to our school community. We are glad to have you join us!



Public Speaking Success!

Congratulations to Estelle and Olivia who represented the school at the Port Hacking Public Speaking finals held at Connells Point last week. Estelle and Olivia presented their prepared and impromptu speeches with skill and expertise and we are proud of them both. They were fabulous ambassadors for Miranda North PS! Special congratulations to Olivia who was successful in winning the Stage Two division of the Port Hacking competition and will compete at the next level of the Ultimo Directorate Public Speaking competition held at Campsie Public School on 8 November. We wish you all the best!





Congratulations to Samantha on her achievement.

Samantha was awarded the Junior BP award for her achievements in the Girl Guides last week, which is the highest award in the Junior Guide section of Girl Guides Australia. Samantha had to complete a number of challenges over a couple of years and displayed determination and commitment to achieve her success. Well done Samantha! We are proud of you!





Parents as Partners - on this Friday! We'd love you to come along.

Our week three Parents as Partners session will build on the consultation session we held late last term and seek some further feedback and input into some of the projects we are planning for 2018. We would love your input into two particular areas of student wellbeing and student leadership. We are keen to share some ideas with you and seek your feedback. Join us on Friday morning (9.30am). Morning tea will be provided.



Student of the Week Term 4 Week 1

Class	Name
KE	Thommy K
KF	
KMN	Jayesh K
1A	Charlotte C
1F	Mitchell E
1/2B	Pearl M Ben P
2J	Charlotte B Bella F
2/3M	Tighe B Annika G
3/4M	Duarte L Phoenix G
3/4W	Jessica K Julie T
4/5S	Jack P Mollie M
5/6D	Tara B Mily M
6B	Alex P Tamsyn M

Student of the Week Term 4 Week 2

Class	Name
KE	Christian T
KF	Biana P
KMN	Ethan C
1A	Montana S
1F	Lucas F
1/2B	Levi R
2J	Levi M Daniella B
2/3M	Jacob S Iris H
3/4M	Mattea V Jaxon K
3/4W	Tai G Millie L
4/5S	Leonardo P Felicity P
5/6D	Alex C Kacey F
6B	Tom W Dylan L-W

Dates to Remember

Monday 30 October	Start of Stage 3 Dance2bfit
Tuesday 7 November	Kinder Orientation
Friday 10 November	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Tuesday 14 November	Kinder Playdate
Thursday 16 November	P & C Fundraiser "Fitathon"
Wednesday 22 November	Band Try Out Day, Kinder Playdate
Tuesday 5 December	Last day of K-2 Swimming
Wednesday 6 December	Helpers Morning Tea
Thursday 7 December	Year 6 Gala Day
Friday 8 December	Final day of Year 3 to 6 Intra Sport
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Performance and K-2Disco
Friday 15 December	Students last day, Talent Quest, 3-6 Disco, Farewell Yr 6

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Taekwondo is a form of self defence using bare hands and feet. It is suitable for girls and boys over 5 years old.

Grand Master Kwak has the highest black belt (9th Dan) in Australia and has over fifty years of teaching experience. He has classes at Miranda North Public School on Wednesdays 4pm. New members are welcome for a trial.

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A ST LUKE'S MIRANDA CHURCH

connecting people with Christ

St Luke's Miranda North Community Church meets every Sunday from 10am in the School Hall. We'd love to welcome you and your family. Morning tea, Sunday School and Crèche for the kids all provided. 10am Sunday, all welcome!

Sutherland Shire Children's Choir *Enrolling now for 2018!*

- 🎵 Contact us ASAP to book your Term 4 audition & free trial rehearsal!
- 🎵 Record a CD and perform at concerts and community events!

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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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