



School News

Wednesday 15 March 2017



Teddy Bear's Picnic



Teddy Bears visit Miranda North

Soft and cuddly creatures had a visit to school last week for the Teddy Bears' Picnic. Kindergarten supplied a delicious afternoon tea and Year 6 revisited their younger years by bringing along a teddy to share with their buddy. Our school buddy program is a shining example of the friendliness and warmth at our great little school! Here are some shots of the day. Even the rainy weather didn't dampen the fun.



Appointment of some new teaching staff at Miranda North

Our school is fortunate to be able to fill two vacant positions in our school library and a classroom teacher position in 2J. Thank you to Mrs Abrook and Mrs Bird for their role in representing the parent community for the classroom teacher position and teacher librarian role. Both of these panels are taking place at the moment and it is expected that both appointments will start at the commencement of Term 2. Plans are already in place to ensure that a smooth transition occurs for our students in 2J. Our school appreciates the time and effort that goes into the panel selection process and we value the contribution of our parent representatives.

Stage Three leadership opportunity

Our stage three students have engaged in two workshops this term to assist them in developing their leadership capabilities. We have been impressed with their focus, maturity and engagement. A reminder that the Expressions of Interest for students entering high school in 2018 must be returned to the school by Friday 17 March.



P and C executive for 2017

Last night the P and C Annual General Meeting was held and new positions were elected for 2017.

Thank you to the parents and carers who have taken on positions for 2017 in our P and C. Our executive for 2017 is

President:	Jo McLauchlain
Vice President:	Brett Middleton
Treasurer:	Sharon King
Secretary:	Rebecca Abrook

Other Roles

Uniform Committee Representative:	Renee Pryde
60th Anniversary Fete Representative:	Nicole Crocker
Fundraising Co-ordinating:	Luisa Helwani Bianca Adams



A wonderful visit from Mrs Fifield



We were thrilled to have a special visit from Mrs Fifield and her beautiful baby Isla last week. Students were excited to see Mrs Fifield and her new baby. Thank you for visiting and big congratulations from the school community!



Tell them From Me Survey: Students in Years 4 to 6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students in years 4 to 6. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 17 March, 2017. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

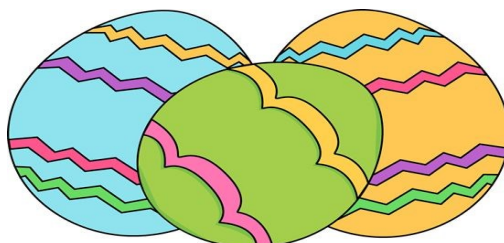
School events coming up:

Harmony Day, Easter Hat Parade and Cross Country

Some exciting events are planned for the next few weeks. Look at the School App Calendar for the following dates:

Harmony Day: Students are currently engaging in Harmony Day activities and a celebration assembly will take place on 24 March. Students may wear orange accessories on the day.

Easter Hat Parade and raffle: This special event will be held on the last day of term at 1.30pm. Students are encouraged to wear a hat for the parade. We would be very grateful for Easter Egg and raffle prize donations as all money raised will go towards the new playground upgrade project. Please send donations of Easter Eggs, baskets, gifts to your child's teacher by Friday 31 March. We are hoping for one donation per family. Raffle tickets will be sold on the day. If you are able to help please contact the school office or phone Kaz on 0411 015 766. We appreciate any help you can offer. A more detailed note was sent home last week and can also be found on the school App. Thank you for your generosity!



Cross Country: The carnival will be held on the last day of term from 9.30am (approx). Students will order their sausage sizzle on the morning of the carnival. Members of the P and C will be under the COLA before school and will be taking orders and payment. The P and C will then prepare the sausage sizzles and have them delivered to classes at lunch time. Parents and carers may purchase their own lunch directly from the BBQ stall at lunchtime. A note regarding the carnival and sausage sizzle will go home shortly. Parents and carers are encouraged to join us on this day.

Interrelate sexuality information evening

This newsletter has the application and payment forms for these evenings which will be held on Wednesday 29 March at the designated times: 6pm: Where did I come from? 7.15pm: Preparing for Puberty. Students and their parents in Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to attend.

Parent workshops throughout the year- Parents as Partners

One of the ways the school is keen to communicate with parents and carers is through regular, informal but informative coffee meetings at the school. Our first meeting will be on Friday 31 March, 2017, at 9.30am in the school library. The meeting topic will be "All about Wushka" and will be a chance to explore and learn about the resource from the Wushka representative. There'll be an opportunity to ask questions and explore the resource. Our second meeting will on Friday 12 May and will be about our coding program. It will also include a visit to the classroom to see coding in action. A light morning tea and refreshments will be provided. The aim of the Parents as Partners initiative is to build partnerships between home and school and to engage in two way communication about how we can best meet the needs of the students in our school. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this friendly and informative workshop.

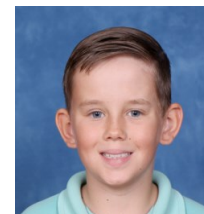
Regional Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Tahi M on his fantastic performance at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Monday. Tahi came Third in his race and will now represent Miranda North School at the State Championships in early April. He set a personal best time.



Regional AFL Trials

Congratulations to Julian B on representing our school at the Regional AFL Trials. AFL is extremely competitive and Julian has proven his skill at a very high level to be selected for these trials.



Dates to Remember

Friday 17 March	Zone PSSA Basketball trials
Friday 24 March	Zone Touch Football trials
Wednesday 29 March	Interrelate 6pm and 7.15pm
Friday 31 March	Zone Rugby League Trials
Monday 3 April	Survivor Life Skills Stage 3
Thursday 6 April	Anzac Ceremony 10.30am
Friday 7 April	Cross Country Easter Hat Parade and Raffle Final Day Term 1

Student of the Week Term 1 Week 6

Class	Name
KE	Thomas K
KF	Harry W
KMN	Jaxx C
1A	Sienna M
1F	Asa H
1/2B	Austin P
2J	Leetiana L
2/3M	Eliza W
	Jeremy H
3/4M	Georgia S
	Jordan L
3/4W	Tai G-A
	Alyssa L
4/5S	Parto K
	Chelsea R
5/6D	Ethan H
	Saila R
6B	Isa F
	Tamsyn M



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Burraneer Bay: Kindergarten-12 years
Lucas Heights: Kindergarten-14 years
Miranda: Kindergarten-14 years

Centres open 7am-6pm.

Miranda and Lucas Heights also open
 Monday 24 April - a pupil free day for some
 schools.



Programs and enrolment:

Phone: 9710 0466

Email: VacationCare@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Web: [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/
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A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's
 involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the
 Australian War Memorial.

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We will be hosting free children's activities at the Experience
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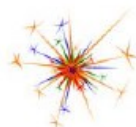
FINAL TOUR DATES



**Our Diversity is
Our Strength**



24 MARCH HARMONY DAY



Miranda North PS celebrates Harmony Day

Our school will celebrate its diversity and harmony on Friday 25 March. Students may wear an accessory which is **orange** to recognise the day. (Accessories such as a ribbon, socks, flower or bracelet. No coloured hair sprays please.) In the lead up to the day, students will be learning about our cultural diversity and the significance of Harmony Day, which has been celebrated in Australia since 1999. Classes will collectively create an artwork that will be displayed on the day at a special "Harmony Day" assembly.



Operation art



Parent Information Sheet

Operation Art is coming to Cronulla Public School

We are holding full day visual arts workshops for students in Stages 1-3.

Presented by specialist teachers, workshops cover topic areas including painting, printing, drawing, mixed media and sculpture. Workshops are designed to extend skills and artmaking experiences beyond the classroom.

- Stage 1 - (Year 1 & 2) – Tuesday 4 April 2017**
Stage 2 - (Year 3 & 4) – Wednesday 5 April 2017
Stage 3 - (Year 5 & 6) – Thursday 6 April 2017

PLACES ARE LIMITED!

BOOKINGS CLOSE: FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2017

HOW TO BOOK:

1. Parents visit the Arts Unit website to complete the online enrolment form to book a place
<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/operation-art/operation-art-student-workshops>
2. Download the 'Permission Checklist, Permission to Publish and Payment Form' and return to Operation Art by the closing date, **Friday 24 March 2017**

Email: opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au

Post: PO Box 553, Dulwich Hill NSW 2203

COST: \$50.60 (incl GST) per student per day

VENUE: Cronulla Public School
 18-24 Burraneer Road, Cronulla NSW 2230

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

SUPERVISION: Students are supervised by Operation Art tutors from the Department of Education. Teachers are not required to attend workshops.

SCHEDULE: 9:00am Arrival/ Registration
 9:30am Welcome & Warm Up drawings

Students participate in 3 workshops including mixed media, printmaking and sculpture. All materials provided.

2:30pm parents/ visitors arrive for presentation of the day's work
 3:00pm Finish

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:

Closed in shoes are required - wear comfortable art making clothing and paint shirt
 Ensure student name is marked on belongings & leave unnecessary valuables at home
 Bring carry bag to help take your artwork home
 Please bring recess and lunch. **Do not bring food containing nuts.**

CONTACT DETAILS:

Lisa van den Dolder
 Operation Art Program Officer
 Mob: 0434 567 415

WORKSHOP / BOOKING ENQUIRIES:

Visual Arts Support Officer
 Ph: (02)9550 9295
 Email: opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au



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Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school!

With over 90 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 40,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. *We know how to help break the ice.* Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1 hour session - Year 3-6)

This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1 hour session - Years 5-6; Years 3-4 at parent's discretion)

This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services presents a special evening program

Family cost: 1 session \$30 per family | 2 sessions \$35 per family
Please note that this cost is GST inclusive

Where: MIRANDA NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: Wednesday, 29th March 2017

Time: Where did I come from? 6:00 pm SHARP Preparing for puberty 7:15pm

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

----- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child's name and class -----

a special evening program

Name of family: _____

No. attending: ☐ Session 1: Where did I come from? ☐ Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

I have made an online payment. My receipt no. _____

OR ☐ Eftpos ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Credit card

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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.

For enquiries please call
(02) 9524-9560 / 0410 682 171

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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!

New Price

EAT, PLAY, COOK available for purchase from the school office for \$5.

