



# School News

Wednesday 29 March 2017

## Harmony Day — A celebration of culture and diversity



Did you know that we have 32 different languages spoken in our school community? Last week, students celebrated the strength in our diversity by participating in a range of classroom learning activities related to culture and diversity, created a combined school artwork (which is on display in the hall) and attended a special "Harmony Day" assembly where students heard from students who are bilingual and learnt about the wonderfully multicultural elements of Australian society. Students looked terrific with a splash of orange, a colour synonymous with Harmony Day across the world. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the students with their coloured accessories! They looked terrific!



## Our student leaders reflect on the stage three leadership program

This term, our stage three students have undertaken 2 workshops in learning about leadership and our student leaders have collaborated to write a reflection for the school community about their experience. You might like to read it- it is attached to the newsletter. Congratulations to Rani, Jordan, Lleyton and Kye for sharing their reflections in such a thoughtful way.

## Our SCHOOL APP and CALENDAR a "go to" place for notes, events and reminders

Have you visited our school APP lately? You'll find the updated calendar and notes that have been distributed to students in each of the grades. It's also a good place to check notifications of reminders or changes to routines as they occur.

It is free to install and all you need to do is enter:

Username: **community** and Password: **mirandanthps**

You will also need to register the year group(s) your child/children are in so you receive all the relevant information. The APP will also have the newsletter uploaded to it each week. If you haven't been receiving the notifications, check that your device has notifications "enabled" so you are sure to receive updates.

Parents who have been using the APP prior to 2017 may need to adjust the year group for 2017 (if not already done so).

Also, keep an eye on the "gallery" section of our school website. It has photos of learning, events and celebrations that occur in classrooms and the playground. Students are enjoying seeing their learning captured in this way and are keen to share their learning with others. The gallery provides a helpful stimulus for talking with your child about the learning that is occurring at school! We have 16 albums uploaded already. Take a peek if you haven't had a chance!

## ANZAC Day Ceremony

We will be holding our annual school ANZAC Day Service on Thursday 6 April at 10.30am and parents are welcome to attend. We will also be involved in another community event on ANZAC Day with Mr Meades and Ms Orlovich attending the Miranda RSL Sub Branch Dawn Service with any students who would like to attend on 25 April. **This is an optional activity**—please see Mr Meades if your child would like to participate. We will meet at 5.10am on the corner of the Kingsway and Central Road. Students need to be able to march and stand very quietly for approximately one hour. Full school uniform is required.



*"We will remember them".*

## Parents as Partners workshop is on this Friday (31 March)

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. Ms Orlovich will facilitate these workshops and there's an opportunity to chat informally and ask questions. We hope to see you there! Light refreshments are available throughout the session.



## Interrelate sexuality information evening is on tonight



A reminder that the Interrelate information sessions will be held tonight 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. If you have not paid for these sessions and would like to attend please make payment direct to the interrelate presenter at the door.

## Our last day of term is shaping up to be a fun one!

### 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. Thank you to parents and carers for their donations for the Easter raffle. Remember to bring along some money to buy raffle tickets on the day. You might be a lucky winner! Cakes and slices will also be for sale by the P and C at the hat parade. Please ensure that no nuts or nut products are included in the donated cakes and slices.



### 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. Sausage sandwiches are \$3.00 each. The P and C will 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.



## Some extra parking on The Boulevard during drop off and pick up times

Student and family safety around the school is of paramount importance to us all. To increase the amount of car parking outside the school, the Sutherland Traffic and Traffic Safety Committee met this month to consider the Council Traffic Engineer's report regarding parking on The Boulevard during both the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times. The safety committee undertook traffic observations in both 2016 and 2017 and has resolved to:

- Reduce the length of the bus zone from 33 to 17 metres. (This will allow for parking in half of the space which was previously designated a bus zone).
- Introduce **three** 10-minute parking spaces, east of the school driveway for short term parking on school days. (This will allow 3 spaces of 10-minute parking for parents/carers to pick up students and return to the car, without needing to remain with the vehicle).

The new parking signs are currently being produced and should be installed in the near future. We are anticipating notification once they are installed and will notify the community accordingly. Whilst a small amount of unrestricted parking (3 spaces) has been now allocated to 10 minute parking, we are confident that the increased spaces will improve the access to parking in the area. As with any school zone, patience and care are critical in ensuring student safety. Thank you to parents and carers for their support and understanding in making the school zone a safe one for our students.

The new parking zones:



## Ritchies SUPA IGA Community Benefit Card Program—MNPS Fundraising

Ritchies' SUPA IGA has offered Miranda North families the opportunity to participate in their Community Benefit Card Program. By participating in this program and shopping at Ritchies you are able to earn points for our school every time you shop. Ritchies then donates a percentage of the money spent to our school which will allow us to purchase more resources.

### Here's how it works:



Visit a Ritchies SUPA IGA (closest to our school is Parraweena Rd, Taren Point) to obtain a Community Benefit Card or key tag and application form. Complete your sign up and nominate Miranda North Public School as your community group. Every time you shop at Ritchies and use your CB card 0.5% of your shop will be automatically allocated to our school (as long as we are achieving a minimum of \$2000 spend each month). Please support our school by shopping locally and benefitting our community.

## Outstanding fee statements

Outstanding fee statements are being sent home this week. Please disregard any items that you may have paid that are still showing as outstanding. They may not have been processed at the time of printing the statement. Please pay outstanding monies as soon as possible and if you are having trouble making payment please do not hesitate to contact the school office to organise a payment plan.

## Term 2 Gym Stage 1

Please note that Stage 1 (K-2) will not be participating in Gym during Term 2. Being mindful of expenses for parents we have decided to leave Gym until term 3 in an effort to stagger costs across the year.

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday 29 March	Interrelate 6pm and 7.15pm
Friday 31 March	Parents as Partners session—Wushka, Library 9.30am Zone Rugby League Trials
Monday 3 April	Kindergarten Parent Interviews Survivor Life Skills Stage 3
Thursday 6 April	Anzac Ceremony 10.30am
Friday 7 April	Cross Country 9.30am Easter Hat Parade and Raffle 1.30pm Final Day Term 1
Monday 24 April	Staff development day
Wednesday 26 April	School resumes for all students

## Student of the Week Term 1 Week 7

Class	Name
<b>KE</b>	Kade B
<b>KF</b>	Isla N
<b>KMN</b>	Beau V
<b>1A</b>	Abbey H
<b>1F</b>	Olivia M
<b>1/2B</b>	Pearl M
<b>2J</b>	Daniella B Brodie A
<b>2/3M</b>	Iris H
<b>3/4M</b>	Luke P
<b>3/4W</b>	Ella B Archer H
<b>4/5S</b>	Kevin Z Evie M
<b>5/6D</b>	Oliver S Harley M
<b>6B</b>	Maya C Lleyton C

## Student of the Week Term 1 Week 8

Class	Name
<b>KE</b>	Emily C
<b>KF</b>	Grace W
<b>KMN</b>	Jayesh K
<b>1A</b>	Charlotte C
<b>1F</b>	Alexia H
<b>1/2B</b>	Charlie S Lyla L
<b>2J</b>	Laila S William L Leetiana L
<b>2/3M</b>	Harriet M Alex J
<b>3/4M</b>	Mattea V Monique F
<b>3/4W</b>	Ryker A Samantha R
<b>4/5S</b>	Chrystal S Jakyn W
<b>5/6D</b>	Jennifer B Arianne D
<b>6B</b>	Dylan L



## STAGE THREE LEADERSHIP LEARNING

### LEADERSHIP

DO YOU KNOW WHAT LEADERSHIP IS? IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT WEARING A BADGE. IT IS MORE THAN THAT. IT IS ABOUT WAKING UP WITH A BIGGER SMILE AND READY TO MAKE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

### WHAT WE LEARNT ABOUT EACH OTHER

To start off the day, we had to pick a partner that we didn't know really well. We had to find out about each other and built our listening skills because we know that good leaders are also good listeners.

### WE CAN MAKE OUR OWN CHOICES

Our leader Cameron showed us his glasses. Then we realized that he had no lens in them. He explained to us that we can choose our own lens. What that means is that you can choose the way you see things.



### IN THE BEGINNING..

As we walked into the hall, we were all wondering what we were going to do. We started our activities where we had to work together, make a poster and play some games that required team work.



### WHAT WE LEARNT OVERALL

Over the two leadership days, we developed new skills for being a leader. We also learnt that we make many decisions in our lives and that good leaders are not afraid to try new things and to work hard.


## Mr Velan's visit

On Wednesday, during Harmony Week, we were fortunate to have a visit from Mr Vadivelan (Velan) Simidiri, a primary school teacher from Malaysia. Mr Simidiri showed a short video and talked with our students about life and schooling in Malaysia. He brought a number of letters written by his students and some of our students expressed an interest in writing letters in return. We discovered there were many differences but also many similarities. It was a wonderful cultural exchange for all involved.

The above photos was taken at Cross country at Mr Simidiri's school – through mangroves and palm plantations!



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We will be hosting free children's activities at the Experience from 17 - 21 April. Find out more and register your interest at [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities)

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## TAEKWONDO



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 (9<sup>th</sup> 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  
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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!

## New Price

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

