



School News

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Welcome back to Term 2!

An outstanding term of learning has commenced with teachers returning to school on Monday to learn more about the science of how we learn and making learning visible and explicit for students.

A very warm welcome to our new families who are joining the Miranda North school community this term. We look forward to learning with you and getting to know you.

On Tuesday the student leaders and other students in the school attended Miranda RSL for the ANZAC dawn service. It was a respectful and thought provoking service and an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made for peace.



ANZAC Day Ceremony



Our student leaders did a magnificent job at the end of last term leading the school ANZAC service. Our band, drummers and students were outstanding in their presentation and performance. Congratulations to Luke who performed the Last Post with such skill and professionalism. We are proud of our students and their commitment to our school values.



Our 60th birthday plans are taking shape!

Our P&C and school anniversary planning team are working hard behind the scenes to begin the planning for school activities to commemorate our 60th year and a community celebration on Sunday 27 August, 2017 in the school grounds. If you are interested in hearing more about the plans, come along to the next P&C meeting which will be held on Tuesday 9 May at 7.30pm. The month of August will be our celebration month with Education Week a particular highlight for the birthday celebrations.



Fees

Dance fees are now due and notes will be sent home this week. Sports fees are also due and we would appreciate prompt payment of any outstanding amounts. If you are having trouble making payment please do not hesitate to contact the school office to organise a payment plan.

Canteen update

As you are aware, our P&C volunteer run canteen closed at the end of last year and throughout term one, the P&C, together with the school, have been liaising with Endeavour High School canteen to provide a healthy and affordable lunch order service for students. The P&C representatives and Ms Orlovich would like to update any interested members of the school community with how the planning is progressing. An update meeting will be held at 9.30am on Tuesday 2 May in the school library. This will be an opportunity to hear about the new Healthy School Canteen requirements for schools, learn about how the service would operate and ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Canteen Update
9.30am, 2 May
School Library



Cross Country and Hat Parade - a day of community participation and fun!

The last day of Term 1 was a perfect autumn day for the cross country and Easter hat parade. A huge thank you to the parents and carers who supported the day with the raffle, BBQ and cake stall. The contribution of our school community enabled over 60 raffle prizes and the very generous donation of the sausages and bread from Pulse Property ensured a very successful fundraiser for our P and C. Thank you to the whole school community for their involvement and support! Here are some pictures of the day.



New Staff join the Miranda North learning community

This term we welcome Miss Stephanie O'Leary who has been appointed through merit selection to the staff at Miranda North. Miss O'Leary will be teaching 2J class for the remainder of the year. Mrs Sue Atkins has also been appointed through merit selection to the position of Teacher Librarian and will operate our library on Monday-Thursday each week. We are sure that the Miranda North community will enjoy the expertise and passion of these teachers as they join our community of learners.



School sport in term 2

Years 3-6 Friday is sport day

K-2 Wednesday is sport day

A reminder that PSSA for students in years 3-6 commences on Friday and all primary students will have their sport on a Friday. As computer coding classes will commence for K-2 students this Friday, K-2 students will have sport on Wednesdays for this term.

Staff Update news

Our school chaplain Mrs Helen Hodsdon will be on leave for term two whilst she recovers from planned shoulder surgery. We all wish Mrs Hodsdon a speedy recovery and look forward to her return in term 3.

Sadly, Peter Atkins, the husband of Mrs Garrie Atkins (our former Teacher Librarian), died peacefully at the end of last term after an illness. Peter had worked at Miranda North as the General Assistant from time to time and will be remembered for his sense of humour, love of travel and dedication to his family. Our thoughts are with Mrs Atkins at this time.

Our Garden Group has started their planning for a community vegetable and sensory garden.

Mrs Jackson and a team of keen parent and carer gardeners met at the end of last term to begin the planning for a community vegetable and sensory garden. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for updates as the term progresses and if you are interested in being involved, touch base with Mrs Jackson. We look forward to watching the garden flourish and provide a rich resource for our students' learning in Science.



Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an **opportunity class** in 2018?

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Key dates

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Application website opens

Friday 12 May 2017

Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted

Wednesday 12 July 2017

Test authority letter by mail and email
(all other correspondence is sent by either mail or email)

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2017

Placement outcome information

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 26 April	OC Opportunity class application website opens
Friday 28 April	PSSA Sport commences
Tuesday 9 May	NAPLAN Language conventions assessments
Wednesday 10 May	NAPLAN Reading assessments
Thursday 11 May	NAPLAN Numeracy assessments
Friday 12 May	Parents as Partners session— Coding in the classroom\ 9.30am school library

Communicating with school

We are committed to communicating openly with the school community. To assist in open communication the following points of contact are available:

In the first instance, make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher before or after school. This may be arranged by speaking with the teacher or contacting the office to make a mutually convenient time.

Matters may then be raised with the Assistant Principals—(Mrs Finney in K-2, Mr Meades in years 3 and 4 or Mrs Butterfield in years 5 and 6).

Matters regarding the whole of school or confidential in nature may be then referred to the Principal (Ms Orlovich).

If you would like to speak with our School Chaplain Mrs Hodsdon, she is at the school on Wednesday and Thursday from term 3 onwards. A referral form is also available from the office. In term two, whilst Mrs Hodsdon is on leave, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Our school counsellor, Mrs McDougall is at the school on Thursdays. An appointment may be made with her through the school office.

Attendance—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 the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. The following information may be a helpful guide for parents and carers.








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Too sick for school?



Generally if your child feels unwell, keep them home from school and consult your doctor. This chart and the information it contains is not intended to take the place of a consultation with your doctor.

Bronchitis	Symptoms are coughing, a runny nose, sore throat and mild fever. The cough is often dry at first, becoming moist after a couple of days. There may be a slight wheeze and shortness of breath. A higher fever (typically above 39°C) may indicate pneumonia.	 ... until they are feeling better. Antibiotics may be needed.
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.	 ... for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.
Conjunctivitis	The eye feels 'scratchy', is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.	 ... while there is discharge from the eye unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.
Diarrhoea (no organism identified)	Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.
Fever	A temperature of 38.5°C or more in older infants and children.	 ... until temperature is normal.
Gastroenteritis	A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting stops.
German measles (Rubella)	Often mild or no symptoms: mild fever, runny nose, swollen nodes, pink blotchy rash that lasts a short time.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Glandular Fever (Mononucleosis, EBV infection)	Symptoms include fever, headache, sore throat, tiredness, swollen nodes.	 ... unless they're feeling unwell.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)	Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.	 ... until all blisters have dried.
Hayfever (Allergic rhinitis) caused by allergy to pollen (from grasses, flowers and trees), dust mites, animal fur or hair, mould spores, cigarette smoke	Sneezing, a blocked or runny nose (rhinitis), itchy eyes, nose and throat, headaches.	 ... unless they feel unwell or are taking a medication which makes them sleepy.
Head lice or nits* (Pediculosis)	Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.	 ... while continuing to treat head lice each night. Tell the school.



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Hepatitis A	Often none in young children; sudden onset of fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine, pale stools.	 ... for 2 weeks after first symptoms (or 1 week after onset of jaundice). Contact your doctor before returning to school.
Hepatitis B	Often no symptoms in young children. When they do occur, they can include fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine.	 ... if they have symptoms. Contact your doctor before returning to school.  ... if they have a chronic infection (not the first outbreak) and no symptoms.
Impetigo (School sores)	Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.	 ... until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.
Influenza	Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches.	 ... until well.
Measles	Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts 4 to 7 days.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Meningococcal Disease	Sudden onset of fever and a combination of headache, neck, stiffness, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness or rash.	Seek medical attention immediately. Patient will need hospital treatment. Close contacts receive antibiotics.
Molluscum Contagiosum	Multiple small lumps (2–5mm) on the skin that are smooth, firm and round, with dimples in the middle. In children, occur mostly on the face, trunk, upper arms and legs. Symptoms can last 6 months to 2 years.	
Mumps	Fever, swollen and tender glands around the jaw.	 ... for 9 days after onset of swelling.
Ringworm* (tinea corporis)	Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.	 ... for 24 hours after fungal treatment has begun.
Runny nose or common cold		 ... unless there are other symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, rash or headache. Check with school.
Scabies*	Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.	 ... until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
Shigella	Diarrhoea (which may contain blood, mucus and pus), fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting.	 ... until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. Antibiotics may be needed.
Slapped Cheek Syndrome (Parvovirus B19 infection, fifth disease, erythema infectiosum)	Mild fever, red cheeks, itchy lace-like rash, and possibly cough, sore throat or runny nose.	 ... as it is most infectious before the rash appears.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.	 ... until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.
Worms (Threadworms, pinworms)	The main sign of threadworms is an itchy bottom. Sometimes children feel 'out of sorts' and do not want to eat much. They may also have trouble sleeping, due to itching at night.	 ... and tell the school as other parents will need to know to check their kids.

*It is important that the rest of the family is checked for head lice, scabies and ringworm



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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 last 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 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 were installed in the school holiday break and are now in operation. 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:





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