



## Miranda North Public School Newsletter

### A welcome to 2018 from Ms Orlovich

A warm welcome to the 2018 school year. 2018 is shaping to be a wonderful year of learning for our students and we are excited to share some of our initiatives over the next few weeks at Meet the Teacher and Parents as Partners workshops.

A very friendly welcome to the new families and students who are joining our school community this year. We know that you will be welcomed into our learning community with warmth and acceptance and it won't be long before you feel completely at home at our wonderful school!

Students were very excited to see each other in the school playground this morning and joined their new classes today. It was wonderful to hear about their holiday experiences and how they are greeting the school year with such enthusiasm. As with any start to the new year, classes are finalised once all students return to school and the Department of Education confirms our staffing allocation for the school year. We anticipate minimal changes with overall student numbers and classes.

Teachers have worked together over the last few months of last year to place students into classes for 2018 and have considered friendships, learning needs, social combinations and class structures to make

decisions to best meet the needs of each student. As with any change, students may be feeling a little unsure of their new class and teacher in the early weeks of the year. This is completely normal and your encouragement and support in reassuring them is appreciated. Teachers will be working closely with students over the next few weeks to build positive classroom environments and learn more about each student.

We encourage you to assist your child to embrace the challenge of adapting to a new classroom, with a fresh combination of peers to meet and learn alongside, as well as a new teacher to explore with. If you notice that your child is taking longer than expected to settle, make a time to speak with your child's class teacher so you can work together to settle your child into their new environment. Teachers are positive and excited about their new classes and have spent much time in the holiday break preparing for an exciting and fulfilling year of learning.





## Our school structure for 2018

### **Classroom Teaching Team:**

#### **Kindergarten:**

KE Ms Edwards  
KF Mrs Finney (Assistant Principal)  
KMN Mrs McHugh/Mrs Nicholls

#### **Stage One:**

1C Mrs O'Connell (Stage One Co-ordinator)  
1D Ms Dribbus  
1/2B Miss Barley  
20 Ms O'Leary

#### **Stage Two:**

2/3S Ms Short  
3/4D Ms Davidson  
3/4M Mr Meades (Assistant Principal)

#### **Stage Three:**

4/5NK Mrs Morrissey/Mrs Fifield  
5/6S Mrs Sherwen  
5/6M Ms Mitsoulis (Stage Three Co-ordinator)

#### **Library:**

Mrs Atkins

Students are supported through a variety of school programs by the following staff:

### **Learning and Wellbeing Support Staff Team:**

Mrs Butterfield (Assistant Principal)  
Mrs Jackson  
Mrs Alderman  
Mrs Druce  
Mrs Choice

### **Learning and Support Officers:**

Mrs Black and Mrs Gerlan

### **School Counsellor:**

Mrs Mc Dougall

Chaplain (to be appointed this term)

### **Administrative Staff Team:**

School Administration Manager  
Mrs Metters

### **School Administration Officers:**

Mrs Van Vliet and Mrs Sabbagh

### **General Assistant:**

Mr Patterson





### New and returning staff for 2018

We have welcomed some new staff to the school this year and other staff have returned from leave. Mrs Fifield has returned from maternity leave and will be at school each Thursday and Friday. Mrs Druce, formerly a Reading Recovery tutor trainer, is joining our MNPS learning and support team in 2018 and we look forward to appointing a school chaplain sometime early this term, once the recruitment process is completed.

### Traffic safety around our school

Our school is situated on a busy road and traffic safety around the school is paramount for our students. Please ensure that traffic signs are adhered to when dropping off and picking up children. Note that parking is not permitted on school grounds and entry to the staff car park is not permitted. Disabled parking for students with a physical disability is provided at drop off and pick up time upon consultation with and approval by the principal. We thank parents and carers for assisting in making the school surrounds safe for our students.

### P & C Meeting

The first P and C meeting for the 2018 school year is Tuesday 13 February, at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is invited to attend and new parents and carers are especially welcome.

P and C is a very friendly environment where you can hear about the school and its programs and ways that you can support your child through programs and fundraising.

### Meet the teacher opportunity

An opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and hear about the programs and organisation for the year will be on Tuesday 13 February and Wednesday 14 February. The meetings will be held at the following times:

#### Tuesday 13 February, 2017

4:00pm-4:45pm: Parents and carers of students in (KE, KF, KMN)  
Where: in KE classroom

4.30-5:15pm: Parents and carers of students in 2/3S, 3/4M, 3/4D  
Where: 3/4M classroom

#### Wednesday 14 February, 2017

4:00pm-4.45pm: Parents and carers of students in 1C, 1D 1/2B, 2O  
Where: 1D classroom

4.30-5:15pm: Parents and carers of students in 4/5NK, 5/6M and 5/6S  
Where: 5/6S classroom

Parents and carers of students in 2/3S and 4/5NK will have the opportunity to attend the stage meeting and also some time with Ms Short and Mrs Morrissey/Mrs Fifield to hear about the organisation particular to these classes as they work across stages. We look forward to seeing you!





## Upcoming events

- 5/2 Kindergarten commences
- 13/2 Parent Information evening
- 14/2 Parent Information evening
- 19/2 Zone Tennis trials
- 20/2 Zone AFL trials





## Do you have our school app?

We communicate with our school community in as many ways as possible and email our fortnightly newsletters to everyone we can. We also post the newsletter on our school website: <http://www.mirandanth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Another method of communication is via our MNPS APP. This can be downloaded to your smart phone by searching for Miranda North Public School in your App Store. Throughout the year, we also send notifications to your phone about events and information as it arises to keep you informed.

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 has the newsletter uploaded to it and notes as well.

Parents who have been using the APP may need to adjust the year group for 2018.

Keep an eye out on the "gallery" section of our school website. It has photos of learning, events and celebrations that occur in classrooms and the playground.

## A new year of learning!



## Flexischools Lunch Ordering System

Students will be able to order their lunch commencing next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the canteen provider for Endeavour Sports High School. We received very positive feedback last term and are pleased to be continuing with the flexischools online system this year. Orders are made and paid for online at [www.flexischools.com](http://www.flexischools.com). There is an information section of the website which explains how the online ordering system works and how to set up an account. It can be accessed by this link: <https://support.flexischools.com/support/how-flexischools-works>. **Orders must be made before 6pm on the evening before (ie: 6pm on Monday and Wednesday).** Orders are prepared at the commercial kitchen at Endeavour Sports High and then delivered to the school in time for lunch each Tuesday and Thursday. A menu is available

### REGISTER

- 1  Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and select the **REGISTER** option and enter your email address.
- 2  You will be sent a registration email. Click on the link in the email to complete the registration.
- 3  Fill in your details on the Registration Form and click "submit".
- 4  Add your students, select their school and class.

### ORDER

- 1  Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and select the **LOGIN** option. Click on "Start an order" for your student.
- 2  Select the service you wish to purchase from. You can also set up orders in advance.
- 3  Add each of your items. Extras and options will appear where relevant to the item.
- 4  Select your payment option. Pay for the one order or "top up" your account. Complete payment to place order.

 [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au)

## THE MUSIC BUS LESSON TIMES 2018

### FRIDAYS:

3.30pm Keyboard

4.00pm Ukulele/Guitar

4.30pm Keyboard

5.05pm Drums









If you like what you hear and would like to book lessons for your child contact us today.

**BOOK NOW – Phone 1300 168 742**  
**or visit [www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au)**

**Not at your school yet? No problem – get in touch regardless and we can help get you started!**

Note: Music Bus lessons are also available at Vacation Care, OOSH, and Home School.

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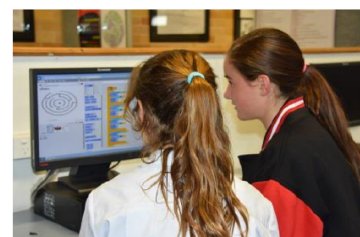
**ENDEAVOUR**  
SPORTS  
HIGH SCHOOL

## OPEN NIGHT – 2018

Wednesday 14 February

School Hall 6.00pm-8.00pm

- 2017 recipient of the NSW Department of Education's prestigious award for Significant Achievement as a School
- Exceptional teaching and learning standards; high student expectations and teacher commitment
- Year 7, 8 and 9 Extension Classes
- 20% increase in student enrolments in 2 years
- Enrichment in extra-curricular interests: band, Zone Champions in debating, drama, the visual arts, chess club, Performing Arts Showcase
- Dynamic learning environment with state of the art learning and sporting facilities
- High Expectations Policy that prioritises academic success
- University partnerships in Maths, Literacy and Sports Science
- School community participating and benefitting from state recognised student welfare initiatives: White Ribbon, Shine, Strength, True 2 U- girls initiative, Boys 2 Men
- Targeted Sport Program offering elite training and development in: AFL, athletics, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cricket, dance, hockey, netball, rugby league, rugby union, soccer (boys & girls), swimming, tennis
- Sporting partner organisations include Sydney FC, Cronulla Sharks Rugby League, Sydney Swans, Sydney Sixers, Southern Districts Rugby, Basketball NSW, Baseball NSW, Sydney Blue Sox, Netball NSW & Sutherland Athletics Club.
- Best NAPLAN results on record in 2017
- **Strong academic results** in 2015, 2016, 2017 HSC. Graduates placed in university courses including: Health Science, Business & Economics, International Law, Architecture & Design, Psychology, Engineering Studies
- **Strong sporting achievements** in 2015, 2016, 2017 with graduates securing sporting contracts both nationally and internationally.



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