



## Miranda North Public School Newsletter

### A welcome from our student leaders

The MNPS Student Leadership Team would like to welcome all students, teachers, staff and parents to another great year. We give a warm welcome and are thrilled to have all of the new students as well as the kindergarten students come to our wonderful school. We all look forward to a great school year!

At Miranda North we have our five key rules: Friendliness, Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Endeavour, which are also known as our five school values. One of the school's jobs is to teach our new kindergarten students these key rules for their time at Miranda North. We hope that this year we are all safe learners, remember our school values and that we all have a fun year at Miranda North! One of the most important values at MNPS is caring for others. At this school, everyone cares for each other, themselves and the teachers. At the start of each year, the Year 5 and 6 students become a buddy to the new kindergarten students. Year 5 and 6 students have to make sure that they are caring to their buddies and make sure that they are always happy and excited about coming to school. It's a really great part of being in year 5 and 6!

Miranda North is a great school, with amazing, friendly people and is a place where you can get along with other students and have a good time.

We all hope that this year turns out fantastically for you all and the Miranda North Public School Student Leadership team wishes you a really awesome year!

**Muhammad Zaeem, Brianna, Tamara and Oliver**

### Sport for Schools

Miranda North is participating in Sports for Schools. Vouchers can be placed in the box outside the office. During the Sports For Schools program, families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for our school from Coles stores across Australia. When the program ends, schools can exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school.



## Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have been able to attend the Meet the Teacher opportunities this week. If you were unable to attend, an information bulletin is available on the school app. We value your partnership in learning. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at the end of term one.

## Lunch orders

Students are able to order their lunch 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 Endeavor Sports High and then delivered to the school in time for lunch each Tuesday and Thursday. A menu is available on the website.

## 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.

## Swimming Carnival

Even a cool and cloudy day couldn't deter our enthusiastic participants on our carnival day. Every student who entered a race tried so hard to achieve their best and students were super encouraging on the sidelines. Thank you to our wonderful community who came along to encourage and support on the day. We loved having you there!



### 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)



## Parents as Partners

Don't miss our first workshop for the year! Our school counsellor, Lee McDougall will be speaking about assisting your kinder child to make a great start to school with tips and strategies to help students settle quickly into school life. A light morning tea is also available and parents are able to ask questions and chat with Ms Orlovich. It will be held in the library and commences at 9.30am.

## Stage 3 Endeavour Sports High

### Mr Kozlowski, Principal of Endeavour Sports High, to visit our school to speak to stage three parents

On Monday, 5 March, we will welcome Mr Kozlowski from Endeavour Sports High to speak with stage three parents and carers and answer any questions about high school. Year 5 and 6 parents are very welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the 5/6M classroom from 5-5.30pm.

## Congratulations to kindergarten (and their wonderful parents/carers)!

What a magnificent start to the year our kinder students have had. We've been so proud of the way they have settled into their classroom environments and are showing a real love of learning. A big thank you to parent and carers for their reassurance and preparation in making the start to the year such a smooth one.



## P and C Meeting

It was wonderful to see many parents and carers at our first P and C meeting for the year. Our P and C is wonderfully supportive of the school and we appreciate the support that they provide. Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Tuesday **13 March with a new starting time of 7pm.**

Positions available on the P and C include:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

### Sub Committees:

Uniform shop

Canteen

Fundraising

Grant applications

## Upcoming events

### 16/2 Parents as Partners

9.30am Library

### 19/2 Zone Tennis trials (selected students)

### 20/2 Zone AFL trials (selected students)

### 23/2 School Banking Day

### 26/2 Stage 3 Leadership Day

Zone Basketball Trials (selected students)

### 1/3 Zone Swimming (selected students)

### 2/3 Clean up Australia Day

### 5/3 Stage 3 students

5.30pm 5/6M Classroom

Mr Kozlowski, Principal of  
Endeavour Sports High

### 6/3 Zone Rugby League (selected students)

## Moving into year 7 in 2019

High schools are holding their information evenings for prospective students in the early part of this year. If you have not yet checked with your local high school as to the date and time of their information session, it is worthwhile checking the high school's website for details. Expression of interest forms will be distributed to year 6 students in early March. Each student's local school is recorded on this form.

## School Banking on Fridays

School Banking will commence on Friday 23 February. Please send in your child's bank book each Friday to their class teacher and it will be processed the following Monday by our wonderful parent volunteers.

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

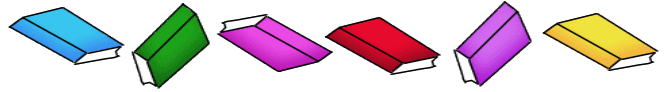




# KINDERGARTEN



# Library News



Welcome back to school and welcome to all our new kindergarten students and their families – so nice to see all the student's lovely smiley faces again.

## **OVERDUE BOOKS**

Please ensure all books from 2017 are returned or if lost, paid for so your child is able to resume borrowing.

## **LIBRARY DAYS**

Monday – 5/6S, 5/6M, 1C and 3/4M

Tuesday – KMN, 3/4D and 2/3

Wednesday – KF, KE, 2O and 1/2B

Thursday – 1D and 4/5NK

Kindergarten: 1 book per week

Year 1: 2 books per week

Year 2: 3 books per week

Years 3-6: 4 books per week

## **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2017 March – 25 August 2018**

I am very pleased to introduce the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) to all our students. The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers will read 30 books from now until the 25<sup>th</sup> August to the students, enabling them to participate and enjoy the Challenge. Students in Years 3 to 6 will independently read 20 books by the 25<sup>th</sup> August and will record them and enter them online during library lessons. Students may record 5 free choice books and no more than 2 books from a series. All students who have completed the Challenge will be presented with a special certificate at the end of the year. ALL students receive a prize from my prize box after they have recorded their completed PRC sheet .

## **PARENT HELPERS NEEDED**

To take books home to cover and/or to help out in the library – thank you!

Sue Atkins

Teacher Librarian



A fabulous swimming carnival!











# Being a Dad

**This 3 hour program will help fathers gain the skills necessary to build closer relationships with their children.**

**You will learn to:**

- Connect with your children
- Discipline constructively
- Understand the special role of fatherhood
- Father from the inside-out

**Thursday, 22nd March**

**6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Venue: Interrelate, 383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah**

**Cost: \$15 per person (includes pizza and refreshments)**

**Bookings essential — numbers limited  
phone 8522 4408 or email [KristenM@interrelate.org.au](mailto:KristenM@interrelate.org.au)**