

Miranda North Public School



High School Expressions of Interest

Last week, students in year 6 received their Expression of Interest Forms for High School. These need to be completed and returned to school by Friday 16 March. If parents or carers require support in completing the form, please see the class teacher or Mrs Butterfield. They are more than happy to assist you.

Selective High School testing

Students sitting the selective high school test will do so on Thursday 15 March. Relevant students have been notified of the arrangements.

Parent Teacher interviews in term 1

Parent teacher and student interviews will be held at the end of term. A note will come home in the next week with options for times. Please return the request note as soon as possible so that times can be allocated. Students will share their own goals and areas for focus at the meetings.

Congratulations to our new P and C

Congratulations to our recently elected P and C. Our P and C held its annual general meeting last Tuesday evening. The following positions were elected:

President:	Jo McLaughlain
Vice president	Brett Middleton
Secretary	Rebecca Abrook
Treasurer	Keira Alexander
<u>Sub Committee</u>	
Uniform Shop	Renee Pryde
Fundraising	Not yet filled
Grant applications	Vanessa Gale

New roof for 3 blocks

On Monday 26 March, the roof in admin, stage 3 and OOSH blocks are beginning to be replaced. We anticipate the work to take approximately a week and the OOSH block will occur over a weekend. Safety fencing and measures are in place to ensure safe completion.

Car Park Safety

Thank you to parents and carers for their safe driving behaviour around the school. Please note that parking is not permitted on the school grounds. Students must use the pedestrian gate to enter and exit the school. The school car park is not to be used for pedestrian access. Please model safe behaviour for our students. We appreciate your attention to safety.

- **NO PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**
- **NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS THROUGH SCHOOL CAR PARK**

Schools Clean Up Day

A successful Clean Up at school was held last Friday. Our stage three students shared information about the impact of pollution on the environment throughout the week and we are keen to see our students continue to demonstrate such care and commitment to our beautiful grounds.



Tree safety work undertaken

Last week we had further tree safety pruning undertaken following our annual arborist inspection. The very hot weather over the Christmas break and storm activity resulted in the loss of several willow trees and significant dead wood. We also had a paperbark split at the trunk on the Boulevard fence line. The work undertaken was at a cost of \$11 500.00. We are pleased to have the playground area safely pruned for students.

Outstanding payments

A gentle reminder from the office that there are many families with outstanding payments. Currently due are fees for:

School Textbooks and resources

Band administration fees

Dance Term 1

Dance costume deposit

If you are unsure whether you have any money owing could you please check with the school office and if you are having any difficulty making payment please do not hesitate to visit us to organise a payment plan.

Our key projects in 4C learning

Over the last month, the leadership team has commenced its learning with academics from the University of Sydney. The Leading School Transformation program supports participants in learning then implementing change processes in their workplace through the 4Cs approach (creativity, critical reflection, collaboration and communication). We are currently learning about the positive attributes of highly successful learners strategies for introducing them into our school environment. The techniques we are trialing are aimed at building competency in the 4Cs.

In addition, we have commenced our work in student wellbeing. Teachers are preparing for the introduction of our wellbeing initiative in term 2.

The aim of the initiative is to help all children achieve emotional wellbeing through the building of emotional resilience, learning dispositions and social skills. More information about the initiative will be shared in term 2.



**LEADING SCHOOL
TRANSFORMATION**

DR MICHAEL ANDERSON &
DR MIRANDA JEFFERSON

Classroom learning

Students are learning well in the classroom. Students are currently working on developing their own learning goals for the term and teachers are impressed with their ability to reflect on their strengths and areas of need. They will be sharing their goals in our 3 way interviews at the end of the term. We are keen to have parent feedback about the student's goal as well and welcome your input.



5 cent Fridays

Thank you to our wonderful P and C for leading the "5 cent fundraiser". The money boxes are filling fast and students have really responded well to the activity. It will be exciting to see how much is donated.



Harmony Day

Harmony day will be celebrated at MNPS on 21 March. Students may wear their school uniform with a splash of orange- perhaps a ribbon, clip, socks or badge. Students are encouraged to bring along a gold coin donation which will be provided to the UNHCR to support children affected by the Syrian conflict.



Stewart House collection 3 April

Stewart House bag collection is on again and bags may be returned to the caged area next to the junior toilets on Tuesday 3 April. Bags cannot be accepted after this date due to the pick up schedule.



Easter Raffle

Donations for the Easter raffle have been hopping into the office lately. The Easter Hat Parade will commence at 2pm on Thursday 29 March and parents and carers are encouraged to attend. We hope to see many people enjoying the parade.



Parents as Partners

Our first two Parents as Partners Workshops have been held. Our first workshop was led by our school counselor and provided tips for settling children into their new environment.

Our second workshop had only one attendee and was focused on learning in the senior years of school. An alternative time could be rescheduled if there is an appetite for the topic. Our next workshop will be held on Friday 6 April and will focus on students key learning in the number aspect of mathematics. It will particularly target the language of maths.



Coles shopping vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has been enthusiastically collecting Coles vouchers. We wanted to let you know that you can also earn vouchers for the school when you order your shopping online! Along with logging the vouchers online you can also place your shopping dockets in the MNPS box at your local Coles store or by returning vouchers to school and placing them in bundles of 10 in the box at our school office.



Upcoming events

- 15/3** Selective High School testing
- 16/3** Starting school in 2019 tour
- 22/3** Cross Country
- 26/3** Stage 3 Leadership day
- 29/3** Easter Hat parade
- 6/4** Junior Choir half day rehearsal

From the office

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Please note that book club orders must be paid no later than 28 March. School can no longer accept payment. Orders are online through scholastic book club loop. The details are on the back of the brochure.



Kindergarten 2019 school tour



Starting school in 2019?

Join us for a tour of the school and a visit to one of the kindergarten classrooms. There'll be a chance to ask questions as well. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

where:

Miranda North Public School

when:

Friday 16 March from 10:00am-10:30am

Please phone the school on 9524 6842 to register your attendance for the tour.



Zone Swimming Carnival






We are looking  volunteers for Term 2 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you can volunteer an hour of your time each week, we'd love to have your help!


All training is provided by Mrs Druce

Many  volunteers have found this program very rewarding. It is also a helpful way to learn about reading and how you can help your child learn to read!



If you are interested in finding out more, please fill in the expression of interest form below and return it to the school office by Tuesday 22nd March. All training for this program will be conducted on Tuesday 27th March at 2.15pm in the new Learning Support Room. The program begins in term 2, week 3, Tuesday 15th May, 2018.



Yes! I am very interested in becoming a parent tutor for the  program in Term 2.

My Name: _____ Ph: _____

My Child's/Grandchild's Name: _____ Class: _____

I am available (please nominate day/s and time/s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesdays | 9:30-10:30 or |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesdays | 2-3pm or |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursdays | Other (please specify) _____ |

☐ I am able to come to the designated training on Tuesday 27th March at 2.15.



HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR MIRANDA NORTH SCHOOL

FRIDAY APRIL 6TH

GAMES / TICKETS \$20 / PRIZES

TABLE OF 8 FOR \$150

BYO FOOD & DRINKS

OVER 18s EVENT

DOORS OPEN 6.30 FOR 7PM START / MNPS HALL

Please return this form to the black P&C box in the school office by Wed, 4th April

Team Name:

Team Contact:

Phone No:

Payment either by cash or through the link on Flexischools website (online canteen)

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