

Miranda North Public School Newsletter



ANZAC Day remembered at school and in the community



We were honoured to have Mr Brian Senior from Miranda RSL and two of our own Miranda North parents, Mr Lowe and Mr Ramirez, who are also members of the Australian army, join us at our school Anzac ceremony at the end of last term. On Anzac Day, some students and their families also met in the early hours of the morning to march and participate in the Anzac ceremony at Miranda cenotaph. Thank you to parents and carers for joining us to remember those who served our nation over the last 100 years. Lest we forget.



ANZAC Ceremony



NAPLAN

Next week, our students in years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN paper tests (May 15-17). A fact sheet is included in this newsletter for your information.

Mother's Day Stall

Remember to bring along some money to purchase a gift at the Mother's Day stall in the hall on Friday. Classes will visit the stall throughout the morning to purchase a gift for mum or a special carer. Gifts range from \$1 to \$10. Thank you to our wonderful P and C for holding the stall. Happy Mother's day to mums and carers for Sunday. May your day be a happy one with family and friends.



Parents as Partners session

Reading Comprehension—Friday 18 May

Come along on Friday 18 May to hear about how reading comprehension is taught across K-6. You'll even get to visit a classroom to see learning in action. The session commences at 9.30am in the library and will run for about an hour. We'd love to see you there.

Opportunity class placement application

Parents and carers of students in year 4 have received a letter outlining the key dates and information for applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2019. Please see the information further in the newsletter.

Photo Day

We look forward to receiving the school photos later this term. Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring that students looked fabulous and proud in their full summer uniforms on photo day. If you require photos and have not yet ordered them, this may be done through the following link: <https://store.theschoolphotographer.com.au>

Gymnastics

Our K-2 students have participated in their first gymnastics sessions for the term at the nearby NSW Academy of Gymnastics. This term, students are learning to follow simple sequences, exploring balance and movement using a variety of equipment. We are fortunate to have the gymnastics facility so close to our school. Keep an eye out on the website gallery for photos.



Upcoming events

- 11/5 Mothers Day Stall**
- 14/5 Zone Cross Country**
- 15/5 NAPLAN language conventions, writing**
- 16/5 NAPLAN reading**
- 17/5 NAPLAN numeracy**
- 18/5 Parents as Partners Information session**
- Reading Comprehension

No parking on school grounds

A reminder to all parents that parking on school grounds is not permitted between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm. Parents picking up from OOSH are able to park after 5pm.

Friday snack canteen

Our Friday snack canteen opened with tasty treats and keen customers. Thank you to our P and C canteen co-ordinator, Helen and her team of organisers, Kristie and Brett as well as the band of volunteers for their efforts in providing the canteen service for the community. The canteen is open for snacks every Friday until 3.25pm until 4pm.



MIRANDA NORTH CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2018

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DRINKS

	PRICE
Water	\$1.00
Focus Water – Fruit Tingle	\$2.00
Focus Water – Lemonade	\$2.00
Apple Juice Cup	\$1.00
Slushie – various flavours Small	\$1.00
Slushie – various flavours Large	\$2.00

CHIPS AND CRACKERS

Jatz and Cheese	50c
Red Rock Honey Soy Chips	\$1.00
Red Rock Sea Salt Chips	\$1.00
Popcorn	70c
Pretzels	\$1.00

ICECREAM AND ICEBLOCKS

Moosies – Chocolate	\$1.50
Moosies – Banana	\$1.50
Moosies – Strawberry	\$1.50
Quelch Sticks	\$1.50
Lemonade Icy Pole	\$1.00
Zooper Doopers – various flavours	\$1.00

TREATS

Hello Pandas	\$1.00
Yoghurt Frogs	50c

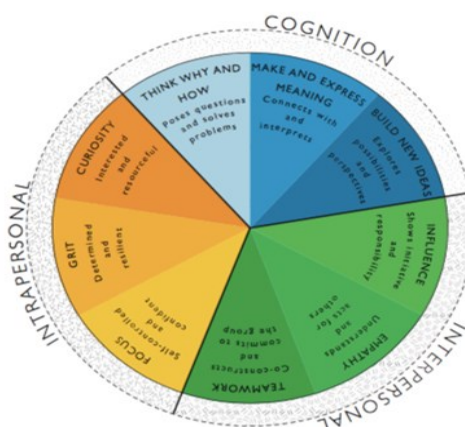
HEALTHY SNACKS

Piece of Fruit – apple or orange	\$1.00
Frozen Grapes – small cup	50c

Teacher learning on the recent School Development Day

Last Monday the teachers undertook their own learning in three areas that are important for our school this year: student wellbeing, learning dispositions and reporting to parents. We are excited to share some of the work we are undertaking as the term progresses. We are currently focusing on understanding and developing the 9 learner dispositions (or qualities) of effective learning. Here they are for your information. You'll see that the students will begin to use the language of the learning dispositions as they become more familiar with their meaning and how the attributes assist them with their learning. We are also excited to distribute our updated student report this term. It is due for distribution in week 10 of the term.

THE LEARNING DISPOSITION WHEEL



The Learning Disposition Wheel is a diagnostic tool that represents the cognitive, intra and interpersonal competencies needed for self-regulated learning.

'Incognito' - CREATE SOUTH

This year's show is titled 'Incognito'... *Everyone is having fun but you! How can you disguise yourself so people accept you, or is it better to be yourself?*

Congratulations to all the students who were chosen to audition for Create South last term. If you were not selected to perform please remember it was a great honour to be chosen by your teachers to try out! It is with great pride that two of our Year 6 students were chosen to perform/participate in Create South this year. Well done to:

Arianne De La Vega 5/6M (art)

Jane Lanham 5/6M (band)

Tickets on sale for 7 June performance:

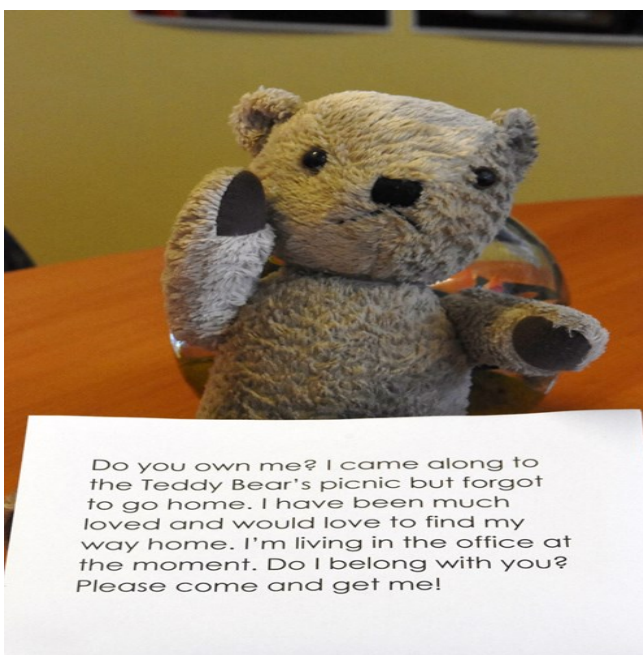
Monday 21 May at 8pm BOOK ONLINE www.suthentcent.com.au

Coding commences for students in years 3-6

Our stage 2 and 3 students have enjoyed their first coding lessons this term and are working collaboratively to solve problems, explore chance and implement simple digital solutions.



Little bear lost—do you know him? See the office to collect him



"Friday freshen up" in the garden

Do you fancy spending time in the garden or keeping water up to the plants? If you do, we'd love your help on a Friday morning around drop off time. Our GA, Chris, is here on a Friday and can show you which gardens need tending or watering and you are welcome to help out- even for just half an hour. It's a great way to keep fit, chat with friends and keep our school gardens looking great. Our vegetable garden is close to completion and it will certainly enjoy some TLC once it is planted out. Simply come along and sign in at the office and Chris will show you the garden identified for tidying. If you haven't done so beforehand, parent helpers need to sign a Working with Children Declaration at the office prior to assisting at school. We value your support and look forward to freshening up and watering our gardens.




Look at the learning at Miranda North Public

Check out our website gallery to see learning around our great school! Here's the link

<http://www.mirandanth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Gallery

 <p>ANZAC Day at Miranda RSL</p> <p>18 photos Apr 25, 2018</p>	 <p>ANZAC ceremony- Lest We Forget</p> <p>7 photos Apr 16, 2018</p>	 <p>5/6S' super persuasive texts!</p> <p>9 photos Apr 16, 2018</p>	 <p>Student Leaders' Afternoon Tea</p> <p>3 photos Apr 16, 2018</p>	 <p>Stamp Out Bullying</p> <p>8 photos Apr 10, 2018</p>
 <p>Learning length in 1D</p> <p>7 photos Apr 10, 2018</p>	 <p>Watch it Grow!</p> <p>8 photos Apr 10, 2018</p>	 <p>Parents as Partners</p> <p>11 photos Apr 6, 2018</p>	 <p>Our 3 way interviews-</p> <p>7 photos Apr 4, 2018</p>	 <p>Teddy Bears' Picnic</p> <p>43 photos Apr 4, 2018</p>

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Library News



Welcome back to school – I hope everyone had a lovely break.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Please ensure all books from Term 1 are returned, so your child is able to resume borrowing.

LIBRARY DAYS (in **bold** if changed from Term 1)

Monday – **4/5NK**, 3/4M

Tuesday – KMN, 3/4D and 2/3S

Wednesday – KF, KE, 2O and 1/2B

Thursday – **5/6S**, **5/5M**, **1C** and 1D

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

The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers will read 30 books from now until 25 August to the students, enabling them to participate and enjoy the Challenge.

Students in Years 3 to 6 will independently read 20 books by 25 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

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

DONATED BOOKS

Thank you Matthew H of 5/6S for your kind book donation, it is greatly appreciated.

Sue Atkins

Teacher Librarian

NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What will be tested?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at nap.edu.au/naplanexample

How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN paper tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia may sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au/online-assessment

NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2019?

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



Key dates

Tuesday 1 May 2018

Application website opens

Friday 18 May 2018

Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted.

Wednesday 18 July 2018

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

Wednesday 1 August 2018

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2018

Placement outcome information

Application information should be read carefully before applying.

It is on the website at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

Note: The information in this document is available in an accessible format on the website.

Parents* should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website and Facebook for up to date information before you contact the Unit.



Building Bridges

When parents separate, they often live in two homes and kids need to find a way to build their own bridge between their parents' homes.

Building Bridges is a two hour workshop for children to discuss how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. This workshop is available for children aged between 8 and 12 years old.

Children will learn:

- to understand feelings about parental separation and conflict
- about changes in families following separation
- how to feel safe in the family
- to become emotionally stronger and more resilient
- consider succession planning and transition counselling

Tuesday, 4:00 – 6:00pm, 22 May 2018

Cost: \$15 per child

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah

Bookings essential (limited numbers) — phone 8522 4408