Miranda North Public School Newsletter



Our students show great empathy acting for our friends in Tullamore!

We had the most magnificent fundraiser for Tullamore Central School recently! The community raised \$1492.40 and Tullamore's wish of refurbishing an office space to make a wellness centre is going to become a reality. A huge thank you to our families for their generosity and stage three students and staff for their cake donations. It was a day where our empathy disposition of understanding and acting for others came alive!

Earlier in the week, one of our parents, Mrs Garvan spoke to our assembly and shared such interesting information about Tullamore, farming and the effects of the drought with our students. Imagine our surprise, late last term, when we realised that Mrs Garvan actually went to school at Tullamore and that we were fundraising for them! Thanks Mrs Garvan for sharing your experiences on the farm and at school and helping to make our fundraiser even more personalised. Congratulations stage three, on a fabulous fundraiser!







Good luck Charlotte. We are proud of you!



Next week, Charlotte from 1/2B will represent the Miranda North Public School and Sutherland Network in the grand final of the Ultimo Network School's Public Speaking Competition. We are proud of Charlotte's achievement and wish her well on the day.

Congratulations Deklyn on attending the State Gymnastics competition!

Congratulations to Deklyn who competed last week in the NSW State Gymnastics competition. Deklyn trains after school a number of days each week and has reached an outstanding level to compete at state level.

Well done Deklyn on your achievement.

We are proud of you!



Stage Three head off to camp in week 6

There'll be plenty of opportunities for stage three to show team work, influence and grit when they attend camp in week 6!



Mrs Sherwen, Ms Mitsoulis, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Butterfield will be attending camp with the students and we thank them for their commitment and dedication towards our students. They forego their own family time to ensure our students have a wonderful experience and we appreciate it!

Have you checked out our new website?

Our new website is operational and has lots of photos in our learning gallery of different school events as well as news items. We encourage you to take a look at the site and access the school newsletter from the front page. We hope you enjoy the information shared on the site.

https://mirandanth-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

Planning for 2019—Our school is growing!



As we've mentioned in our earlier newsletters, our enrolments numbers are growing and we are in the process of determining how many classes

will be formed in 2019. At this stage, we expect to form 14 classes in 2019, one more class than we have had this year. To assist us in this process, please notify the office if you are not planning to return to Miranda North in 2019, so that enrolment numbers can be finalised and planning for classes undertaken. Additionally, if circumstances are that your child will not be in attendance in the first week of school next year, an application for leave needs to be completed prior to the end of the year. This allows us to include your child in the enrolment numbers for 2019 if they have not yet returned from an extended holiday.

Reminder: Information for Parents and carers of students in year 5: Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020

Key Information:

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020 must be made online by 12 November 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

Parents must apply online at

shoots-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

KMN SILLY SOCKS





In our last couple of newsletters, we have provided the following two news items. This week is the final week for the provision of

information for class planning and the survey monkey feedback. Thank you for the provision of feedback. f you haven't had the chance to do so already, please submit any feedback by the end of next week.

Planning for classes in 2019

If parents and carers have specific information about their child that they wish to be taken into account when planning for classes takes place, please provide the information to the school office writing. This information is treated with confidentiality. Many factors are taken into account when placing students into classes and whilst all information provided will be considered, specific requests may not be possible. Student learning and wellbeing needs are of the highest priority when placing students into classes and the staff works to build classes that promote a successful environment for learning.

Seeking feedback from the community

As promised, the school is seeking feedback from the community on a range of issues as we prepare to evaluate the programs and activities we have offered this year. As well as some feedback of evaluation of programs, we are also seeking input regarding starting/finishing times, preferences and student wellbeing. We are keen to get as much feedback from as wide a section of our community as possible. The survey is in the format of a survey monkey which is quick and easy to complete. Please use the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H67N95Y



Ducks come to visit!

We were really thrilled to see a family of ducks in our playground recently. Our playground is such a terrific place to explore, they thought they'd join in the fun! They especially love the dry creek bed! Keep an eye out for them and remember to give them plenty of distance so they don't get frightened!

Upcoming events

9/11 10.40am Assembly Remembrance Day



12/11 Selective high school applications for 2020 close

14/11 Kindergarten 2019 play session

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5/12 Year 6 Farewell Club Cronulla

7/12 Last day of Term 4 sport program Helpers morning tea

11/12 **Presentation Evening Caringbah Baptist** Church

12/12 Symbio Wildlife park excursion 1/2

14/12 Calmsley Hill City Farm Kinder Excursion

18/12 Giving Tree and Christmas Performance

Accessible ramping and toilet

Over the Christmas holiday break, our school will receive a number of new ramps to make our current buildings accessible. The administration block, computer lab building, library and canteen will each receive an access ramp and an accessible toilet will be installed next to KMN classroom. The Department of Education is currently undertaking the tender process for the building works which are expected to be completed upon return to school in 2019. We are fortunate to have the extensive work undertaken

during the holiday break, with minimal disruption anticipated. We look forward to our improved accessible facilities for students and community with physical disabilities.















END OF YEAR EVENTS AND CELEBRATION DAYS

We look forward to our community joining us for a number of events during the term and the end of year celebrations in the last weeks of school. Some important end of year dates for your calendar:

Year 6 Farewell: Wednesday 5 December at 6.30pm.

Venue: Club Cronulla

Helper's Morning Tea: Friday 7 December at 11.00am.

Join us for morning tea in our staffroom so we can thank you for your support of our school over the year.

Presentation Evening: <u>Tuesday 11 December at 7.00pm</u>.

Venue: Caringbah Baptist Church hall. All parents and carers are invited to attend with their children.

Giving Tree and Christmas Performances: <u>Tuesday 18 December at 2.00pm</u>

Year 6 final assembly: Wednesday 19 December at 2.00pm.

Last day of school for students and staff:

Wednesday 19 December, 2018.

2019 School Year

School returns for students on <u>Wednesday 30 January 2019</u>. Kindergarten start on Monday <u>4 February</u>, <u>2019</u>. Staff return on Tuesday 29 January, 2019.



Silly socks fundraiser for Tullamore Central School

By Leo P

5/6M

A few days ago, Miranda North Public School did an awesome deed. We raised money for Tullamore Central which is a small school that is suffering a very unfortunate conundrum, the drought.

Our school felt sorry for them so we tried our best to raise as much money as possible. We were running around trying to set up a fundraiser to successfully gain money for this important cause. I was so relieved to see that a massive sum of \$1,492.40 was raised. I am so happy all this money is going to people that are struggling and stressing more than us.

My favourite part of the whole fundraiser was seeing the awesome outcome of how much money was raised and I also loved the fun of working in the cake store. Thank you Tullamore for encouraging empathy in our school and we hope you use the money to help your community.









Science Incursion

On Monday 29 October 2/3S, 3/4M and 3/4D brought out the safety goggles and white lab coats for a day of inquiry, experimentation and critical thinking. Students completed a rotation of activities involved building and Billy Carts, slime making, into the air



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our school has many home readers in need of contacting and the P&C have kindly donated more contact for this task!

If you can take some home reading books to cover please see Mrs O'Connell or call and leave a message on 9524 6842 to set up a time to come and collect books and contact.

Your help is very much appreciated.



School Banking volunteers needed!

Please note that all school banking will be processed each Monday. Please send your child's bank books into school on Monday mornings and they will be returned the the same day. Our school banking coordinator Yasmin Begonia is also looking for a fellow volunteer to assist with banking every week. If you are able to help please fill in the form on the following page and return it to the school office.



School Banking. Miranda North PS is calling for volunteers.



Our school participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. For the program to continue to run we need your help.

The program requires at least 2 volunteers School Banking Co-ordinators to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards at school.

The process only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program.

Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to the office C/- Yasmin Begonia

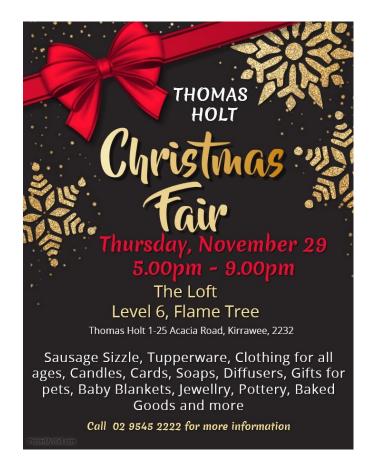
Yes, I would like to help with School Banking! Name: Phone: Email:

Time: currently Monday but can change day to suit volunteer/s

Community Notices



Please note: This is an adults only even





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