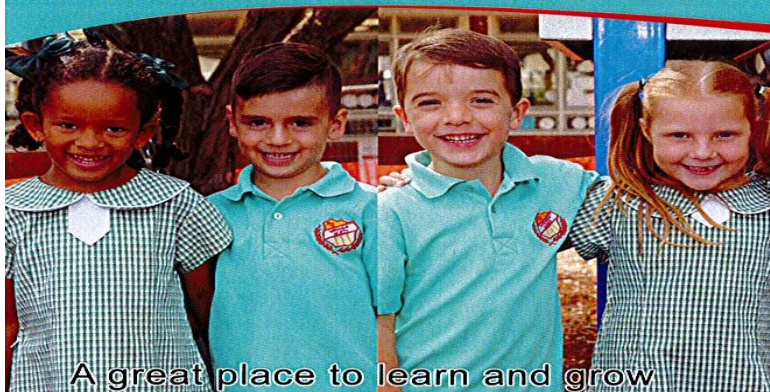


# Miranda North Public School Newsletter

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A great place to learn and grow

### Kindergarten Orientation Session 1

Date: Thursday 18 October 2018

Time: 9:30am to 11:00am

### Kindergarten Orientation Session 2

Date: Tuesday 23 October 2018

Time: 2:30pm to 3:20pm

### Kinder Play Sessions

Date: Wednesday 14 November 2018

Time: 2:30pm to 3:20pm

OR

Date: Friday 16 November 2018

Time: 2:30pm to 3:20pm

Phone: (02) 9524 6842 Email: [mirandanth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mirandanth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Web: [www.mirandanth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mirandanth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### Kindergarten enrolments 2019

We have had many new families enrol into kindergarten 2019 at Miranda North over the last few months. **If you are yet to enrol your child for 2019, please call by the office before the end of term to complete an enrolment form.** It is important that we receive notification of enrolments as soon as possible as we use this to form classes K-6. Dates for orientation and play sessions are above with our first orientation session being held in the first week of next term. If you know of anyone yet to enrol please ask them to contact the school office this week. We look forward to welcoming 2019 kindergarten students and their families to our school.



### Holiday Period and first day of Term 4

We wish all families a wonderful spring holiday! The last day for students is Friday 28 September, 2018. Students return on Monday 15 October, 2018. Please note that there is no school development day on this day and students will return to school on the Monday. The last day for students in 2018 is Wednesday 19 December, 2018. Please note that this is also the last day for school staff. The school will re-open on Tuesday 29 January, 2019 for staff and Wednesday 30 January for students in years 1-6.



### Chaplain referrals

Our wonderful Student Wellbeing Support Officer, Leanne Ewels, has commenced at Miranda North and is at school each Tuesday and Wednesday, supporting students and families. Leanne has been spending time in classrooms and is coordinating activities at lunch times for students. Leanne is available to speak with parents and carers and is situated in the office in between OOSH and KMN classroom. Should you wish Leanne to support your child individually, referral/permission forms are available at the office. We are so pleased that Leanne has joined us, it is wonderful to have her at Miranda North.

### Sutherland Network Public Speaking Finals

Our very talented public speaking winners from stage 1, 2 and 3 competed strongly in the Sutherland Network competition held last week at Sylvania Heights Public School.

Each student presented the speech they had previously prepared as well as an impromptu speech.

The competition in all three stages was tough and the impromptu topics tricky.

Well done to Olivia from stage 3, Jake from stage 2 and special mention to Charlotte from stage 1 who came first in her competition.

A huge congratulations to all three of our students who represented Miranda North magnificently and best wishes to Charlotte for the next round.



### NAPLAN

NAPLAN results were sent home last week to students in years 3 and 5 who sat the exams earlier this year. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including grammar and punctuation, reading, spelling and writing as well as numeracy.

For information to assist in understanding your child's test results visit:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan>

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN program you can contact the NAPLAN team at NESA on 02 9367 8382 or at:

[naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.ed.au](mailto:naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.ed.au)

### Congratulations to Austin!

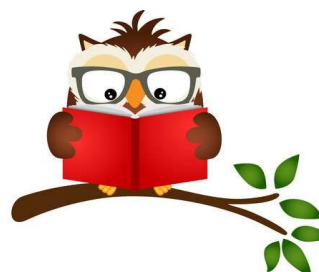
Congratulations to Austin (Discus and Shoptput), Christos (800m) and Arianne (Discus) who all competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Homebush last week. Regional athletics is extremely competitive and we are very proud to have Miranda North students representing our school at this level.

Special congratulations to Austin for achieving 1st place in Discus and 4th place in Shotput. Austin will now compete at the State Carnival on 1 November at Homebush. What an amazing achievement!



### Early Birds Reading Program

Early Birds is a wonderful reading and writing program that has helped many Kindergarten children over the years at Miranda North school. If you can volunteer an hour of your time each week it would make a significant difference to students that would benefit from your help. If you would like to volunteer please fill out the slip further on in this newsletter and return it to the school office. Training will be provided.





### Tell Them From Me survey

It is the time of year for our parent and carer input into *Tell Them From Me*. This survey allows us to gauge how things are going for our students in relation to learning, wellbeing, effective teaching practices and classroom climate, and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Information is captured from students, parents and teachers to inform school policy and practice. Surveys are conducted twice during the year, in Terms 1 and 3. Students have participated in the survey in class and we now seek your feedback and would be grateful if you would complete the survey by using the attached link: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/p5ts9>

### Seeking feedback from the community

In early term 4, the school will be 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 will also seek input regarding starting/finishing times, uniform preferences and student wellbeing. We are keen to get as much feedback from as wide a section of our community as possible. The survey will be in the format of a survey monkey which is quick and easy to complete. Please use:

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

Or this QR code.

We value your feedback!



### Upcoming events

- 28/9 Stage 1 Camellia Gardens**  
**Last day of Term 3**
- 18/10 Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am**
- 19/10 Kindergarten Royal National Park excursion**
- 19/10 First day of Term 4 sport program**
- 23/10 Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am**
- 23/10 K-2 Swimming program commences**
- 24/10 Film by the Sea—1/2B**
- 29/10 Stage 2 Science incursion (sports uniform)**
- 14/11 Kindergarten 2019 play session**
- 16/11 Kindergarten 2019 play session**
- 7/12 Last day of Term 4 sport program**

### Kurranulla overall judging

You might remember from our last newsletter that all three of our dance groups who performed at the Kurranulla dance Competition, achieved awards for their efforts. The competition involves many schools over a number of nights. We have just been notified that our year 3/4 boys have placed third overall in the boys section and have been awarded \$200 for the school. Congratulations again to the boys and a big thank you to Miss Leah for her wonderful instruction.



### Thank you to Ms Short, Ms O'Leary and our P and C

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of Ms Short, Ms O' Leary and our fantastic P and C. The P and C work hard to suggest and organise fundraising activities like our recent games-a-thon. Thank you to our wonderful teachers Ms Short and Ms O'Leary for organising and running the games-a-thon. Their hard work and dedication ensured a successful and enjoyable day for everyone. Money raised from the games-a-thon will help support technology across the school. The class that raised the most money for the games-a-thon was 4/5NK and they will receive a pizza party for their effort. Congratulations 4/5NK!





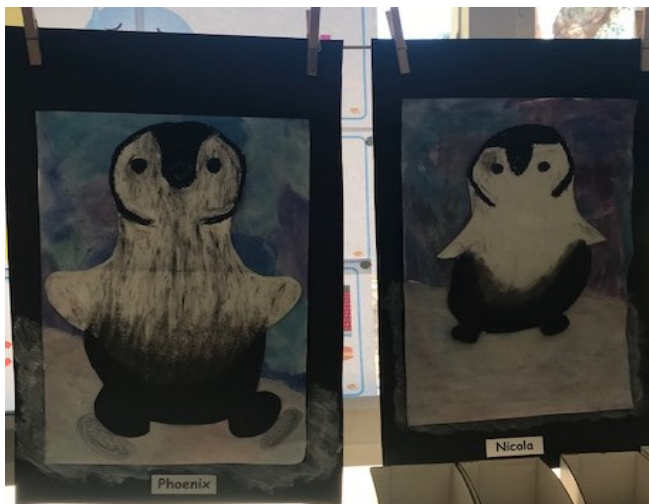


Congratulations to the P and C who raised \$1,133 at Sushi Day today! Thank you Helen, Brett and all your wonderful helpers. We are all grateful for your hard work which resulted in a very successful and delicious Sushi Day lunch.

Thank you to our school community for supporting the day there were happy smiles all around as the children munched away on their rolls.







# 4/5NK

## Antarctica



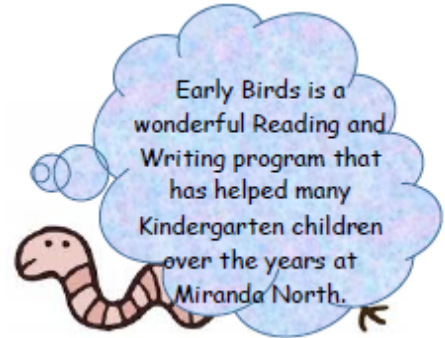
This term 4/5NK have been studying how climate impacts fauna and flora around the world. We have been specifically focusing on which living things survive the harsh conditions of Antarctica. The students were most interested in researching the species of penguins that live on the Antarctic coasts. This interest is what inspired 4/5NK to make the penguin artworks you can see them creating in the pictures below. They used water colour and salt to paint the backgrounds. We really love how each of our penguins are so different in character and shape!



Parents, Grandparents and Miranda North Community Members:

## Kindergarten Early Birds Program

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



If you can help please fill out the attached slip and return it to the office. This program will run in Term 4, 2018.

Yes! I can help with the Kindergarten Early Birds Program in Term 4, which runs from Weeks 2-8, Term 4.

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Class of my child/grandchild: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Class)

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Days and times I am available: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am willing to work on more than one day. (Please tick)





# Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

**Children will learn:**

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

**Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm**

**29 October | 5 November | 12 November | 19 November**

**26 November | 3 December | 10 December**

**17 December 2018**

**Cost: \$50 per child**

**Venue: Caringbah Interrelate**

**Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd., Caringbah**

**Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408**

**Note: This program is developed by Good Grief and facilitated by Interrelate**