

## *The end of the year is upon us!*

### Highlights this term



This term has been filled with many highlights already! One of the recent ones was our support fundraiser for Hermidale Public School. As part of stage three's learning about leadership and empathy, they coordinated a huge effort of support and showed incredible team work to ensure the day was a success. There'll be plenty more opportunities for team work and grit when they plan and produce the Year 6 Gala Day, a little later in the term

#### **Support for Hermidale Public School**



We had the most magnificent fundraiser for Hermidale Public School recently! The community raised \$1410.15 and Hermidale's wish of providing a "cost free" overnight excursion for their students in 2020 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! Thank you also to our magnificent P & C who donated an extra \$500 to the fundraiser.

#### **Our kinder transition program welcomes 56 students for 2020**



Our kindergarten transition program was successful this year with the school welcoming 56 students into kindergarten in 2020. Students met their buddies, parents got to know a little about the school and most importantly, our newest members of the community got to have a look around and play in their new school. Thank you to Mrs Finney, admin staff and the kindergarten team for their great work in preparing for the program. A thank you also to the P and C for their generous contribution to the home reader bags. They were a wonderful addition to the transition and most appreciated by the students.

#### **Our school is growing to 15 classes— approximately 360 students in 2020**

In 2020 we are expecting to grow to 15 classes, with approximately 360 students enrolled. The school is currently in the process of liaising with the DoE assets in the application for a demountable classroom to house the 15<sup>th</sup> class in 2020.

#### **New teacher to be appointed to permanently fill the 14th classroom position**

A merit selection panel is currently operating to appoint a classroom teacher to Miranda North Public School, to fill the vacant position established in 2019, when the school moved to 14 classes. We look forward to welcoming a new member of staff to the team of teachers at Miranda North in 2020.

## Mrs Finney's pending retirement a wonderful contribution to public education

Mrs Finney will retire from the Department of Education in 2020 after taking leave at the beginning of the year. Mrs Finney has made a wonderful contribution to the students at Miranda North over many years and her contribution to the leadership of the school, students, dance programs and the transitioning of students into school at Miranda North will be missed. Mrs Finney has taught many of the students who have moved through Miranda North and even some parents! We wish her well in retirement and thank her for her contribution to our school. The assistant principal position will be filled once Mrs Finney retires from the department a little later next year. If the position is able to be filled by merit selection, a P and C representative will be required for the panel. Mrs Natalie O'Connell has been successful through an internal expression of interest to undertake the role of relieving assistant principal K-2 until the position is filled in a permanent capacity.



## Sporting options for primary students in 2020

In term 3, the sport coordination team undertook a comprehensive survey of students for PSSA sport options in 2020. Students and their families had the opportunity to indicate their preferred sports for the winter season in 2020 (term 2 and 3). The preferences received for 2020 were strongly in favour of soccer and netball. Rugby league, although a primary choice for some students, received significantly less preference votes and did not present a viable option to field a team in 2020. The Cronulla zone PSSA association has moved to include a non-competitive round for students in term 3. As a result, the sport coordination team have also explored options for enhancing opportunity for girls and boys in term 3 and are going to offer an inter school ultimate frisbee competition as well as an interschool touch football option. Both of these options are non-competitive and with a focus on skill development and teamwork. Gala days for NRL and oz-tag football codes, as well as varied non-competitive intra-school options are also currently being planned. Thank you to the sport team for their work in leading the sport programs in 2019.



## Year 6 Gala Day— Thursday 28 November

Our Year Six Gala Day is fast approaching and an opportunity for our whole school to support the fundraising efforts of our senior students. They have many activities planned for a fabulous day. The gala day will be held on 28 November. Watch out for details!

## Feedback from Community

We have been fortunate to gather feedback recently on a range of issues that are important to our school. Fifty families responded to the survey and we are very pleased to have such input to assist our planning. Some of the key pieces of feedback include: suggestions for Parents as Partners in 2020, suggestions for bettering communication between home and school, exploration of sporting options and student wellbeing initiatives. We will provide more detailed information about our plans in early 2020, once the planning process is complete.



## Our technology upgrades, classroom jellybean tables and shade shelters have come to fruition

Thanks to the generosity of our P and C and coupled with school funds, we have upgraded the years 3-6 technology and will now have new banks of laptops for our students to engage with in their classrooms and learning. We have ordered banks of iPads for K-2 and lap tops for 3-6. Thank you to our generous P and C for supporting the upgrade. We are also excited to receive our 11 jellybean tables, complete with ergonomic student chairs and a teacher chair. We are now awaiting delivery for our new shade shelters, complete with logos and team branding. We will look very smart in 2020!

## Final Parents as Partners session for 2019

Our final Parents as Partners session will be on tomorrow, 21 November. It will be a fun session where we will build the sessions that parents would like to have in 2020. We'd love parents to come along to share their ideas. We will meet in the staffroom at 9:30am.



## Congratulations to our Canteen!

Congratulations to Helen and our P&C canteen for being awarded an amazing \$500 voucher to purchase items for our Healthy Canteen, from the NSW government. Our school (and 4 other schools) were the lucky recipients for completing our transition to the Healthy Canteen Strategy before the end of the school year. There'll be some delicious treats in store for our community! Love your work Helen and P&C!



## Upcoming events

- 21/11 Parents as Partners session 9.30am—staffroom**
- 27/11 Stage 1 Lessons Afloat excursion**
- 28/11 Stage 3 Gala Day**
- 6/12 Helper's Morning Tea Staffroom 11.30am**
- 6/12 Year 6 Farewell—Club Cronulla**
- 10/12 K-6 Presentation Evening— CBC Hall 7.00pm**
- 17/12 Giving Tree, P and C raffle and Christmas Performances**
- 18/12 Year 6 final assembly**

## LIBRARY BOOK COVERING URGENT HELP NEEDED!

We would be very grateful for any helpers to assist with book covering. We have piles of lovely books waiting to be covered so they are ready to be borrowed and enjoyed by our students. Books can be collected at the Library and taken home to cover.

## A special award!

Congratulations to a quiet achiever- the heart and soul of the school! We're all thrilled that Mrs Metters received special recognition last night at the Sutherland Network Education Awards for her significant contribution to Miranda North and her mentoring of others beyond the school. Mr Metters joined in the celebrations and was super proud as well! Congratulations, Mrs M! We are very proud of you!



# 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:*

## **Scripture and Ethics Teachers Coffee and Croissants -Thank you Breakfast:**

Tuesday 26 November at 8.45am Venue: The Staffroom

Scripture and ethics teachers will join us in our staffroom so we can thank them for their support of our school over the year. This will be the last week for Scripture and Ethics classes.

## **Year 6 Farewell:**

Friday 6 December at 6.30pm Venue: Club Cronulla

Our Year 5 and 6 students will enjoy an evening with classmates, friends and teachers as they celebrate the completion of their primary schooling.

## **Helper's Morning Tea:**

Friday 6 December at 11.30am

Helped out at school this year? We'd love you to join us for morning tea in our staffroom so we can thank you for your support of our school over the year.

## **K-6 Presentation Evening:**

Tuesday 10 December at 7.00pm. Venue: Caringbah Baptist Church Hall

All parents and carers are invited to attend with their children.

## **Giving Tree, P and C raffle and Christmas Performances:**

Tuesday 17 December at 2:00pm. Venue: The school playground under the COLA

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas performance where our band, choir and dance groups will perform. Students will also have the opportunity to donate a gift to the giving tree (donated to a local charity) and participate in the Christmas raffle.

## **Year 6 final assembly:**

Wednesday 18 December at 2.00pm. Venue: School hall

Year 6 parents and carers are invited to join us as we farewell our year 6 students and some families and staff.

## **Last day of school for students and staff:**

Wednesday 18 December, 2019.

## **2020 School Year**

School returns for students on Wednesday 29 January 2020.

Kindergarten start on Monday 3 February 2020.

Staff return on Tuesday 28 January 2020