

# Miranda North Public School Newsletter



**Congratulations to our kinder students on a wonderful first week at school!**



We've been so proud of our 72 new kindergarten students who have been such brave, curious learners over the last week. Their buddies have done a fabulous job in settling them into school and looking after them so carefully. We've noticed great empathy and care from our stage three students.

## **Meet the teacher—this week!**



Thank you to the many parents and carers who have been able to attend the Meet the Teacher opportunities this week. If you were unable to attend, an information bulletin is available on the school app. We value your partnership in learning. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at the end of term one.



## Parent-teacher-student learning discussion and interviews at the end of term. New online booking system in 2019!

Our school will be using an easy online system for parents and carers to book in a session to meet with their child's teacher at the end of the term. Information will come home mid-term about how to book an opportunity for the three way interviews. We anticipate this will be an easy and effective way to book a session. We look forward to seeing each student and their parent/carer at our end of term learning discussions.

## School environment improvements

We are fortunate to have received approval for a range and environment improvement works over this year:

### Electrical upgrade approved

We are thrilled to have received notification of the approval of an electrical upgrade for many parts of the school. We expect work to commence later this term or early next term.

### Painting internal and external surfaces

Painting has commenced this week. Many classrooms and external areas identified for attention. This will provide an updated and fresh revamp for our students and staff. We are excited to see our school looking so refreshed! It will sparkle!

### Ramping and new toilet

As you can see in our playground, accessibility work is almost complete, with the fabulous result of transforming our school into an accessible setting, with 4 new ramps and an accessible toilet. Thanks to our whole community for their patience whilst the work was being undertaken.



## Tender for OOSH care at Miranda North

The Licence between the Department of Education and Before and After School care expires mid-year. The department requires a tender process to establish a new Out of School Hours Care Licence Agreement for three plus a two year possible extension. The Department of Education undertakes the tender process and the P&C has provided a representative to join the tender selection panel.

## Parent feedback from 2018

Throughout term 4 in 2018. Parents and carers had the opportunity to provide feedback to assist in the planning for 2019 and beyond. Thank you to the many parents and carers who responded to the online survey and contributed at the Parents as Partners forum.

## Start/finish time

Feedback received from the community was that the majority of respondents preferred the current start/finish time to remain the same. School start and finish time will remain at 9:20am –3:25pm.

## Athletics Carnival venue

Feedback was garnered from community and a school review for sporting events undertaken in term 4. The students in 3-6 will undertake swimming and sport carnivals at local venues to ensure experience and accuracy in the racing. We have not been able to secure a booking for 2019 at Sylvania for the athletics carnival, however, the sport co-ordinators are planning to book in advance for 2020. For 2019, the athletics carnival will be held at school, with a view to securing the Sylvania venue for 2020.

## School Banking

Please note that School banking resumes on Monday 18 February. Please remind your child to give their school banking to their class teacher first thing Monday morning.

## Parking on The Boulevard

Please consider our neighbours and do not block residential driveways when doing pick ups and drop offs at school.



## ICAS tests

In recent years, numbers of students undertaking the ICAS assessments has lessened considerably, with sometimes less than 5 students undertaking the test. Due to declining interest, the ICAS tests will not be offered in 2019.

Thanks again to parents and carers for providing input into the organisational aspects of the school. It is appreciated. Another opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions will be provided later in the year.

## Ways to connect home and school

### Just a reminder...

#### School App

Keep abreast of the news that occurs at school by downloading the school app from the app store. The App is called "school stream" and contains the calendar of events and notes. You will also receive information and updates via the app to keep you informed.

#### Newsletter

Read the school newsletter for fortnightly updates. It is emailed to you if we have your email address or download it from the school website or app.

#### Facebook page

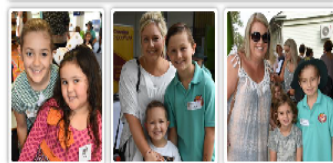
Check out the Miranda North Public School Official Facebook site for good news items about our school and our students' learning.

## Upcoming events

- 13/2 Meet the teacher Stage one 4pm School Hall
- 14/2 Meet the teacher Stage two 4pm School Hall
- 15/2 Parents as Partners 9.30am Library
- 21/2 Swimming Carnival
- 25/2 Stage 3 Student Leadership day

## Parents as Partners

Our first Parents as Partners Workshop will be held on Friday. All welcome!



### FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY PARENTS AS PARTNERS

#### Starting school: building skills for coping and managing change

Join us for our first "PARENTS AS PARTNERS" workshop for the year, at 9.30am in the library. The workshop will be particularly helpful for parents and carers of students starting school, however all parents and carers are welcome. Come along and hear about tips and strategies for assisting your child to adjust to their new environment, manage change and build coping skills.

A great way to meet other mums, dads and carers.

A LIGHT MORNING TEA IS PROVIDED. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

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