

Miranda North Public School Newsletter



Term 3- a term of the arts, sport and performance!

We're well into the last weeks of the term, with many performances, an "a-thon", events and celebrations all under our belt! Thank you to our teachers for their work in coordinating and supervising the out of school events, to our parent community for their support in attending events and the P and C for their fabulous partnership in so many events at school. Spring is here and there's a wonderful feeling of anticipation for what term four will bring for our students. Have a wonderful week ahead!

Starting school in 2020? It's time to finalise your enrolment

If you have a child who is starting school in 2020, pop into the office to pick up an enrolment package. We are currently finalising enrolments for 2020 and invite parents and carers to complete the enrolment process. 100 points for proof of address and immunisation certificate is required to complete the enrolment. Details of which identification documents add up to 100 points can be obtained from the office. We are looking forward to welcoming students into kindergarten in 2020. Please see dates for our transition program beginning in October. If you know of neighbours/friends who reside in our catchment area, please encourage them to start the enrolment process by collecting an enrolment form or downloading one from:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/enrol-k12.pdf>

Walk-n-Read-a-thon fundraiser- donations from sponsors are now being collected

Our students walked and read and walked again in the quest to raise funds to upgrade our playground last Thursday! It is now time for students to collect sponsor donations and return the donations to school. Please send donations to school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class and total amount enclosed. Our P and C appreciates the support of the wider community in assisting to raise funds for the school.

Please return donations by Thursday 20 September.



Feedback opportunities for 2019

There are two ways for parents and carers to share their thoughts and feedback about our school programs and student engagement in 2019. We would love you to take the time to share your thoughts with us. We value consulting with community and utilise your feedback when we plan for the future. Below are the two survey links and information about them. There will also be opportunities at the term 4 Parents as Partners session to reflect on the year and offer suggestions for 2020.

We'd love your reflections and feedback for

Thank you for your support and engagement in our beautiful school during 2019. Each year, we aim to garner feedback from our parent/carer community on a range of school issues and programs to help us gauge how well we are going, where to next and how we can improve. We would love your input and reflections on some programs, school procedures and opinions about some aspects of our school. We thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and encouragement. There will also be other opportunities to provide feedback and input during Parents as Partners sessions in term 4. Thank you for your support and engagement in our beautiful school during 2019. Each year, we aim to garner feedback from our parent/carer community on a range of school issues and programs to help us gauge how well we are going, where to next and how we can improve. We would love your input and reflections on some programs, school procedures and opinions about some aspects of our school. We thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and encouragement. There will also be other opportunities to provide feedback and input during Parents as Partners sessions in term 4. The link to the survey is

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mirandanth2019>

Tell them from me Survey— Have you had your say?

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/3985v>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Upcoming events

- 17/9 Oz-tag Gala Day years 3,4,5 & 6**
- 19/9 9.30am Parents as Partners—NAPLAN**
- 20/9 Cronulla Zone Athletics Carnival Day 2**
- 23/9 Scholastic Book Fair Library to 26/9**
- 27/9 Last day of Term 2**
- 14/10 First day of Term 4 for students**



Download our school app for free!

Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

 [facebook.com/SchoolStream](https://www.facebook.com/SchoolStream)
[twitter.com/SchoolStreamApp](https://www.twitter.com/SchoolStreamApp)

Just some of the great "happenings" around our school recently

BOOK WEEK

I think it's the books that you read when you're young that live with you forever. J.K. Rowling What a memorable day to kick off our Book Week celebrations dressing up, performance and a reading picnic in our gorgeous playground. All topped off with a gorgeous spring day. So proud of our students and teachers for embracing the fun with such a creative spirit! Our playground was so alive with book characters - it was magnificent and so joyful!



ZONE ATHLETICS

Team work, grit and focus were all dispositions that were on show by our students at the recent Cronulla Zone Athletics Carnival. Our team performed with talent and a positive competitiveness to achieve a number of personal bests and a great overall result. Well done, Zone Team, for your impressive performance and "can do" attitude!

FATHERS DAY

Our fabulous P and C had many special gifts on offer at the recent Father's Day Stall. Students were pretty thrilled with their purchases and excited to surprise their dad, grandad or carer on Sunday. Thanks, P and C, for your terrific effort and care. We appreciate you! Happy Father's Day to our community! We hope you had a special day!



SASS RECOGNITION WEEK

It was SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) recognition week, last week. We acknowledged and thanked our wonderful non-teaching staff (admin, support officers and general assistant) for all they do to support our students, staff and community. We treated them to a morning tea and students dropped in to surprise them with cards and special messages! We appreciate all you do.... always with a smile!



Excellence in Community Languages

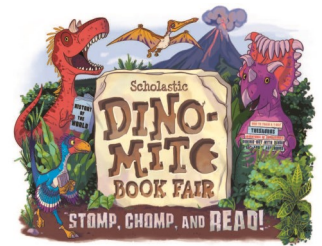
It was a very special celebration for Ai and her family last Monday night at the NSW Minister's awards for excellence in student achievement-Community Languages Schools. Held at UNSW, Ai was the recipient of a highly commended award for her achievement in Japanese. She was proud to receive her award from Mr Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education. She wore a very special family kimono for the occasion, sent all the way from Japan. We are proud of you Ai! Congratulations on your achievement!



LIBRARY NEWS—Book Fair 23—26 September

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.



The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is **Dino-Mite**, where we hope you will **Stomp, Chomp, and Read!** It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Book Fair dates: 23 – 26 September (in the library)

Shopping hours: Before and after school – students can bring money and purchase during the day.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Parents, Grandparents and Miranda North Community Members:

Kindergarten Early Birds Program



Kindergarten Early Birds is a wonderful Literacy program that has helped many Kindergarten children over the years at Miranda North. If you are able to volunteer an hour of your time each week, we'd love your help!

If you can help, please fill out the slip below and return it to the office by Friday 20 September 2019.

The program will run for 8 weeks from Monday 14 October (Monday, Week 1) to 6 December (Friday, Week 8). Training will be on Tuesday 24 September (Week 10, Term 3).

Yes! I can help with the Kindergarten Early Birds Program in Term 4, which runs from Weeks 1-8, Monday 14 October to Friday 6 December.

My Name: _____

Name/Class of my child/grandchild: _____

(Name)

(Class)

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Days and times I am available: _____

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