

# Miranda North Public School Newsletter

## Term 4 Week 4



### Kindergarten transition program



Our kindergarten transition program continued last week with our second information session for families. Miss O'Leary and Miss O'Donnell joined the Zoom meeting with our new families and Tommy, our special puppet, jumped on to say hello too! It was exciting to welcome our kinders on the first of the play dates yesterday. They had a play in the classroom and met new kinder classmates and teachers. Our stage three students also decorated the kinder meeting place with a special circle for each student to meet on, with their parents. The buddies are also very excited about taking on a caring role next year and we look forward to welcoming all new students and their families to Miranda North.

### A reminder in case you missed the last newsletter: Class formations in 2021

To assist us in finalising the number of classes and staff we will have for 2021, please notify the office via email if you are not planning to return to Miranda North next year (excluding year 6 students), so that enrolment numbers can be more confidently determined and planning for classes can be 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 2021 if they have not yet returned to school.

As our anticipated student numbers could be either 14 or 15 classes, when students return on the first day in 2021, they will commence the school day in their 2020 class. This allows time for the school to finalise enrolment numbers and determine how many classes will be formed for the year. This is common practice in many schools and students enjoy the opportunity to regroup with their teachers and classmates and refresh their learning and expectations for the year. Once class numbers are finalised, students will be placed into classes accordingly.

#### **New return to school date for students in 2021:**

Please note that the Department of Education has issued an updated return to school date for students in 2021. Students will commence on Friday 29 January, 2021. Teachers return on Wednesday 27 January, 2021 for 2 school development days.

#### **A reminder:**

#### **Sharing information for consideration during class formation:**

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 via the school email. This information is treated with confidentiality. Many factors are taken into account when placing students into classes and information provided by parents and carers is considered during the planning process. 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. If you have extenuating circumstances and wish to provide information for consideration, it needs to be provided to the school email by 15 November, 2020.

## Band updates for Term 4

Our junior and senior band is sounding really magical and Mr Kindl is doing a fabulous job with Mrs Thorpe, in guiding our young musicians. **Expressions of Interest for Band in 2021:** Expressions of interest for students in year 3 to 6 in 2021 will be gathered early in term 1. Year 2 students this year who are interested in band are much encouraged to join the band.

**Drumming Troupe:** To finalise funds for 2020, the office will transfer the \$20:00 administration fee to fees in advance for students who enrolled in drumming troupe in 2020 which was not operational after lockdown due to inability to procure a replacement tutor. Please note that refunds are not available for items purchased (including drumming packs).

### **Tomorrow is the final chance to provide details for Creative kids voucher reissue:**

A reminder that the opportunity to provide details if you wish to have your Creative Kids voucher reissued if you did not redeem a service from ScopeIT closes tomorrow (Friday 6 November, 2020). Please see the school app for Survey Monkey link and details. Please note that late applications cannot be accepted.

## A very special offering from our P and C

Our last P and C meeting voted to hold a Christmas raffle for students this year in a very unique way. Given that many families have been affected financially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the P and C are donating the prizes for the raffle this year with each student receiving their name in the barrel, each with a chance to win a prize. There's no need to purchase a ticket, each student will be gifted a ticket from the P and C and placed in the draw. The raffle will be held with students at the Christmas activity day in the last week. Teachers are planning a special day for students, with details to come later in the term. Although it is not likely we will have parents onsite, we will have a very special event with our young people, nonetheless

## Eco Day—SRC Fundraiser

On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November SRC are hosting Miranda North's first Eco-Friendly Day! On this day students are being challenged to bring in a lunch free of packaging and use no electricity. The day will require a gold coin donation by all students. All proceeds made by the collection of gold coins, will contribute to the purchase of student initiated projects. Students may come to school dressed in muffi clothes with something green on this day.



## Seeking your input and feedback for our new school planning cycle.

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, next year marks the commencement of a new school planning cycle, one which will run from 2021-2024. Parent/carer consultation sessions will be held this year via zoom. The links to the consultation forums are below. You are much encouraged to join a session.

Parent information and consultation forums will be held on the following days:

Forum for newly enrolled parents and carers of kinder students 2021

Forum One: Thursday 19 November 2020 at 4:pm

### **Topic: Parent Consultation Forum: Newly enrolled parents of kinder 2021**

Time: Nov 19, 2020 04:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/5552322302?pwd=QUVNCmFBQjY3NndmRHlKOREdVlnQT09>

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Forum for student representative council students and their parents/carers (both students and the parent/carer are welcome to attend). If your child is an SRC member, we encourage you to join this forum together with your child. It will be held after school so you can jump on zoom with you child, from home.

Forum Two: Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 4:pm

**Topic: Parent Consultation Forum: 2-SRC parents/carers and students**

Time: Nov 24, 2020 04:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

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Open forum for parents and carers of students in the school including P and C

Forum Three: Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 4:00pm

**Topic: Parent Consultation Forum 3: Open to all parents/carers and P and C**

Time: Dec 1, 2020 04:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

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Can't make one of the forums? Don't worry, here's a link to a survey monkey where you can share your thinking and provide feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5S38SZY>

## Student statements of account—fees in advance

Some families have student accounts that are currently in credit (fees in advance). Please note in an effort to finalise end of year accounts we will be applying any fees in advance to balances that are outstanding.

## Lost property

We have gathered a very healthy supply of unlabelled lost property which is keen to find its home! Mrs Anderson will be putting the lost property on display outside the computer room each afternoon during week 5 (weather permitting) for parents and carers to check and claim. Please take some time to check the lost property if you are missing items. Thanks, Mrs Anderson, for collecting and displaying the items. We appreciate you!

## Applications are now open for Selective High School

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry  
in **2022**

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2022?

You must apply online at:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

**Key Dates**  
Application website opens:  
13 October 2020

Application website closes:  
16 November 2020  
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:  
25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test:  
11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released:  
2 July 2021

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

From this year, you will be able to log into your application to send and receive messages and notices.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document. Check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc) regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.



The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as the Team in this document.

## Library News



Wow, what an awesome day the students of Miranda North had dressing up to celebrate Book Week! Students enjoyed the gorgeous spring weather reading with all the teachers out on the back field. We had some amazing bookmark designs entered, as part of a competition and a number of these will be reproduced for all students to enjoy – well done, I can see we have many budding artists at the school! **Overdue Books** – we still seem to have a lot of overdue books, going back to before lockdown – please return to school with your child as soon as possible to avoid having to pay replacement costs – thank you!



Great things happening around our school lately











