



### Thank you and congratulations from Ms Orlovich

As the year draws to an end, I have been reflecting on the year of learning and growth at Miranda North and feel immensely proud of our engaged students, dedicated staff and supportive parent/carer community. It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the 2020 school year and what a year it has been!

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our parents and carers for their extraordinary support, especially in the early and mid-part of the year, when our students were learning from home. Your dedication, perseverance and optimism was pivotal in helping to smoothly navigate what was an uncertain time.

Thank you also to our staff (both teaching and non-teaching) who showed significant adaptability and creativity to reimagine learning in a very different way. Through challenge and success, they stayed focused on our most important young people and their care and professionalism was so very evident.

Congratulations also to our students who showed incredible grit, courage and adaptability as they too, experienced a period of change and the learning of new ways to learn and play. Every cloud has a silver lining and Miranda North's silver lining has been the growth of new skills and a growth mindset which includes creative, wide and varied possibilities for learning in the future.

In the final newsletter for the year, we hope you enjoy a pictorial collage of some of the year's special events. It is when we look back over the year that we realise how much we have achieved together for our students!

I know that many of you will be watching the presentation assemblies on Tuesday 8 December, after school. We hope to have the assemblies uploaded by 4:00pm to our Youtube channel, which is accessible via the link on our school website, and trust that you will enjoy the experience with your children.

Yearly reports for students will be distributed at the end of week 9 and you are encouraged to discuss your child's report with them, identifying and celebrating their achievements and encouraging their work towards their future goals.

We also look forward to sharing images of our Christmas celebration day on our Facebook page. Thank you to families in anticipation of their gold coin donation towards the John Franklin Christmas lunch. A huge thank you to our P and C for their contribution to the Christmas Raffle this year. Our students are so very lucky to have such a kind and generous P and C. We will be sure to share the photos of the raffle draw and the Christmas Hat Parade!

For those of you who are moving on from Miranda North at the end of the year, may your new learning environments bring exciting challenge, new connections, opportunities to grow and much happiness. We have valued each and every student who has learnt with us at Miranda North and appreciate your engagement with learning at school.

In 2021, I will be engaging in some learning of my own as I spend time at the University of Sydney, undertaking some research in the area of exploring the impact of teacher professional learning. As I will be on leave for the year, a principal from another primary school setting will undertake the role of relieving principal in 2021. I know that the relieving principal will be embraced by the school community, the staff and importantly our fabulous young people. I look forward to hearing of the successes at Miranda North as the 2021 year progresses.

To all of our students and their families, I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday and our staff look forward to seeing you on return to school in 2021. Thank you for your wonderful support, strong engagement and positive partnership with our beautiful school this year. Stay safe, enjoy special times with family and friends and look after one another. I wish you all the very best.

With warmest regards,  
Sue Orlovich

## **Presentation Assemblies for 2020**

We look forward to sharing our presentation assemblies this year via Youtube. We are recording both the K-2 and 3-6 presentation assemblies this year so that families may enjoy them remotely. The recorded live events will be available via the school's new Youtube channel which is accessible by clicking on the Youtube logo at the bottom of the school's website page.

We are using new technology in order to be able to bring the assemblies to you and anticipate that the events will be ready to view at the end of the day (at approximately 4:00pm). We encourage you to view the assemblies with your child/ren, after school. The dance group performances will also be uploaded to our Youtube channel for your enjoyment. A big thank you to Mr Raz for his terrific videoing skills!

Please note that students who do not have permission to publish will not be able to be included in the recording. If you have not granted permission for your child's image/name to be published for school events, such as social media, and you wish them to be included in the presentation assembly (if they are receiving an award), please speak with your child's teacher before the day.

We look forward to a wonderful celebration of learning and achievement at the assemblies.

## **Christmas Celebration Day**

Students received a note last week with details about the Christmas celebration day on Tuesday 15 December. Although we are not able to share the activities with parents onsite this year, our teachers have created a really special day for our students and we look forward to seeing everyone in festive gear with a special hat for our parade! There's no need to go to any expense for the Christmas hat...a low-key creation and a big smile is all that's needed!

### **"Year 6 final assembly" for the year.**

We are looking forward to welcoming a limited number of parents to attend the final year 6 assembly for 2020, on the afternoon of the last day of school (16 December). Specific details will be provided to year six families a little closer to the event however, we anticipate that one parent/carer of each year six student will be able to attend the final assembly, consistent with current COVID-19 guidelines. The organising teachers have done a wonderful job in making adjustments to the assembly to enable the student community to give the year 6 students a wonderful farewell on their last day.

### **Commencement of the 2021 school year:**

As you are aware, school returns for all students K-6 on Friday 30 January 2021.

Special notes:

#### **Arrival on the first day:**

Kinder students will commence at **10:00am** on that day so they can be settled in calmly after the year 1-6 students have moved to their classroom. Kinder students and their parents are to meet on the asphalt near the kinder room (the same area where we met for the kinder playdate). At the end of the day, parents can meet at **3:00pm** in the same area and the children will be brought out to the playground space for dismissal.

Students in Year One to Six will return to their 2020 class for the first day and will line up in the regular assembly area. There will be teachers in the playground to assist with lining up and to encourage and reassure students as they return to school. Once student enrolment numbers are finalised and the number of classes can be confirmed, students will be allocated to their 2021 classes. We are expecting to form 15 classes again in 2021 but require confirmation of students returning in order to form the classes.

#### **Dismissal on the first day:**

Dismissal for students in the afternoon is the same procedure for 2020. Please wait in the same area as you have this year and students will walk down to the front of the school with their teachers. Parents and carers are not permitted to enter the classrooms or playground area. Thank you for your understanding.

## Stationery/Classroom requirements for 2021:

Families will receive a note with stationery and classroom requirements for 2021 before the end of the year and it will also be posted on the school app for your convenience. You may wish to gather these items during the sale period in January to minimise the costs of returning to school. Kindergarten students will receive a note when they commence school with some items that they will require.

## Stage three BYOD in 2021

Students recently received a note from the stage three teachers regarding BYOD for year 5 and 6 in 2021.

Parents and carers are assured that the school has devices available for students who are not able to bring their own. The purchase of a new device, if funds do not allow at this stage, is not essential. We also understand that some families will need to share one device between siblings and may not be able to bring a device each day. This is also fine, with alternate devices available for students in these such circumstances.

Students this year, who trialled BYOD, had success in accessing the internet through the school's wifi with no difficulty. A range of different devices were brought from home and each of these were successful. Please do not feel compelled to purchase a particular brand of device.

If you'd like to chat further about the BYOD, don't hesitate to make contact with Mrs Carroll.

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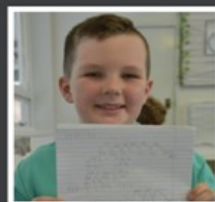
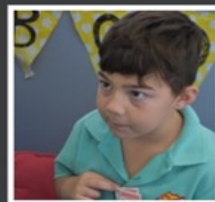
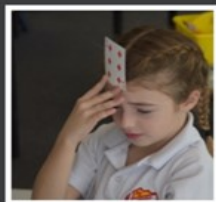
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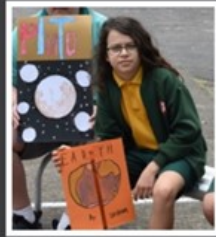
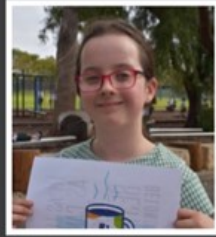
If you have any outstanding school fees would you please be able to finalise payment by Friday 11 December. If you need to discuss this further please contact the school office.

## P and C Uniform shop

Last day for the P and C Uniform shop is next Wednesday 9 December. Thank you to our school community for supporting the Uniform shop by donating pre loved uniforms and to Renee and Nicole and all our wonderful volunteers.

## 2020.... Some special moments.....







# MIRANDA NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

2 December 2020

## P and C Fundraiser: Christmas Goodie Bag Treat

Dear Parents and Carers,

The P and C is holding a "Goodie Bag Treat Fundraiser" on Tuesday 15 December, to coincide with the student Christmas Activity Day.



The bags cost \$5 and are a fundraiser for the P and C with profits going towards projects that support the school.

Each Goodie Bag will contain some chips and lollies. If your child has specific diet requirements due to allergy, please record your mobile number below so contact can be made with the P and C to confirm ingredients in the bag. Each bag will contain the same items.

If you would like your child to have a Goodie Bag on this day, please complete the slip below and return it to school with money and note enclosed.

All orders must be received by Tuesday 8 December. No exceptions will be made for late orders as the food needs to be ordered and delivered in time for packing.

Thank you for your support.

P and C canteen Sub Committee

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I wish to order a "Goodie Bag Treat Fundraiser" on Tuesday 15 December, 2020.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$5 payment (please send in correct money)

Please note:

Allergy: My child has a food allergy and I wish to confirm the ingredients of the items included in the Goodie Bag.

Yes: Please include mobile contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_