

# Miranda North Public School Newsletter

## Term 2 Week 5



### **Welcome back to school everyone! We've missed you so!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a week we've all been looking forward to for some time- having our special young people all back learning together at school.

We've been really impressed with how resilient and capable our students have been during the learning from home period and are truly grateful and appreciative for the support and effort you have afforded your child's learning during this period.

Just like a running relay, you've now done "the sprint" and the teachers have taken the baton from you to continue the journey. Rest assured that the teachers will work closely with your children to ascertain their progress and next steps in learning, whilst you take a well-deserved rest from the role of teacher. Over coming weeks, teachers will be assessing student learning needs and targeting teaching to areas where it is most needed.

### **Wellbeing support for families**

We understand how challenging the pandemic period has been for families and remind you that if your child is experiencing social/emotional challenges, our Learning and Support Team is able to assist you through referral to the school counsellor or student wellbeing support officer (chaplain). If you would like to access further support, please make contact with your child's teacher or contact the office to make a referral to the counsellor or chaplain.

Our teachers are well aware of the importance of building the confidence and security of students as they return to school after a long period away. Their focus will be on both building the wellbeing and supporting the learning of our students as they return to school. If you are at all concerned, please contact your child's teacher to discuss what can be provided to further support your child.

### **Adjusted Drop off and Pick up arrangements from 25 May 2020 (repeat information from earlier information bulletins)**

#### **Morning Drop off:**

To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the school community, parents are asked NOT to enter the school grounds at drop off. Please walk your child to the pedestrian gate as close as possible to the 9.20am bell. It's a good idea to speak with your child about this routine so that they know what to expect. Please be positive in explaining this safety measure to your children and reassure them that it helps to keep everyone in the community safe.

#### **End of the day pick-up:**

**PARENTS/CARERS, DO NOT GO TO THE CLASSROOM OR PLAYGROUND TO MEET YOUR CHILD.**

Teachers will bring students to the dismissal area.

## **Adjusted Drop off and Pick up arrangements from 25 May 2020 continued..**

### **DISMISSAL AREA 1: ASPHALT AREA NEAR PEDESTRIAN GATE**

#### **Classes:**

KC, KD, 1B and 1H will be dismissed on the asphalt area outside KC classroom (just inside the pedestrian gate closest to the crossing).

### **DISMISSAL AREA 2: GRASS AREA NEAR FRONT SIGN**

#### **Classes:**

KO, 1S, 2B (from 2/3B), 2L and 2C will be dismissed from the grass area at the front of the school (just inside the pedestrian gate closest to the school sign).

#### **Please note:**

- ✓ Please wait for your child in the designated dismissal meeting area.
- ✓ Whilst waiting, please socially distance from other adults and keep toddlers/pre-schoolers with you.
- ✓ 3-6 students may walk to meet their parents at the designated meeting area or may walk home according to parent instructions.
- ✓ Please arrange with your child where you are to meet.
- ✓ When your child arrives, please leave the school grounds promptly to reduce numbers of children and adults waiting in the same space.

Thank you for your patience, co-operation and understanding.

#### **Other school events:**

As you can appreciate, many school events and programs remain non-operational. These include: band, drumming, dance, assemblies, PSSA sport, excursions, scripture and parent volunteer programs. These events are likely to be reintroduced over time and we will notify you when they become operational. We are guided by NSW Health Department and NSW Education Department advice in relation to when these activities may commence.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

#### **Coding Classes for Term 3:**

Due to the impact of COVID-19, coding classes will not be offered in Term 3. For parents/carers who have paid the coding costs directly to school, these fees may be used for other school events (fees in advance), or if circumstances require it, a refund made. If you do not wish to leave your paid fees in advance, for future costs, please contact the office.

#### **Creative Kids Vouchers:**

As some families redeemed their Creative Kids Vouchers, ScopelT are offering the provision of Coding Camp Days during the school holidays and on some Saturdays, so families may redeem the use of the voucher. Once the dates of the coding camps are confirmed (in compliance with Health Department advice) the dates available will be shared so that parents may book online. If you would like further information about the coding camp opportunities, click on the following link <https://ciy.club/> . If you keep an eye on this site, the dates will be listed and you may book a coding camp.

## School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- they are currently unwell.

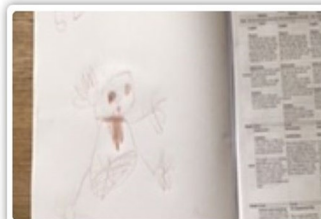
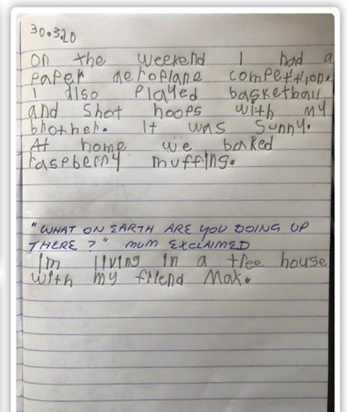
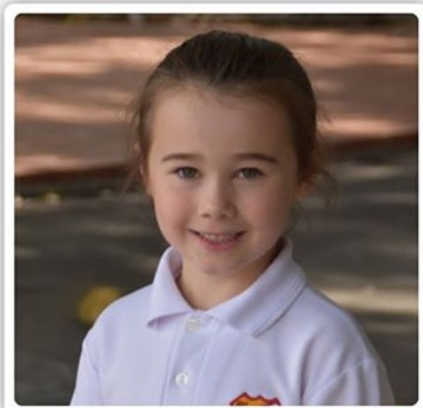
If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school, you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please ensure your child's contact details are up to date.

## Parking and drop off-Safety is important

Morning and afternoon drop off is always a busy time on The Boulevard. Please be mindful of each other and courteous to other drivers when dropping off and picking up children. Ensure that the parking signs are adhered to and that students exit/enter the car from the curb side. Your awareness of other children, drivers and our neighbours driveways is appreciated.

## A time to reflect and celebrate what we've achieved!

We look forward to re-engaging our students with their learning onsite. Here's just a snapshot of the last couple of months...what a unique period in our children's learning journey!





**WE'RE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL**

