

Miranda North Public School Newsletter

Week 8 Term 3



Principal's Report

This week is SASS appreciation week and I would like to recognise the important role they do within our school. They are most often the first people you meet in the school or on the phone and are essential in maintaining the positive relationship we have with the community.

Thank you to Mrs Metters, Mrs Van Vliet, Mrs Sabbagh and Mrs Booth who all work in the school office. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you to Mrs Anderson, Mrs Dillon, Miss Mackie, Mrs Phillips and Miss Walsh, our SLSO (School Learning Support Officers) staff. Your dedication to the students in the classes that you work with and out in the playground is very much noticed and appreciated.

Our Relieving General Assistant, Mr O'Connell. Mr O'Connell has worked with us this term replacing Mr Rasborek working around the grounds and within the buildings with maintenance. I know the staff and students are also appreciative of his efforts around the school.

Thank you for the valuable work you perform and your contribution to supporting great teaching and learning outcomes in our school.

We head into the final two weeks of the school term with lots more work occurring around the school. On Monday the middle of our school will be fenced off to start the work on removing and replacing the asphalt. This will require lots of flexibility by staff and students. We will be trialling inside lunch in all classes before they go to the grass area for play. The driveway will also have vehicles moving under a guide but will have specific times when they may not operate. Students have all participated in practices of where they are allowed to go and how to get there from their rooms during this week.

The Executive are preparing class structures for 2023. We are doing this based on our current numbers that we have for next year. If you have a child who is starting Kindergarten and you have not yet enrolled, please do this as a matter of urgency.

School Band has been going well as we all saw and heard on Open Day. I would like to thank Michelle Dodd for her dedication and efforts in getting the band program up and running. Michelle has handed over the reins to Joan Thorp who previously ran the band, before COVID closed down the program.

Staff Changes and Leave

Recently we have conducted some merit selection processes for staff. The General Assistant Role was relinquished earlier in the term and I am pleased to say that role has been filled. Mr Damian O'Connell, who has been relieving in the role this term was successful and will be permanent two days a week.

The role of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction, a new role in the department for every primary school has been filled by Mrs Jennifer Ferlazzo. Mrs Ferlazzo is the current Assistant Principal of Carlton South and has been performing the role of an Instructional Leader. She is an experienced teacher and leader and will be a valuable addition to our school staff in 2023.

I wish to advise that from Thursday next week, I will be taking a short period of Long Service Leave. I will return at the beginning of week two next term. Besides travelling and enjoying a rest, I will be looking at the education system in Canada particularly in Vancouver, British Columbia and Ottawa, Ontario. The education systems in Canada are recognised as very high performing systems similar to that of Finland. You may remember that we had a Finnish Principal out at the beginning of the term learning about our system.

We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. If you know of any families who are enrolling children to commence Kindergarten next year, please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible.

Crazy Hair Silly Sock Day Fundraiser

Tuesday 13th of September

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Miranda North Student Representative Council (SRC) will be hosting a Crazy Hair, Silly Sock Day on **Tuesday the 13th of September**.

Crazy hair day is an annual fundraising event held across schools to raise awareness about Cystic Fibrosis. To show our support on this day we are asking all students to bring a **Gold Coin Donation** which will be donating to support research and treatment of Cystic Fibrosis.

Canteen:

Our SRC students will also be opening the canteen for the purchase of yummy gelato ice-cream. Please bring an additional **\$2** if you would like to purchase a **Chocolate**, **Bubbleyum**, and **Vanilla** gelato at lunch time.

We thank you in anticipation of your support,

Miranda North Student Representative Council (SRC)



Stage 1 Kurnell Excursion



Upcoming events

- 12 Sept 1/2B & 2KR Library visit
- 13 Sept Crazy Hair and Silly Sock Day fundraiser
- 19 Sept 1L, 1C & 2/3S Library Visit
- 21 Sept Stage 2—Wollongong Science Excursion
- 23 Sept Camellia Gardens 1/2B, 1C, 1L, 2KR and 2S
- 20 Oct Kindergarten 2023 Orientation Session 1—10am
- 25 Oct League Tag Gala Day
- 26 Oct Kindergarten 2023 Orientation Session 2—2pm



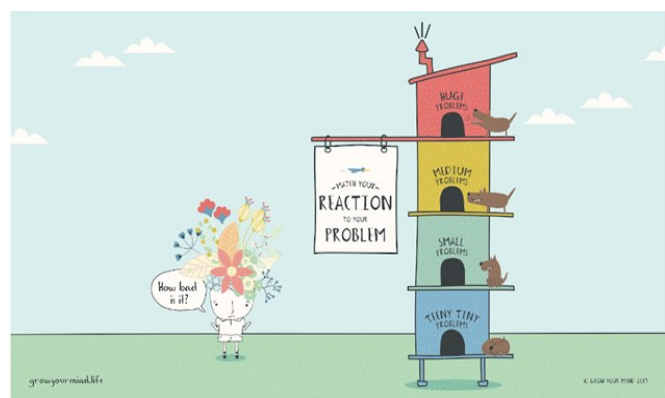
WEEK 8 SPORT &
MERIT AWARD
WINNERS



Grow Your Mind @MNPS Week 8



In Weeks 7 and 8 we have been focusing on Emotional Regulation and that even when we have big feelings we don't need our reaction to be huge. We have learned to calm our guard dog by using the traffic lights; Stop, Breathe, Think and Act.



We have looked at the catastrophe scale and discussed matching our reaction to the problem. We learned that all emotions are ok but if we are not in danger our reaction does not need to be massive.

We have also looked at ways to look after our mind. These are things that we should all try to do every day. We have been choosing a different way each day.

