

Miranda North Public School Newsletter

Week 4 Term 1



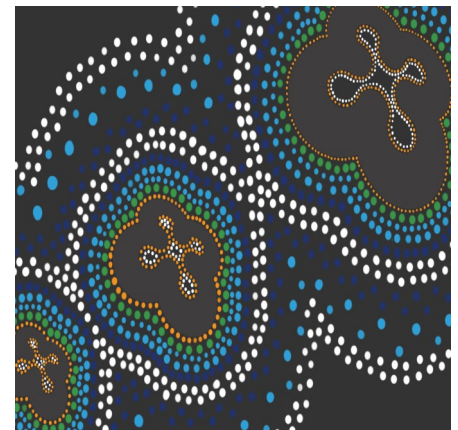
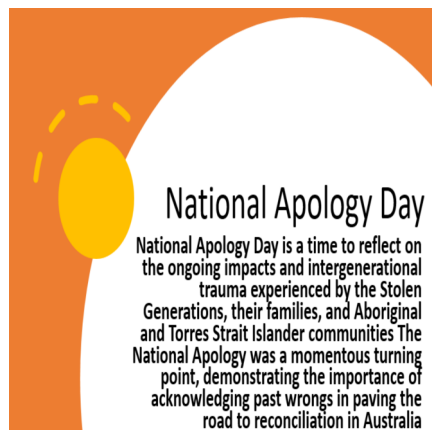
Principal's Report

We are so proud of how settled all our classes are and how quickly the children are getting into new class routines. Our classes have new class names which your children have probably talked with you about. The decision has been to choose an Aboriginal word for Australian fauna. Using the languages of Australia's First Nations peoples acknowledges and celebrates the diverse languages of Australia's Aboriginal culture. This will take some getting used to with linking the class name, however I assure you that you will get used to the names for your child's class and it will help to remove the emphasis on the grade rather than the individual learning levels of each student.

This week marks the 15th Anniversary of the National Apology given by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly to the Stolen Generations whose lives were devastatingly impacted by past government policies of forced child removal and assimilation.

We honour and pay our respects to all Stolen Generation survivors and their families. Our captains gave a short presentation to the students during this weeks assembly.

February 13 each year marks the anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, who suffered trauma because of past government policies.



Staffing News

It is with a sad heart but also great pride that we farewell Mrs Metters from the school while she steps up to a position supporting connected communities within the Department of Education. This is not a permanent move and we look forward to her return next year. In the mean time Mrs Sabbagh will be relieving as School Administration Manager.

Scripture commences

Tuesday 22 February will be the commencement of the Scripture program. Students who were in Ethics last year have been organised according to the age group and leaders available to run the program. If the students are not attending Ethics classes they will return to non-scripture. The Scripture classes have all been organised based on the recorded information from enrolment and last years scripture lists. We have SRE teachers for Anglican, Catholic Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3; Ethics Stage 2 and Stage 3, and 1 class for Greek Orthodox.

Principal's report continued

Asphalting

Next week from Monday the final asphalting will occur for the school. This section will run from the carpark to the top of the playground. It will restrict access to the Library and the Hall. Parking around the school will also be difficult on the three days as all school staff are unable to park onsite. Please ensure you follow the parking rules to keep our students safe and avoid any parking fines. There are specific parking restrictions at the front of the school including an active Bus Zone and Kiss and Drop area.



Meet The Teacher Kindergarten and Stage 1

This week saw the first of the Parent Teacher meetings with Stage 2 and 3 sharing information about the stage organisation and events. Next week Kindergarten and Stage 1 will hold their events. Stage 1 has been moved to allow parents who had a clash of times with Stage 2/3 meetings. Stage 1 will now be held on Wednesday February 22 at 4.15pm, Kindergarten remains on Monday 20 February. The School Hall will be the venue for each event.

Staff PL - Initial Lit

The school will be conducting an intensive training program on Monday and Tuesday of week 6, we will have all teachers K-2 and have several other schools attending the training. InitialLit is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program providing all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.

Moorang typing club practice



MNPS Enviro Heroes

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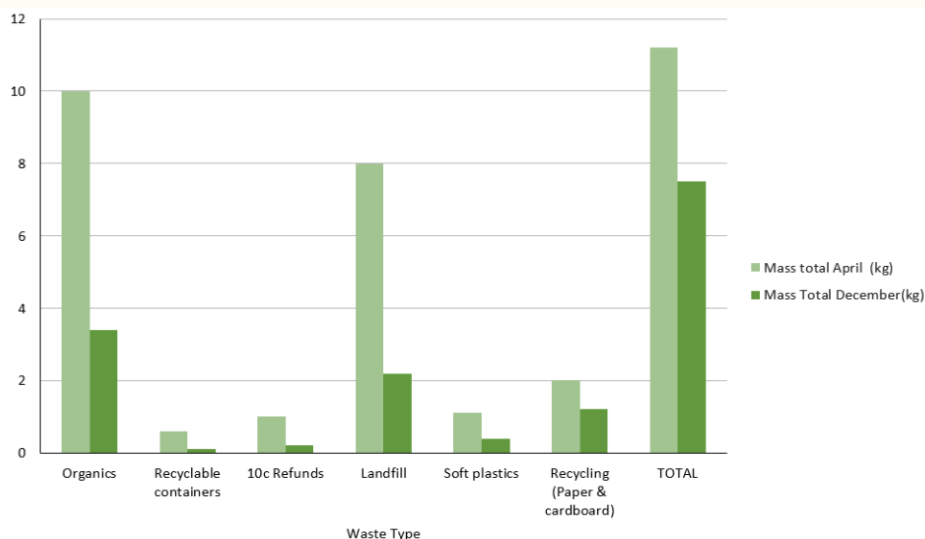
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UPDATE

Last year our MNPS Enviro Heroes began our 'War on Waste' campaign and were lucky enough to have a helping hand from the Environmental Education Centre. Together we launched Waste Free Wednesdays, began composting food scraps from Crunch & Sip, set up a second worm farm and introduced colour coded bins into the classrooms. Towards the end of the year we conducted our second waste audit to see the impact of our initiatives. We were blown away by our results and wanted to share them with the community!

At this rate, Miranda North is diverting 1.4 thousand kg a year from landfill! From just composting our Crunch & Sip we've made a difference of nearly 7kg a day of organic matter that's avoided landfill. That equals 35kg a week which is about 1400kg a year, the same weight as 6 polar bears! A pretty huge achievement when you consider it like that.

Waste Type	Mass total April (kg)	Mass Total December(kg)	Difference:
Organics	10	3.4	6.6
Recyclable containers	0.6	0.1	0.5
10c Refunds	1	0.2	0.8
Landfill	8	2.2	5.8
Soft plastics	1.1	0.4	0.7
Recycling (Paper & cardboard)	2	1.2	0.8
TOTAL	22.7	7.5	15.2



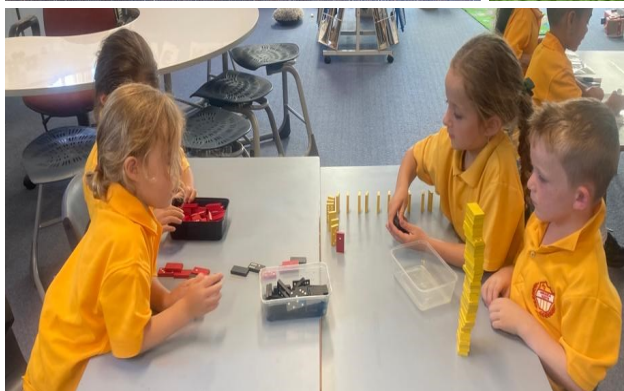


Keep your eyes peeled for what our
Enviro Heroes achieve in 2023.

The sky is the limit.



Learning is fun with Jumbalung and Lunna classes



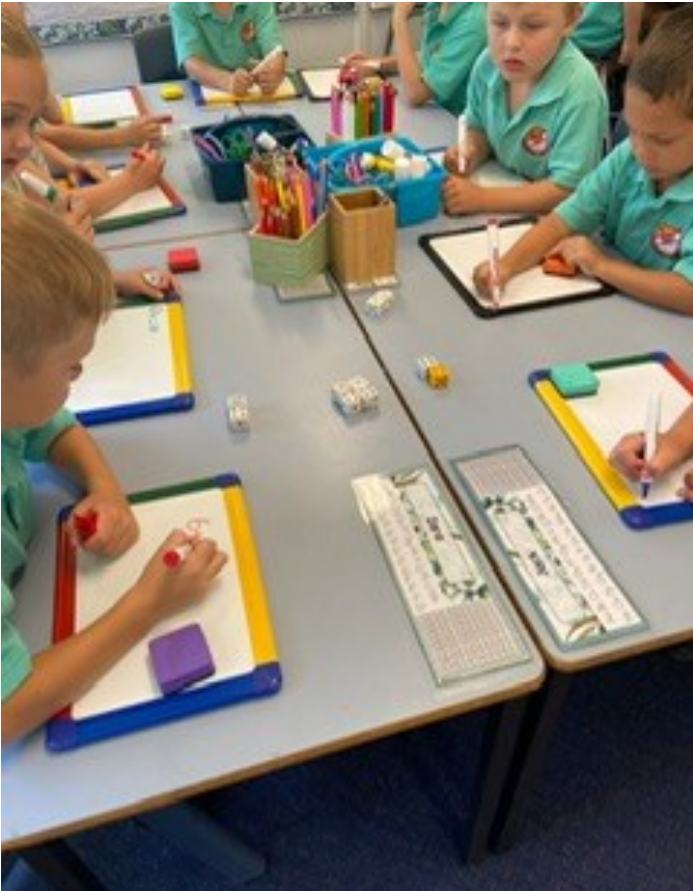
Learning counting with Orrapoora class



Mundu class learning about shape attributes of 2D shapes



Nirimba students working with dice combinations

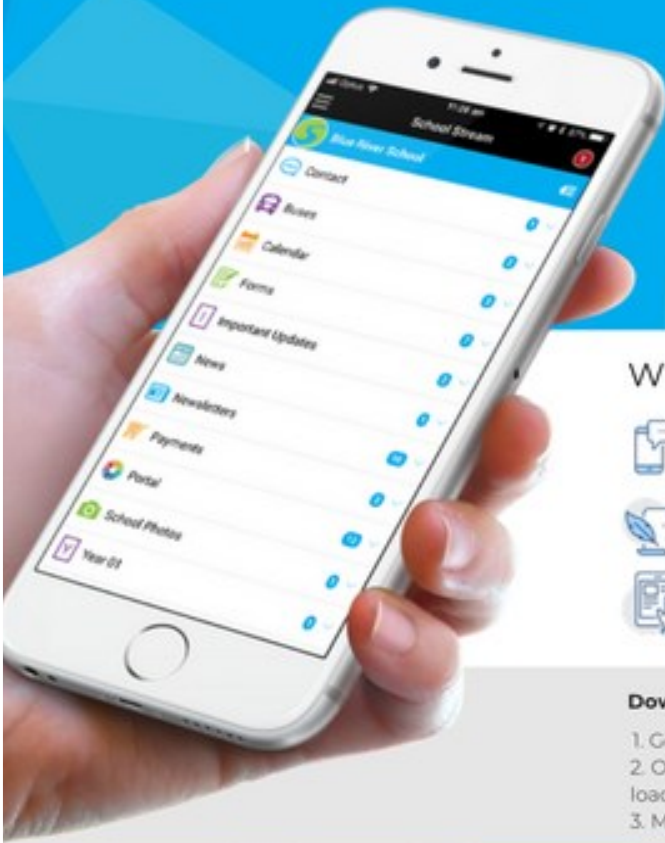


Miranda North PS Calendar 2023




Term 1 Week 1	School Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	26/1 Australia Day	27 1 Staff Development Day
5	20/2 Meet the Teacher Kindergarten - 4.15pm	21/2 P&C Meeting Scripture Starts	22/2 Meet the Teacher Stage 1—4.15pm	23/2	24/2
6	27/2	28/2 Zone Swimming	1/3	2/3	3/3
7	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3
8	13/3	14/3 P&C Meeting 7pm	15/3 NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5 com- mences	16/3 NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5 School Photo Day	17/3 NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5
9	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3
10 Three Way Conferences	27/3 NAPLAN Yr. 3 & 5	28/3 Last Day of NAPLAN Stg 1 excursion	29/3	30/3	31/3
11 Three Way Conferences	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4 Cross Country Easter Hat Parade	Good Friday
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Week 1 Term 2	Staff Development Day	ANZAC Day	26/4 All students Return	27/4	28/4
Week 2	1/5	2/5 K-2 Gymnastics	3/5	4/5	5/5
Week 3	8/5 Zone Cross Country	9/5 K-2 Gymnastics	10/5	11/5	12/5
Week 4	15/5	16/5 K-2 Gymnastics	17/5	18/5	19/5
Week 5	22/5	23/5 K-2 Gymnastics	24/5	25/5	26/5 National Sorry Day

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-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

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Community Notice



“ To strive is to achieve ”
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Come and join the tour of our outstanding facilities to see why Port Hacking High is your local school of first choice.

Explore how we nurture and encourage students to become active and engaged members of the community who produce top achieving HSC results, and are national, state and regional representatives in Sports and Creative and Performing Arts.



Port Hacking
High School

Open Night - Wednesday 1st March
5:45pm - Classrooms & Grounds Open