

Miranda North Public School Newsletter

Week 6 Term 1



Principal's Report

Dogs in schools

Just a reminder to all families not to come into the school grounds with their dog, beside the obvious potential issue, we also have students who are scared of dogs. Please wait outside the fence line away from the gates.

Morning drop off and afternoon Pick up

I would also remind parents to please ensure students have access to and from their classes. For some, it is difficult separating in the mornings and upsets the initial routines. Classes need to have clear walk ways to their classrooms. The same is true in the afternoons that large numbers of students are leaving via the doorways and balconies and as such I ask that you are away from those areas.

You remain welcome to attend the assemblies in the morning as many parents have been doing. Just stand to the side of the assembly to help the teachers and students focus on the messages of the day.

Safety - Crossing at the Lights

Please discuss with your child if they are walking home by themselves or demonstrate the correct actions for safely crossing the road in the morning and afternoons. The path on the school side has a yellow line which we ask all to stand behind while waiting for the crossing light to turn green. Please do not start crossing when the blinking has started. We do not want poor examples for our students.

School Attendance

The Home School Liaison Officer visited Miranda North school recently to complete a roll check and to check in on the attendance data of our students. She also presented to our parents on attendance at the Meet the Teacher sessions for 3-6. It is a requirement that students attend school and all non-attendance days must be explained through the office.

Please make sure that if your child is away from school that you communicate with the office about the reason for this. Please take note of the 4 reasons provided for student absences during term time:

- sickness – with identification of what type of sickness not just 'sick'
- medical appointment
- travel for family business
- attendance at urgent or exceptional family circumstances.

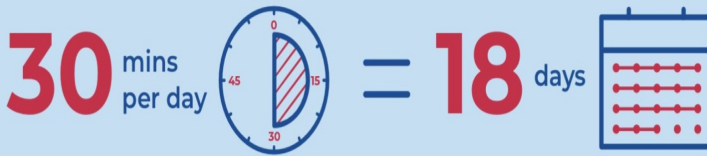
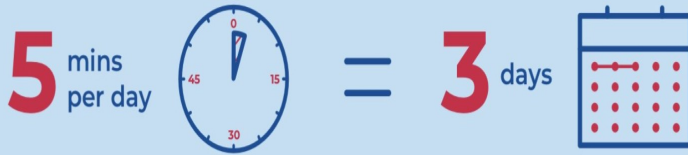
In 2022, Semester 2 attendance was at 90% however, only 58% of students attended 90% or more of the time. Which is very Low. The target for the School Plan set by the Department of Education

Partial attendance was also very high. 2 diagrams below show the lost time and its cumulative affect on missing out on school.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life



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2023 school holiday	Dates
Autumn	Monday 10 April - Friday 21 April
Winter	Monday 3 July - Friday 14 July
Spring	Monday 25 September - Friday 6 October
Summer	Wednesday 20 December - Monday 29 January (Eastern division) Monday 5 February (Western division)

Student invoices

Student invoices have been sent home to families. If at any time you require financial assistance please reach out to the school, so that we can support you and your children.

Initial Lit Professional Learning

We are in a great place to accommodate the new K-2 syllabus documents as we have spent considerable time ensuring our English and Mathematics pedagogy reflects current research into the best teaching methodologies to support literacy and numeracy learning.

Last week the teachers of K-2 engaged in professional Learning of Initial-lit. 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. Our teachers were deeply engaged in this professional development opportunity and are feeling inspired by how this program will support their implementation of the new syllabus document. It offers us the opportunity to facilitate the development of interconnected skills that will allow our students to become confident communicators, critical and imaginative thinkers.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed this week at the Zone swimming carnival at Caringbah Leisure Centre. It was a highly successful day for Miranda North with several students making it through to the Sydney East Swimming Carnival at Homebush on Monday 13 March. Those students will be notified in the coming days with more information to follow. We were incredibly proud of each and every student who represented our school. Thank you to those parents who assisted on the day and helped with the pack up of equipment. If your child has a swimming cap from the day can they please return it to school.



Cronulla Zone Touch Football

Congratulations to Jael M for her selection in the Cronulla Zone Touch Football side. Jael will be trialling for a spot in the Sydney East Touch Football side next week. We wish Jael the best of luck.

Congratulations also goes to Lewis P, Ava M and Beau G for being selected as shadow members of the Cronulla Zone squads.

PSSA Trials

PSSA trials for term 2 will be held in the final few weeks of term 1. Students have submitted their preferences so we will be able to let you all know of the sports we will be entering in shortly.

Rugby League Gala Day

The upcoming Great White Legends Rugby League Gala day (Formally the ET Shield) is being held on Tuesday, 14 March at Gwawley Oval, Taren Point. We wish all of our teams competing the best of luck.

Grow Your Mind @ MNPS Term 1 2023

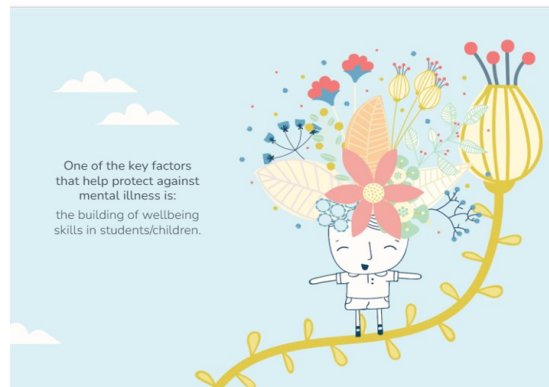
This term we will be continuing with The Grow Your Mind Wellbeing Program for all students K-6.



According to the World Health Organisation:

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Depression is a leading cause of disability around the world



The Grow Your Mind Program has been developed to build wellbeing skills in our children.

Our Program for this term will focus on:

- Developing an awareness of the brain and its key parts.
- Revise the animals that represent these parts of our brain
- Developing an understanding that we all have mental health and develop some strategies to look after our mental health
- Learn how to shrink/calm our guard dog or amygdala by using a range of breathing strategies
- Growing kindness
- Learn and practise communicating in a mindful way
- Learn how to deal mindfully with conflict in a friendship.

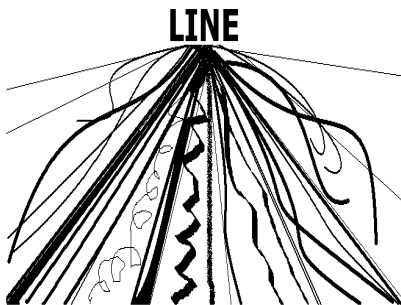
You could ask you child about the animals in their brain and if they can teach you some breathing styles to calm their guard dog or amygdala.



Art with Mrs Jackson



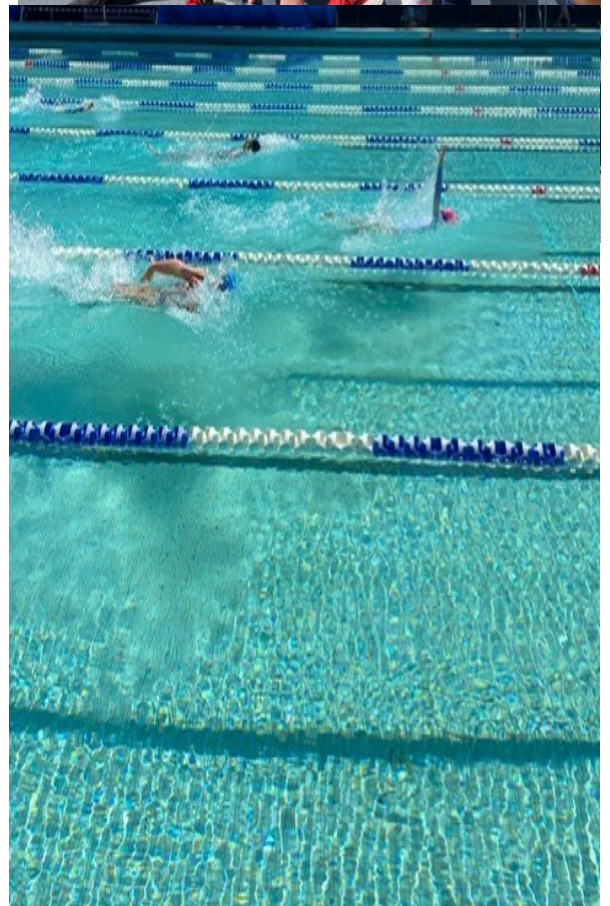
Stage 2 and stage 3 students enjoyed examining the Art principle of Line by creating 3D artworks.



Number sense with stage 2 maths



Learning counting with Orrapoora class



Miranda North PS Calendar 2023

Term 1 Week 1	School Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	26/1 Australia Day	27/1 Staff Development Day
7	6/3 Clean Up Australia Day Year 7 EOI Online	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3 PSSA Zone Rugby Trials
8	13/3	14/3 Rugby Gala Day P&C Meeting 7pm	15/3 NAPLAN Writing	16/3 School Photo Day	17/3
9 Three Way Conferences	20/3 NAPLAN Reading	21/3	22/3 NAPLAN Conventions of Language	23/3 NAPLAN Numeracy	24/3
10 Three Way Conferences	27/3	28/3 Stage 1 Excursion Botany Bay NP	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	27/4
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 P&C Meeting 7 pm	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
Week 6 National Reconciliation Week	29/5	30/5 K-2 Gymnastics	31/5	1/6	2/6
Week 7	5/6 Bathurst Hill End Excursion Stage 3	6/6 K-2 Gymnastics Bathurst Hill End Excursion Stage 3	7/6 Bathurst Hill End Excursion Stage 3	8/6	9/6