

Miranda North Public School Newsletter

Week 8 Term 4



Principal's Report

These next two weeks are a very busy time for students and staff alike. For the first time in several years the school will welcome back Healthy Harold with the Life Education Program. This will run on the 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th December for all classes. Our Presentation Day on Wednesday, 6 December, is a celebration of everyone's learning throughout the year and although not everyone will receive a certificate, it is important that we recognise our students efforts at school.

The final few weeks of school are particularly busy, our senior students in Years 5 and 6 are involved in many activities including voting for the Sports House leadership for Kangaroos, Koalas Possums and Wallabies. Year 6 students will have their Farewell evening and of course everyone is invited to the Christmas Parade on Wednesday, 13 December.

In 2023, the school has pleasingly seen raised attendance levels. The Department of Education across all its schools in NSW, has been focussing on the downturn in regular attendance and its impact on student learning. In 2024, this focus will continue but with just two weeks left of term, I reiterate that it is really important for students to come to school every single day, unless they are sick, have a medical appointment or have family business. We understand that students and families are getting ready for the holidays, but being at school everyday boosts students learning and confidence and helps them build and maintain friendships. A reminder that planned travel should only be taken during school holidays and students should be at school every day during school term, right from beginning to end. If you do require your child to take extended leave, please see the office staff and complete a leave form. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Everyday matters and we are here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term. If your child is absent for the day, please notify the school office so this can be recorded on the school attendance register.

2024, Where will you be? Students Kindergarten – Year 5 - Are you moving to a new school in 2024? Are you going away and will be back after school starts on February 1? If you have not yet notified the school that you are leaving or will be returning to school late, please let us know. The staffing of the school is entirely based on the student enrolment numbers and if our student numbers are low then we will need to reshuffle classes and potentially lose a teacher.

Thank you Morning Tea Once again a huge thank you to all our volunteers that have helped in so many ways throughout 2023. Our breakfast/morning tea was held earlier this week. Unfortunately, it also clashed with the Year 6 High School Orientation and thus some of our helpers were unable to attend. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful community and very thankful for the generous spirits of our helpers in giving up their valuable time.



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Presentation Day

On Wednesday, 6 December the school will hold its annual Presentation Day.

Years 3-6 10.00am

Years K-2 12.30pm

Our Kindergarten students will receive a graduation certificate. All Kindergarten Parents have been notified.

Year 6 students will also receive a graduation certificate. The school has also notified award recipients for our Year 1 -6 students.

Swimming make up lesson

We have been able to organise a catch-up lesson for all K-2 students next Thursday 7 December. We will follow the same schedule as our Tuesday program. Please note this will be the last day of K-2 swimming.



P&C Christmas Raffle

The P&C will send home raffle tickets next Monday for their final fundraiser of the year. Prizes will be drawn at the Christmas Parade on 14 December.

Free BBQ

The P&C will hold a free sausage sizzle for students at the Talent Quest on Monday, 11 December. Please note the Talent Quest is a closed event for students only.

Canteen last day

Please note that the last day for Canteen will be Friday 8 December. A huge thank you to Natalie and all the amazing volunteers and helpers throughout the year. Our school and community appreciates your efforts and time.

Congratulations Ava!



Congratulations to Ava J who last week represented NSW at the National School Sport Australia Track & Field Championship in Tasmania!

We are so excited to let you all know that Ava came 5th overall in the junior girls 200m and 7th overall for the 10 year girls 100m. Ava also ran the final leg for NSW in the junior girls relay helping them clinch the gold medal! What an amazing achievement!

Congratulations Ava!



Congratulations to Serena who performed in all 4 shows for School Spectacular 2023, themed Fabulous. Serena was a featured dancer with the Arts Unit accompanied by Guitar prodigy, Ben Gillard to Tommy Emmanuel's arrangement of "Somewhere over the Rainbow". The show will be televised on Channel 7 network, 7pm on Saturday December 9. Well done Serena!



School Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 4 Break 25 September – 6 October					
Week 9	4/12 Stage 3 Dance	5/12 Gala Day make up K-2 Swimming	6/12 Presentation Day 3-6 10.00am K-2 12.30 pm	7/12 K-2 Swimming make up lesson Healthy Harold Life Ed	8/12 Healthy Harold Life Ed
Week 10	11/12 Talent Quest P&C Free BBQ Healthy Harold Life Ed	13/12 Year 6 Farewell Healthy Harold Life Ed	14/12 Christmas Parade Raffle drawn. 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	15/12	16/12 Yr 6 Clap-out Last day of school
Term 1 Christmas Break 15 December – 1 February					
2024 T1 Week 1	29/1/2024 School Holiday	30/1/2024 Pupil Free Day	31/1/2024 Pupil Free Day	1/2/2024 Year 1-6 return Kindergarten Best Start	2/2/2024 Kindergarten Best Start
Week 2	5/2 Swimming Carnival Caringbah Leisure Centre	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2
Week 3	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2
Week 4	19/2	20/2 Meet The Teacher	21/2	22/2	23/2
Week 5	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2	1/3
Week 6	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3
Week 7	11/3	12/3 P&C	13/3 NAPLAN Window starts	14/3 School Photos	15/3 NAPLAN Window
Week 8	18/3 NAPLAN Window	19/3 NAPLAN Window	20/3 NAPLAN Window	21/3 NAPLAN Window	22/3 NAPLAN Window
Week 9	25/3 NAPLAN Window Ends	26/3	27/3	28/3 Hat Parade	29/3 Good Friday
Week 10	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4 Cross Country
Week 11	8/4	9/4 P&C	10/4 Parent Teacher Interviews 2.00 -6.30	11/4	12/4
April School Holidays. Return to School 30/04/24					