

Miranda North Public School Newsletter

Week 10, Term 2



Principal's Report

Semester 1 has drawn to a close with the last day of Term 2 being Friday 5 July. A two week holiday is well deserved for our students and teachers following a very busy term both academically and through the many extra curricular activities that are organised through the school.

Just over the last 10 weeks we have had 5 sports in PSSA with 126 students in 3 - 6 participating. This is 70% of our year 3 - 6 students. More than 80 students are involved in dance programs before school or during lunch and there are 40 students in the school band program. We also have a Senior Choir with Mrs Morrissey and the Year 2 Choir with Mrs Fifield and Mrs Manson.

Teachers are giving up their time to offer other programs such as the chess program with Mrs Chen and an additional dance program for Southern Stars. The school is also providing opportunities to address high Performance and Gifted Education through these programs as well as in class, in writing, mathematics, the Math Olympiad program for 5/6 students and targeted extension programs for Stage 1 and 2 in Technology. I am so proud of how our students are rising to the challenges and what our staff are offering as opportunities for our students.

Just last night I had the opportunity to go to a program called Create, where students were selected from Stage 3 across the whole of the Sutherland Shire to put on a performance. Workshops ran for 3 days culminating in a performance which highlighted Dance, Drama, Band, Visual Arts, Technology and Singing. Our school had students represented in each of the disciplines and it was wonderful to see them bloom in such an environment.

Next term will be a feast for our community as we offer opportunities for all our students to show their capabilities in the Athletics Carnival, Public Education week - Open day, Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival and the Southern Stars Spectacular in Wollongong. Please take the opportunity to come into our school and see what is going on. The Athletics Carnival is on **24 July**, Open Day is on **7 August** and the Sutherland Shire Music Festival is taking place on **12, 13, 16 and 23 August**. The Southern Stars program has performances on the **30 and 31 August**.

Meanwhile our students have a variety of academic demands next term, from the Phonics Assessment in Year 1 to the Check In assessments of Years 3 - 6. Our students continue to work with their classes through the planned learning programs addressing the new Mathematics and English syllabus. Academically the Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN reports will be released during the term.

Our school reports go home on Thursday and I have organised to have Parent/Teacher interviews in week 6 of Term 3 to drive the learning for the semester. It should be noted that if you would like a dedicated meeting about the report earlier, please organise a meeting for early Term 3 that is mutually beneficial. Our students are performing on par with the Sutherland Shire students and that of the State. A grade of 'C' reflects that the student is performing where they should be.

Have a safe and enjoyable mid year break. We will see everyone back from **Tuesday 23 July**.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on **Thursday 15 August and Tuesday 20 August**. We will open interview times from 2.15pm until 5.45pm to provide maximum opportunity for interviews. Further details will be released next term.

Staff Adjustments in Term 3

There are some staffing adjustments for Term 3. We welcome back Mrs Sherwen to 5/6LS. Mrs Lindsay will return to her Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday program while Mrs Sherwen will have the class on Thursday and Friday.

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Mrs Mitsoulis will continue on 5/6M five days a week for the remainder of the year.

We also welcome back Mrs Sapsford and Mrs Jeffrey who will be working across the school supporting all stages. Mrs Sapsford will be here on Monday and Tuesday each week, whilst Mrs Jeffrey will be here on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Dribbus will be on leave for week 1 and 2 and will return on Monday 5 August. Mrs Hancock will have the class during this time.

PBL Focus

In reviewing data from the Tell Them From Me survey, Miranda North Public School has begun engaging with the Positive Behaviour for Learning approach. Below you will find some information on the process.

What is PBL

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a consistent, school-wide evidence-based system of support that assists in creating positive and quality learning environments. The 'positive' refers to proactive focus, teaching and recognising what students are doing right. The focus is on teaching the students what we want them to do instead of what not to do. It refers to an overall change in the school culture and climate to promote a quality learning environment where students and teachers feel appreciated, safe and respected.

When PBL is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Students and staff benefit from:

- reduced inappropriate behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- support for teachers to teach, model and respond effectively to student needs
- a predictable learning environment where staff and students know what is expected to deliver effective practices that can be sustained over time

Does PBL include the voices of students?

Yes. Students are empowered and participate in decision-making through active involvement in the school's leadership of PBL. For example, our student leadership teams have all had input in developing and reviewing the school-wide expectations and how these are taught. During weekly PBL lessons students have an opportunity to discuss and contribute their thoughts and ideas on the school-wide expectations.

How can you support your child with PBL?

During class each Monday, students will participate in a new PBL lesson focusing on a school value (We are Respectful, Responsible and Safe), this will be consistent across the whole school. This lesson will then be reinforced throughout the week in class, in the playground and at assemblies.

Please ask your child what we talked about during the PBL lessons each week. You can positively reinforce and talk about the lessons, constantly reminding your child of the core values on which we are focusing. If we work together as a team we can enhance all areas of learning for your child.

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Peer Support

From Week 1 of next term, students will participate in our Peer Support Program. For the following 8 weeks they will be involved in groups of approximately 8-10 students working with Student Peer Leaders and supervising teachers on 'Stronger Together' activities that aim to support positive relationships amongst students. Students will talk to other students about their strengths and their resilience. They will discuss positive relationships or friendships and what to do if they experience harmful and hurtful behaviours. Peer Leaders have been trained and have planned their sessions using materials provided by Peer Support Australia, which are specially designed for student-led sessions. Our Supervising/Class Teachers will prepare students, supervise sessions and check understanding at the end of the session.

Sport

Congratulations to what has been a very successful term for Miranda North with many of our students being selected in Sydney East teams. A huge congratulations to Taj M who has been selected in the rugby league, touch football and rugby union sides. Taj recently competed for Sydney East at the NSW PSSA Rugby League State Championships. The Sydney East team finished 5th overall and played some outstanding rugby league. Well done Taj!

Congratulations to Lewis P who has also been selected in the Sydney East boys rugby union team. Lewis will be competing in the NSW PSSA rugby union state championships in August at Wagga Wagga. Well done Lewis!



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation.

Stage 1, Living Things Science Unit

Throughout this term, in Science, Stage 1 have been learning about living things. They have had lots of hands-on experiences with plants, ducks and stick insects. They have also been learning about bees.

Mr Curtis and two visitors from his hive, kindly came to our school to talk to the children about his beehives. The children were thoroughly engaged by his outstanding presentation. He displayed all the equipment that is required to establish and maintain his hives and all the goodies that can be made from the honey. Best of all, the children got a taste test!!

We all thank him for donating his time and sensational organisation. A big thank you Mr Curtis !!



Enrol now for Kindergarten 2025



*The pathway to learning starts from the first steps
in Kindergarten*

Kindergarten Information Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation 1
Wednesday 23 October 2024, at 2.00pm
Kindergarten Orientation 2
Wednesday 6 November 2024, at 10.00am

Kinder Play Sessions

Wednesday 20 November 2024, at 2.15pm
and
Wednesday 27 November 2024, at 2.15pm

School Tours

Thursday 9 May 2024 at 10.00am
and
Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 2.30pm



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**Ready, Set,
Kindy!**

Miranda North Public School P&C Half Year Summary Report 2024

Our P&C would not make the difference it does without the support of people willing to put up their hands and take on roles in executive positions and sub committees.

Executive Committee

President - Kylie Idam

Vice President - Amy Hughes

Treasurer - Megan Chimiak

Secretary - Yvette Gillman

Sub Committee

Canteen - Emma Ford and Jessica McGibbon

Uniform Shop - Lou Voges

Fundraising - Tess Cave

The P&C would like to personally thank Rebecca Abrook for her service as Secretary and other executive positions and being on the P&C throughout the last 12 years. She is a wealth of knowledge and we will pick her brain before her last child leaves MNPS this year.

We are so excited to announce that we voted at a recent P&C meeting to purchase and install the final stage of the playground with the Acronet combo. This project is now complete and our children will enjoy this space for years to come.

The P&C would like to thank each and everyone of you for supporting us in all our fundraising efforts to accomplish this.

Each year the P&C donates half the cost price of the year 6 shirts, these have now been delivered and our kids are loving wearing them !!

Fundraising

We started the year off with our major fundraising event, we held our first ever colour run which seems like a lifetime ago with the speed of time at the moment. It was such a colourful and fun event and raised **\$12,810**.

We then held the easter extravaganza, bake sale, easter egg donations to the classrooms, easter egg raffles from your generous donations. It was another fantastic event full of smiles and chocolate !! This event raised **\$2700**.

The Mother's Day Stall was held only a few weeks ago, Tess and the team ordered and set up lots of goodies for our kiddies to select and buy some things for mum. We hope you enjoyed opening your special gifts bought by your kiddies ! This event raised **\$956**.

We ran our Sushi Day recently which the kids enjoyed, raising **\$487**.

We will finish off term 2 with the Garlos Pie Drive raising **\$500** and holding our fabulous Hawaiian Neon Disco in the final week of term raising approx. **\$2000**.

We are so lucky and grateful to have such a dedicated team of volunteers, led by Tess, that work so hard to make these events happen. A HUGE amount of time and effort goes into planning, organising, coordinating and executing each of these events.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered and continues to help where they can. We can only be successful with you, our wonderful MNPS community. We encourage everyone to please volunteer when you can.

Canteen

The children continue to enjoy our Snack Canteen every Wednesday lunch and Friday afternoons. We have established a team of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, who help run our canteen seamlessly each week alongside our coordinator Emma Ford and Heather. We'd like to thank Jess McGibbon for all her efforts in T1 and T2. We are grateful for all you do each week to keep this little machine operating and well oiled. So far this year we have made **\$2500** from running our snack canteen. Well done everyone.

If you are available to help out at our canteen, even if its once a term or month please contact us on mnpsccanteen1@gmail.com .

Uniform Shop

Lou Voges continues to ensure the uniform shop is well organised and opened every week. We also welcome new volunteers to the team; Tracey Mathews, Renae Moss and Lauren Eldridge. We are so grateful you have joined, which means we can be open more often for our families. The Uniform shop is opened at the following times:

- Monday 3pm to 3:25pm
- Tuesday 9am to 9:25am
- Thursday 3pm to 3:25pm
- Friday 9am to 9:25am

We would greatly accept any donations especially with the change of seasons, it's a good time to clean out the uniforms. Please ensure donations are in good condition and freshly cleaned. Please check our facebook page for updated open days and school stream or email us at mnpspcuniform@gmail.com .

Electronic Sign

Our electronic sign is the perfect space to advertise your business at a great price, whilst supporting our school community. If you know anyone that would like to advertise their local business please send them our way. If you have any enquiries please email mnpspcpresident@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

The next projects we are working towards funding to donate to the school will be:

- Physical home readers for K-2 - 360 books - total \$4312
- Mathematics sets for all classrooms - total \$4000
- Playground equipment - total \$3000

Saturday 14 September we will be running a Community BBQ for the local Government election and need your help on the day, we will send out information on this soon.

Our annual Brick Fair will take place on **Sunday 3 November**, this will be our major fundraiser so please mark this in your diaries. We will need everyone's help to communicate this out to the community to make this event one that people wait for every year, and to help out on the day with the BBQ and food offerings.

Our P&C Committee is small but passionate and extremely hardworking and dedicated. Please join us, as many hands make lighter work and all our efforts result in more options, opportunities and experiences for our children. We hope that our Fundraising calendar and regular communication is keeping you well informed and updated on future events. You can stay in touch on Instagram and Facebook.

We have raised a total of **\$21,953** so far this year, thank you everyone for your continued interest and support of our P&C. If you have any feedback, enquiries, concerns or issues you would like addressed or any fundraising ideas, enquiries can be directed to mnpspcpresident@gmail.com

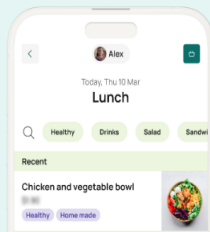
School Calendar

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| 2024 T2 Week 10 | 1/7 Public Speaking Finals Southern Stars Mass Dance Rehearsal 1 - Illawarra Sports Stadium | 2/7 Public Speaking Finals P&C Pie Drive Delivery | 3/7 Public Speaking Finals | 4/7 Senior Choir Rehearsal Engadine West PS P&C Hawaiian Glow Disco | 5/7 <i>PSSA Cancelled</i> Stage 1 Science Incursion |
| July School Holidays. Return to School 23/07/24 | | | | | |
| 2024 T3 Week 1 | 22/7 Pupil Free Day | 23/7 Students return to school | 24/7 Athletics Carnival | 25/7 100 Days of Kindy | 26/7 PSSA Southern Stars Mass Dance Rehearsal 2 - Illawarra Sports Stadium |
| Week 2 | 29/7 | 30/7 | 31/7 | 1/8 Stage 1 Excursion Science Space Whole School Assembly | 2/8 PSSA |
| Week 3 | 5/8 Education Week | 6/8 Southern Stars 1 st Combined Dance Rehearsal - WIN Entertainment Centre | 7/8 Public Education Week Open Day and Book Character Parade | 8/8 3-6 Assembly (3/4M) | 9/8 PSSA |
| Week 4 | 12/8 Junior Choir Rehearsal and Matinee - The Pavillion Sutherland | 13/8 Hospital Visit – Year 1 Junior Choir Evening Concert – The Pavillion Sutherland | 14/8 | 15/8 Parent/Teacher Interviews | 16/8 K-2 Assembly (KO) PSSA |
| Week 5 | 19/8 | 20/8 Sydney East Rugby Parent/Teacher Interviews | 21/8 Sydney East Rugby | 22/8 Sydney East Rugby Senior Choir SSSMF rehearsal | 23/8 Senior Choir SSSMF Evening Performance PSSA |
| Week 6 | 26/8 | 27/8 | 28/8 Southern Stars 2 nd combined dance rehearsal – WIN Entertainment Centre | 29/8 Southern Stars – technical and dress rehearsal – WIN Entertainment Centre Whole School Assembly | 30/8 Southern Stars – matinee and night performances – WIN Entertainment Centre PSSA |
| Week 7 | 2/9 | 3/9 | 4/9 | 5/9 3-6 Assembly (5/6LS) | 6/9 PSSA |
| Week 8 | 9/9 | 10/9 | 11/9 | 12/9 | 13/9 K – 2 Assembly (KD) PSSA |



How to place a canteen order via the Flexischools app

- 1 Tap **"Order food"** at the top of your app home screen
- 2 Choose the child and date you wish to order for
- 3 Select the food items you'd like to purchase, then select **"View order"**
- 4 Choose your desired payment option (if auto top-up isn't enabled)
- 5 Hit **"Checkout & pay"** to confirm your order and process payment



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Lunch orders are delivered from the Endeavour High canteen every Tuesday & Thursday.

Community Announcements

Sutherland Shire Children's Choir
www.cantabilemusic.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY 16th JULY
8:30am - 3:50pm

Singing activities MUSIC ACTIVITIES
Craft activities OUTDOOR GAMES

MUSIC GAMES
AGES 5-16

Mini performance for parents at 3:30pm
Morning tea, PIZZA lunch and afternoon tea provided

LOFTUS COMMUNITY CENTRE
\$62 PER CHILD

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE