

Miranda North Public School Newsletter

Week 6, Term 4



Principal's Report

At the end of this week, we have 4 school weeks left of the 2024 school year. There is much still to do as we work towards that last day of school. Year 6 students are eagerly looking forward to Gala Fun Day, Year 6 Farewell, their final Presentation Day and the end of year Clap-Out. The rest of the school will share in their final days while still working hard to complete tasks, and studies, working towards achieving positive reports and enjoying the end of year activities.

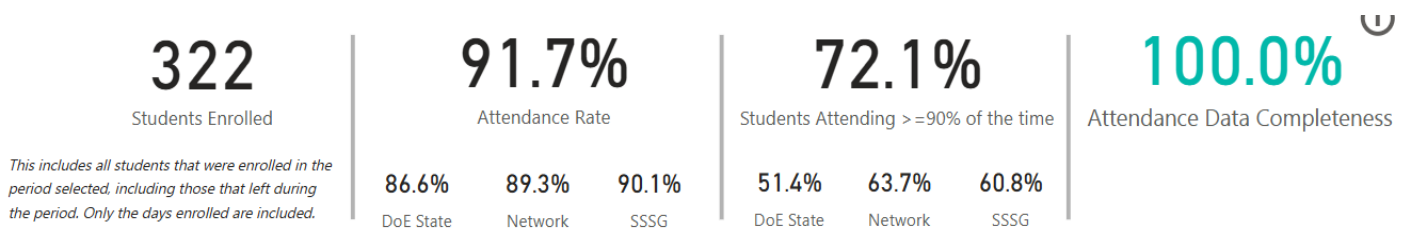
The staff are still focussed on your children's learning and attendance. Whilst all of this is going on, we are also looking to 2025, organising staff based on student numbers, and organising student classes and this is one area you may wish provide input into. The Survey Monkey information in Page 2 of the newsletter provides the information for you to be able to do just that. Our student numbers are expected to be under 300 in 2025. This means that we need to work out the combinations of grades and number of students for 11 classes. As you will recognise it is a very busy time for everyone. Please take note of the dates and times of events so that you are able to join us where possible.

Attendance

The school has a target in the School Improvement Plan to raise the attendance rate so that more students are in attendance at school more often. The Department believes that a student should attend 90-95% of the school year, recognising people do get sick. A 90% rate would mean a student misses 20 days in the school year or 5 days in each term.

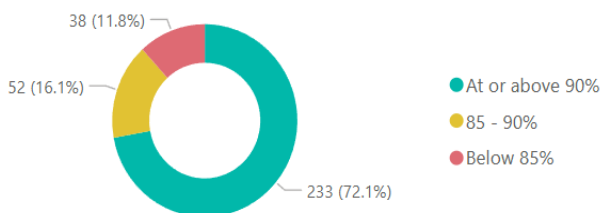
Our school data shows that 72.1% of our students attend 90% or more of the time. This is significantly better than the department of Education as a whole or even the other schools in our network. However, of concern is the 11.8% of students who are missing more than 15% of the school year.

Attendance will continue to be a focus in 2025 and 2026. We hope to raise our attendance rate which this year was 91.7% to over 93.8% giving us an uplift of 2%.

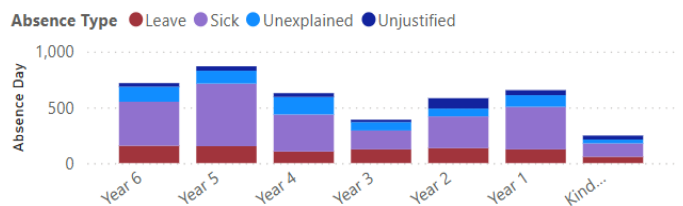


School Attendance Level

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Absences by Cohort, Absence Type



Survey Monkey - 2025 Parental requests for special considerations

In 2025 the school will have 11 classes. This is down on the 13 classes of 2024 due in part to the NSW Department of Education restriction on out of area enrolment.

2025 Parental requests for special considerations are to be made by **Friday 6 December** using the online survey form. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LQ5TC6>

Class formation is a long and thoughtful process carried out by our teachers, who know a lot about how our students learn and act in the school environment. In forming class structures departmental policies, projected enrolments, staffing entitlements and educational research must be taken into consideration along with equity issues such as:

- resources and space
- the balance of linguistic, gender, religious and cultural diversity and
- the learning needs of the students.

Please note:

- A separate form should be submitted for each child
- Requests for special consideration should focus on the learning and wellbeing needs of your child
- Selection of teacher is not an option
- Complete this form even if you have made these requests in previous years

While we will take this information into consideration when forming classes, not all requests will be met, owing to the many factors that need to be considered when forming classes.

The link to submit special considerations for class placements will remain open until **5pm on Friday, 6 December**. Please kindly note that the school will not be able to consider 2025 class placements after this time.

Kindergarten Play visits

Now that the Kindergarten Orientation Meetings have concluded, we will open up two sessions for our 2025 class to come and play / explore and learn about school. One was held this week on Wednesday and the next will be held on **Wednesday 27 November**.

Application for OC and Selective HS open

Following Changes by the Department of Education around the Opportunity Class and Selective High School Tests, applications for 2026 are now open. To access and complete the application please go to the URL provided.

The online application link for parents and carers is available at [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#)

Information about Year 7 Selective - - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/choosing-a-school/selective-high-schools>

Information for Year 5 OC- - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/choosing-a-school/opportunity-classes>

Illness at school

Chicken Pox – We have had several cases of chicken pox at school recently. Notes have gone out to the classes concerned. However, may I remind parents that if a child has chicken pox the student needs to remain at home for a minimum of 4 days or until the blisters have formed crusts or scabs.

We have also had **Covid** affecting several students and staff. The rules around this are that they are to stay at home until they are well and symptom free.

Principal's Report continued...

Hats

Under the Schools Sun Safe procedures, Students need to wear their wide brim hat when outside. That is before school, Lunch, Recess and on Friday sport.

No Dogs in School Grounds

It has been reported by many people that parents are bringing their dog into the school at pickup. Please do not bring your pets onto school grounds. Please wait outside of the school fence to meet your child if you have a pet with you.

Bike Riding – Reminder

Riding to school is a privilege which only commenced in 2022. Specific procedures were established to ensure the safety of all our community. The school procedures do not allow for the riding of scooters/skateboards or E-bikes. Any student who rides a bicycle to school must wear a helmet; it is the law. Students must be in Year 5 or 6. For the safety of everyone there is no riding in school grounds or across the front of the school (path/fence area). Students may start riding on the other side of the driveway. Access in and out of the school is via the dedicated driveway and auto gates at the western end of the school.

Presentation Day

Presentation day will be held on **Thursday, 12 December**. The school will telephone and speak with a parent or carer to inform them that their child will be receiving an award. This will not be done for the Kindergarten Certificate or the Year 6 Band awards. Awards being notified will be for class awards, sport awards or special/significant awards, however the caller will not know what award the student is receiving.

Dates and times of events

- 28/11** - Gala Day – Yr 6 Fundraiser
- 03/12** – All Public High School Transition Day
- 05/12** – Yr 6 Farewell Dinner **6pm – 9pm**
- 10/12** – Parent Helpers/Scripture Morning Tea **8.45am – 9.15am**
- 10/12** – Christmas Parade **2.15pm - 3.25pm**
- 12/12** – Presentation Day – Years 3 to 6 event **10.00am – 11.30am**
Years K to 2 event **12.30 pm – 1.45pm**
- 16/12** - Nursing Home Visit for Choir and Junior Christmas Dance
- 18/12** - Clap Out – Assemble in the hall for slide show. Dance before the Clap Out of all students who are having their last day at Miranda North PS.

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.



Fundraising Gala Day - Thursday 28 November - \$10 per student

As part of our Stage 3 Leadership Program and to raise money for the Year 6 farewell, Year 5 and 6 will be holding a Gala Day for all children across the school.

The Gala Day involves Stage 3 students organising and running a stall with activities suitable for children from K-6. The stalls will be set up around the school and students will be able to choose the activities they would like to participate in. The Gala Day activities will run from **10:00am** until approximately **1:50pm**. Following this, the Stage 3 students will be packing up and will need to remain at school until 3:25pm

All students may wear MUFTI.

Each student will be required to purchase a \$10.00 wrist band to participate in the festivities for the day, **this includes Year 5 and Year 6. Please pay by the 26 November.** Posters designed by Stage 3 will advertise their stall activity and location. This note has also been sent on School Bytes to all families and you may give consent and also pay online.

Examples of activities planned by Stage 3 in the past include things such as: sponge target throwing, nail art, hair and makeup, slip n' slide, spider drinks, photo booth, laser tag, milkshakes, mini games and many more. Some of the stalls may involve water activities therefore students may wish to wear swimmers underneath their mufti outfit, **don't forget a towel.**

Stage 3 will donate all supplies required to run their stalls. Please support their efforts in raising money for their farewell.

Mural Photos



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
MIRANDA NORTH
Christmas
PARADE AND GIVING TREE

TUESDAY **10** DECEMBER
AT 2PM UNDER THE COLA

BAND, CHOIR,
SINGING AND DANCE GROUP PERFORMANCES
SHIRE SALVOS GIFT GIVING APPEAL
P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY
SANTA

Christmas
Raffle
Tickets \$1 each!

Tickets will be sold
both before and after school
for students and parents to buy from the
2nd December to 10th December
Below are prizes that can be won!!

Donate
GIFTS
and
FOOD
here

Listed below are some items you
might like to donate this Christmas.

FOOD
What to donate:

- Non-perishable items
- Supermarket gift cards
- Special Christmas items
- Food to suit kids & the elderly

GIFTS
What to donate:

- Gifts for all ages
- Gift cards
- Unwrapped gifts
- New items only

Nobody should struggle alone this Christmas

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Welcome to Our Ice Cream Paradise

Cool \$2 Treat

Scoop up the
fun!



- **JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS ICE CREAM**
- **MONDAY LUNCH TIME**
- **SCHOOL CANTEEN**
- **YEAR 6 FUND RAISER**

Term 4 Week 8 Monday

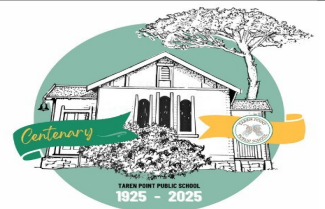
School Calendar - Term 4

Week 6	18/11	19/11 K-2 swimming Cronulla Zone Boys Cricket Trial	20/11 Kindergarten 2025 Play Date 1 Dance to be Fit	21/11 Whole School Assembly	22/11 3-6 Sport
Week 7	25/11	26/11 K-2 swimming	27/11 Kindergarten 2025 Play Date 2 Dance to be Fit	28/11 Fundraising Gala Day	29/11 3-6 Sport
Week 8	2/12 Ice Cream Day	3/12 High School Orientation Yr 7 2025 K-2 swimming	4/12 Dance to be Fit	5/12 Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6-9pm	6/12 3-6 Sport Sydney East Girls Cricket Trial
Week 9	9/12	10/12 Parent Helpers / Scripture Morning tea 8.45am - 9.15am Christmas Parade 2.15pm - 3.25pm	11/12 Reports go home	12/12 Presentation Day 3-6: 10.00am-11.30am K-2: 12.30pm-1.45pm	13/12
Week 10	16/12 Nursing Home Visit for Choir and Junior Christmas Dance	17/12 Talent Quest	18/12 Clap Out (Year 6) Last day of Term 4	19/12 Staff Development Day	20/12 Staff Development Day
Dec/Jan School Holidays. Return to School: Thursday 6th February 2025 K - 6					

Community Announcements

TAREN POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Alumni Call Out



We turn 100 next year and would love to hear from you if you attended or worked at TPPS. We don't want anyone to miss out on our celebrations.

<https://forms.gle/gWKxTsXYLDIG23ud8>

Please contact Anyes McLean in the school office if you have any questions:
Phone: 02 9524 6379 / 0407 023 564 **Email:** anyes.mclean@det.nsw.edu.au



Gold coin
entry fee

BONNET BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET & FAIR

Sponsored by DNA Decorators

GIFT STALLS - FOOD & DRINK - LIVE MUSIC
FACE PAINTING - SHOW BAGS - SANTA
\$3,300 WORTH OF PRIZES IN OUR RAFFLE

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10AM - 4PM**

**BONNET BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL
34R TUDAR ROAD BONNET BAY**

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



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