

Miranda North Public School Newsletter

Week 8, Term 1



Principal's Report

As the end of term approaches and we reflect on the achievements of our students we acknowledge how well the students have settled in to the school year and their hard work and application throughout the term.

Years 3-6 have been working through the Department of Education units of the new curriculum in English and mathematics, which has seen deeper learning and a greater emphasis on establishing stronger foundations, working towards building stronger links between high school subjects and career pathways. The school's emphasis on writing has also continued, recently, the students in all classes completing a writing task, which highlighted growth and improvement in the past year indicating that we expect to see further improvement in 2024. .

Swimming success

A large number of students competed at our Swimming carnival and we had a very strong team representing Miranda North at the Zone carnival where several students and the girls relay team made it through to compete at the regional event. All competitors are commended on their performances. Congratulations to **Ava I, Brody M, Lila S, Indie P, Sarah H, Shay O, Tiarna W** and **Max I** who represented Miranda North and the Cronulla Zone at the Sydney East Swimming Championships. We are incredibly proud of you all with some wonderful results on the day. A special congratulations goes to **Max I** who has qualified for the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships on April 11 and 12 at Sydney Olympics Park Aquatic Centre. Max will be competing in the 200m IM, 50m freestyle and the 50m backstroke. What an achievement. Well done Max!

Dance groups have commenced and are preparing routines for later this year. There are 5 dance groups in all, that practice before school and during lunch times each week.

Our Band conductor, Mrs Thorp has reported pleasing progress from all band students, working hard to develop their musical knowledge through practice and commitment. We hope to see some performances in Term 2 at school events.

Easter Hat Parade

We are looking forward to welcoming families to the Easter Hat Parade next Thursday. Before the Hat Parade there will be a P&C bake sale (with baked goods kindly donated by stage 3 families) at the canteen, from 11.45am. The hat parade proceedings will get started from 12.45pm with seating available from 12.30pm. Our friends from Laugh and Learn preschool will also join us.

The P&C are hoping to get lots of Easter Egg donations for the raffle. Please drop your donations to the office this week. Thank you!



Cross Country

Cross Country will be held on Friday 5th April 2024. Information will be sent home shortly.

Staff Leave

Mrs Sherwen has taken leave for the remainder of the term. Mrs Violaris is taking the 5/6LS class during this period. Mrs Lindsay has returned to 5/6LS after a period of unavoidable leave.

Mrs Butterfield is on Long Service Leave for the remainder of Term 1. Mrs Hitchcock is supporting classes as the Learning Support Officer in Mrs Butterfields absence.

Mr Angus will be on Long Service Leave from Tuesday 2 April 2024 until Friday 3 May 2024. Mrs Ferlazzo will be acting Principal during this time.

Principal's report continued

Parent Teacher interviews

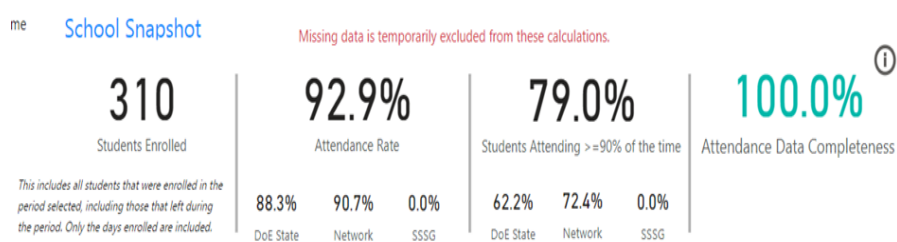
A reminder that Parent Teacher meetings are on Monday 25 March 2024 and Wednesday 27th March 2024 . Unfortunately, most appointments have been booked. If you would like an appointment, please contact the school with your child's name and their class teacher details so that they can try to make a mutually agreeable time. The meetings are there to share information about your child's learning and the past term. It is also an opportunity for you to share information about your child that you wish for us to know. Interviews are 10 minutes long in the hall. Please stick to your times to ensure all other meetings run on schedule.

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2025

The Department of Education has digitised the Year 6-7 transition process. In 2024 parents and carers can go online to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) and Placement not required (PNR) details. Please note that the deadline for paper forms is 28 March.

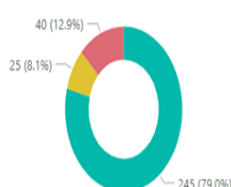
The information was distributed in early March. The Department of Education has an information page at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools>.

Attendance



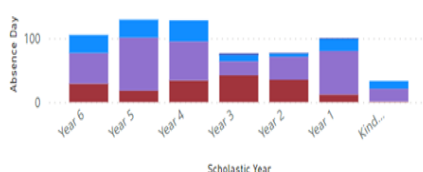
School Attendance Level

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Absences by Cohort, Absence Type

Absence Type: Leave (Red), Sick (Purple), Unexplained (Blue), Unjustified (Dark Blue)



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life**.



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

- Learning
- Strengthening friendships
- Build skills through fun

It is pleasing to note that our attendance results are looking stronger as we move through the year. The NSW Department of Education target is to have all students attending 95% of the days that School is open. We have risen 2% to 79% attending 90% of the time up by 2% on the same period in 2023. If you have not provided an explanation for your child's absence, please do this as soon as possible. Year 2 has the lowest unexplained absence while Year 4 has the highest unexplained absence rate. Year 2 has the best attendance rate with 92.2% of students attending 90% or more of the time. Kindergarten were second with 88.9% and Year 3 came third with 86.1%. The lowest attendance rate was year 4 with only 65.1% attending 90% of the time. Year 5 sat at 66.7%.

Remember every day counts when it comes to your education.

Principal's report continued

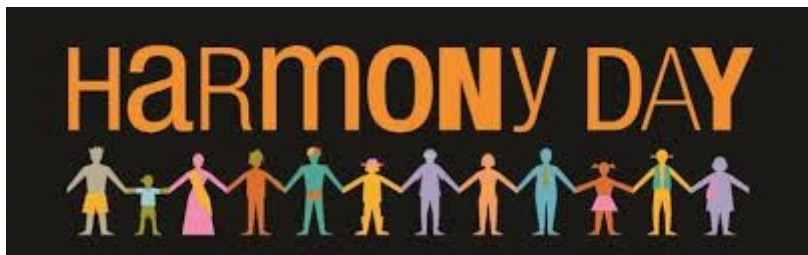
Application for 2025 Opportunity Classes—Years 5 and 6 at another School

Applications will open between 4 April 2024 to 20 May 2024. Some of the Schools that have traditionally had an Opportunity class are changing.

In 2025 Caringbah North will no longer have an intake of students for OC. Miranda Public School will open an OC Class taking 15 students in 2025.

To apply, parents will go online to register for the application: . <https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/> then confirm your email and complete the enrolment. If you do not have all the information, you will be able to login and add details before the closing date.

HARMONY DAY



Unfortunately the students were unable to buy ice-blocks today as they were not frozen from earlier in the week. We will now offer ice-blocks on Monday. The cost will be \$1.00



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.

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Upcoming events

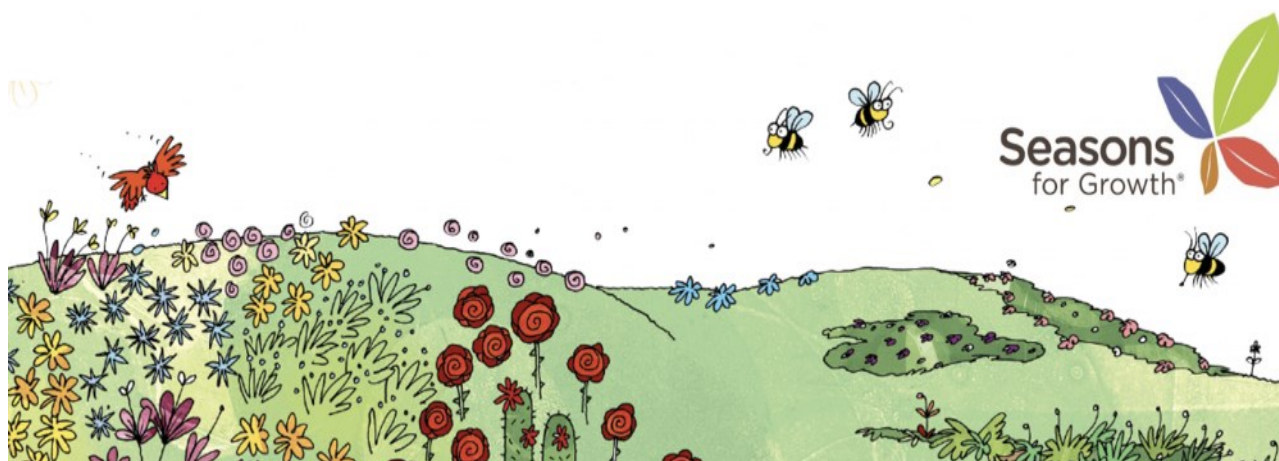
Week 8	18/3 NAPLAN Window	19/3 NAPLAN Window Mini Roos K-2	20/3 Spinneroos 3-6 NAPLAN Window	21/3 NAPLAN Window Harmony Day	22/3 Spinneroos 3-6 PSSA trials NAPLAN Window
Week 9	25/3 NAPLAN Window End- Parent Teacher Meetings	26/3 Country Country prep (before school)	27/3 Parent Teacher Meetings	28/3 Easter Hat Parade Stage 3 Bake Sale	29/3 Good Friday
Week 10	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4 Cross Country prep (before school)	3/4	4/4	5/4 Cross Country Carnival
Week 11	8/4	9/4 P&C	10/4	11/4 Snr Choir SSSMF Rehearsal- Engadine West	12/4
April School Holidays. Return to School 30/04/24					

A note from Leanne, School Chaplain

Our school Chaplain is offering to run the '**Seasons for Growth**' group program this year at MNPS. This is a small-group evidence-based program that builds resilience and wellbeing of children who have experienced change or loss.

This loss may be due a range of reasons including family separation, loss or death of someone they care about, relocation and forced migration, or other reasons.

If your child would benefit from this program, or you would like further information, please contact **Leanne Ewels** via the school office on Wednesdays or Thursdays.



Congratulations to our K-2 Assembly Week 8 award winners!



Community Announcements

Bake Sale & Raffle

to support PCYC on our Open Day

We have great prizes on offer that include free classes and memberships

Saturday, April 6th, 10 AM - 12 PM

PCYC Sutherland
81 Eton St, Sutherland

PCYC | SUTHERLAND
IS LIFE CHANGING



Parliament of New South Wales

SPEAK

MAKE

FREE EVENT

FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

at the Parliament of NSW

Friday 19 April
9.30am - 3.30pm

Celebrate democracy at Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children from four to twelve years, and their families.

- Give a speech in the Parliamentary chambers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Learn how to vote
- Visit our heritage rooms
- Participate in a committee role play and more...

VOTE

SHARE

DRAW

FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3.30pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
8 Macquarie Street,
Opposite Martin Place
The public café will be open.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au