

# Miranda North Public School Newsletter

## Week 6, Term 2



### Principal's Report

We have crossed the midpoint of Term 2, the cold is arriving, and the busy end of the term is approaching. The school has been engaged with SISA Athletics program for the past 5 weeks. As I highlighted in the last newsletter, there were many students who had not paid, almost a third of all students. This program and others like Zing in Term 1, and Jellybeans Music in Term 3, are supplementary programs working alongside the curriculum but not the delivery of our curriculum. As such, the school needs to charge families the cost of the program that students are participating in. Lots of information is provided in preparation from specific notes, to email reminders of the program through School Bytes, the Newsletter and of course the financial account for your child. The school is not able to chase the funds following directive from The Department of Education. Therefore, we allow all students to participate for the first 2 weeks of a program before we provide an alternative program for students who have not paid. Those who did not attend SISA due to non-payment were given alternative activities by their teachers.

### School Maintenance

Lots of Maintenance work is occurring around the school with the Canteen being repaired, painting of some buildings and new guttering for some. As a result, there have been some minor room changes, Kindergarten are in the old Library, 5/6CT were out of their room for a few days and work has been occurring around 1LB & 2SL.



### Semester 1 Reports

Teachers are currently engaged in writing student reports. Considerable time and effort goes into these documents to provide accurate information about your child's academic and social progress. This involves assessing student learning and engaging in moderation to ensure consistency and accuracy in teacher judgements. This semester, you will notice updated wording in the achievement scale for students in Years 1–6. The revised language is designed to be more parent-friendly and easier to understand. The most notable change is that the 'C' grade, previously labelled as Sound, is now referred to as Expected - reflecting that the student is achieving at the standard expected for their year level. Reports will go out at the end of Week 10 with parent /teacher Interviews in Week 2 Term 3. These meetings will focus on moving forward in students learning, their specific learning goals and highlighting their achievements. Bookings will be opened for parents to choose a convenient time. Some teachers will have bookings available in the morning before school. All teachers will have bookings into the evening.

### Please note: Distribution of School Reports

A change to the distribution of school reports this year will see all reports being emailed to the parents. The email is drawn from the data held from enrolment and updated when ever the school is provided a change by the parents. The school system does not use the School Bytes information and email. If you have changed your email since last year and not notified the school, I urge you to do so as the reports will go to the email listed.

### Next Tuesday - Week 7 - Gymnastics make up lesson

Due to the wet weather on Thursday 22 May, the K-2 Gymnastics did not go ahead. A rescheduled Gymnastics session for K-2 is now to be held on **Tuesday 10 June** (after the Public Holiday). **Could K-2 students please come to school wearing sports uniform.**

### Kindergarten 2026 ENROL NOW

We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2026. If you have a child starting school next year and you have not yet enrolled, we encourage you to complete the enrolment process as soon as possible. Enrolment can be completed online or you can visit the office for a paper form.

This year, we have one Kindergarten class. Due to the Department of Education's enrolment cap, we are unable to accept out-of-area enrolments unless the applicant has a sibling currently enrolled in the school in Years K–5 in 2025. Kindergarten enrolment numbers will be submitted to the Department of Education at the end of this term, so it is important to finalise your child's enrolment promptly to secure a place.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the process, please contact the school office.

## Principal's Report continued...

### Attendance Update

Recently, the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) conducted a roll check on student attendance. While the school overall maintains a strong attendance record, there are a number of students whose attendance is a cause for concern. As a result, letters requesting an explanation for absences have been sent home.

Please be reminded that school attendance is mandatory, and absences must be explained with more detail than simply stating that a student is "sick." The Department of Education requires students to attend 90% or more of the school year.

Your child's Semester 1 report will include the total number of days absent. By the time the reports are finalised, there will have been 88 school days. This means that any student who has missed more than 9 days is not meeting the Department of Education's attendance expectations.

As of the end of Week 5, 81.5% of students are attending school 90% of the time or more. However:

- 31 students have an attendance rate between 85 - 90%, and
- 24 students have an attendance rate below 85%.

While some of these absences may be explained by factors such as holidays or serious illness, many remain unexplained due to a lack of communication from parents or caregivers.

To avoid referrals to the HSLO, please ensure all absences are explained promptly by contacting the school. Clear and timely communication helps support your child's education and ensures we meet departmental requirements.

### Reconciliation Week

Last week marked National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week, an important occasion for all Australians. It is a time where we reflect on the Stolen Generations and acknowledge the ongoing journey toward healing and reconciliation. We commemorated this week with age-appropriate discussions and activities, which allowed us to reflect, learn and engage in meaningful action towards reconciliation. This year's theme, Bridging Now to Next, calls on us to honour the past, stay committed to the present and walk together toward a more united future.



### Miranda North Dance Groups

Congratulations to all of our Dance Groups. We will be performing at The Pavillion as part of the Sutherland Shire Schools Dance Festival. Our Junior Choir and Junior Performance Dance Group – Zero to Hero will be on Tuesday, August 19. We have 3 items in the Dance Extravaganza on Thursday 14 August : Boys Dance Group-Roar, 4/5 Dance Group – Applause and Junior Dance Group – Crusin' For A Brusin'. Finally the Senior Choir and the Year 6 Dance Group will perform on Tuesday 26 August.



### P&C School Disco

The P&C will be holding a Disco for the students on Thursday, 3rd July. The theme chosen is Black and White. The K-2 Disco will be after school with the 3-6 Disco following. Further details of cost and inclusions will be coming home soon.

## What's On - Term 2 - Weeks 6 - 8

**Mondays** - SISA K-6 Sport

**Thursdays** - K-2 Gymnastics

**Fridays** - PSSA

### Week 6

**Monday 2 June** - Whole School Assembly

**Friday 6 June** - Cronulla Zone PSSA Workshop– Writing Welcome to Country

### Week 7

**Monday 9 June** - Kings Birthday - Public Holiday

**Tuesday 10 June** - *CREATE Tickets Go on Sale today!*

K-2 Gymnastics make-up lesson PLEASE WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM

P&C Meeting 7pm in the Library

**Wednesday 11 June** - Sydney East Cross Country Carnival

**Thursday 12 June** - Southern Stars Mass Dance Item Rehearsal

### Week 8

**Hope Drive Food Donation week**

**Monday 16 June** - Grand Final Spelling Bee Junior Yrs 2 - 4 and Seniors Yrs 5 - 6

Whole School Assembly

**Tuesday 17 June** - Peer Support Training Day (Stage 3)

**Wednesday 18 June** - Peer Support Training Day (Stage 3)

## Student Artwork Entries

Students from Miranda North were asked to complete artwork based on the theme EXPLORE, to be entered into the Sutherland Shire Music Festival competition.

Those selected to represent our school with their amazing art were: Hudson W, Tatum H, Kendrix P, Carston S, Troy C and Penny D.





## Sports Update

### Sporting achievements

This year the school has had many students trial for Cronulla zone sporting teams and Sydney East Regional teams.

Congratulations to these people being selected.

- U11s Cronulla Zone Rugby League team: **Cruz C and Will J**
- Sydney East Girls Rugby Sevens team: **Charlotte S**
- Cronulla Zone Girls Touch Football team: **Charlotte S**
- Cronulla Zone Boys Touch Football team: **Cruz C**
- Cronulla Zone Girls Football (Soccer) team: **Mia H, Lila S, Charlotte S and Tiana W**
- Cronulla Zone Boys Football (Soccer) team: **Saxon M**



### Miranda North PS Athletics Carnival

Our K - 6 Athletics Carnival will take place on Wednesday 2 July 2025 at the Sylvania Waters Athletics Track. The day will be filled with fun, friendly competition and plenty of school spirit! Please check School Bytes for consent and payment details (payment is due by 27 June). A detailed note was attached to the email sent on School Bytes and contains important information about the Carnival.

Students in Years 3-6 (and Year 2 students turning 8 this year) will walk to the venue from school and must arrive by 8:25am sharp. K-2 students are to arrive by 9:20am, and will walk down later in the morning to join in their rotation activities.

All students will participate in a 100m race, with additional opportunities to enter the 200m and 800m races throughout the day. Those who have registered their interest in the 1500m will compete in this event at 2:30pm.

Please ensure students come dressed in their sports uniform or house colours, with a hat, sunscreen, drink bottle, lunch and a warm jacket. The canteen will be open.

A detailed schedule of events was emailed this week to families via School Bytes.

We look forward to a great day of athletic achievement and school pride!

**Ms Stefanski**

## K-2 Assembly Term 2 Week 5

Last week we celebrated our very first K-2 Assembly of the year, proudly presented by 1/2C!

Students delighted us with a vibrant Mexican Hat Dance, shared their meaningful Reconciliation Week artworks, and sang together in joyful harmony.

**Congratulations** to all our award recipients — we're so proud of you!



## Aussie of the Month Award

Milly H in 5/6M was presented with the Aussie of the Month award at this week's Whole School Assembly.

Congratulations Milly!



## Spelling Bee Finals

The following children have earned a place in the Spelling Bee Finals.

Congratulations to these children who have earned themselves a place in the Miranda North Spelling Bee Finals-Junior Division

Jessica L. Olivia L. Talysa M. Blake M. Zoey S. Annabelle K. Freddie P. Lucy M. Alina L. Ivan L.

Congratulations to these children who have earned themselves a place in the Miranda North Spelling Bee Finals - Senior Division

Milly H. Harrison S. Isabel J. Emily H. Kaya A. Manaia Goldie S. Noah B. Noah H. Alex C.

The Junior Division Finals will be held in the school hall on Monday 16th June at 9:30am

The Senior Division Finals will be held in the school hall on Monday 16th June at 10:30am

All parents of these children are welcome to attend.



# THIS IS WHERE IT STARTS!

## MIRANDA NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Come and experience the amazing things  
Miranda North Public School has to offer!



### **Kindergarten Information Orientation**

#### **Kindergarten Orientation 1**

Thursday 23 October 2025, at 2.00 pm

#### **Kindergarten Orientation 2**

Thursday 6 November 2025, at 10.00 am

#### **Kinder PlaySessions**

Thursday 20 November 2025, at 2.15 pm and

Thursday 27 November 2025, at 2.15 pm



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Register here to RSVP for Kindergarten Orientation.



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## Hope Drive Food Collection

Hope Drive is one of the many services offered by Hopefield in reaching out to the vulnerable in our Sutherland Shire. With the growing need we would greatly appreciate donations of food and other non-perishable items.

**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN WEEK 8, MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June - FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> July.**  
We are asking for only one item per family.

Hopefield is a community based charity providing therapeutic and social services to some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in our community.

For more information visit [hopefield.org.au](http://hopefield.org.au)

**Leanne Ewels**

**School Chaplain**

# HOPE DRIVE

Collecting food for those in need in the the Sutherland Shire

**IN SUPPORT OF**



**1 item  
per  
family**

### ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Long life milk
- ▶ Cereal
- ▶ Kids lunchbox snacks
- ▶ Tinned fruit
- ▶ Soup
- ▶ Microwavable rice
- ▶ Tinned veggies
- ▶ Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- ▶ Tinned tuna/salmon
- ▶ Washing Powder
- ▶ Cleaning products

For More Information visit [hopefield.org.au/events/hopedrive](http://hopefield.org.au/events/hopedrive)



St Lukes Miranda invites everyone to...

# Family MOVIE NIGHT

4.30pm - 6.30pm  
Thursday, June 19



**\$5 per child**  
**\$10 for a family**

Sausage sizzle &  
movie snacks  
included!

Corner of Jackson Av  
& The Kingsway





# SYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

You are officially invited to our

## 100 Year Centenary Celebration

Join us as we celebrate a century of excellence in public education

**Date: Thursday 7 August 2025**

**Time: 4 - 6 pm**

**Location: 46 Princes Highway Sylvania**

- Official welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
- Performances by the Sylvania Public School Dance and Choir groups and the Sylvania High School Band
- Open classrooms
- Uniform display, past and present
- Student art gallery
- Historical photographic display in the 'old church'
- Book fair (opportunity to donate a book with your details included on a centenary book plaque)
- Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting
- Centenary Centrepiece (personalised pavers)
- Sign the Centenary Visitor Book

The Sylvania Public School P&C will be selling  
limited edition centenary merchandise

Reconnect with old friends and make new memories as we honour  
the past and look forward to our future.

Everyone is welcome, so bring your family and friends.  
We can't wait to celebrate with you! No RSVP required.

**A Century of Excellence in NSW Public Education  
1925 - 2025**

## School Calendar - Term 2 2025

<b>Week 6</b>	2/6 SISA K-6 Sport Whole School Assembly	3/6	4/6	5/6 K-2 Gymnastics	6/6 PSSA Cronulla Zone PSSA Workshop- Writing Welcome to Country
<b>Week 7</b>	9/6 Public Holiday (King's Birthday)	10/6 CREATE Tickets Go On Sale P&C Meeting 7pm Library K-2 Gymnastics make-up lesson	11/6 Sydney East Cross Country Carnival	12/6 K-2 Gymnastics Southern Stars Mass Dance Rehearsal	13/6 PSSA
<b>Week 8</b>	16/6 SISA K-6 Sport Grand Final Spelling Bee Whole School Assembly Hope Drive Food Donation Week	17/6 Peer Support Training Day (Stage 3) Hope Drive Food Donation Week	18/6 Peer Support Training Day (Stage 3) Hope Drive Food Donation Week	19/6 K-2 Gymnastics Hope Drive Food Donation Week	20/6 PSSA Hope Drive Food Donation Week Book Club Orders Due!
<b>Week 9</b>	23/6 SISA K-6 Sport K-2 Assembly (run by 2SL) Create South Workshop & Presentation – The Pavillion Sutherland Senior Choir Rehearsal MNPS Hall SRC Ice cream Day (\$2)	24/6 Create South Workshop & Presentation - The Pavillion Sutherland	25/6 Create South Workshop & Presentation- The Pavillion Sutherland	26/6 K-2 Gymnastics Create South Workshop & Presentation- The Pavillion Sutherland	27/6 PSSA
<b>Week 10</b>	30/6 SISA K-6 Sport Public Speaking Grand Finals (Hall)	1/7 Junior Choir Rehearsal Gymea North PS	2/7 Athletics Carnival - Sylvania Athletics Track	3/7 P&C School Disco	4/7 PSSA
<b>July School Holidays. Return to School Tuesday 22nd July 2025.</b>					

*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.*

