# Miranda North Public School Newsletter Week 4, Term 4

### Principal's Report

As we are heading closer to the middle of the term, students are working hard in classrooms with concepts being explicitly taught, revised and applied to consolidate learning. High levels of engagement are supported by quality learning environments that stimulate curiosity, motivating students to take on new challenges to expand their knowledge and grow as learners.

#### **Formative Assessment**

Teachers are closely monitoring student progress, with adjustments being made to meet need. Formative assessment tasks are embedded into daily activities to gain a deeper understanding of 'Where students are at' and 'Where to next' with their learning. Capturing this information daily in classrooms ensures identified gaps in understanding can be addressed and strength areas can be increasingly challenged to maximise student achievement.

### **Grandparents' Day Celebrations**

It was fantastic to see so many family members join us last Thursday for our Grandparents' Day celebrations. Our visitors spent the morning with us enjoying performances, open classrooms, a bake sale and book fair. So much positive feedback was shared, with students making the most of this valuable time with their loved ones.

### Student Leadership Positions for 2026

The teachers are very proud of the large group of Year 5 students who are hoping to be considered for our school leadership team for 2026. This group will present their speeches next Tuesday to the whole school before new leaders are elected through a secret vote. We wish them luck and know they will embrace their future responsibilities with diligence.

### Colour Fun Run

Our major P&C fundraiser will take place next Thursday, with students looking forward to the Colour Explosion Fun Run. Students are seeking sponsorship from family and friends to help raise money for the construction of shade shelters over our playground equipment. We encourage all students to participate and enjoy an afternoon of lots of fun!

Thank you to our P&C members and staff who will support the organisation of this event on the day.

### Staffing Update

Recently Mrs Lorraine Sabbagh was selected as the successful candidate, through a merit selection process, to continue as Relieving School Administrative Manager at our school. The position had become vacant as Mrs Julie Metters was successful in obtaining a corporate role permanently. We wish Mrs Metters continued success and have truly valued her dedication and commitment during her time at Miranda North. Due to Mrs Sabbagh working in the Relieving SAM role for several years, school recruitment has offered her the role permanently and we are delighted that she has accepted the position. She brings a wealth of experience and her professionalism and support is highly valued by the entire school community.

It has been a privilege leading our beautiful school whilst Mr Angus has recently been on leave. He has now decided to extend his leave until early in 2026 and I am looking forward to continuing on in the Relieving Principal role.

Warm regards,

Mrs Jennifer Ferlazzo Relieving Principal

# What's On - Term 4 Weeks 5 & 6

### Week 5

Monday 10 November K-2 Assembly (led by 2/3KJ)

**Tuesday 11 November** K-2 Swimming Lessons

School Captain Speeches

Wednesday 12 November Dance2bfit

**Thursday 13 November** P&C Colour Fun Run and Sausage Sizzle

Week 6

Monday 17 November Whole School Assembly

**Tuesday 18 November** K-2 Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 19 November Dance2bfit

Thursday 20 November Gala Day

# PBL Weekly Focus - Week 4

This week at Miranda North PS, our students are focusing on our PBL value: Being Respectful at Assembly.

Here's what that looks like:

- Paying attention and looking towards the speaker
- The Entering, sitting, and standing quietly during assembly
- Maintaining personal space and showing courtesy to others
- 🖱 Listening and applauding at the right times

By being respectful at assembly, we show pride in our school and appreciation for every performance and speaker. \*

We are Respectful • We are Responsible • We are Safe Learners

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# Spotlight on 1/2C

This term, students in 1/2C have journeyed back in time to explore the fascinating civilisation of Ancient China. They have been learning about Chinese inventions, customs, and artistry - with a special focus on the ancient tradition of calligraphy. Using brushes and ink, students carefully practised writing traditional Chinese symbols, discovering how each character tells a story through its strokes and form.

Earlier in the year, our young historians explored topics ranging from the First Nations peoples of Australia to the age of the dinosaurs and the wonders of Ancient Egypt. Their visit to the Australian Museum was a highlight - bringing the world of dinosaurs to life and sparking a love of history that has carried through the year.

It has been a remarkable learning journey for 1/2C - filled with curiosity, creativity, and respect for the cultures and stories that have shaped our world.











# Spotlight on 5/6J

5/6J have been exploring the exciting world of cinematography! As part of their English studies, students are examining the film Holes as a multimodal text, deepening their understanding of how stories are crafted and communicated on screen.

They're investigating how filmmakers use camera angles, sound, lighting, and costuming to shape meaning and engage audiences. Today, students took on the role of film critics, analysing these techniques within the trailer for Holes and crafting thoughtful predictions about the film's story and themes.

It's been a fantastic start to a unit that combines creativity, critical thinking, and a love of storytelling!



















### **Enviro Matters Incursion**

### Keep Australia Beautiful Incursion

This week all the students at Miranda North enjoyed a fantastic incursion led by two visiting educators from the Keep Australia Beautiful group. The sessions focused on the important message of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Students learned how small, everyday choices can make a big difference to the health of our planet.

Students were surprised to learn how much waste ends up in landfill each year. They discussed practical ways to reduce waste at home and at school. Through fun activities and demonstrations, they practised sorting items into the correct recycling bins and discussed how to reuse things instead of throwing them away. They were encouraged to think before they throw something away.

Many students proudly shared how they already recycle at home. Others made personal pledges to cut down on plastic and reuse more.

The visit encouraged everyone to take responsibility for their environment. Our school community now feels even more motivated to keep not only Miranda North Public School, but the whole of Australia, beautiful.

It was an inspiring, educational, and empowering experience for all.











### **Sports Update**

## Year 3-6 Friday Sport

We are now in Week 4 of our Friday sport program and it's been wonderful to see how much progress and enjoyment our Year 3 - 6 students are experiencing! Whether it's developing balance and strength in gymnastics, building swimming confidence and endurance in the pool, or showcasing teamwork and strategy in 5 Sport, students have continued to give their best effort each week.

Their enthusiasm, positive attitudes and commitment to fair play have made our sport sessions a real highlight of the week.

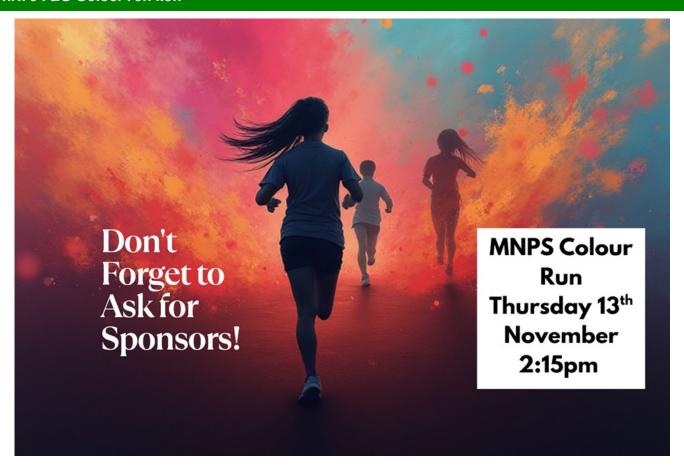
### **School Sport Australia Games**

Congratulations to Cruz C, who proudly represented New South Wales at the School Sport Australia Games in Ballarat! Cruz and his team had an incredible run, winning every game leading up to the Grand Final. In a thrilling finish, they narrowly went down to Queensland, finishing as runners-up in the national competition.

We're so proud of Cruz's outstanding effort, sportsmanship and dedication throughout the tournament. What an amazing achievement!

# Ms Stefanski Sport Coordinator





Kindergarten 2026 - Enrolling now!



# School Calendar - Term 4 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	10/11 K-2 Assembly (2/3KJ)	11/11 K-2 Swimming Lessons School Captain Speeches Remembrance Day	12/11 Dance2bfit (Stage 3)	13/11 P&C Colour Fun Run & Sausage Sizzle	14/11 3-6 Sport Program
Week 6	17/11 Whole School Assembly Band and Drumming Troupe Performance	18/11 K-2 Swimming Lessons	19/11 Dance2bfit (Stage 3)	20/11 Gala Day Kindy 2026 Play Session 1	21/11 3-6 Sport Program
Week 7	24/11	25/11 K-2 Swimming Lessons	26/11 Dance2bfit (Stage 3)	27/11 Kindy 2026 Play Session 2	28/11 3-6 Sport Program
Week 8	1/12 Whole School Assembly	2/12 High School Orientation Day (Year 6) K-2 Swimming Lessons	3/12 Dance2bfit (Stage 3)	4/12 Year 6 Farewell - Cronulla Bowling Club	5/12 3-6 Sport Program
Week 9	8/12 K-2 Assembly Rehearsal for Presentation Day	9/12 K-2 Swimming Lessons	10/12	11/12 Kindergarten Excursion to Symbio	12/12
Week 10	15/12	16/12 Christmas Concert	17/12 Presentation Day	18/12  Bush Christmas  Incursion K-2  Reports go home	19/12 Last day of Term 4 Year 6 Clap Out

Dec/Jan School Holidays. Return to School: Monday 2nd February 2026



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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.

