School Photos
This year our school photos will be taken on Monday 11 March and students are asked to be at school in full summer school uniform. Photo orders are made to ‘The School Photographer’ via the prepaid envelopes that will be sent home next Monday. All photo orders need to be returned to school by Friday 8 March.

Parent Information Night
I trust that those of you who were able to attend the Parent session with your child’s classroom teacher found them to be both informative and beneficial. If you feel you have need to speak with the teacher about issues relating to your child’s progress and/or welfare please make an appointment at a mutually acceptable time. Thank you to all our teachers for making themselves available for this valuable communication session.

Student Safety in the Playground
Student safety is a primary concern for us all and there are certain things that everyone can do to help out in this matter.
1. No unleashed dogs on the premises.
2. No unauthorised vehicles to enter the school site.
3. No students to be dropped at school before 8.45am as supervision does not begin until 9am.
4. Always cross the Boulevarde at the pedestrian crossing.
5. Always obey the speed and parking restrictions around the school.

Thank You P&C
At our February P&C meeting it was decided to allocate some of the P&C funds to providing new home readers ($3000) for K-2 students to supplement our current resources and to purchase 2 new trumpets for the band ($1200). This money came from funds raised in 2012. The students and staff are most appreciative of this donation.

Library News
Borrowing has commenced in our school library and students are enjoying discovering the new books that have been added to our collection.
Years 3 to 6 will be reading books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list until they complete the challenge.
The class library days are:
Monday: KF, KW, KMN, 3M and 4F
Tuesday: 1B, 1D and 2F
Thursday: 2R, 4/5M, 5A and 6H
Students are reminded to bring a library bag or plastic sleeve for seniors, as we need to ensure our books are well cared for. If you do not have a library bag, these can be purchased from the school office for $2.
Eligible students are reminded that Library Monitor applications are due Friday 22 February.

Band News
We have had a great start to band this year with many of our old members returning and new members starting.
At the moment we still have some vacancies that your child may be interested in filling. We have positions for trumpets (2), clarinets (3), trombones (2) and flute (1). It is preferable that your child be in years 4, 5 or 6 but if you have a very keen year 3 student, they would be considered. Please see Mrs Hails if your child wishes to join the band, as it is a great opportunity to learn an instrument, represent your school, meet new friends in a fun environment.

School Mural Project
You may have noticed that we are underway with our school mural project. The boards are up and ready to have the undercoat put on and students are busy designing artworks to be painted on them. We are hoping to begin painting by next week. If you have a flair for art or enjoy painting, we would love input from our parent community. Mrs Hails will be coordinating the project, so please see her if you would like to be involved.
We would also like to thank Hudsons at Kirrawee for donating all our building supplies and Crockers Paints for donating the paint; this is greatly appreciated.
Crunch & Sip
Crunch & Sip is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit and veg and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance, and concentration in the classroom.
Crunch & Sip began in our school in 2012. MNPS now has a regular Crunch & Sip break every day. You can help your child participate in the following ways:
Please provide your child with a clean, clear plastic water bottle (with their name clearly marked). Make sure you wash the bottle each night.
Students will also need a small piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at their desk. The fruit can be any variety of whole or chopped fruit such as apple, chopped melon, fruit in tubs in natural juice or sultanas*), or vegies such as celery or carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes.
No other food or drinks are permitted for Crunch & Sip.
Thank you for your support!
*Note: dried fruit contains a high concentration of natural sugar, and this tends to stick to teeth. This increases the risk of tooth decay. Although dried fruit is permitted, fresh fruit or vegetables are the best choice.

P&C News
The next meeting of the P&C is on Tuesday 12 March at 7.30pm. This meeting will also incorporate the AGM at which all executive positions are declared vacant and a new executive elected. Please note that to be eligible to hold a position and vote, you need to be a financial member of the P&C (annual subscription $1) and this can be paid on the night before the meeting.
Please come along and see how you can support the P&C as they support the school.

Uniform Shop
The School Uniform Shop is a valuable resource for families as it provides quality 2nd hand uniform items at very affordable prices.

There is always a need for more donations which can be dropped off at the school office at any time.

School Banking
Welcome back to another exciting year of School Banking at Miranda North Public School. School Banking has now commenced!

This year the theme is the Savings Hunter program and will take the children on an adventure that will not only teach them smart money management skills, but also open their imagination and reward them with fantastic treasures along the way.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they will receive a Dollarmites token. After they have saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward item. This year’s rewards are more exciting than ever and include handballs, wallets, knucklebones games, torches, mini calculators and headphones!

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every Wednesday using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If your child doesn’t have a Youthsaver Account and you would like them to participate in school banking, you can open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Just remember to take identification for you and your child (eg. Drivers Licence and Birth Certificate).

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School Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 6 February, Year 3-6 children (as well as some children from Year 2) had a wonderful day at Caringbah Leisure Centre for our annual Swimming Carnival. It was fantastic to see so many children get involved and participate in events displaying true MNPS spirit of having a go!

The point score was very close. The winning house was Koalas. Congratulations!

Thank you very much to the parent helpers who assisted with various jobs on the day. Your help was very much appreciated.

We would strongly advise any child who is unable to swim 30-50m, be given the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons. We see this as a vital part of their development—particularly in the area that we live in (pools, beaches, rivers etc.).

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the children who have qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 5 March at Caringbah Leisure Centre. All competitors received a note last week containing important information as well as an event order for the carnival. Please check the events highlighted for your child and let Mrs Fifield know by Thursday 21 March if your child wishes to withdraw from any race.

It would be a good idea if possible for your child to do a little bit of training in preparation for their event(s).

All permission notes need to be returned to the office, along with $8 to cover pool entry and the resource levy by Friday 1 March.

Thank you to the parents who have indicated that they can assist with transport to and from the pool on the day of the carnival. If your child requires a lift or you have offered to take extra children, please meet Mr Hewitt at school by 8am to ensure that everyone is at the pool as early as possible as the first marshaling call will be made at 8.45am for a 9am start.

We wish our MNPS representatives good luck and we are sure you will do your best.

Kate Fifield & Steven Meades
Swimming Coordinators
Fundraisers

Richardson & Wrench
Richardson & Wrench Residential Miranda & Sylvania Heights are undertaking a ‘Helping Local Kids’ campaign and have invited our school to be a part of it.

The campaign involves families visiting the R&W Facebook page and for every 1000 ‘Likes’ (from anybody– not just our school) they receive on their ‘Helping Local Kids’ post, $500 will go to a participating school. The campaign will run for as long as it takes to reach 14,000 ‘Likes’ to ensure all participating schools receive their $500 donation.

Please take the time to visit their page:
R&W Residential Miranda/Sylvania Heights & R&W Commercial Sutherland Shire
Thank you in advance for your support!

IGA Promotion
Ritchies IGA have recently taken over Franklins on Parraweena Road at Taren Point.
Ritchies run a Community Support Program where they give back to local schools, charities and sporting organisations. Miranda North has been registered with them.

Basically for every $2000 spent by the Miranda North community, they will deposit $100 into the P&C account. Key rings and cards will be available from the school office as of Thursday. Basically you just have to have your card or key ring scanned as you pay for your groceries.

What a generous offer from Ritchies and what a great way to raise money for our kids!

Fundraisers

Messages from the Office
*Please ensure that any overdue accounts are paid at your earliest convenience. Items currently invoiced include Textbooks, Sport, Dance, Zone Swimming, Band Admin fee and Instrument Hire.

*We have had a reported case of head lice. Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly if you detect any lice.

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<td>Jessica</td>
<td>Settling into school well.</td>
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<td>KMN</td>
<td>Luke</td>
<td>Making a great start to Kindergarten. Well done!</td>
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<td>KW</td>
<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>Being a wonderful helper in our first week of Kindergarten.</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Jane</td>
<td>Being a positive class member who always displays a wonderful effort.</td>
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<td>1D</td>
<td>Danielle</td>
<td>Consistently trying her best.</td>
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<td>2F</td>
<td>Jordan</td>
<td>Being an excellent listener and worker.</td>
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<td>2R</td>
<td>Fletcher</td>
<td>An enthusiastic and positive attitude towards his school work. Well done!</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>Jeo</td>
<td>Excellent work habits.</td>
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<td>4F</td>
<td>Yasmin</td>
<td>Being a helpful class member.</td>
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<td>4/5M</td>
<td>Maddison</td>
<td>Excellent application in numeracy lessons.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Harry</td>
<td>A responsible start to the school year.</td>
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<td>6H</td>
<td>Chloe</td>
<td>A fabulous effort in H.S.I.E. work.</td>
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## Student of the Week—Term 1 Week 3

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<td>A great start to Kindergarten.</td>
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<td>Felicity</td>
<td>A fabulous effort in ‘have a go’ writing activities.</td>
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<td>KW</td>
<td>Jasmine</td>
<td>Working quickly, neatly and enthusiastically all week.</td>
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<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>Being a valuable class member.</td>
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<td>Pamela</td>
<td>Outstanding manners and application.</td>
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<td>1D</td>
<td>Kacey</td>
<td>Trying his best in all areas.</td>
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<td>2F</td>
<td>Katie</td>
<td>Always trying hard in every lesson.</td>
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<td>2R</td>
<td>Shayan</td>
<td>Clever and creative story writing.</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>Lewis</td>
<td>Excellent application in class.</td>
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<td>4F</td>
<td>Dhruv</td>
<td>Displaying excellent independent work habits.</td>
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<td>4/5M</td>
<td>Beau</td>
<td>Striving to learn and achieve his best at all times!</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Dylan</td>
<td>Demonstrating commendable leadership qualities.</td>
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<td>6H</td>
<td>Antony</td>
<td>Insightful discussion of our literacy text.</td>
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Community News

PORT Hacking HIGH SCHOOL

Promoting excellence in Academic Studies, Sport and the Performing Arts

YEAR 7, 2014 OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday, 6 March
5:45 pm to 8:00 pm

Year 7 Academic Extension Class for talented students
Placement Test Tuesday 12 March
Applications close Monday 4 March
Enrolment enquiries:
Greg McGrath (Principal)
9524 8816

Gymea Technology High School
INSPIRE. LEARN. SUCCEED.

We warmly invite all primary students, their families and friends to attend our

2013 OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 5th March, 2013 – School Hall 6.30pm
with the Gifted and Talented Information session commencing at 8:00pm

Gifted and Talented Program
Academic Selective Class and the Accelerated Technology Program
Applications due 5th April
Test conducted at Gymea on 7th May
Further enquiries phone 9521 3244

ENDEAVOUR Sports High School

OPEN NIGHT 2013
Wednesday 6 March
School Hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Personal Best, Commitment, Respect

• Exceptional Teaching and Learning standards; High student expectations.
• Dynamic learning environment; Outstanding academic results.
• Enrichment in extra curricula interests; band, debating, drama, the visual arts
• Recognised student welfare initiatives: Captains Counsell – a leadership course, White Ribbon, True 2 U – girls initiative, Boys 2 Men
• Targeted Sport Program offering elite training and sportmanship in: Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Dance, Girls Development, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball, Soccer Boys, Soccer Girls, Swimming, Tennis

Valuing individual potential – achieving personal best
Strong academic results are evident in 2012 HSC graduates placed in University Courses including: Health Science, Business & Economics, International Law, Architecture & Design & Psychology.
Student Visual Art Work exhibited in Art Express, first in the state in Tourism and Hospitality Minister’s Award for Excellence in student achievement.
Strong sporting achievements are evident in 2012 graduates securing sport contract both nationally and internationally.

Ph: 9524-0615 / 9525-5864 Fax: 9540-4458
Cnr Taren Point Rd & The Boulevards Caringbah

Sylvania High School
Open Night
8:30pm February 26

Take the time to visit our local high schools on their Open Nights in the upcoming weeks.
Community News

Taekwondo is a form of self defence using bare hands and feet. It is suitable for boys and girls. Grand Master Kwak has the highest black belt (9th Dan) in Australia and has over fifty years of experience. He has classes at Miranda North PS on Wednesday afternoons 4-5pm. New members welcome! For enquiries please call: 9524 9560/ 0410 682 171

Miranda North Community Church meets every Sunday from 10am in the School Hall. We’d love to welcome you and your family. Morning tea, Sunday School and Crèche for the kids all provided. 10am Sunday, all welcome!