Welcome Back

On behalf of the staff at MNPS I say “Welcome Back” to all our returning students and families and trust you all had a great time over the vacation break. We also want to say a big “WELCOME” to those who have come to us from other schools and especially to our 56 new Kindergarten enrolments.

It is always a positive start to the year when we can have the confidence to form our classes from Day 1. The Kindergarten classes will be settled this week and we will have 12 classes in all for our 295 students enrolled.

Mrs O’Connell will be continuing the Learning Support Program for 3 days per week and will work one day to supplement our RFF program as well. With Mrs Hails moving to Jannali East Public School and a couple of teachers reducing the days they will be working we have had a few changes to our classroom teaching make up.

The classes and teachers for 2015 are as follows:

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<td>KM</td>
<td>Mrs C McHugh</td>
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<td>KK</td>
<td>Mrs K Fifield</td>
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<td>1MN</td>
<td>Mrs C Melling and Mrs S Nicholls</td>
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<td>Miss T Barley</td>
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<td>2F</td>
<td>Mr B Ford</td>
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<td>Mrs A Mitsoulis</td>
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<td>3/4M</td>
<td>Mr S Meades (AP)</td>
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<td>3/4W</td>
<td>Mrs J Walker &amp; Mrs N Morrisey</td>
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<td>4/5B</td>
<td>Miss E Brown</td>
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<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Mrs L Butterfield (AP)</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Miss T Davidson</td>
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Communications

The School News is published fortnightly and wherever possible is emailed to each family. Please let the office staff know if you have changed your email address or if we don’t have it yet.

A copy of the Newsletter is also uploaded to our school website and the most recent edition is always accessible on the home page. We also try to keep the calendar up to date on the website as well.

Our web address is:

http://www.mirandanth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

A third method of communication is via our MNPS APP. This can be downloaded to your smart phone by searching for Miranda North Public School in your App Store.

It is free to install and all you need to do is enter the Username: community and Password: mirandanthps.

You will also need to register what year group(s) your child/children are in so you receive all the relevant information. The APP will also have the newsletter uploaded to it each week.

Parents who have been using the APP may need to adjust the year group for 2015.

P & C News

The first meeting of the MNPS P & C Association is Tuesday 10th February at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Canteen will reopen on Monday 16 February and volunteers are still needed.

Band Information

Band tuition and rehearsals will commence on Wednesday of Week 3 Term 1. All students need to have paid their invoice by then to receive their instruments and Essential Elements Music Book. If you are in Years 3 – 6 and are interested in becoming a member of the band please see Mrs Butterfield as there are a few instruments still available.

Thank You!

We have received a letter from the John Franklin Christmas Lunch Organising Committee thanking us, as a school community, for our “very generous donation of the wonderful gifts and food items, for Christmas Lunch.” Last Christmas they hosted 600 guests. These are the items that we collected at our Christmas Parade last year. Well done everyone.

To learn more about what happens on the day and how it is organised you can visit:

http://www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au
**Term 1 Dates to Remember**

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<td>Tuesday 10 February</td>
<td>Term 1 Sport commences and P &amp; C Meeting—7.30pm</td>
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<td>Tuesday 10 February</td>
<td>Scripture commences</td>
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<td>Wednesday 18 February</td>
<td>Student Banking commences, Allied Educational Therapies Expo</td>
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<td>Monday 23 February</td>
<td>Zone Tennis Trials</td>
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<td>Tuesday 24 February</td>
<td>Zone Basketball Trials</td>
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<td>Monday 2 March</td>
<td>School Photos, Zone Football Trials</td>
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<td>Tuesday 3 March</td>
<td>Cronulla Zone Swimming Carnival</td>
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**Library News**

Our Library is all set up and open for borrowing. All students from Kindergarten to Year 4 are asked to bring a Library bag and senior students in Years 5 and 6 are required to bring a plastic sleeve. The class library days are:

- **Monday:** KF, KK, 1MN, 2F, 2M
- **Tuesday:** 1/2B, 5/6B, 5/6D
- **Thursday:** KM, 3/4M, 3/4W, 4/5B

Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Looking forward to a great year of reading.

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**Miranda North Allied Educational Therapies Expo**

**Wednesday, 18th February 2015**

**At 9.30am**

**in the School Library**

We hope to see you there!
Looking for Fun!  
Adventures!  
Challenges!

Give Scouting a Try

2\textsuperscript{nd} Caringbah Scout Group
(Jacaranda Road, next to Robin Place Reserve)

For girls and boys in Joeys (6 & 7 year olds)  
Fridays 5 – 6pm,
Cubs (8-11) Tuesdays 6.30 – 8,
 Scouts (10 ½ -14 ½) Fridays 7-9,
For more info call 9524 7061  
or check out our website
www.secondcaringbahscoutgroup.org.au

WOMEN'S COURSE!

SUTHERLAND COLLEGE-GYMEA CAMPUS  
SKILLS FOR WORK & TRAINING

We still have vacancies for the Career Education & Employment for Women course at Gymea Tafe.

This course is for women who wish to refresh their skills to re-enter the workforce or do further study.

Classes are 3 days per week within school hours commencing 9\textsuperscript{th} February 2015. Subjects include: Computing, Resumes, Interview Skills, Communication, Workplace Writing, First Aid and more.

Enquiries: Phone 9710 5136

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!
Kids Connected Thru Sport program

The Hub Community Centre has been successful in gaining a grant from Sutherland Shire Council to help kids play their favourite sport who are from financially disadvantaged families who cannot afford the costs of registration fees.

This program aims to help approximately 20 children to join a club of their choice for 2015 season. The Hub Community Centre will pay the registration fees and uniform costs directly to each particular club. An eligibility process is required.

We would like to ask the support of teachers, chaplains, principals, other services and local community groups to nominate a family that may not be in a position to pay for their child/children to participate in sport due to their circumstances. Single parents or one income families are eligible. Please contact Joanne, The Hub Community Centre 9525 4971.

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
### Community News

### Program and Course Schedule 2015

#### Relating as Stepfamilies

- **3-session program specifically for couples either in a stepfamily or considering forming one.**
- **Date:** Monday nights, 16 February to 2 March 2015
- **Time:** 6.30pm to 9.00pm
- **Cost:** $100 per couple with SRT subsidy

#### Parents Not Partners

- **6-session program for separated parents who are in conflict over children. Focused on helping you manage conflict with the other parent to bring positive outcomes for your children.**
- **Date:** Monday nights, 16 February to 23 March 2015
- **Time:** 6.30pm to 9.00pm
- **Cost:** $150 per person

#### Seasons for Growth

- **8-session program to help young people (6 to 12 years) to understand and express experiences of significant change, loss and grief.**
- **Date:** Monday afternoons, 9 February to 30 March 2015
- **Time:** 4.00pm to 5.00pm
- **Cost:** $50 per child (includes booklet and afternoon tea)

#### Building Bridges

- This program, for 8-12 year olds, discusses how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. When parents separate, children often live in two homes and they need to find ways to build their own bridge between the two homes.
- **Date:** 10 February 2015
- **Time:** 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- **Cost:** Free

#### Building Connections through Play

- This program is an attachment base program, aiming to improve father-child and mother-child relationships through encouragement of responsiveness to child’s cues. This is an individual program and can run at a time convenient for father or mother, child and facilitator.
- **When:** Between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday
- **Cost:** Free

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**Bookings essential. Please call 8522 4450**

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