

MIRIAM VALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 3

AUGUST - WEEK 6

Mon 17th **Permission Forms to be Returned to the School Office for Year 8 Science Excursion to Agnes Water**

Mon 17th CAP Primary/Secondary Track & Field Trials
Tues 18th CAP Primary/Secondary Track & Field Trials

Tues 18th **'Bullying No Way' – Students may Wear Purple to School**

AUGUST - WEEK 7

Mon 24th - BOOKWEEK 2026 – 'Symphony of Stories'
Fri 28th

Mon 24 Year 7 & 8 STEM EXPO Permission Forms to be Returned to the School Office
(Limited to only 20 Students)

Tues 25th BOOKWEEK – Book Character Dress Up for the Whole School
(Information Flyer in this Newsletter)

Wed 26th Year 8 Science Excursion to Agnes Water

Wed 26th Year 7 & 8 STEM EXPO Excursion to Gladstone

Wed 26th SUPERKIDS / Miriam Vale Playgroup @ MV School 9.30am – 11.30am
Theme – 'Teddy's Bear Picnic'
Bring Your Teddy

SEPTEMBER - WEEK 8

Thurs 3rd SUBWAY Orders & Payment to be returned to School Office

Fri 4th Pupil Free Day

SEPTEMBER - WEEK 9

Wed 9th SUPERKIDS / Miriam Vale Playtime
Playgroup @ MV Library 9.30am – 11.30am

Thurs 10th SUBWAY DAY

SEPTEMBER - WEEK 10

Fri 18th Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

OCTOBER - WEEK 1

Mon 5th PUBLIC HOLIDAY – King's Birthday

Tues 6th First Day of Term 4

OCTOBER - WEEK 4

Wed 28th 2027 Kindy Parent Meeting @ 10am
(Information Flyer in this Newsletter)

Thurs 29th SUBWAY DAY

NOVEMBER - WEEK 8

Thurs 26th SUBWAY DAY

Fri 27th Year 10's Last Day

DECEMBER - WEEK 9

Thurs 3rd MVSS Awards Night

DECEMBER - WEEK 10

Fri 11th Last Day of Term 4

AWARDS



Week 4 Students of the Week



Week 4 Attendance

SUPERKIDS & YEAR 9 - 96%

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 6

Closes

Thursday 27th August

STUDENT COUNCIL BREAKFAST CLUB

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday morning**

Tuckshop

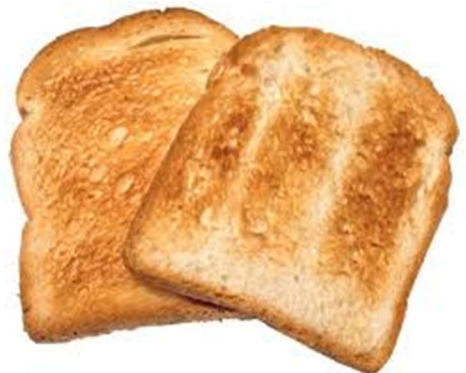
8.15am to 8.40am

**Toast will be available with one of
the following**

Jam

Honey

Vegemite





PBL WEEKLY FOCUS

≡ Term 3 - Week 5 ≡



WE ARE RESPECTFUL

ALL THE TIME

We speak in turn



Be Safe • Be Responsible • Be Respectful



This week, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus is “**We are respectful – all the time – we speak in turn.**”

Respect is one of the key behaviours we expect across our school, and this week we are placing a particular focus on how we communicate with one another. **Speaking in turn means listening when others are talking, waiting patiently for our opportunity to contribute, and giving everyone the chance to have their voice heard.**

Our students will be explicitly taught and reminded that being respectful is not just about what we say, but also **how we listen and respond to others.** This expectation applies in classrooms, during assemblies, in the playground, and across all areas of our school.

We encourage families to reinforce this message at home by discussing the importance of listening, taking turns and showing respect when communicating with others.

This week, let's remember:

We are respectful.

All the time.

We speak in turn.

Thank you to our students and staff for continuing to build a positive, respectful and supportive school culture.



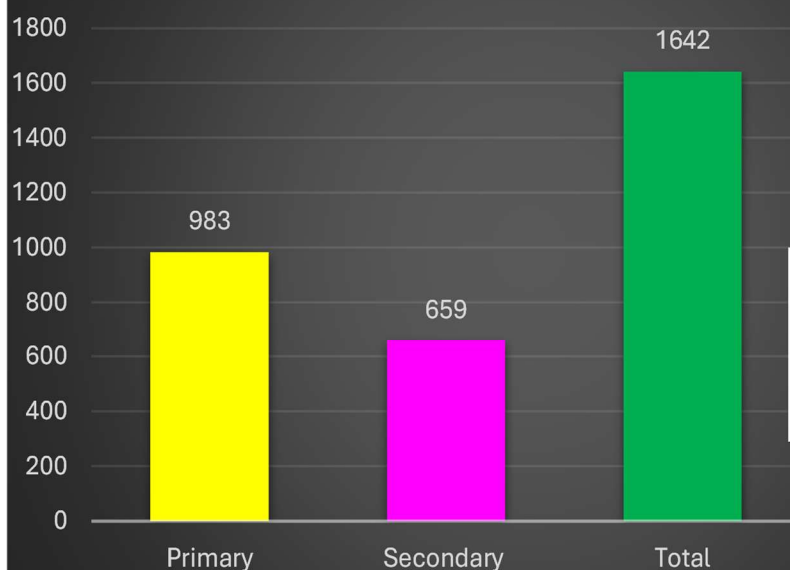
PBL POSITIVE REWARDS – STAR CARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received one or more star cards during week 4.

PRIMARY			SECONDARY		
Abigail C	Imogen B	Mike C	Addi E	Jed H	
Amber W	Isabella C	Myra M	Bethany K	Lilly-May F	
Amelia H	Isla E	Parker H	Billy C	Matilda C	
Annaliese C	Jacinta I	Paul I	Calum P	Nevaeh H	
Austyn H	Jackson P	Roger R	Carley C	Oliver R	
Azalea H	Kaia A	Rose C	Chace W	Sasha H	
Blake A	Katelyn S	Seth E	Corbin S	Scarlett F	
Cora B	Katelyn W	Shania P	Elsie H	Siennah J	
Dakota R	Kelly-Mae J	Sienna M	Emily A		
Elane P	Lachie G	Sophie T	Jasmin C		
Ellira C	Lena A	Vincent M	Khyro A		
Elora Y	Lillian A	Violet G			
Grace R	Maddison W	Zahra McC			
Hannah N	Makita F	Zarne L			
Henry M	Matilda H	Zephyr H			

Star Card Count Term 3



We are proud to share that staff have awarded **1642** Star Cards throughout the year — an outstanding achievement by the Miriam Vale State School community.

PBL – COSMIC AWARDS

Students receive their Cosmic Award \$10 Vouchers on parade Tuesday.

These vouchers can be used at local businesses in Miriam Vale or **they can use it when ordering their SUBWAY (check the back of the Cosmic Award).**

Our Cosmic Award recognises students who have received **10 or more Star Cards** for displaying our school expectations of being **Safe, Responsible & Respectful** both in and outside the classroom.

Congratulations to all students who received their COSMIC Awards on parade Tuesday.



STUDENT COUNCIL --- 2026 SUBWAY

SUBWAY - EAT FRESH SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM



Thursday 10th September
TERM 4 -Thursday 29th October &
Thursday 26th November

Students who are drawn out on weekly parade for **"Star Student of the Week"** for Primary & Secondary will receive a **Voucher from SUBWAY** which entitles them to a 6 Inch Sub of their choice.

Thank you Tannum Sands Subway for sponsoring 'The Star Student of the Week'!!!

Tannum Sands Subway @ Tannum Sands Central Shopping Centre also give the School \$1 for every order that is ordered and is delivered free to the school.



Week 5 | Some brains need more time

FOCUS: DOMAIN 3: PROCESSING SPEED

Processing speed is how quickly the brain takes in information, works out what it means and gives a response. Some young people need more time to answer a question, follow spoken directions or move to a new task.

Needing more time does not mean a child does not know the answer. When adults rush them or repeat the question too soon, it can make thinking harder.

Try this at home: ask one question, then wait for at least five quiet seconds. If needed, say, “Take your time.” For a longer job, show the steps on paper and let your child work through them one at a time.

Focus on a careful answer, not the fastest answer.

8 DOMAINS OF LEARNING NEEDS



Use these eight domains to identify where a student’s learning barrier actually lives. When we locate the domain under strain, we can match the right support—and remove the right barrier.

1		ACADEMIC SKILLS	Weak decoding, spelling, or math fluency may signal foundational skill gaps. Reading research shows that reducing decoding load improves comprehension for struggling readers (Perfetti; Seidenberg).
2		ATTENTION & EXECUTIVE FUNCTION	Working memory, task initiation, cognitive flexibility, and organization challenges affect a student’s ability to follow directions, start work, shift tasks, and manage materials (Diamond, 2013; Barkley).
3		PROCESSING SPEED	Slow retrieval and response speed make it harder for students to keep up with verbal directions, transitions, and fast-paced tasks. When pace exceeds the brain’s processing capacity, accuracy drops and overwhelm increases (Kail, 1991; Diamond, 2013).
4		LANGUAGE	Slow output or difficulty keeping pace can reflect processing-speed limits, not motivation (Kail).
5		SOCIAL COMMUNICATION	Difficulty reading cues or initiating communication is linked to communication-profile needs, not behavior (Prizant).
6		SENSORY NEEDS	Noise, lights, movement, and tactile overload affect engagement and attention (Dunn).
7		EMOTIONAL & BEHAVIOURAL REGULATION	Anxiety, frustration, or shutdown reflect regulation demands exceeding capacity (Brackett; Perry & Szabolcitz).
8		PHYSICAL & MEDICAL	Health conditions, fatigue, medication effects, pain, or nutritional needs can directly affect attention, stamina, behavior, and learning access.



SUPPORT STARTS WITH UNDERSTANDING THE NEED.



Look for the need behind the behaviour.



Match support to the domain under strain.



Remove the barrier—grow the learner.



Every learner can grow with the right support.

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES



22-28 August 2026



BOOK WEEK 2026

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP FOR WHOLE SCHOOL

PARADE - WEEK 7 - TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES

Prizes being
awarded!

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STATE CHOOOL

Credit if you have
your book with
you.

Extra credit if you
can tell us a quick
'spiel' about your
character.



Bullying No Way: National week of action
17-21 August 2026

Proudly supporting Bullying No Way: National week of action

This year Miriam Vale State School will be participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action, 17 to 21 August 2026.

On Tuesday 18th August we encourage all students to wear PURPLE to school.

Bullying No Way Week is a commitment being made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention. It gives us an opportunity to connect with students, staff and school communities to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for this year's campaign is **Small Acts, Big Impact**.

Students can make a big impact through small acts of kindness and support for others being bullied. Trusted adults are there to guide children and young people as they learn how small, thoughtful actions can create a positive difference and encourage reporting of bullying.

This Bullying No Way Week, we're encouraging you to embrace the theme **Small Acts, Big Impact**. Show kindness, support others and take meaningful steps to stand up against bullying.

For more information about Bullying No Way Week and bullying prevention, [visit the Bullying No Way website](#).

During the week, we will engage students in meaningful discussions and activities that highlight how small actions can create a big impact. We encourage families to use this time to have open and supportive conversations with their children about recognising bullying, its effects, and ways they can make a positive difference.





Miriam Vale



Playgroup dates for term three, 2026

Come join us!

Wednesday 26th August

SUPERKIDS at Miriam Vale State School 9.30am to 11am

'TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

****Bring your teddy!****

Wednesday 9th September

LIBRARY PLAYTIME PLAYGROUP

MV Library - 9.30am to 11.30am

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SUPERKIDS KINDY 2027

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE 4 BY JUNE 30TH 2027,
THEY ARE READY FOR KINDY NEXT YEAR!

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION AND PLAYGROUP MORNING

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
10AM IN THE SUPERKIDS
CLASSROOM

Take off with the
SUPERKIDS!



PARENT MEETING AT 10AM
WHILE THE LITTLES PLAY.



JOIN US FOR PLAYGROUP AT
9.30AM.





Children's Book Week Family Fun Night

Dress up as your favourite book character, dance in the glow in the dark disco and create book week inspired crafts, play games, read stories and take part in our Book Week parade. Fun for the whole family!

When: 4.30pm to 6pm, Saturday 29 August

Where: Gladstone Regional Library, 39 Goondoon Street

Cost: Free

Bookings: Required on (07) 4976 6400 or scan QR Code

Children's Book Week

Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August 2026

'Symphony of Stories' by author-illustrator, Briony Stewart





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