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Term 4 – Week 3

Hello parents, carers, students and friends of Padstow North PS,

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends in the audience of our Stage 3 student performance 'Olivia'. The show provided entertainment from start to finish. Not only did it showcase the extraordinary talents of our student performers – singing, acting, dancing – it was FUNNY! Mr Allsop-Guest our P&C President laughed so much and so loud that the performers could hear him back stage!

While we continue to celebrate our student's achievements it is unfortunate that I must report that there has been some graffiti found in the 3-6 boys' toilets. Mr Hageman has addressed the issue with the boys, however, we would appreciate if you could discuss this with your child and ask them to report it if they see it in the future. Thank you to those students who notified me. On another note, while social media has enhanced our capacity to communicate with each other, it has been brought to my attention that some parents have used it to raise concerns they may have about our school. I am seeking your support in asking that any posts you make in relation to our school reflect our core values: Integrity, Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Participation, Care, Fairness and Democracy. Please contact us and arrange an appointment to discuss any concerns you may have. Working together toward a resolution will enable us to develop stronger partnerships across our school community.

PNPS Kindergarten 2015 has their first of three orientation visits to our school this week. We welcome our new cohort of students and their families – Kindergarten or 'big school' is an exciting and scary time for the students AND their parents and caregivers. At PNPS we aim to make this transition as smooth as possible. Welcome!

Gold! Gold! Gold!

Congratulations to ALL of the students awarded with their Gold certificate at our assembly 19 September - Riley Bulmer 5-4 Teal and Sam Kim 1-2 Orange, Sam Kim 1-2 Orange, Riley Bulmer 5-6 Teal, Spencer Do 4-5 Lemon, Michael Le 4-5 Lemon, Yuhan Jiang 3-4 Aqua, Aditi Salgaonkar 1-2 White, and Kelly Huang 3-4 Amber, Jennifer Cazouris 1-2 Purple, Rayyan Helmy 5-6 Violet, Ashleigh Millar 1-2 Orange, Niylesh Palaniraja 5-6 Violet, Caitlin James 1-2 Green, Nikhil Warriar 1-2 Green, Alex Wastell 1-2 Green, Raymond Zhuang 3-4 Aqua, Hassan Sabra 5-6 Lime, Ben Kavazovic 5-6 Violet, Belmin Kavazovic 3-4 Copper, Alex Hu 1-2 Green, Caleb Xu 1-2 Green, Sophia Queffert 1-2 Green and Alana Fermanov 5-6 Teal!

Stephanie Nagel 1-2 Orange, Ethan Dunn 1-2 Orange, Lachlan Bulmer 3-4 Amber, Ethan Casacchia 3-4 Aqua, Arielle Chau 1-2 Orange, Ayaan Hasan 1-2 Orange, Dean Papas 1-2 Orange and Alyssa Field 1-2 Orange have all qualified for Gold and will receive their certificates at our school assembly Friday 7 November 2014. Well done everyone!

Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Padstow North PS, we are very excited to report what our students have been doing. If you enjoy reading our newsletter and would like to see what's happening around the school more regularly go to the website: www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Natalie Armstrong
R/Principal

Welcome to **Mrs B's Tech Spot**



Hi all.

NEW PARENT NETWORK

At the most recent P&C meeting, I introduced parents to a new **SCHOOLPARENTS** network being offered to school communities. *Schoolparents* is a secure, parent-only hub that makes it easy for mums and dads with children in childcare, primary and high school to meet and communicate with each other. *Schoolparents* is the first secure portal in Australia to focus on connecting families to one another based on the school their child attends. All photos of children are locked from view until a parent has accepted a direct friendship request from another parent. I have included a link to the site for interested parents: <http://www.schoolparents.com.au/>

SKOOLBAG APP

Currently we have more than 490 uploads of our SKOOLBAG app, both on iOS and Android devices. At the last P&C meeting the app was reviewed and it was unanimously decided that the school continue to subscribe to the app. It was also noted that additional services, such as bulk email can be provided by the company, which parents are keen to pursue. Since the **latest iOS8 update**, SKOOLBAG has put into place some 'fixes' for bugs that have occurred. Please note the alerts on your devices as to this fix and follow instructions, or email the address below for any further inquiries. Email: support@skoolbag.com.au

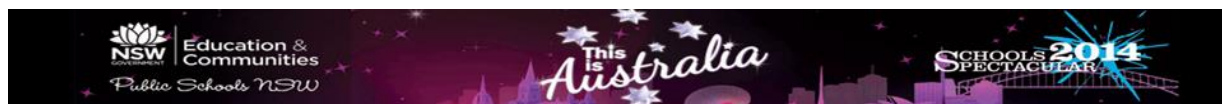
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URGENT REMINDER-PUBLISHING PERMISSIONS REMINDER

Recently, a note was sent out to all families regarding permission for publishing of photos, videos, and the use of the internet by students. ***This is a most important update for the NSW DEC schools records.*** We respect the fact that some families do not wish to have their children's image available for general publishing.

Mrs G Byrnes (Technology Coordinator K-6/On Behalf of the Student Welfare Committee)

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2014 EXCURSION - LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE-LAST CHANCE!



Orders for Schools Spectacular excursion are closing this week. ***There are only a limited number of seats left***, so students are urged to get their orders in to their classroom teacher as soon as possible. Miss Armstrong and another member of staff will supervise students on the excursion.

Tickets are at the concessional price of \$25 and bus fare will be added to this.

Mrs G.Byrnes (Spec Vocal Ensemble Coordinator)

Sports and Special Photographs

Many of the students represent PNPS at various sporting , dance and leadership events. As a memory of their involvement a photograph has been taken. The sports and special photos are on display in the school's northern office, and may be ordered by completing a re-order envelope. These envelopes are available from the school northern office. Please place payment either cash or cheque in the envelope provided. Credit card payments can me made online through the website. www.schoolphotographer.com.au.

If paying online you will need to enter an order number on the envelope and return it to school.

All envelops and orders are to be returned to school by **24th November 2014**

Photos are \$14.00 each, 2 for \$26, 3 for \$44 or 5 for \$50.

Any additional orders over 5 photos are \$10 each.

Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school a late fee of \$5 will be incurred.

SPORT NEWS



STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Jessica, Ben, Johnny, Aaron and Zack who were given the opportunity to participate in the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush. They represented our Region well and had a great experience competing against students from all over the state.

STATE SOFTBALL CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Daniel who was given the opportunity to compete at the NSW Softball Championships. Sydney South West won the competition.



Cricket Report - Week 1 of Term 4

In the first week back after the holidays both of our cricket teams were short of players which left gaps in the field, however our Juniors and Seniors still managed to achieve convincing wins. Our fielding and bowling was exceptional, which contributed to our success. We also batted very well. We have started off the term with a large measure of success but will not become overly confident as we will meet some dedicated teams.

Seniors 2/81 bt Padstow Heights 4/41

Juniors 73 bt Padstow Heights 23

Round 5 Bye

Mr R Grinham

FUNdraising News

A reminder that McDonalds night is happening on Wednesday 29th October from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Padstow McDonalds. Take a night off cooking and join in the fun, there will be face painters and colouring in activities for the kids. The school will receive a percentage of what is purchased on the night from the special allocated tills, so bring your family and friends too.

**Thank you,
Jaime Wong
Fundraising Co-ordinator**

P&C President's Report

Welcome back to term 4, I hope you all had a good break. Firstly, I would like to congratulate all those students who performed in the school play 'Olivia' on Friday night. What a great night it was! A huge "Thank You" to Mr Grinham, Mrs Byrnes and Mrs Grinham for another great production. We can't wait to see what next year has in store for us!

Our next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 11th November at 7pm in the Library. This will be our AGM (Annual General Meeting) and we will be looking to fill the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Canteen Convenor, School Banking Coordinator and Book Club Coordinator.

If you are interested in any of the listed positions please come along to our AGM. Many of our current committee are leaving the school this year, or have completed the maximum term of 3 years in the position. Without the P&C the students and school would miss out on an awful lot of resources. Please consider joining the P&C team, you can share a role with a friend if need be.

In recent meetings we have been considering the introduction of an on-line order system for canteen and uniform shop. We have had some great feedback from some parents who have seen it in other schools. If you would like to know more about this visit www.munchmonitor.com

**Phill Allsop-Guest
P&C President 2014
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Our School Banking Day is every Tuesday



Congratulations to 3/4 Aqua who once again made the most deposits in Term 3.

Those students who made a least 1 deposit were given a small token prize. We hope that you liked it! Don't forget - if you want your class to win this term, remember to bank every week.

It's Competition Time!!

Every School Banking deposit you make into your Youthsaver account will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more times you save the more chances you have to win a prize (up to a maximum of 6 entries). The competition runs from 20th October – 30th November 2014. There are some fabulous prizes up for grabs, including 40x GoPro Hero3 White Edition Cameras and 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders. To find out more visit the website: www.commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

REMEMBER:

Please make sure that the child's name, student ID Number and amount being deposited is on the deposit slip (no need for account number). If this information is incomplete in your child's deposit book we will return the book and money to you. Unfortunately volunteers are not allowed to complete these details for you.

We are desperately looking for new parents to train up on school banking. If you can spare an hour on Tuesday mornings, and are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Padstow North Public School.

Phill Allsop-Guest
School Banking Coordinator

FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	27 October	28 School Spec rehearsal	29	30	31
5	3 November Swim Scheme	4 Swim Scheme	5 Swim Scheme	6 Swim Scheme	7 Swim Scheme Gold Assembly
6	10 Swim Scheme	11 Swim Scheme	12 Swim Scheme	13 Swim Scheme	14 Swim Scheme
7	17	18 K-2 science show	19	20	21

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