



PADSTOW NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

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Thursday 6th November 2014

Term 4 – Week 5

Principal's Message

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

Every day teachers make a difference as they inspire and engage young people to learn and succeed. World Teachers' Day is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers. This year is the 20th anniversary of World Teachers' Day, inaugurated on 5 October 1994, by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the adoption of the UNESCO and International Labour Organisation recommendation concerning the status of teachers. This year's celebration occurred on Friday 31 October.

I'd like to acknowledge the teaching staff at our school for this day, with recognition from the Secretary, Department of Education and Communities Dr Michele Bruniges AM – *There are many challenges and rewards in engaging and supporting students and teachers today require a combination of valued skills, including quality teaching, management, collaboration, insight, creativity and understanding.*

Of course not only do we have great teachers, but great students who work hard every day to do their best. Did you know that our Girls Milo Cricket team won the state finals? WOW what an achievement – congratulations to Mr Grinham and the girls who will be going to Melbourne to compete in the next level of the competition. We are also very proud of Olivia Guidi. At last week's assembly, Olivia was presented with a certificate by David Coleman MP for being selected to represent the East Hills area at the District Public Speaking Competition.

Is your child going to a new school in 2015 (not including high school)? Do you have a child still to enrol in Kindergarten for 2015? If you have answered yes to either of these questions please contact Jodi in the office. The information will help us move forward in our planning for next year's classes.

Gold! Gold! Gold!

Judi B 4-5 Lemon, Petro P 4-5 Lemon, Ruby B 5-6 Lime, Katrina W 5-6 Violet, Sophie F 3-4 Aqua, Samson M 4-5 Lemon, Stella-Rose K 1-2 Green, Josh P 1-2 Green, Fabian O 5-6 Violet, Jayden P 1-2 Orange, Amelia I 4-5 Lemon and Ryan D 4-5 Lemon 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

2015-2017 School Planning

At Padstow North PS we are in the process of planning for the improved delivery of quality teaching, learning and leadership outcomes. To ensure informed planning we are in the process of developing a 'snapshot' of the school's current educational practices and performance. We aim to develop an understanding of how teaching and learning, leadership, culture and values, student engagement and achievement are perceived by our community. Our school's executive team, classroom teachers, and non-teaching staff have been involved in consultation about current practice and future direction for Padstow North PS. Our students and families have also been involved.

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who participated in our school planning sessions on Tuesday 4 November. Input about your individual and collective educational priorities, dreams and ambitions for our school is valuable to us. A big **thanks** for being a voice for our parents and caregivers goes to:

Trupti Patwardhan
Jaime Wong
Aschana Salgaonkar
Merrin Tischler
Jan Carey
Joanne Byrne
Lynn DeWildt

Daisy Tan
Phil & Lyn Allsop-Guest
Angelo Cazouris
Connie Shipton
Sarah Kaiser
Kerrie Fawzy
Joyce Wong

Katie Rowell
Ashwini Joshi
Mayette Olivera
Debbie Da Silver
Marcela & Stevan Stojkanovic
Susan Smith



All of our parents and caregivers are invited to attend the P&Cs Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11 November, 7pm in the library.

Bankstown / East Hills Dance Festival

Congratulations to all the students that represented Padstow North in the Bankstown / East Hills Dance Festival on Tuesday 28th October at Bankstown Sports Club. Our Years 1-2 dance group performed to 'Car Wash', 3-4 dance group performed to 'Dark Horse' and 5-6 dance group performed to 'Warrior'. All students did such a great job and were beautifully behaved as usual. Thank you to all the parents who came out to support our school on the night. It was so lovely to see smiling faces and a great applause after each performance. Thank you! Also a big thank you to Miss Psaltis, Mrs Morris and Miss Wells for all their rehearsals and hard work and dance choreography for the year. We look forward to doing it all over again next year.

Mrs Rudder





Welcome to
Mrs B's Tech Spot

Hi all

URGENT REMINDER-PUBLISHING PERMISSIONS REMINDER

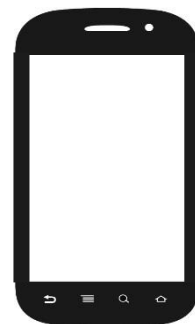
Recently, a note was sent out to all families regarding permission for publishing of photos, videos, and the use of the internet by students. ***This is a most important update for the NSW DEC schools records.***

Parents/caregivers are urged to return this note as soon as possible.

How to Install Skoolbag App On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the 'App Store' icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click 'Free' the 'Install'.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to 'iPhone apps', your school will then be visible, click 'Free', then 'Install'.
5. When installed click 'Open'.
6. Select 'OK' to receive push notifications when asked.
7. Click the 'More' button on the bottom right of the App, then 'Setup'
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



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6. Click 'Open' when installed.
7. Click the 'More' button on the right of the App, then 'Setup'.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

COUNT US IN SING! 2014



Last Thursday 30th October at exactly 12:30pm, students K-6 took part in a nationwide tribute to Music in schools.

Learning music at school makes a unique contribution to children's development. It also helps students enjoy going to school each day! For decades, countless studies have found links between learning music and a broad range of positive impacts on children and adolescents. Music improves students' team skills and self-esteem and helps their progress in other important learning areas such as Maths and English.

Aside from the sheer pleasure of making music together, there are established links between music learning and improved academic and social outcomes in children. Yet most Aussie kids are missing out on the many benefits of music education in school.

At Padstow North PS students are taught Music both in the normal classroom scenario, as well as in RFF lessons (Relief from Face to Face) with Mrs Byrnes. We have enjoyed participating in 'Music Count Us In' for the past 6 years and this year was no exception. The students sang beautifully and did our school proud as we witnessed over 600,000 students Australia join together in singing this year's song: **"Paint You a Song"**, when we crossed to the live streamed 'count-down' to 12:30pm.



Click on the link to learn more about the program: <http://www.musiccountusin.org.au/>

FUNdraising News

Big THANK YOU to the families who came down to Padstow McDonalds for our fundraising night. The turnout was great, and through the food purchased we received \$450 for our efforts! We are sure to organise more of these nights next year!

Thank you,
Jaime Wong
Fundraising Co-ordinator



Congratulations Milo Cricket team!

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FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	10 Swim Scheme	11 Swim Scheme P&C AGM 7pm- Library 2 nd Schools Spec reh.	12 Swim Scheme	13 Swim Scheme	14 Swim Scheme PSSA Semi-Finals
7	17 Last week for students to borrow books from the library	18 K-2 Science show	19	20 Kinder Orientation 1:30-2:30	21 PSSA Finals
8	24	25 3 rd Schools Spec reh.	26 Year 3 Orientation day 4 th Schools Spec reh.	27 Sch Spec dress reh.	28 Schools spec Matinee + 1 st night performance
9	1 December	2	3	4	5

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