

# PADSTOW NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

*"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"*

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## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014

### Term 1 – Week 3

#### Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2014. This newsletter contains a great deal of information about upcoming costs and events for the rest of the term. Also this week you should receive an updated student welfare plan for your child, please take some time to discuss this with your child so that we can reinforce the positive behaviour program the school has developed. I have included a term calendar this time to help you plan your finances for the term. You can access this newsletter in colour by following the link on our website:

[www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

#### Classes

14 classes were formed on day one this year and should not change. Our 54 Kindergarten children have all settled in quite well and have begun their exciting journey of education at Padstow North. A special welcome to all our new Year 3 children transferring from Bankstown South and any other new arrivals at our school.

#### Classes and their teachers:

K Red – Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Melville

K Blue - Mrs Tardent and Mrs Melville

K Silver – Miss Wells

1-2 Purple – Mrs Rudder and Mrs Spiros

1-2 White – Miss Bradley

1-2 Orange – Miss Davidopoulos

1-2 Green – Mrs Morris and Mrs McDonald

3-4 Aqua – Mrs Mizon

3-4 Copper – Mr Isler

3-4 Amber – Mr Grinham

4-5 Lemon – Ms Savva

5-6 Lime - Mr Hageman

5-6 Teal – Miss Psaltis

5-6 Violet – Mrs Gaston

Library - Mrs Harris

Release from Face to Face (RFF) – Mrs Byrnes

Learning and Support (LAST) – Mrs Morse and Ms Kosci-Thwaites

English as an Additional Language (EALD) – Miss Channells and Mrs McNamara

Reading Recovery – Miss Channells

School Counsellor – Ms Fricot

Admin Staff – Mrs Davies, Mrs Mandell and Mrs Gilmore

General Assistant – Mr Allatt



#### New Staff Member

We would like to welcome Mrs Spiros to our staff. She will teach 1-2 Purple on Mondays. Also we welcome back Mrs McDonald from maternity leave to teach 1-2 Green on Wednesday and Thursday.



**Meet the Teacher Night**

This information session with your child's class teacher was held on Tuesday of this week. All staff were available to discuss their general class requirements for 2014. If you were unable to attend this information session please contact your class teacher to get any information you may require.

**Safety in the school grounds / parking**

For the safety of all concerned no parent is permitted to drive into the school grounds at any time, unless they have the express permission of the Principal. All children need to be dropped off and picked up safely at the Watson Road, Halcyon Avenue or Beamish Street exits. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter of safety and for modelling the correct behaviour to the students.

Please take notice of the street parking signs as the ranger is a frequent visitor to our streets and you will be booked for parking illegally. The no stopping and no standing zones are clearly marked and are for everyone's safety.

**Pick up times and attendance**

Being the first newsletter of the year it is timely to remind all parents of the legal requirement in school attendance. All students are required to attend school unless ill or have sought leave from the Principal. School commences at 9.00am with a warning bell rung at 8.55am. A brief assembly is held each morning to explain the day's activities so it is important that your child is at school by 8.55am. School ends at 3.00pm.

If your child is late, you or your child must present to either the northern or southern office for a 'late arrival' slip. These records are maintained and regular latecomers may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officers. If you need to take your child early any day the same applies and you will need to go to the office to get an 'early leaver' slip.

No child will be permitted to leave the grounds unless in the company of a responsible adult. If your child is absent from school for any reason you will need to provide a note explaining the absence. Again these are kept and may be used by the Home School Liaison Officers who monitor school attendance.

**Ethics Classes**

Two years ago we surveyed parents as to the possibility of commencing ethics classes in the school in conjunction with special religious education. Several parents have expressed a desire to find out more about this topic. For more information on the curriculum being taught and whether you would like your child to be considered for these classes please go to: <http://www.primaryethics.com.au/ourcurriculum.html>

We will have further discussion at the next P & C meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> re the possibility of commencing these classes if there is sufficient interest. Why not come along and join the discussion.

**Safety in School**

I would like to remind all parents and guardians that you must not walk into any classroom, staffroom or office without the consent of a PNPS staff member. Please go to the office staff before approaching staff as teachers are very busy in the morning before school preparing lessons for the day. Parents and guardians are also reminded that toilet facilities are for the use of students only. This is for the safety of your children as it becomes a child protection issue when anyone other than the students are using the toilets. Staff toilets are available for adult use in an emergency. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping PNPS a safe place for all of the school community.

**Hats and Jewellery**

The school has a 'no school hat no play – stay in the shade' policy and as part of the P&C Uniform Policy **children are required to wear school hats at all times**. These are available from the uniform shop at a cost of \$15. Children are also reminded of the jewellery code the school has which means no necklaces and only one sleeper/stud per ear. This is for safety reasons as necklaces and drop earrings present a hazard to children when playing. Your support in always sending your child in the correct school uniform is appreciated. Uniform orders can be placed in the northern office and are generally filled within a week by the volunteers who run the uniform shop.

### Nut and peanut products

Anaphylaxis affects a growing number of children in our school and for this reason we seek your assistance in **not sending your child to school with any nut products** including peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars or other nut products as part of their lunch. The canteen assists us by not selling any of these products. The canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

### Gold! Gold! Gold!

Julius Rodopoulos, Preston Nguyen, Sharan Dievendran, Ruby Byrne, Elena Stojcevski, Jade Urban, Grace Fawzy, Belmin Kavazovic and Cameron Mason are our first gold award winners for 2014. Congratulations to you all. They will be presented with their gold awards at the first gold assembly on February 28<sup>th</sup>. At this assembly we should also be able to present our SRC children with their badges as well. These are being chosen in the near future.

### Bulldogs Visit Padstow North

This week we hosted a visit from the NRL team the Bulldogs. They spoke with the 3-6 children about the importance of diet and spoke about the 5 steps to tackle bullying in schools and elsewhere. The children watched a DVD about bullying and were given the opportunity to question the 2 players Sam Kasiano and Tim Browne.



### Sports captains

Congratulations to our sports captains who were recently elected and presented with their badges at assembly. They are:

**Kookas** - Marcus T, Melinda I, Riley D, Vivien N.

**Brolgas** - Daniel M, Katrina W, Dre M, Suhaila M.

**Emus** – Elena S, Isaac W, Amelia I, James S.

**Hawks** - Nanah W, Christian F, Isabella V, Cameron A.

### Sports Selections

Trials are currently underway for the selection of our season 1 sports for East Hills PSSA competitions. This season we will enter netball teams, newcombeball teams and for the first time boys touch football teams. I wish all those who try out the best of luck and if unsuccessful I encourage you to try again in season 2. All successful children will be asked to sign a permission note and conduct note to ensure they compete with the highest level of sportsmanship.



### Swimming Carnival

Under dark skies we completed the annual swimming carnival last Tuesday. All children were well behaved and competed to the best of their ability either in the racing or the novelty carnival organised by staff. Special thanks must go to Mrs Gaston for her organisation of the day and to all staff and parents who assisted to make the day a success. It was very pleasing to see so many parents, grandparents and friends come along to support their children.



### Sport in Schools

Children from years 3-6 have begun their "Sport in Schools" program for 2014. All primary children have enjoyed their first two sessions and look forward to the continuation of the program.



### Calendar and Upcoming expenses:

Sport in Schools on Thursdays for 5 weeks K-2 and 3-6 Cost \$22.50 per child

Stage 3 to Berry Sport and Rec Camp 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> February – cost \$330

PSSA Sport commences for selected children 7<sup>th</sup> March and each Friday – cost \$6 per bus if needed

District Swimming date is 4<sup>th</sup> March for those selected – cost \$4

Healthy Harold (Life Education Van) in the week from 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March – cost \$5 per child K-6

Textbooks cost vary from grade to grade – approximately \$20-\$25 per child

Last day early bird discount for voluntary contributions is 11<sup>th</sup> April.

There may be other excursions or activities not yet scheduled for this term

**K.J.Bowden**  
Principal

## Library

Welcome to our library for 2014.

The library is open at lunchtime Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 11.00 – 11.30am. Students are welcome to use the library at other times, if they organise this with me prior to the time required. Students and parents can also access the library before or after school if they wish to borrow or return books.

A reminder – all students need to have a library bag. School library bags can be purchased from the uniform shop. School library bags give our books maximum protection.

*The most important thing, I believe, about books for babies and very young children is that they are shared between the child and a caring adult. It is time for physical closeness and comfort, of quiet and harmony, of sharing ideas and emotions, laughing and learning together.*

Jan Ormerod

These wise words from Australian-born author and illustrator, Jan Ormerod, apply equally to older children as well and remind us of the value of continuing to read to and with children even after they have become independent readers.

Some students have commenced the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge. At this time students need to keep a written list of the author and books read. The official Premier's Reading Challenge site does not open until early March, at which time students can enter their read books online. Thirty books (K -2) and twenty books (Years 3-6) need to be read by the end of August. All information related to the challenge can be found on the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website or you can come and speak to me about it. Reading is important to every student's development with their vocabulary, writing and comprehension. Please encourage your child to participate in the challenge so they can enjoy the reading experience.

Three of the library monitors for 2013 have continued in their role within the library for this year – Helena Cazouris, Hanan Narvel and Emmanuel Scionti. A number of Year 5 and 6 students have indicated a willingness to become library monitors for 2014 and will be in-training for the next few weeks.

Mrs Harris - Teacher Librarian

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Over 170 students, 11 teachers and many family supporters attended Padstow North's annual swimming carnival. It was good to see most of the students 'had a go' and competed in 1, 2 or even 4 races at the carnival, while others had fun doing novelties.

### AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU

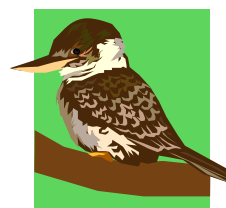
**TO THE PARENTS WHO HELPED ON THE DAY AND THOSE WHO CAME ALONG AND SUPPORTED THEIR FAMILY. GREATLY APPRECIATED BY BOTH STAFF AND STUDENTS.**

A TEAM of 21 STUDENTS will REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL AT THE 2014 East hills district CARNIVAL BEING HELD ON Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, at Revesby Pool.

### *2014 PNPS District Swim Team*

Tamara Tran	Darrel Nguyen	Pia Livas
Phoebe Allsop-Guest	Eric He	Nanah Williamson
Elena Stojcevski	Samson Mairi	Melinda Iveli
Olivia Klapos	Johnny Dertilis	Ben Kavazovic
Helena Cazouris	Nicholas Sanders	Christian Fermanov
Alana Fermanov	Daniel Mairi	Wil Giffen
Jessica Bian	Riley Duryea	Emmanuel Scionti

### HOUSE CHAMPIONS



**Is your child in a new class without their friends?**

At some stage in their school life your child is likely to find themselves in a class without their close friends. It's normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/new-class-without-their-friends>

**P&C President's Report**

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to our new families who have chosen Padstow North Public School. It was lovely to see some of you at our welcome morning tea and we will be holding another one further into the term for all parents especially those who could not make it so look out for the date. Each year some families who volunteer at our school leave to go onto high school so we are continually looking for new volunteers to come forward to continue the good work that has been done over many years and hopefully long after we have all left. I urge every family to consider how they can help and volunteer a small amount of time from their busy lives to support P & C activities which are for the benefit of **ALL** students of Padstow North Public School.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> **FUNdraiser** for 2014 is our very popular 5c Friday. It will be tomorrow Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We ask students to bring in any 5c pieces or any loose change that they have and put in their class tubs marked "5c Friday" we then collect the tubs and count the coins. The class who has raised the most in both Infants and Primary receive a trophy at the assembly that week which they keep for the rest of the term. Last year we raised almost \$1000. Let's see if we can beat that figure this year.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> **FUNdraiser** is our very popular Family Portrait Day which will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. To date we have over 20 families booked in and are now taking bookings for the afternoon sessions from 3pm onwards. The cost is \$15 for the sitting which goes directly to Padstow North Public School - you are under no obligation to purchase any of the packages on offer. This is available to anyone outside the school so why not let your family and friends know, the more families we book in the more we raise and we also receive additional gifts.

If you and a few of your friends would like to get involved **PLEASE** contact the school or approach anyone currently volunteering or on the committee who would be more than happy to help you get involved.

In the next issue of the newsletter I will outline the key topics discussed at the last P&C Meeting which was held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.15 in the hall.

**Phill Allsop-Guest**

**P&C President 2014**

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**Uniform Shop**

Please remember the uniform shop operates on an **ORDERS ONLY** basis. Order forms are available at the office and full payment must accompany the order. We are currently awaiting delivery of some stock items and apologise for any delays in filling your orders.

**Kerrie Fawzy**

**Uniform Co-ordinator**

**Communicating with your school**

While it can be hard for busy parents, staying in contact with the school is important. Communication is one of the key parts of the relationship between the school and home.

Watch this video to find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>



## Get involved in the School Banking program.



### Our School Banking Day is every Tuesday

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, **or by attending our signing on day on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb from 8.30 – 9.30 in the southern end, (Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver's licence and birth certificate) or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.** You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program once the account has been opened.

On School Banking day students should bring in their weekly deposit and put their yellow deposit wallet in the purple box marked **SCHOOL BANKING** outside each office

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns **5% commission** on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Padstow North Public School.

**Leaflets will be given out next week at our signing on day or you can collect from either office.**

**Phill Allsop-Guest**  
**School Banking Coordinator**

### Canteen News

An updated copy of the Canteen Menu for Term 1 2014 is available on the school website and will be sent home with the eldest child of each family. Please place orders before 8.55am at the **Canteen (northern site)** or at the **silver seats (southern site)**. The canteen is open for lunch between 10.45am and 11.30am on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It would be appreciated if you could pre-write the lunch bag and provide the correct money. No credit will be given unless authorised by teaching staff.

**Carlie Williamson**  
**Canteen coordinator**

### Book Club

Hi, my name is Linley Fanning and I'll be the book club coordinator for 2014. Your child should have received issue 1 brochure for the year – if you didn't receive it please let me know and I'll organise for another one to be sent home. On the top of the brochure is an age guide to guide you in choosing suitable reading material for your child. Orders are due back to school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. No late orders can be processed- please ensure correct money accompanies the order.

**Linley Fanning**  
**0400873883**



**FOR YOUR DIARY**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	17 Feb	18	19	20 Sport in Schools Yrs 3-6	21 Last day book Club orders
5	24 Stage 3 to Berry	25 Stage 3 at Berry	26 Stage 3 at Berry	27 Stage 3 return from Berry - Sport in Schools Yrs 3-6	28 Gold Award Assembly 11.30am
6	3 March	4 District Swimming carnival	5	6 Sport in Schools Yrs 3-6	7 PSSA Round 1 commences
7	10	11 P & C Meeting 7.00pm in Library	12	13 Sport in Schools Yrs K-2	14

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