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Term 1 – Week 11

Dear Parents,

Use of Social Media

At Padstow North we jealously guard our positive reputation in the community. Parents are always welcome to post positive comments about the school at any time on their social media accounts, but I would appreciate it if you have a concern about the school or any staff member that you address it with me rather than posting negative comments about the school. There is always a footprint left behind with any posting and they can never be erased, even if you think you have deleted the comment or post. My door is always open to hear any concerns any parent may have and I will do my best to resolve any issues as quickly as I can.

Parking around school.

This continues to be a problem with a few parents still disobeying the road rules and making illegal turns as well as parking illegally across driveways and in no stopping zones. Police and council rangers regularly patrol the streets around the school, fining motorists who do the wrong thing. All I ask is that you obey the traffic regulations and everyone will get home as soon as possible and all children can safely exit the school surrounds without fear of a tragic accident occurring.

Voluntary Contributions

A reminder that tomorrow is the last day for our early bird discount for your voluntary contributions for 2014. After tomorrow contributions will revert to \$60 for one child, \$110 for 2 children and \$140 for 3 or more children. Why not take advantage of the discount and pay tomorrow if you haven't already done so.

Autism Awareness Day

Last Wednesday the school children came dressed in blue to raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder. The SRC raised \$306 which will be donated to assist in research for autism. Well done to everyone who participated in our 'Blue Day'.

Sport in Schools

This program will conclude this week with feedback from most children being very positive. The children have especially enjoyed the variety of equipment the teachers bring with them each week – they never have the same equipment twice! The children also commented on the different types of activities and games that developed teamwork skills.



Gold! Gold! Gold!

Katrina Winter, Michelle Xi, Logan Smith, Dre Morgan, Elisa Oda, Zain Haque and Aiden James and many others previously listed received their gold awards at last week's assembly. Congratulations to you all.

As this is the last newsletter for the term may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Easter break and I look forward to a return to school for all students on Tuesday 29th April.

K.J.Bowden
Principal

**PSSA - Newcombe Ball**

We had a top of the table clash last week in Newcombe Ball when we played Padstow Park. Our teams responded with great enthusiasm to the challenge and produced convincing wins with our Juniors winning 15-3 and 15-4 and our Seniors scoring 15-7 and 15-10. Our teams continue to make us proud with their focus and their sportsmanship. My congratulations go to all our players and we are always glad for the support of the parents who are able to come along and watch.

Mr R Grinham
Coach

**Young Leaders Conference**

On Monday 31st March, 2014 the school captains and vice-captains went to the national young leader's day at the Entertainment Centre. We listened to 5 speakers talk to us about what leadership means. We listened to author Andy Griffiths, 16 yr old Coen Aston who has cystic fibrosis, Mike Martin from Halogen, Ita Buttrose – 2013 Australian of the Year and Bob Carr a former premier of NSW. It was a great experience and we had a fun time. From your Captains and Vice-captains

**Pete the Sheep Excursion**

On Tuesday 1st April, Kindergarten students attended Pete the Sheep, a 50-minute musical, based on Jackie French and Bruce Whatley's Australian picture book. Students were entertained by four performers playing a combination of shearers, dogs and sheep. It was a great day enjoyed by all and Kindergarten's behaviour was outstanding. Well done!



Library

Congratulations to the following students who are now library monitors for 2014 - Jessica Boatwright, Layel Bou Khalil, Ruby Byrne, Isabelle Camp, Raiq Islam, Suhaila Mahafza and Josephine Phan. Thank you to Helena Cazouris, Hanan Narvel and Emmanuel Scionti who are continuing as library monitors. These students give up at least one lunch-time a week and are a great help in the library.

A number of students have registered for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. If you would like your child to be part of the challenge they can log on by:

Go to 'Google' – enter NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
Press 'log on'
Username – enter students DEC username
Password – enter students DEC password



If you have any problem logging on, students can get assistance in the library before school or at lunchtime. Congratulations to Charlie Do, Bethany Pham and Hassan Sabra who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. All students are encouraged to borrow from our library for the school holidays. Also, the local library is a fabulous resource to continue reading through the holidays.

Susan Harris
Teacher-Librarian



Persisting- Sticking to it!

Persistence is the act of persisting on something. It refers to continuing a habit or a cause of action in spite of opposition, resistance, hindrance or any other deterring factor.

Persistence can also be defined as continuing to make something exist, continuing to turn the impossible task into a possible one, continuing to find solution by not stopping. In a nutshell, persistence is actually the art of exercising a high level of will power, the unwillingness in wanting to surrender or in wanting to give up.

Ways to develop persistence.

Engage and persist: Students should engage in a project, focus on a task for a sustained period of time and persist with their work.

Let us try another way of solving it: Students need to try new things, to explore, take risks, and capitalise on their mistakes (we all learn from our mistakes).

Reflect: Students are asked to think about and explain their process, intentions, and decisions. They are also asked to judge their own work and that of others.

Questions and statements: Find another way. What else can I do? Is there another way I can solve it? Can I find someone to give me ideas to solve it?
Remind yourself: I will keep on trying. I'm not going to give up. Never say never.



What does it feel like? Feel success, self driven, concentrating more and more, you will feel like you are getting somewhere and you will not feel like giving up because you have already started on it.

P&C Report

Family Portrait Day

Thank you to the families who took part in the Family Portrait Day. This FUNdraiser raised \$720 for our school. The photos will be ready for collection on Thursday 17th April from 2pm to 6pm in the staff room where the photos were taken. Please arrive at the appointment time you arranged with the photographer. If you are going to be away, I am trying to organise another collection date, however this may not be before Mother's Day due to the photographer's other commitments.

We are always looking for new helpers to lighten the load of our small group of committed volunteers. If you and a couple of your friends would like to get involved in any of the P&C activities that are coming up, please contact the school, a member of the P&C committee or approach anyone currently volunteering to find out more. We will be more than happy to welcome you and help you become involved in your child's school.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 9.15am in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

I would like to thank you all for your support of the P&C in term 1 and hope you have a safe and peaceful break. See you all in term 2.

Phill Allsop-Guest

P&C President 2014

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FUNdraising News

With this being our last newsletter for term 1 I have to say a huge thank you to EVERYONE; to those who have given goods, ideas, and their time to help with fundraising and to those who have supported us by donating and purchasing raffles tickets and the like. Please accept our gratitude because without everyone's help our fundraising efforts would not be made reality.

This week has been super busy with all our EGGciting Easter activities. Many children tried their hand at guessing the amount of eggs in our Easter egg counting competition, with the lucky winners being:

Kindy: Sebastian Siegler

Year 1 & 2: Caitlin James

Year 3 & 4: Tamara Tran

Year 5 & 6: Helena Cazouris



Also our Easter Raffles were drawn and handed out today during the Easter Hat Parade and the winners of these are:

- Phill Allsop-Guest
- Alicia Hawkes
- Ryan Dam
- Lisa Balshaw
- Hayley 1/2P
- Kelly Flood

A big congratulations to all our winners!!



Term 2 P&C Events

Week 1	29 th April- 2 nd May	<p><u>Entertainment Books</u></p> <p>Notes and books for ordering will go home during week 1:</p> <p>We are excited to be offering parents the opportunity to purchase 2014 2015 Sydney/Sydney North Entertainment™ Memberships to help us raise funds. This year you have a choice – to purchase the popular Entertainment™ Books, or the brand new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!</p> <p>Whichever you choose, Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers valued at over \$20,000, that your family can enjoy until June 2015!</p> <p>Mother's day raffle tickets will also go home this week.</p>
Week 2	<p>Wednesday 7th May</p> <p>Thursday 8th May</p> <p>Friday 9th May</p>	<p><u>Mother's Day</u></p> <p>Mother's Day stalls and Raffles will be held this week. With the infants' stall being held on Wednesday, the primary stall on Thursday and a quick catch up stall being held on Friday morning. All gifts will be \$4 and children are invited to buy more than one gift if they wish, for other family members such as grandmothers.</p> <p>Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn at the Friday assembly so please return your raffle tickets by Wednesday 8th May to be in the draw.</p>

There will be more exciting fundraising news and events for term 2 to come and we wish you all a happy and safe holidays.

Emily Baker

Fundraising Co-ordinator

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Canteen News

Beginning next term a number of items sold in the canteen will increase in price. The last increase was 3-4 years ago and as a result the price we are paying for goods has gone up. Please check the new price list for the new prices. The price list on the school website has been updated and a paper copy will also be sent home. Please take the time to check the prices and send additional money with your child when they are ordering their lunch.

Next term we will be trialing 4 new hot food dishes. They are Macaroni Cheese, Spaghetti Bolognese, Potato Bake, all \$2.50 and Vegetarian Fried Rice \$2.80. All are halal.

Please note that 1/2 sausage roll is no longer available.

Carlie Williamson

Canteen Coordinator



Our School Banking Day is every Tuesday



We have over 200 students registered for school banking at Padstow North. On average we are getting 60 – 70 students banking each week, let's see if we can reach the magic 100!

This week we drew out two student names at random, and they will receive a small prize from the School Banking program. We will be drawing out more student names next term, so remember to send in your book every week for a better chance to win. CONGRATULATIONS TO Stephanie Nagel and Moustafa Oreibi. Your names were pulled out of the hat this week and you will receive a small prize.

At the end of term 2, we will be rewarding the class that has made the biggest number of deposits during the term. In the winning class, each child who made at least one school banking deposit during term 2 will receive a small gift. The winning class will also receive a class certificate.

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 regular savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). If you would like to start saving through School Banking, forms can be collected from either office. It's never too late to start saving!

The School Banking system has changed the way it records the tokens to qualify for gifts. When you send in your tokens and redemption card we will order your gift from the bank which may take up to 2 weeks to arrive.

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.

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

Phill Allsop-Guest
School Banking Coordinator

Uniform Shop News

Since the retirement of our girls' dressmaker, Sylvia Williams, we have been able to procure some limited stock of winter tunics. They are available now in most sizes at \$40.00. However, any new stock will have to be at an increased price. More details when we have sourced the new uniforms.

Kerrie Fawzy
Uniform Shop Coordinator

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FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	28. Staff Development Day	29 First day for children in term 2 Mother's day raffle distributed	30	1 May	2
2	5 Entertainment Book launch 8.30 under southern COLA Uniform 2 nd hand sales in hall	6 School Cross Country carnival	7 K-2 Mother's day Stall	8 3-6 Mother's Day stall	9 5 cent Friday
3	12 KATTS	13 NAPLAN years 3 and 5 P & C Meeting 9.15am Stage 1 excursion	14 NAPLAN years 3 and 5	15 NAPLAN years 3 and 5 Last day for Stewart House bags	16
4	19	20 UNSW Computer Skills competition District Cross Country carnival	21	22	23 PSSA Finals week season 1

2014 EASTER PARADE

