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Term 3 – Week 6

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

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 3. By this time of the term classes are well into their teaching and learning programs, and students continue to be involved in a lot of wonderful opportunities that help them develop as successful learners. I am proud to be a part of our Padstow North PS learning community where the students are committed to their learning and care for each other. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received; I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

This week we have celebrated Book Week with a parade, book fair, and a visit by author Deborah Abela. A number of our students have represented at our school at the District Athletics Carnival, along with the Mind Marathon held at East Hills Boys High School. Next week Stage 2 will be visiting the city and Goat Island for their excursion on Thursday. and our choir will be performing throughout the week after full day of rehearsal on Tuesday! Our teachers are also learners and continue to attend professional learning on *Focus on Reading* and *Teaching Early Numeracy* to make sure students achieve their learning outcomes.

Gold! Gold! Gold!

Clara Cho 1-2 Green, Elly Liang 1-2 Green, Katie Boatwright 3-4 Aqua, Antonia Scionti 3-4 Aqua, Giorgio Varlokostas 3-4 Copper, Jenna Tsakirakis 3-4 Copper, Jasmine Nanda 5-6 Violet, Daniel Lin 1-2 Orange, and Jessica Boatwright 5-6 Lime all received their gold awards at last weeks' Gold Assembly. Riley Bulmer 5-4 Teal and Sam Kim 1-2 Orange have since qualified and will receive their awards at the next assembly. Well done everyone!

Student drop off and pick up

When dropping off and picking up your child from our Halycon Street entry please pay attention to no stopping signs and do not block or drive into the school gate. Your cooperation to keep traffic flowing by waiting for other cars in the turning area is appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Padstow North PS, our students are very excited to report what they 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

Library

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge – Helen Baarendse, Adrian Brex- Theodoridis, Freda Chen, Lucas Chen, Clara Cho, Ammarah Choudhary, Farrah Fareo, Jack Gersbach, Abdullah Hammoud, Alex Hu, Eli Kaiser, Stella Koutsakis, Khushi Kumar, Elly Liang, Daniel Lin, Ethan McNeil, Steven Nguyen, Gerald Ong, Maria-Zoe Panagis, Dean Papas, Petro Papas, Josh Peters, Sophia Queffert, Gabriel Sindyan, Emily Stojkanovic, Nina Ta, Alana Tran, Jenna Tsakirakis, Nikil Warriar and Caleb Xue. There are a number of other students who have nearly finished – remember you have until Friday the 22nd August to complete the challenge.

As part of Book Week author Deborah Abela came to the school and gave a talk to Stage 2 students. She was very interesting and entertaining. She told the students how she had wanted to be an author from the age of 7 and how she gets her ideas for writing stories.



Our Book Week change of venue due Sydney since cleared for the Infants school parade. There The raffle was a huge be able to purchase Raffle winners – Early Stage Stage Stage

Congratulations to the who supported it.

Susan Harris
Teacher Librarian



Parade went ahead with a last minute to the weather. As it was the wettest day in November, we were very lucky the weather to be able to walk to the Hall for a whole were some great costumes and posters. success and with the money raised we will new books for the library.

Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Katelyn Winter
1 (Years 1 & 2) – Alan Sheng
2 (Years 3 & 4) – Antonia Scionti
3 (Years 5 & 6) – Helen Cazouris

raffle winners and thank you to everyone

Book Week 2014





Soccer

Congratulations to both the senior and junior boys' soccer teams for making it to the semi-finals. We had skillfull players this season; all of our boys have done so well. It was great to see such enthusiasm at both training and games. Even though we did not make it to the finals we had a fantastic time together. Everyone tried their very best. Our juniors were defeated by Milperra 2-1 and the seniors were defeated by Picnic Point 3-0. At times lack of goals led to frustration and disappointment but did not dampen the spirits of all players making them stronger and more determined, however ran out of time. I personally congratulate each and every player for their improved performance and enjoyment during the season; it has been a great pleasure to coach great boys. Congratulations to you all, you should be proud you made it to the semi's in such a tough competition.

Mr Isler
Coach

Milo Cup Cricket

After an exciting day of cricket at Bankstown Zone Milo Cup we are in the unique position of both our teams emerging triumphant. The high voltage level excitement of both our girls and boys teams was well deserved with their focus and team play elevating them to regional representative level in this competition.

It was a brilliant day with all schools involved showing great sportsmanship and students trying their hardest. For a school to have one team make regional level is an accomplishment, but to win the whole competition and have two teams go through is simply outstanding. Padstow North is very proud of all our cricketers and wish them all the best for the next round. Let's hope they continue with their tremendous form.

Mr R Grinham
Coach

Basketball

Our basketballers once again made it to the semi-finals where all four teams finished their season playing strong basketball. Our junior and senior girls and boys teams all achieved third place, which is testimony to their hard work at training throughout the season. Every team had boundless enthusiasm on the court, which was exciting to see. We will be sure to practice our shooting next season as the main difference between our more successful opponents and us was our ability to shoot accurate baskets. We improved tremendously with each game we played and I would like to congratulate our players on their improved skill level and wonderful sportsmanship.

Mr R Grinham
Coach

Reading Recovery

Congratulations to Carlito and Jannah on completing the Reading Recovery Program! Keep up the good reading and writing.

K Channells
Reading Recovery Teacher



The Learning never Stops!

Believe it or not... the staff at PNPS have to go to school as well... and need to complete homework.

We have been very busy over the past few weeks during our scheduled professional development time. Throughout this term and for the remainder of the year we have decided to engage in a number of very exciting learning opportunities. These include online training in Autism, TEN programs – Targeting Early Numeracy (K-2): and Focus on Reading (3-6): and Blueearth.

TEN- Targeting Early Numeracy

Over the next 12 months K-2 staff will engage in extensive professional learning in the area of early numeracy and in particular early arithmetical strategies. The TEN program compliments already existing programs as well as incorporating short, focussed numeracy strategies throughout the school day. The lessons are delivered as games using dice, numeral cards, playing cards and ten frames. Mrs Tardent and Mrs Rudder will be holding a K-2 Numeracy workshop for parents on Wednesday 10th September 2- 3pm.

Blueearth

The journey of Blueearth continues. Following a very successful staff development day in term 2, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Davidopolous, Mr Grinham, Ms Savva, Mr Hageman and Ms Psaltis have been working with a Blueearth coach. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their active and energetic sessions. We have received a grant to extend the Blueearth program for the remainder of the term.

Mrs Tardent

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders

During Term 3, all K-6 teaching staff and School Learning Support Officers (SLSO's) are participating in an online course Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders.

This course aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills of all those working with children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to support inclusive practice.

Once this course is completed, teachers will continue to have access to current online materials and research. This will prove to be an ongoing and invaluable source of information for staff.

Focus On Reading 3-6

Focus on Reading is an initiative that 3-6 staff will be involved in over terms 3 and 4. The Focus on Reading Program aims to improve teaching and learning with a focus on reading. Teachers are involved in a range of professional learning experiences that will provide them with additional strategies and frameworks that will help children comprehend what they read.

Students will learn about the **6 comprehension strategies** that can assist them in improving their reading ability. They are:-

1. Making Connections

2. Visualising
3. Questioning
4. Monitoring
5. Predicting
6. Summarising

For more information, head to the PNPS website or

www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/literacy/program/focus_read/index.htm

Mrs Mizon and Mrs Morse

When sexuality is the question...



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Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilful presenters.

The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. A range of books on sexuality education and parenting will be for sale.

Evening programs provide age-specific sessions of about one hour's duration.

Interrelate will be offering the program at

[Redacted location]

[Redacted location]

■ Primary 1 session

■ Primary 2 session

[Redacted location]

- **informative**
- **entertaining**
- **family focused**
- **designed to encourage parent/child discussion**

* Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content

Mrs B's Tech Spot



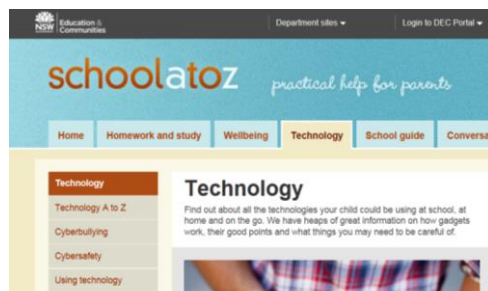
Welcome to Mrs B's Tech spot.

CYBERSAFETY

Following our CYBERSAFETY sessions for students, staff and parents, we felt it extremely important to share with parents and our community some excellent tips and web links regarding the safe use of technology. Below is the link to **acma's Cybersafety** site, which provides a wealth of information about keeping your children safe on the internet. The school has ordered copies of the parent brochure, (pictures below), however there are many resources that can be found on the **CYBERSMART** site itself.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx>

Parents are also reminded that the **DEC's site: A to Z** provides some fantastic resources. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology>



Facebook Page-CYBERSMART:

Cybersmart also has their own facebook page, if you prefer this means of information gathering: <https://www.facebook.com/CybersmartACMA>

Apps/Platforms Parents Should be aware of:

These are some specific links for Parents (tumblr; kik etc.):

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/About%20the%20technology.aspx>

If any student or parent is concerned about a negative experience using the internet at school, where they are made to feel unsafe or frightened, always inform a teacher, or a parent/carer, if this occurs at home.

Always be aware of what your children are doing on the internet.

COMPUTER LAB

If a student does not have access to the internet at home the Computer LAB is open: **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** at recess. ****Any student who forgets a password (Portal OR Mathletics) needs to see me to have it re-set.***

WebCom

Many students enjoy practising our school assembly music via the school **WebCom** (a link can be found on the 2nd tab/page of the Padstow North School website. I have placed the link on this page as well. Students can place it in their **FAVOURITES/BOOKMARKS** for easier access.

<http://padstownorthwebcom.jimdo.com/>

Mrs G.Byrnes (Technology Coordinator K-6)

Girls Soccer

This season both the junior and senior girls' soccer represented Padstow North in the East Hills District PSSA competition. Although we did not make it to the final games, we always played fair and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you girls for your consistent effort and hopefully we will have better luck next year.

Miss Psaltis
Coach



P & C President's report

I would like to welcome our new FUNdraising Co-ordinator who has taken over from Emily Baker for the remainder of the year. I would like to thank Emily for the work she put in for the Mother's Day stall and the Easter raffle.

Phill Allsop-Guest
P&C President

Fundraising News

First and foremost, a big **THANK YOU** to all the families who purchased Sydney Entertainment Books from the school this year. We sold a staggering 52 books (our best so far) and raised \$728 for the school.

A reminder that Father's Day is fast approaching, so please remember to submit money and orders for those who will be able to join us for the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 5th September from 7:30-9:30am. There will be a BBQ and fun activities for dads and/or grandads to enjoy. The Father's Day raffle will also be drawn then, so remember to send in your completed raffle tickets and money by Tuesday 2nd September.

Due to the overwhelming success of the McDonald's evening last term, we have organised another McDonald's night for Wednesday 29th October from 4:00-8:00pm, so pencil that in your diaries, a note will be sent out closer to the time.

If you have a Facebook account and are interested in keeping up-to-date with fundraising activities and interested in getting involved, please feel free to look us up. Our page is PNPS Fundraising Committee.

Thank you,
Jaime Wong
Fundraising Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop

After 7 years of volunteering in the Uniform Shop, 5 of these years as Uniform Shop Coordinator I have decided this will be my last year. If anyone is interested in learning the role please phone me ASAP on 0432 838 760 as I would like to dedicate the remainder of this year to train anyone interested in the role. All money raised from the uniform shop goes directly to fund resources to assist all the students of Padstow North Public School. To date we have handed over \$40000.00 and I hope that this will continue. Without volunteers the Uniform Shop may have to close and uniforms will have to be purchased elsewhere. Uniform prices may increase significantly and the school will miss out on the money currently raised by the Uniform Shop being staffed on a voluntary basis.

Kerrie Fawzy
Uniform Shop Coordinator

FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	25 KATTTS	26 Music Festival	27 Music Festival	28	29
8	1 September	2	3	4	5 PSSA Rd 1 Season 3
9	8 KATTTS	9P&C meeting 9.15am in the hall Last day for Stewart House bags	10 Regional Athletics	11 School Photos	12
10	15	16	17	18 Digi Ed – Stages 2&3	19 Gold Award assembly 11.30am in the hall Last day of school for Term 3

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