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Term 1 – Week 4

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

Welcome to the 2015 school year at Padstow North Public School. While there have been some changes around the school one thing certainly hasn't changed – the positive attitude toward learning from our students, staff and families. School business is well under way and our students have a lot to look forward to this term including our Stage 3 camp to Berry, East Hills PSSA competition, assemblies, a drumbeats performance for Harmony Day, and photo day.



A big thanks to those parents and caregivers who attended our P&C meeting on Tuesday 10 February. The meeting was followed by a school planning update session. Our *School Vision* and *Strategic Directions* will be published soon. I am looking forward to continuing to work alongside our families and hope to see more of you at future P&C meetings and information sharing sessions.



We would also like to thank all the families and local community members who support our Padstow North Public School Facebook page. We had an amazing 2361 views after we posted the Daily Telegraph link about the three generations of the Williams/Hawkes family attending our school. We had a lovely comment from Jan Green, Director Public Schools NSW and other mums from the school; and over 55 Facebook friends liked our school page. Thank you again for this great support on our social media page.



Staff Parking and Pedestrian Safety

Please remember that parents and carers must not use the school driveway, or drive into the driveway gates. Students should only enter the school grounds through the pedestrian gates. Our school community also asks that you obey all traffic signs and road rules when you are picking off and dropping off your child. Sometimes a little patience may be required – but it's worth it for the safety of our kids!

Gold! Gold! Gold!

Emily S 2Smith, Darrel N 4Baird, Hannah B 5Howell, Bethany P 5Howell, and Olivia S 5Howell have all qualified for Gold and will receive their certificates at our Gold assembly 5 March 2015. Well done everyone!

Just a reminder that awards presented to students for their efforts in the classroom at our 2014 Presentation Day assembly are the equivalent to a Silver award. Don't forget to put these toward your next Gold!

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

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS!

Kindergarten

We have had such a lovely start to the year with all the new Kindy's starting school. All students have settled well into school and have been working very hard to learn the new routines of 'Big School'.

During the next few weeks we will be learning the sounds 'M', 'S' and 'T' and also learning our sight words 'am, I, a, at, it, is, mum, dad, and the'.

During maths we will be learning all about number, addition and subtraction and patterns and algebra.

Our topic for this term is 'Me, Myself and I' and students have been sharing with their class all about who they are, who is important to them, and what language they can speak at home.

We have all enjoyed our new students coming to school and having lots of fun. We look forward to the rest of this term.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Liz Rudder, Mrs Kate King & Miss Davidopoulos
Kindy Teachers



Stage 1

2015 Stage 1 has started with a bang! The Stage 1 teachers and students are all super excited and ready to learn! Students have settled into the new year really well and we have launched into our teaching and learning programs with enthusiasm. We are looking forward to the exciting year ahead!



Welcome to Stage 2



3 Stanley

Named in honour of Thomas Brooke Stanley. Soldier in WW1

4 Baird

Cameron Stewart Baird VC, MG was an Australian soldier and posthumous recipient of the Victoria Cross for Australia.



3 Wake

Named in honour of Nancy Grace Augusta Wake AC, GM served as a British Special Operations Executive agent during the later part of World War II.

4/5 Hamilton

Named in honour of John Patrick recipient of the Victoria Cross 1919.

Stage 3

Stage 3 have settled in well to the new year and are eager to get the year started. They have demonstrated a keen interest in their learning and are setting great examples to the younger years.

We have a jam packed year ahead and are jumping straight into it with our Berry camp booked for week 5. So exciting! House captains have also had the opportunity to lead their house during the schools swimming carnival and did an exceptional job. It is going to be an exciting and fun filled year!

Stage 3 classes are to be congratulated for the calm manner with which they accepted the change of class structure.



2015 School Swimming Carnival Report

Over 180 students, 13 teachers, and family supporters attended Padstow North's annual swimming carnival. It was good to see that many students 'had a go' and competed in 1, 2 or even 5 races at the carnival, while others had fun doing novelties.

An enormous thank you to the parents who offered to help and assisted on the day, and those who came along and supported their family; greatly appreciated by both staff and students.

A team of 20 students will represent our school at the 2015 East Hills District Carnival being held on Tuesday 3rd March at Birrong Pool.

Congratulations to the students who made the 2015 PNPS District Swim Team.

	Darrel N	Freya T
Alana F	Tim K	Elena S
Serena D	Samson M	Olivia K
Sophie F	Johnny D	Isabelle C
Tamara T	Nicholas S	Belmin K
Audrey C	Riley D	Kian T
Phoebe A	Riley B	Minh L

HOUSE CHAMPIONS



BROLGAS



School Community Network Team

The School Community Network team is a team of teachers, led by AP Mrs Rudder, who plan, implement and assess our school community as one of our 3 Strategic Directions for the new School Plan 2015-2017.

Our School Community Direction at Padstow North is to ***strengthen family and community engagement in learning.***

Our network meetings will be held every 3 weeks to finalise our strategic direction and write improvement measures for our school. With this, we aim to work alongside with the community to build stronger relationships and hear the voice of the community to make our school a better place.

We are excited by this new team, and we look forward to surveying parents, having information sessions, and analysing our school data to ensure all students at Padstow North are engaged in learning.

Mrs Liz Rudder

School Community Network Leader

WELCOME to the ICT COMMITTEE Tech Spot

Each newsletter will include information for parents and students, to hopefully make your school technical experiences a little less mystifying. This fortnight there are basic reminders about the school's computer network, and how students can access their **DEC student KIDSPACE/Student Portal** and some of the resources available to families.

Kidspace/Student Portal

Each student has a **DEC account** (Department of Education and Communities) including an **email account**, which some teachers use for communication of messages and homework reminders. **KIDSPACE** is the name given to **ES1-S1** students' accounts; a student account is called **STUDENT PORTAL** in **S2-S3**. Accounts can be accessed via the school website or **WebCom** (see below), or students can simply Google **DEC Student Portal**. **ES1-S3** classes have 'class passwords', however Stage 3 students have the option to retain their current password, as long as they remember it. Any student who forgets a password needs to see Mrs Byrnes to have it re-set during Monday or Thursday recess break.

Newsletter

The school's newsletter is uploaded to the school website and the **SKOOLBAG App** in weeks 4 and 8 of the term. <http://www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>



Skoolbag App

The school has been using an APP called SKOOLBAG for over 18 months. This enables the school to alert parents and staff regarding changes to scheduled events. For example, if PSSA sport was called off due to wet weather. This has proved very successful, with more than 530 downloads of the APP to date. The APP can be found in either the **ANDROID APP STORE** or the **APPLE STORE** for free for phones and tablets; save it in your settings in the notifications area. Newsletters are also sent via this APP for extra mobile convenience. The iPhone APP can be downloaded onto iPads.

Padstow North WebCom

The Padstow North **WebCom** is a website which has been set up to provide students with links to resources, the **Student Portal** and **school website**, **Mathletics**, **Choir/Dance** and **K-6 Music** performed at assemblies during the year, **Drama Club** and some student links which could help during assignment times. If students do not have access to the internet at home the **Computer Lab** is open 2 recess breaks a week (**Monday and Thursday**). A link to the **WebCom** can be found on the **2nd tab on the school website**.

Mathletics

The school subscribes to the **MATHLETICS online program**, a great site which reinforces skills taught in the classroom. All students will receive a Username/Password in the coming weeks to access the 2015 program. Usernames and passwords have not altered for students who had an account in 2014.

LAPTOP PODS/ Ipads/ WIRELESS

This year we have decided to give increased access to students via 3 PODS of laptops and a set iPads, plus additional access to the Computer Lab for classroom teachers.

Permission to Publish/Technology Code of Conduct

Parents will be once again asked to sign permission notes for publishing permissions. This year we have combined the Technology Code of Conduct note and Publishing Permissions. This will be distributed in week 5. Please return this note to your child's classroom teacher.

Awareness of safety is always a priority in lessons. Please make yourself aware of what your children have access to at home. The A-Z site has wonderful hints and resources regarding cybersafety: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety>

Mrs G. Byrnes (ICT Committee Coordinator K-6)

Library News

Welcome to 2015! Our library is up and running and all classes have started to borrow. We have revised care of our books, borrowing procedures and The Five Finger Test, which is a simple test to help students choose a book that is at their reading level. Each class has a designated library session every week and students are encouraged to bring their book(s) each time to return and borrow. Please check your child's library day with their class teacher. To borrow, students need to remember a library bag. A school library bag offers the best protection for our books.

A number of Year 5 and 6 students have applied to be Library Monitors for this year. Students will be coming during lunchtime to learn the many things that they need to know to take on the role. Jessica B, Layel K, Isabelle C and Suhaila M are continuing in their role as a Library Monitors.

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy and his friends have been entertaining young children since 1983. The State Library of NSW is currently hosting a touring exhibition from the Tauranga Art Gallery in New Zealand. Lynley Dodd: a Retrospective showcases a collection of 59 original drawings from Dodd's popular children's books. The exhibition is on in the Mitchell Library, Sydney until March 15 2015. Entry is free!



Susan Harris
Teacher Librarian

MindQuest 2015

Does your child have a talent in English, Mathematics, History or Science? On **Saturday 28th and Sunday the 29th March** between 9:30-3:30pm, St George Girls HS will hold the NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend. Students from Years 1-6 are welcome to join. If your child is interested in applying for any of these workshops the application forms will be available at the infants and primary offices. A partial scholarship is also available for the families who might find it difficult to pay for the course fees, however there is a limited number available.

Ms Savva
(Extra Curricular Coordinator)

P&C Presidents Report

Welcome back to another year at Padstow North PS and a very warm welcome to our new families. Each year we have families who have been volunteers, who leave our school to go onto high school, therefore we are continually looking for new volunteers to come forward to continue the good work that has been accomplished throughout the years, and hopefully long after we have all left. I encourage 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.

I am pleased to announce that at the end of 2014 the P&C were informed that we were successful with our grant application and will receive a \$25,000 from the Premier Mike Baird Community Building Partnership (CBP) program funding round. This will help with the rebuild/refurbishing of the canteen.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our first P&C meeting for the year. I am happy to announce that Angelo Cazouris was elected as Senior Vice President and Daisy Tran was elected as Junior Vice President of the P&C. Our next P & C Meeting will be a night meeting and will be held on Tuesday 10th March at 6:30pm in the library, everyone is welcome.

Faye Cazouris
P&C President 2015
M: 0402 077 736

Fundraising and Bookclub News

Welcome to the new families of PNPS. We have a fundraising committee, comprising of parents and caregivers, who organise and facilitate activities throughout the year with the aim of raising funds for the P&C. Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who participated in last year's Carols night and made it a success! Congratulations to the following people for winning prizes in the raffle draw (names as per raffle ticket) - Lynn D, Ben E, Joe S, Kenta O, Fan L, Leonardo I, Kailey H, Tiffany L and Riley D - we hope you enjoyed your festive hampers.

With Easter just around the corner, we will once again be having an Easter Egg guessing competition. There will be 4 jars of chocolate to guess - Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3. More information will be available closer to the time.

This Mother's Day we will be providing parents the opportunity to purchase long lasting gifts - clock, plate, mug or phone case – personalised with your child's artwork. You will be receiving a form regarding the ordering of the gifts and the children will then do the artwork during class time. It may seem very early to be thinking about Mother's Day; however the turnaround time for some of the products is 6-8 weeks. For parents who would prefer their children to choose a gift, we will be holding a Mother's Day stall. There has been a request from a few mothers for the fundraising team to organise a Mother's Day high tea during the week. You will be receiving a note to gauge interest as it will be looked into if there is sufficient numbers. More Mothers' day information to come.

Thank you to all families who brought in their 5c coins for 5 cent Friday. This term 2613 5c coins were collected, which, put together is 50.71m in length (so slightly longer than an Olympic swimming pool). If we include all the other coins that were donated, the coins would be 60.78m long. The winners of the 5c Friday collection for Term 1 was Kindergarten Kenny for the infants and Year 6 Kinsbury for the primary. The next 5c Friday will be Friday 1st May, so start putting all your 5c coins away!

By now, you should have all received a note illustrating the changes to ordering books through the Scholastic Book Club. You will soon receive Issue 2 and the due date for all orders and money is Friday 6th March.

Should you have some spare time, whether it be a few hours here or there and you are interested in joining the Fundraising team, please contact me on 0434195848 or vic.jme@gmail.com

Canteen News

YOU CAN NOW ORDER LUNCHES ONLINE!

Padstow North Public School canteen has teamed up with **MunchMonitor** to offer a convenient and easy to use online service.

- ✓ no more writing out canteen lunch orders or looking for lunch money in the morning
- ✓ **Please Note: You can still write out a lunch bag order if you prefer**
- ✓ order up to 4 weeks in advance (edit or delete the order right up until 9am on the day)
- ✓ no more lost or forgotten lunch orders and money
- ✓ top-up the account using VISA/MasterCard online or using cash at the canteen
- ✓ access account statements online



It only takes a few minutes to set up an account online and you are ready to go!

1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
2. Enter **SchoolID: pnps** **Password: munch2211**
3. Click "Sign Up" and follow the simple steps to get started.

There's an account keeping fee of \$2.50 (that's less than a cup of coffee!) per Parent Account per Term. For more information send an email to help@munchmonitor.com or call 1300 796 190. We are also looking for new volunteers to go on the School Canteen Roster if you can spare either a **Monday, Wednesday or Friday** please let Kelly know on **0450 343 756** or Nahaa on **0403 748 499**.

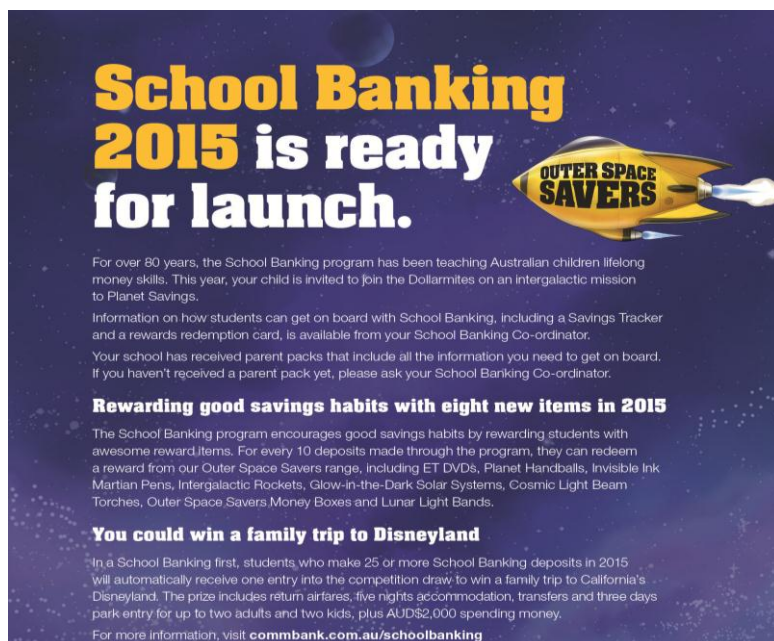
School Banking

Hello and welcome to another school year and a very warm welcome to all our new students.

School banking is **every Tuesday** all you need to do is drop your deposit book in the tubs marked **School Banking** outside each office, we will process your deposit and books are normally returned to your class by the Thursday. To fill out the deposit slip all you need to is enter the Date, Students Name Student ID Number (**for our new savers this will be written on your book once you have been given an ID Number**) and the amount depositing, each deposit you make you will receive a silver token collect 10 tokens then exchange for a gift by filling in the redemption card. Redemption cards are available from either office if you have not already received one. **Please note this is all done by Volunteers and we cannot fill in the deposit slip for you.** Happy saving.

Phill Allsop-Guest

School Banking Coordinator 0401 503 017



School Banking 2015 is ready for launch. OUTER SPACE SAVERS

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarsmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven't received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD\$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

The date has been set for this year's

Spring Fair

This will be held on Saturday 24th
October 10am – 4pm
on the school oval.

If you are interested in joining the
Spring Fair committee please contact
Phill Allsop-Guest via the office or
0401 503 017.

To make this a successful event we
need as much help as possible.
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entertainment.

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beginner to open ladies 8.15 pm

Tuesdays: Endeavour Hall, River Road, Revesby.
9-12 yrs 5.30pm-6.45pm
13-16 yrs 6.45pm-7.45pm

Saturdays: Girl Guides Hall, Weston Street,
Panania.
Preschoolers 9-10 am.

Contacts: Club president Helen 0407 893 967
Club secretary: Louise 95433106 0415 339 035

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Class Times:
Padstow Uniting Church
Tuesday & Thursday

Toddlers	No class	4pm
5-8's	4-4.45	4-4.45
9-12's	4.45-5.45	4.45-5.45
13-15's	5.45-6.30	5.45-6.30
Seniors	6.30-7.30	7.30-8.30
Ladies	7.30-8.30	6.30-7.30

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Term 1 – Week 4

*School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 5 23/2	24/2	Stg3Berry Camp 25/2	K-6 assembly Stg3Berry Camp 26/2	Stg3Berry Camp 27/2	28/2	1/3
Week 6 2/3	District Swim Carnival 3/3	School Photos 4/3	K-6 assembly GOLD SRC Induction Notes 5/3	PSSA starts 1 6/3	7/3	8/3
Week 7 9/3	SPEC Auds 10/3	11/3	K-6 assembly Notes Sel High Sch Test 12/3	PSSA 2 13/3	14/3	15/3
Week 8 16/3	Regional Swim Carnival 17/3	18/3	K-6 assembly NEWSLETTER Notes SCHOOL PHOTOS 19/3	PSSA 3 20/3	21/3	22/3
Week 9 DRUMBEATS Harmony Day 23/3	24/3	25/3	K-6 assembly Notes 26/3	PSSA 4 27/3	28/3	29/3
Week 10 30/3	31/3	1/4	Last day T1 Easter Hat Pde K-6 assembly GOLD Notes 2/4	Good Friday HOLS 3/4	HOLS 4/4	HOLS 5/4
HOLS 6/4	HOLS 7/4	HOLS 8/4	HOLS 9/4	HOLS 10/4	HOLS 11/4	HOLS 12/4
HOLS 13/4	HOLS 14/4	HOLS 15/4	HOLS 16/4	HOLS 17/4	HOLS 18/4	HOLS 19/4
Week 1 Term 2 1 st day staff 20/4	1 st day students 21/4	22/4	K-6 assembly Notes ANZAC Ceremony 23/4	Stage 1 excursion Excursion-Bugalugs PSSA 5 24/4	ANZAC DAY 25/4	26/4
Week 2 ANZAC Day 27/4	School Cross Country 28/4	29/4	K-6 assembly Notes 30/4	PSSA 6 1/5	2/5	3/5
Week 3 4/5	5/5	6/5	K-6 assembly Notes 7/5	PSSA 7 8/5	9/5	10/5
Week 4 11/5	NAPLAN 12/5	NAPLAN 13/5	K-6 assembly Notes NAPLAN 14/5	PSSA 8 15/5	16/5	17/5