

# Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 3 Week 8

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

Our school community is made up of many different people, all of whom play a part in the running of schools and the provision of quality education to students. School Administrative and Support Staff (SAS staff), whether they work in the office, the library, on the grounds or in a classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of the school and children's education. I'd like to begin this edition of our newsletter by acknowledging our SAS staff, as this week is SAS Staff Recognition Week 2015.

SAS Staff Recognition Week is an opportunity for us to acknowledge the vital role our SAS Staff play at Padstow North PS. This year's theme is: "Our jobs, Your Children, Their future". Thank you for the wonderful work you do for our kids Mrs Peterson, Mrs Mandell, Mrs Gilmore, Mrs McGuire, Mr Allatt, Mrs Spasevick, Mrs Nanden and Mrs Olsen!

It is also time to acknowledge and farewell Mrs Byrnes. Mrs Byrnes has been educating students for many years, 40 in fact! Luckily for us much of that time has been at Padstow North PS. Mrs Byrnes dedication and contribution to the success of our students is outstanding. She has been a visible member of our community and will leave a legacy of ICT, singing and acting. A culture that will remain a part of our school for many years to come. Farewell Mrs Byrnes - we will miss you and we wish you all the best for your retirement.

As we move into the last few weeks of Term 3 I would like to send out a few reminders:

*Please enroll your child now for Kindergarten in 2016*

*Stewart House bags will be collected from the school 9th September*

*Check lost property in the north office if your child has misplaced an item of clothing*

*School plan 2015-2017 presentation 8th September in the school hall at 10.15am*

*If you are on-site during school hours please sign in at the office before going to classrooms*

Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Padstow North Public School, 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 visit the website: [www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au).

Natalie Armstrong  
R/Principal

## Gold! Gold! Gold!

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for Gold and will be awarded their certificates at our Gold assembly on Thursday 17th September 2015

**Layel 5-6K**

**Savannah W 3W**

**Tiffany L 4B**

**Avelyn C 1B**

**Evangelina P 1B**

**Adriana O 3S**

## Dates to Remember

**September 8**

P&C meeting  
School plan update

**September 17**

Gold assembly  
Mrs Byrnes retirement

**September 18**

Mrs Byrnes' last day  
Last day of Term 3

# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 50 DAYS!

Kindergarten have been working hard this term, learning the seven continents from around the world. Our theme this term is 'Around the World in 50 days' and it's been interesting to hear the vast knowledge of countries, cultures and traditions that the students already have.

## Buddies

We have also been working with our buddies preparing for our assembly item in Week 9 to Taylor Swift's song 'Shake it Off'. The buddies helped make some props we are using and they really enjoyed getting help from the big kids and spending time with leaders from our school.



## TEN Games

Within the kindergarten number program, we also embed a program called TEN. Targeting Early Numeracy is a government initiative to enhance number facts and teach students strategies to then expand and develop their number recall. The students play maths games each day, and they think they are playing, however the students are actually learning. One popular game is called Circle Champion. Using 2 dice, the students sit in a circle, and 2 students stand up, another rolls the 2 dice and the students standing have to add the dice together fast and yell out the answer. The first to yell out is the Circle Champion and then competes against the next student in the circle. It's a great game for addition and subtraction and the students would love to show you this game at home.

## iPad Technology

Kindergarten have also been using the iPad application 'Popplet' and searching images of cities, such as London, to coincide with our theme. Last week we searched images of London from the story 'The adventures of Paddington Bear' and the students then created a mind map of images and linked them together, adding text. This is really exciting for the teachers to see how advanced 5 and 6 year olds are with technology.



# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

## BUGS, SLUGS AND CREEPY CRAWLIES in Stage 1

Stage 1 students have been exploring bugs, slugs and creepy crawlies within a Science, Literacy and Creative and Practical arts unit.

The children have had fun investigating, questioning and making predictions about living things. We have categorized insects, made bug catchers, learnt how to research and have written explanations of life-cycle of frogs, butterflies, snails, silkworms and lady birds. We have presented this information using and shared our work via Google drive.

We are using all our knowledge about insects to work towards creating a stop animation of a life-cycle using i-motion.

In literacy we have read many books related to insects. Our favourite books include Monkey Puzzle, The Bad Tempered Lady Bird, The Snail and the Whale, Bugs Galore, and our multimodal text Bugs Life.



In Art we have made lots of different types of insects using a variety of media such as recycled items, clay, edicol dye and paper to create texture. The students really enjoyed creating sketches of snails and making snails from clay.

In the classroom we have had snails that we observed and discovered they loved to eat egg shells and strawberries. We have also had Great Northern leaf insects to care for.



# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

## Learning through Literacy

In the NSW English Syllabus there is a strong focus on multimodal texts. Our dedicated Stage 2 teachers have been looking at innovative ways to teach the English curriculum to our students. Choosing a rich text as the focus, we are incorporating all the strands, speaking and listening, reading and writing into each unit of learning. Teachers are working collaboratively and sharing programs to ensure students are exposed to a variety of learning experiences and engaging enthusiastically with the content.

### My Place

by Nadia Wheatley and Donna Rawlins

*This fictional story flips you back into the past, where you meet other Australian boys and girls that have lots in common with you. Once you come out the other end, you'll see that everyone is a part of our Australian History.*

During this unit, students explored the purpose of timelines, Aboriginal Australians, the history of migrants and how Australia was formed to be the country we know today. They used technology, learnt focused skills and strategies and developed an understanding of how to summarise text to identify the main ideas and its purpose.

## Information Text

One would have to search far and wide these days to find a single information text written for a K–6 audience that does not contain one or more graphic elements, including labelled diagrams, timelines and tables.

3 Wake have been comparing various factual texts about the sun. After participating in various activities they had to design a diagram explaining night and day.



## Sunbeams and Sundials

4 Baird have been studying a website called Sunbeams and Sundials. We were able to learn so much about the way the Earth moves around the sun, and how this effects our days, nights and seasons. To show our learning, we created movies, writing scripts to explain how the Earth moves around the sun. Our favourite part of the unit was when we wrote quiz questions using the knowledge we had gained from the website. Mrs Chegwidgen entered all of our questions into a Kahoot online quiz. We formed teams and competed against our classmates in the quiz using the iPads.

# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

## 5Howell

### 70th Year Anniversary of Hiroshima

August 6th this year marked the 70th year anniversary of the bombing in Hiroshima. As a tribute, we followed instructions on how to make paper cranes and put them on string to decorate our classroom in memory of Sadako Sasaki.

Our Poem  
Mercy flying away  
High out into the sky  
The girl cried  
The girl made  
Thousand paper cranes  
To whisper her prayers  
Writing peace on the wings  
And spreading it all over the world.

Lalit Sahni and Justin Chor



### Art Appreciation!

This term, 5 Howell have been focusing on appreciating art pieces. To fit in with our HSIE theme 'Gold' we researched the artist Sidney Nolan and his depictions of Ned Kelly. We were intrigued to find out a lot about our history just from art work!

Our class have been fascinated by the infamous bush ranger Ned Kelly. We have also been inspired by the skilled painter Sidney Nolan who has captured Ned's life in his paintings. We used different techniques to create a painting that showed many perspectives and drew Ned Kelly on a piece of paper and stuck it on the painting.  
Adien James

# ICT Committee Tech Spot

## Mathletics

Several parents have recently communicated difficulties in accessing student Mathletics accounts from home.

Below is a link to the Tech Help for Mathletics which outlines the requirements for running Mathletics successfully on home devices.

Tech Help: <http://www.3plearning.com/tech/mathletics/>  
This is also a link to a Parent Guide: <http://cdn.3plearning.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Guide-Welcome-to-the-Family.pdf>

Please refer any further enquiries to your child's classroom teacher.

## Technology at home

Technology is a useful tool, both at home and school. It supports student learning to see, hear, speak, move, read, write, understand English, attend to detail, organise information, engage with their learning and remember information. You can access a range of technologies at home including computers, iPads, iPhones and television. Here are some useful tips when using technology at home:

1. Talk to your child. Ask your children what they are using technology for, who they are using it with, what is it helping them to learn.
2. Develop rules. Together with your child, develop rules about acceptable and safe behaviours for all electronic media.
3. Explore the Internet. Visit the websites your child frequently uses, and assess the pros and cons. Most websites and on-line activities are beneficial, but if they're not, maybe direct them to a more useful website.
4. Talk with others. Talk to other parents about how they have discussed and used technology use with their children at home.
5. Connect with the school. Discuss with the teacher what forms of technology the school are using and any helpful games, websites and apps that could support your child's learning at home.
6. Educate yourself. Stay informed about the new devices and websites your child is using. Continually talk with your child and explore the technology yourself.

## A Farewell Message from Mrs Byrnes

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sentiments regarding my departure from Padstow North Public School.

Beginning my teaching career with the department 40 years ago, in 1975, I enrolled to train as a teacher at Wollongong Teachers College. Since then I have taught at several schools around NSW, concluding with my last 25 years at Padstow North.

During my time at Padstow North I have enjoyed interacting with many staff, students and parents, and have developed a respect for the value of genuine friendships, with colleagues and the community.

If I have managed to leave a positive impression via my teaching, then I have achieved an important goal. If I have encouraged an interest in technology, and a love for music, and how it can buoy one through life's experiences, I have achieved another major goal.

I wish to thank all students and community, past and present at Padstow North PS for their expressions of appreciation, no teacher can ask for more than this.

Au revoir, I will miss you.

## Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge has finished for 2015. Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge – Phoebe A, Elyse S, Sienna H, Kostas S, William T, Jennifer C, Emily S, Maria-Zoe P, Mohammed C, Ryan T, Tyler A, Amir B, Jackie B, Madeline B, Barkley B, Avelyn C, Ngoc D, Oliver D, Harshini D, Olivia G, Isabella H, Aaron H, Terence H, Vicky H, Leila K, Isabeau K, Thomas K, Huy L, Michael L, Madeleine M, Tahlia M, Ryley Mc, Mia M, Dorian M, Rhiannon M, Tristan M, Saraya N, Julian O, Evangelina P, Jeremy P, Tommy R, Jack S, Jacob S, Joe S, Sebastian S, Karanveer S, Chelsea W, Katelyn W, Hazem Z, Jessica B, Deekin C, Nazir A, Ethan C, Tanush C, Tahlia L, Udayveer S, Gabi S, Jad A, Jannah A, Emily F, Siraya G, Abdullah H, Divansha K, Khushi K, Blake M, Steven N, Gerald O, Lionel O, Jayden P, Rewa P, Josh P, Sophia Q, Rayan S, Saim S, Androniki T. Ninety nine students completed the challenge this year. Congratulations to students in 1 Monash, 1 Blamey and 1/2 Matthews who all completed the challenge.

The Book Fair was a great success with the library earning nearly \$700 in books as a result of your purchases. The Book Fair Lucky Door prize winners were – Emily C (Primary) and Oliver D (Infants).

Congratulations to the Book Week Competition Winners Jessica B, Lyvia P and Wesley H from Kindergarten. Brianna D, Vicky H and Aditi S from Stage 1. Ameliyah L, Amani A and Jalil F from Stage 2; and Heavenly L, Suhalila M and Johnny D from Stage 3.



Stage 1 students enjoyed an author visit from Tina Matthew. Students are now writing their own stories after being inspired by the author and her 'mini' books.



The Book Parade was a great success with children coming as their favourite book characters.



Susan Harris  
Teacher Librarian

# PSSA Basketball

Padstow North has had a successful season in the East Hills District PSSA basketball competition with 3 of our 4 teams making the semi finals, and Junior Boys making the grand final. Our Junior Boys (Farrell, Charlie, Raymond, Lachlan, Sam, Moustafa and Darrel) met Picnic Point in the grand final last week. We played excellent defence and kept with them early but were unfortunately defeated 15 – 10. Throughout the season our basketballers represented our school proudly with outstanding sportsmanship and commitment. With many of our seniors off to high school next year, there will be opportunities for new players in 2016. I know that lots of students are looking forward to next season already!

Reminder: Could all PSSA basketball players please return their basketball singlet to Miss Wells by Monday. Thank you.

Miss S Wells



## Milo Cup Cricket

After an exciting day of cricket at East Hills Zone Milo Cup we were 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.

Rob Grinham



## P&C Report

A big thank you to all that attended the P&C meeting. During the meeting the P&C were informed on how students were distributed into House groups. Two new ovens have also been installed in the canteen due to the growing numbers of our school and this has eased the pressure for all the volunteers to get the lunches out on time. At this point I like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and their efforts to always have a smile on their face.

During the next few weeks the P&C will be busy organising the Spring Fair and could appreciate as many parents/grandparents to volunteer on the day. This has always been a fun and successful day and we hope to have a bigger and better Spring Fair this year.

Finally, the P&C will be hosting an afternoon tea to farewell Mrs Gail Byrnes on Thursday 17th September from 3pm-4:30pm following the Gold Assembly. Please join us to wish her the very best for her future endeavours.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September at 9:15 in the hall. Everyone is welcome. I would like to thank you all for your support of the P&C in Term 3 and hope you have a safe and peaceful break. See you all in Term 4.

Faye Cazouris

P&C President 2015 0402077736

## School Banking

Congratulations to the following students who received a lucky dip prize last week for sending in their bank book: Darrel, Sophie, Lachlan, Rayanne, Julian and Janna. We will be carrying out some spot prize draws during the rest of this term and next term so don't forget to send in your book every week. So far this year we have raised in commission for the school \$752.52. That's an amazing effort!

### Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

### Our School Banking Day is every Tuesday Happy Saving!!



## Spring Fair Update

Saturday 24th October 2015 10am – 4pm

Class Stalls have now been confirmed and these are listed below. Please talk to your class teacher to find out what you can do to help before and on the day. Every class stall needs donations of some kind, and we hope that every family will be able to find something to donate – even if it is not for your own class stall.

### 1. 3 Stanley & 4 Baird - Books, DVDs, Video Games

We will be running a BOOK STALL and this is often a very popular stall. If you have been looking for a good cause to donate your pre-loved books, DVDs and video games to, then where better than PNPS!

### 2. 1 Monash & 1 Blamey - Plants and Gardening

If you have green fingers (or thumbs) please consider striking some extra cuttings or sowing some extra seeds and donating them to our PLANT STALL.

### 3. Kindy Kenny & 5 Howell - Design your own Cupcake

Get the students to decorate their own cupcake and then take it home and enjoy. We will need plain baked cupcakes on the day and lollies etc for decoration.

### 4. Kindy Cherry & 6 Vasey - Lollies and Pancakes

Pancakes at the last Spring fair were cooking all day long and were very popular. We will need donations of Ice Cream, decorations and pancake mix (The Shake in the bottle kind).

### 5. Kindy Kirkpatrick & 2 Smith - Slushies and Milkshakes

We will be using the Slushie machine from the canteen to keep everyone cool on the day and if you don't like slushies there's always a nice cold Milkshake to try !

### 6. 1/2 Matthews

The Famous Coconut Shy

Another popular stall at our last Spring Fair. Throw a ball at the coconut and knock it off its perch to win a prize. We will need donations of small prizes for the winners.

### 7. 3 Wake & 4/5 Hamilton - Chuck the Chook & Footy Passing

A favourite for all those footy fans and this year a new appearance by the "Chooks" how far can you throw the chook?

### 8. 5/6 Kingsbury - Win it in a Minute

This makes a popular return after the success at our last Spring Fair. Get as many ping pong balls in the bowl in a minute to win a prize.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Phill Allsop-Guest

Spring Fair Coordinator

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# School Calendar

<b>7/9</b>  Public Speaking Heat 2  KATTTS Club <b>Week 9</b>	<b>8/9</b> Years 6-7 Testing Menai H.S Stage 1 Excursion  P&C Meeting School Plan update	<b>9/9</b>  Regional Athletics Carnival	<b>10/9</b>  K-6 Assembly 2.15	<b>11/9</b>  PSSA Round 2	<b>12-13/9</b>
<b>14/9</b>  <b>Week 10</b>	<b>15/9</b>	<b>16/9</b>	<b>17/9</b>  Mrs Brynes retirement P&C afternoon tea  Gold Assembly 2.15	<b>18/9</b>  PSSA Round 3  Girls Day In SJBHS Last Day Term 3	<b>19-20/8</b>
<b>21/9</b>  Holidays	<b>22/9</b>  Holidays	<b>23/9</b>  Holidays	<b>24/9</b>  Holidays	<b>25/9</b>  Holidays	<b>26-27/9</b>  Holidays
<b>28/9</b>  Holidays	<b>29/9</b>  Holidays	<b>30/9</b>  Holidays	<b>1/10</b>  Holidays	<b>2/10</b>  Holidays	<b>3-4/10</b>  Holidays
<b>5/10</b>  <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>  <b>Week 1</b>	<b>6/10</b>  School Resumes  Swim Scheme	<b>7/10</b>  Swim Scheme	<b>8/10</b>  Swim Scheme K-6 Assembly 2.15	<b>9/10</b>  PSSA Round 4  Swim Scheme	<b>10-11/10</b>
<b>12/10</b>  Swim Scheme <b>Week 2</b>	<b>13/10</b>  Sports Group Photo's  Swim Scheme P&C Night Meeting	<b>14/10</b>  Mogo Camp  Swim Scheme	<b>15/10</b>  Mogo Camp  Swim Scheme K-6 Assembly 2.15	<b>16/10</b>  PSSA Round 5  5c Friday Swim Scheme	<b>17-18/10</b>
<b>19/10</b>  KATTTS Club  <b>Week 3</b>	<b>20/10</b>	<b>21/10</b>	<b>22/10</b>  Kindy Orientaton	<b>23/10</b>  PSSA Round 6	<b>24-25/10</b>  Spring Fair