

# Padstow North Public School



*"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"*

Term 4 Week 8

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

As this is our final newsletter for 2015 I would like to congratulate everyone for an outstanding effort in 2015! Thank you to our staff for providing the wonderful learning opportunities and experiences for each and every one of our students – be it academic, sporting, creative and performing arts, extra curricula including debating and public speaking, or an excursion to a place our students have never visited. Your dedication to the students of Padstow North PS and passion for learning is exceptional. Thank you to our committed parents and families for what you have provided for our school. Time spent in classrooms and at school events adds to your child's engagement at school. Also, as a result of your support for fundraising activities we are getting closer to being able to upgrade our canteen to ensure better facilities for our community. Finally, a big thanks to our students for their love of learning, their community spirit, and friendships. Well done. On that note – farewell Year 6. We wish you all the best for high school and beyond. What you have achieved in your time at Padstow North PS will take you a long way in life, as long as you keep making the right choices...we will miss you.

It's a very busy time of year and we have a number of events to celebrate the success of our students - so clear the kids' drawings and the shopping list off the fridge to make room for this term's calendar. Please note that we will be holding our next Gold Assembly in Week 9 on Thursday 3 December, as our Presentation Day assembly in week 10 Wednesday 9 December will be our final assembly for 2015.

Do It! For Cancer - Yvonne in Kindergarten Cherry will be getting her hair 'chopped' at our assembly on Thursday 3 December. Money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council and Yvonne's lovely hair will be donated to the Variety's Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program. Hairdresser Amanda Whalan has donated her time to do the chop (followed by a stylish new haircut for Yvonne). We hope you can join us for this great cause.

LJ Hooker, our local business partner and sponsor, has announced their 2015 Christmas Colouring Competition - and all of our students received the picture to be coloured in. Complete yours and hand it in to Mrs Peterson in the front office, you might be one of the lucky winners. First prize is a \$150 voucher at TOYS R US! and second prize is a movie voucher...Good Luck!

It is with great pleasure that I announce that through a merit selection process I have been successful in taking up the permanent principal position at Padstow North PS. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the school and community over the past 18 months and look forward to continuing this in the future.

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  
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 3 December 2015

**Mia M** - 1B  
**Sebastian S** - 1M  
**Andrew P** - 1/2M  
**Steven N** - 1/2M  
**Clara C** - 2S  
**Daniel L** - 2S  
**Eli K** - 2S  
**Freda C** - 2S  
**Arielle C** - 3W  
**Caitlin J** - 3W  
**Cameron M** - 3S  
**Helen B** - 3S  
**Judy B** - 5/6K  
**Elena S** - 5/6K  
**Jessica B** - 5/6K  
**Larissa W** - 5/6K  
**Petro P** - 5/6K  
**Phoebe A-G** - 5/6K  
**Riley B** - 5/6K  
**Spencer D** - 5/6K  
**Jesse R** - 6V

## Dates to Remember

**December 3**  
Gold Assembly  
Year 6-7 Orientation Day

**December 9**  
Presentation Day

**December 11**  
Year 6 Farewell

**December 14**  
Carol's Night

**December 16**  
P&C Maccas Night

# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

## Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm

This term, Kindy visited Calmsley Hill Farm where the students explored what it would be like to live and work on a farm. Students were introduced to many farm animals and also explored what is produced on a farm. We were all excited and fascinated to learn about the needs of the animals and what they provide for us.



After lunch, we were entertained by a Stockwhip demonstration. Samar, Leanne and Phoenix were very excited about being chosen to try and crack a whip. We also watched a working dog and a sheep shearing show that the students found very educational and enjoyable.



Each class was introduced to their very own tour guide and led on a journey throughout the farm to visit all the farm animals and learn about their role on the farm. Students learnt about the animals needs on the farm, how they interact with other animals and why they are so important to the farm and to us.



We were extremely lucky with the weather, it wasn't too hot and we didn't have any rain. It was perfect. The trip on the way home was much quieter as many students fell asleep after such a big day out.

After our tour we were all exhausted and hungry. We had a short break for lunch before our adventure packed afternoon.



# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

## Stage 1 Reflects on 2015...

*The Superstars of Stage 1 reflected on their experiences and learning in 2015. Here are some of their responses:*

### ***The best thing we did this year was...***

The excursion to the Art Gallery because we could look at people's art. *Kostas*

Art because it's fun and messy. *Sophia Q*

Doing Sports in Schools. *Deekin C*

The iPads and making new friends. *Chelsea W*

Looking at dinosaur fossils. *Joe*

### ***This year I have learned...***

About dinosaurs! (*almost everyone said this...*)

How to make a story. *Gabi S*

That a T-Rex's foot is about fifty centimetres. *Andrew P*

Skip counting and doing good craft. *Harshini D*

### ***One thing that has changed about me...***

I have gotten smarter. *Oliver dV*

That I've made new friends and like playing with them. *Tanush C*

I'm taller and stronger and I have learnt how to speak English. *Androniki T*

I have stopped being shy, I'm getting older and my writing is smaller. *Brianna D*

### ***Next year I am looking forward to...***

Being really, really smart. *Dorian M*

Learning more about animals so I can be an expert. *Josh P*

Earthquakes and experiments. *Joshua W*

Writing my own stories. *Olivia G*

Focussing on something different. *Madeleine M*

Making new friends. *Eli K*



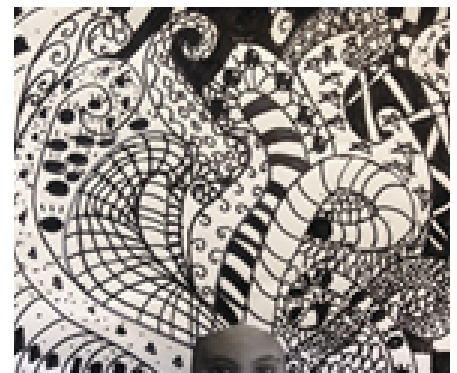
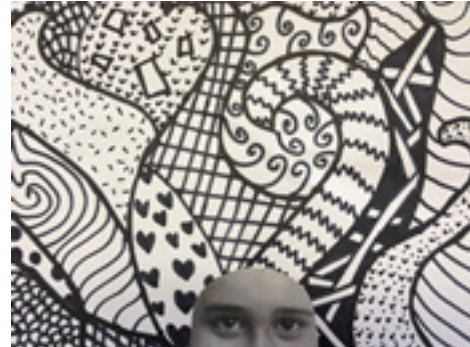


# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms



## 4 Baird's Zentangles

4 Baird enjoyed creating these Zentangle artworks. Zentangles are about relaxing, and creating beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.



## Stage 2 Art Attack

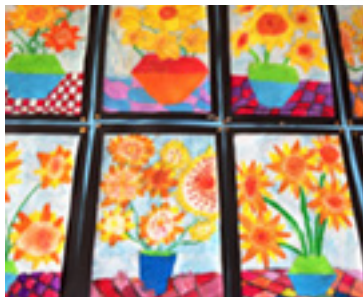
### 3 Stanley Kandinsky Cityscape

'Built Environments'. We discussed that just like the 'natural environment' some built environments can create beautiful artwork too.

We researched the famous artist Kandinsky and looked at many of his artworks, in particular his "*Houses in Munich*".

Wow, the artwork we created was just as impressive as Kandinsky's!

### 3 Wake



### 4 / 5 Hamilton

Students in 4 / 5 Hamilton have enjoyed drawing different perspectives of built environments this term



# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

## What A Year We've Had!

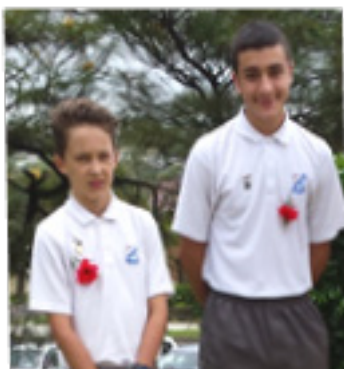
### Kokoda Memorial Track

6 Vasey and 5-6Kingsbury headed off to Concord last week to the Kokoda Memorial track, as the two classes are named after decorated war veterans from WWII for their efforts at Kokoda. Five students in Year 6 from Riverwood Public School joined us. The veterans who spoke to us were an astonishing 92 and 94 years old, having served at Kokoda. The captains from the two schools were invited to lay wreaths on the rock of remembrance. They talked to us about the Australian soldiers who served with them and gave us insight through their personal experiences. Although the day was exceptionally hot, it was a very moving and informative day.



### Remembrance Day

Our school captains and vice-captains represented Padstow North PS at the RSL Remembrance Day service at the Memorial at Padstow. The students placed poppies at the memorial wall in the ceremony and read a passage as part of the ceremony.



## Camps

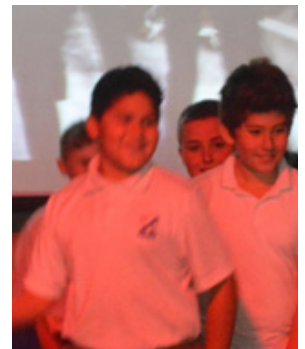
Stage 3 have swung high,



panned for gold, and created imovies.



We rehearsed and performed a sensational play, danced,



and said farewell to Mrs Byrnes.





## Season 3 PSSA Softball and T-Ball

Another wonderful season of PSSA sport has come to an end with great results. Congratulations to the girls Softball team who made it to the semi finals. Unfortunately they were defeated by Panania P.S. Many of the team will be off to a different school next year, I hope they continue their sporting journey in high school.

T-Ball had a wonderful season being defeated twice and having a draw. In the end we finished third on the table and played Revesby South in the Semi Final. An exciting finish to a great game, with Padstow North winning by one run!



We had to play our 2nd game of the day against Panania, the only team that had defeated us twice. After some hot chips, lunch, a quick cool down, some iceblocks and lollies we were ready to play. (thanks to our supporters for the food supply!)

What a game! The girls played their best game of the season, taking some awesome catches, making double plays and hitting the ball confidently off the tee. In the final innings we needed 3 runs to win ... the first 5 batters were out due to some marvellous fielding from Panania. It was tense, but in the end Padstow North prevailed with some good late batting getting 3 runners home. WE WON 25-24. A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT.

On behalf of the teams I would like to thank those parents who supported us week in week out, you know who you are. With the girls playing at the same time on different diamonds your assistance with organisation, base coaching, scoring, keeping an eye on the rules, providing ice blocks and munchies was invaluable. So a huge thank you to all.

Fiona Gaston  
Softball / TBall coach



## Reading Recovery

This year, 8 students participated in the Reading Recovery program. They all worked very hard to improve their ability to read and write and made pleasing progress in literacy. They learnt the necessary skills and strategies to effectively read and write and to independently transfer these back into the classroom.

Keep up the good work,

Mrs. D McNamara

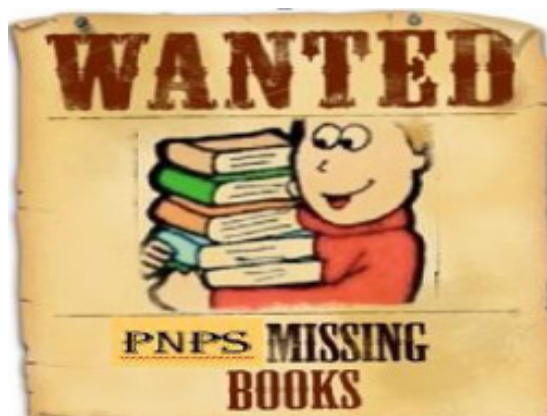


## Library

*Reading takes you beyond the easy way to communicate. It takes you to another world and challenges you.*  
Dominic Massaro

New research conducted by Dominic Massaro, professor at the University of California shows that reading aloud is the best way to help children develop word mastery and grammatical understanding, which forms the basis for learning how to read. In his research Massaro concluded that rich language present in picture books will introduce children to a vocabulary more extensive than that gained by parents talking with their children. According to Massaro, "given the fact that word mastery in adulthood is correlated with early acquisition of words, shared picture book reading offers a potentially powerful strategy to prepare children for competent literacy skills."

The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be given out to students in assembly on Thursday, 3rd December. Congratulations to all the 102 students who completed the challenge this year.



This week is the final week of borrowing for students in 2015. All books borrowed by students are due back in the library no later than Thursday, 3rd December. Please assist your child in returning their loans promptly.

Thank you to the library monitors for all their help this year and to Mrs Nguyen (Darrel and Ryan's mother) who has covered books for the library throughout the year.

The local public libraries offer Summer Reading Programs for students over the summer holidays. This is a great leisure activity during the holidays and a way for students to keep up their reading, and at the same time assisting their vocabulary, writing and comprehension.

Mrs Harris  
Library Teacher

## P & C Report

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who attended the last P & C meeting of the year, which was also our Annual General Meeting (AGM). I am please to announce our new P&C committee representatives for 2016:

<b>Senior Vice President:</b>	<b>Angelo Cazouris</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Cassandra Baxter</b>
<b>Treasure:</b>	<b>Franca Casacchia</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jennifer Bracken</b>
<b>Canteen Convenor:</b>	<b>Nahaa Oriebi</b>
<b>Uniform Shop Co-ordinator:</b>	
<b>FUNdraising Co-ordinator:</b>	<b>Jaime Wong</b>
<b>School Banking Co-ordinator:</b>	<b>Nahaa Oriebi</b>
<b>Canteen Treasurer:</b>	<b>Franca Casacchia</b>
<b>Book Club:</b>	<b>Christine To</b>

Unfortunately we were unable to fill the position of Uniform Shop Co-ordinator and we are looking for a volunteer to take up this position. If you are interested in taking up this position please let me know or come along to our next P&C Meeting.

Secondly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the P&C members who are leaving us this year for all their hard work and their years of service. I would particularly like to thank Phill and Lynn Allsop-Guest for all the endless hours they both have put into the P&C throughout the years. I am honoured to be re-elected as President of the P & C for 2016 and look forward to working along side all the staff and parents of Padstow North Public School. I have been part of the Padstow North Public School community since 2008, with the arrival of our eldest daughter and look forward to many more years at Padstow North until our youngest sets off for her next chapter of her journey. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual School Christmas Carols Night, which will be held on Monday 14th December 2015.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for all their support of the P&C throughout the year and for helping in our fundraising ventures for 2015.

Our first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 9th February. I look forward to seeing you there.

Faye Cazouris  
P&C President 2016  
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## Fundraising Update

2015 has been a busy and triumphant year for the P&C fundraising team. This year, we introduced personalised gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas and have received positive feedback and we will continue this next year. We have organised many successful events and still have a couple more for the remainder of the term.

### Carols Night

The PNPS Carols Night will be held on Monday 14th December 2015. As we have in previous years, this year we ask that families donate a small gift which we will use to create hampers and prizes for the raffle draw. A note has been sent home regarding this as well as 10 raffle tickets. Please remember to send in donations by Monday 7th December 2015, as well as money and raffle tickets by Thursday 10th December 2015.

Should you have a few hours to spare, please complete the volunteer section and send it back to the school. The more volunteers we have to gift wrap the hampers, the quicker they will get done, and you will also get the chance to meet other parents from other grades.

### McDonald's Night

As 2015 comes to a close and the kids all start their summer holidays, we thought it would be great for all the children to have one last big 'playdate' on the last day of school - Wednesday 16th December 2015, at Padstow McDonalds from 4-8pm. Two of the tills will have the school logo on them, so come in and order your food/drinks/dessert and the school will receive 20% of the takings from those tills.

As we look forward to 2016, we have already started to plan for fundraising activities. In 2016, the goal of our fundraising efforts is to raise money for a **new canteen**.

We will continue to do Easter raffles as well as Mother's and Father's Day stalls. We have already booked in the photographer for family portraits for Saturday 19th March 2016 (new families who aren't familiar with this will receive more information next year) and we are in the process of applying for a date for Bankstown Bunnings BBQ day - more information will be given once they come to hand.

THANK YOU to all families who supported our 2015 fundraising efforts and we look forward to a busy and prosperous 2016. On behalf of all the Fundraising volunteers, we hope all PNPS families have a safe, prosperous and enjoyable summer holiday period and see you in 2016.

Ms Wong, Fundraising Co-ordinator

## "Yvonne's Chop for Charity"

My name is Yvonne Lin and I am a Kindergarten student at Padstow North Public School. My brother Daniel is in Year 2. We have watched our mum fight Cancer for over 12 months. We are asking for your help to beat Cancer forever. Please would you sponsor me to raise funds for the Cancer Council NSW with a tax deductible donation to:

<https://secure.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=927802&langPref=en-CA#&panel1-1>



I am involving myself in two charities. Not only am I raising money to beat Cancer, I have grown my hair long and am having it cut short in front of the assembly on Thursday 3rd December. I am donating my hair to the Variety's Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program so that it may be made into a wig for kids without hair. Please come and support me at this assembly to inspire others, like my friend Brianna did last year.

A caring world with no Cancer would be a wonderful place.

Every year in NSW alone, more than 36,600 new cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed, and the impact on families, carers and communities is significant. Together with our volunteers, supporters, stakeholders and staff, we are committed to reducing the impact of cancer on individuals and the community, and to lessening the burden for people affected by cancer.

If you need information or support, please contact Cancer Council NSW on 13 11 20 where specialist cancer nurses can answer your questions about any aspect of cancer and also:

- Put you in touch with services in your own area.
- Offer emotional support.

You can reach Information and Support by calling 13 11 20 (for the cost of local call) between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday from anywhere in NSW.



## The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

Please find below a list of all the sport/special photographs. If you wish to order please collect an order envelope as well as view the display samples at the school.

The photos are:

\$16 each, 2 for \$30, 3 for \$42, 4 for \$52 or 5 for \$60

Any additional photographs are \$10 each. This discount is only available per family order.

**Payment options:** enclose cash in an envelope to school.

Credit card payments can be made online through our website [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au), please record your ORDER NUMBER and return envelope to school.

**Return order to your school by 4th December 2015**

*Please note, if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school, a late fee of \$5 will be incurred.*

### Name of Groups

Choir	School Leaders
Debating	Senior A Netball
Girls Softball	Senior B Netball
Girls T-Ball	Senior Boys Basketball
House Captains	Senior Boys Cricket
Junior A Netball	Senior Boys Soccer
Junior B Netball	Senior Girls Basketball
Junior Boys Basketball	Senior Girls Soccer
Junior Boys Cricket	Senior Girls Touch Football
Junior Boys Soccer	Snr Boys Newcombe Ball
Junior Girls Basketball	SRC
Junior Girls Soccer	Stage 1 Dance
Junior Girls Touch Football	Stage 2 Dance
Junior Newcombe Ball	Stage 3 Dance
K/1 Storkey	Year 6
Mind Marathon	Year 6 Fun

## School Banking

Congratulations to Joshua & Tyler who were winners in the Term 3 School Banking Competition. Joshua received a \$30.00 Booktopia voucher and Tyler won a pair of Beats headphones.

Every student who does school banking on Tuesday 1st December 2015 will receive a free gift.

Phill Allsop-Guest  
Banking Co-ordinator.

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# School Calendar

<b>30/11</b>  KATTS  <b>Week 9</b>	<b>1/12</b>  Sport in Schools - gymnastics	<b>2/12</b>  Final Scripture 2015	<b>3/12</b>  Yr6 - 7 Orientation Day Gold Assembly	<b>4/12</b>	<b>5-6/12</b>
<b>7/12</b>  <b>Week 10</b>	<b>8/12</b>  Year 6 Market Day	<b>9/12</b>  Presentation Day	<b>10/12</b>	<b>11/12</b>  Year 6 Farewell	<b>12-13/12</b>
<b>14/12</b>  Carol's Night  <b>Week 11</b>	<b>15/12</b>	<b>16/12</b> P&C Macca's Night Last Day Students FUNDAY	<b>17/12</b>  SDD	<b>18/12</b>  SDD Last day staff	<b>19-20/12</b>
<b>21/12</b>  <b>Holidays</b>	<b>22/12</b>  <b>Holidays</b>	<b>23/12</b>  <b>Holiday</b>	<b>24/12</b>  <b>Holidays</b>	<b>25/12</b>  <b>Merry Christmas</b>	<b>26/12 to 24/1/16</b>  <b>Happy New Year</b>
<b>25/1</b>  <b>Week 1</b>	<b>26/1</b>  Happy Australia Day	<b>27/1</b>  First Day Staff	<b>28/1</b>  First Day for Stu- dents Years 1 to 6 K Best Start	<b>29/1</b>  School Banking Sign up day K Best Start	<b>30-31/1</b>
<b>1/2</b>  First Day for Kindy Students 2016  <b>Week 2</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>5/2</b>  Swimming Carnival	<b>6-7/2</b>
<b>8/2</b>  <b>Week 3</b>	<b>9/2</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b>11/2</b>	<b>12/2</b>	<b>13-14/2</b>