

# Padstow North Public School



*"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"*

Term 4 Week 4

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

Friday 28th October was World Teachers' Day. The United Nations' (UN) World Teachers' Day celebrates the role teachers play in providing quality education at all levels. This enables children and adults of all ages to learn to take part in and contribute to their local community and global society. I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding professionalism and commitment of our teaching staff at Padstow North PS. It is the quality contributions of our teachers that drive the love of learning and culture of caring at our school.

Last Thursday was also a day to celebrate. We held our first Kindergarten Orientation session to welcome children to Kindergarten in 2017. We also celebrated NSW Grandparents Day. NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the contributions grandparents and older people make to their families and communities. At Padstow North PS we recognise the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations. Our students enjoyed spending time with their older loved ones and connecting across generations on the day.

There is still a lot more to celebrate this term and our celebrations include Gold assemblies, Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell, a drama performance and WOW Factor. Dates of these events and more are included in our Term 4 newsletters. We look forward to seeing you at our future events.

While we have many students starting with us in 2017, we will say goodbye to our current Year 6 students and sadly, some of our other students too – for a variety of reasons. If you have a child in Kindergarten or Years 1-5 who will not be returning in 2017 please let their classroom teacher know. While this will assist us in planning classes for 2017, it will also give us time to say our farewells to the students and the valuable contribution they have made to our school.

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). For day to day updates and reminders download our Skoolbag School Mobile App for your phone or tablet device. Go to [skoolbag.com.au](http://skoolbag.com.au) to Get Skoolbag.

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 Thursday 10 November

### **Kindergarten to Year 2**

Joel F  
Tommy R  
Scott P  
James S  
Wesley H  
Saraya N  
Isabella H  
Joe S

### **Years 3-6**

Tanika S-R  
Lachlan B  
Adam A  
Logan S  
Alana T  
Nikhil W  
Athena S  
Soraya M  
Kian T-B  
Brinly P  
Elisa O  
Antonia S  
Ethan D  
Emily S  
Ammarah C  
Emily C

## **Dates to Remember**

### **November 7**

Stage 2 excursion

### **November 10**

Kindy Orientation 2

Gold assembly

### **November 15**

P&C AGM

### **November 22**

Year 1 - 6 Orientation

### **November 24**

Kindy Orientation 3

### **November 30**

Drama performance

# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

## K Tokyo

During KTokyo's class time with Miss Sciacca students have been learning about Mass and Music. The students love getting involved, and they have learnt how to use their hands as scales. They can clearly show what item is heavier and what item is lighter.

In Music, students are learning how to alter the sound of nursery rhymes using different tempo, pitch and dynamics. They have also been looking at percussion instruments and the different sounds these instruments can make.

## K/1 Barcelona

Each week K/1 Barcelona watch the YouTube clip 'ABC Video: Write the Letter - Alphabet Writing Lesson for Children'. They are required to practise writing the upper and lower case letter of the week onto some scrap paper.

Students are then split into 2 groups (Kindergarten/ Year 1). One group sits with the teacher to complete a structured handwriting lesson, whilst the other group complete learning activities on iPads. After 15mins the groups swap over.

K/1 Barcelona then practice their NSW Foundation Style handwriting using weekly spelling word lists during a formal handwriting lesson. Each week, students practice their list of words which contain sight words, spelling rules, phonemic blends and word families.

Students in K/1 Barcelona also use their Handwriting Textbook to practice their handwriting on a weekly basis.



## K/1/2 Amsterdam

K/1/2 Amsterdam have had an exciting start to the term. The class has become more confident using the iPads and computer for work. The class use the iPads to help with English writing activities. They have improved with typing sentences. The class has been very proud of Quade making it to the Bankstown Network Public Speaking Competition. He was very confident with his speech and represented the school well.

The class has also started growing a garden. The favourite plants at the moment are the mint chocolate, jelly beans and dragons blood. The class have watered the plants regularly and have watched them grow.





# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

## 1 Helsinki

At the beginning of the year, Year 1 teachers decided that we would like to give all of Year 1 the chance to learn and work together for some of our weekly lessons. As a result, we have shared learning each term for science, history and geography with our friends from 1 Montreal and 1 Barcelona. This has allowed us to listen and learn from other teachers and also to work with different peers in partner and group work activities. It has been a valuable learning experience and one that we have looked forward to each Monday and Tuesday afternoon.



## 1 Montreal

1 Montreal has settled into Term 4 exceptionally well, coming back from holidays enthusiastic and excited to learn. In Science, we are looking at transport and our class has enjoyed linking this with our Literacy unit 'The Tram to Bondi'. We have used iPads to present our knowledge of different types of transport and how we use them. Students also flexed their acting muscles and performed a drama to depict a scene from the story. They especially loved pretending to fall down from the tram with all their papers! Grandparents Day was also a success, with students enjoying the celebrations and showing off their hard work at the special assembly.

## 2 Athens

### Wombat Stew

2 Athens has had a great start to the term. We had been studying the book Wombat Stew, and students were asked to write a procedure on how to make 'Wombat Stew'. They later formed groups of 4 and were asked to plan a script to narrate in front of the class. Some students preferred to use the camera feature on the iPads to record their plays and others presented their plays in front of the class. The students in 2 Athens enjoyed working on these two tasks.



### Public Speaking

Congratulations to Leila from 2 Athens for winning the District Public Speaking Competition in Week 3. She is now going to present our school in the Regional's. We are very proud of Leila and we wish her all the very best of luck!

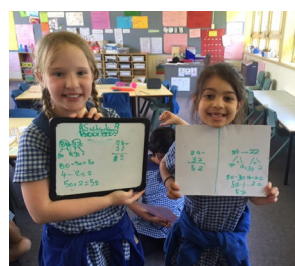
## 2 Moscow

2 Moscow have been learning many fun and exciting things over the last few weeks.

During literacy, we developed our knowledge of information reports while being immersed in the wonderful, rich text, 'The Tram to Bondi Beach'. This provided students the opportunity to choose their own form of transport as a basis for their own informative writing. This links to our Science unit 'Transport'. Students explored many interesting examples of transport before being engaged in researching their chosen topic.

We have been learning about 3D shapes and Addition and Subtraction in mathematics. Students developed their understanding of strategies to help them add and subtract 2-digit numbers such as the split strategy, the jump strategy using an open number line, and the vertical strategy. They had the opportunity to build 3D shapes and describe their features.

In Geography we are learning about the topic 'My Place' which explores the constructed, natural and managed features in our environment, as well as developing an understanding of how the seasons change and impact our lives.



# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms



## Term 4

### In A Snapshot

#### History

Our students will be participating in an excursion to Cockatoo Island to enhance our knowledge about First Settlement in Australia, following on from our History unit 'First Contacts' in Term 3. We are looking forward to seeing how people survived and what life was like in the early 1800's.

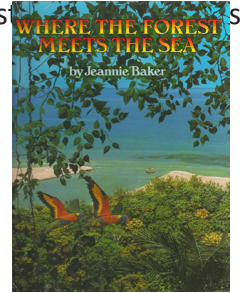
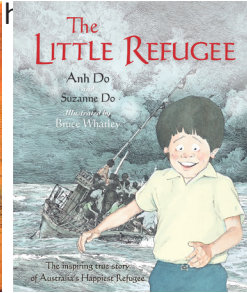
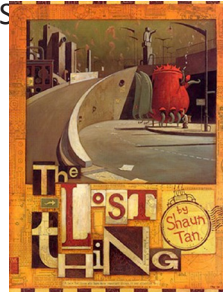
#### Science

Is it solid, liquid or gas? We will be learning to make observations and conclusions through experiments to confirm or deny our predictions.



#### Literacy

Each term we study different texts. In Term 4 we are focusing on language features in narratives and poetry. We will be reading *Where The Forest Meets The Sea*, *The Lost Thing* and *The Little Refugee* while also having a distinct focus on our Super Six Comprehension



#### Sport

Each Friday, selected students participate in the East Hills PSSA Competitions for Cricket, Touch Football, Tee-ball and Softball. Students who remain at school take part in two week rotations exploring skills and competition games. These sport rotations include cricket, newcombe ball, oztag and basketball.

#### CAPA

*Mrs Thompson and Mrs Peters* - We are learning about rhythm and beat using clapping sticks and body percussion

*Mrs Gaston* - We are completing perspective line drawings representing an Australian scene



*Miss Harrison* - We are each learning our own class dance showing movement skills and remembering routine

*Mrs Mackenzie* - We are analysing scripts and learning to act with expression using our school magazines



# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

## 5/6Rio

This term 5/6 Rio started learning about using critical and creative thinking skills. To help develop these skills the students have been playing word tennis. In groups of 3, students play a ping pong style game of word association, with the third person being referee. They have only 3 seconds to respond with a simile, rhyming word or word associated to the previous word. It's fun, fast and brain stretching! Here are some of the comments from the class:

*Serena:* Word Tennis is fun because we have to think of relating words and if you know a word but not sure then time's up. Your partner's reaction can be funny when they make a mistake.

*Phoebe, Emily C, Katie:* A stimulating brain game that improves creativity in your vocabulary in a short time.

*Jacquie, Jennifer, Audrey and Tamara:* An amusing way to help improve your thinking.

*Rogan, Vincent, Raymond and Rashad:* Helps to improve your reaction time.

*Moustafa:* Sometimes it's funny.

*Lalit, Haresh and Justin:* Fascinating, enjoyable, mindboggling and multitasking game doesn't only interact with students but also improves our vocabulary.

*Tim, Sharan:* word tennis is a fun and interactive game that helps you socialise with friends while exercising your brain

*Hannah, Adam and Bruce:* helps you improve your vocabulary skills and this helps your writing. This is a fun game that improves socialising with your classmates.

*McKayla, Elisa, Kelly and Ammarah:* A great way to train your brain.



## 5 Paris

5 Paris have started Term 4 energetically with 8 students attending Swim Scheme and 12 students tackling the very relevant topic of water safety to familiarise themselves with hazards around the house, safety around backyard pools and how to identify a rip - significant safety issues in our warm, coastal locale.

In Geography we have been learning about bushfires and how they impact on people and the environment, which is an especially important topic due to our proximity to National Park. Students have formed small groups to study how endangered species can be saved, which has generated intense discussion and thoughtful conclusions. We look forward to delving further into these interesting topics as the term progresses.



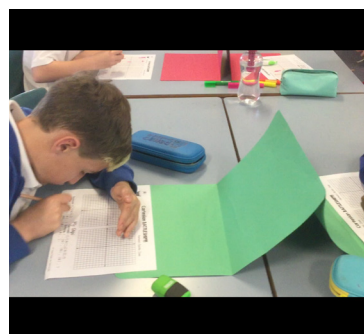
## 6 LA

In 6LA, one of our favourite things to do is maths groups. In maths groups, as well as doing formal, written activities, we have the chance to learn in a variety of ways while supporting each other working in small groups.

Every week, we have one activity that involves using technology to practise the skill that we are focusing on that week. These include online games, Matific and Studyladder.

We also do a variety of activities such as play board games that help us to use our skills. In week 4 we completed an addition and subtraction word problem scavenger hunt, which we all enjoyed. Last term we had a lot of fun learning about the Cartesian Plane while we played Cartesian Plane Battleship. We practised the Order of Operations while playing Order of Operations Bingo. During maths groups, every group has one rotation where they are working in a small group with Mrs Chegvidden.

We all find that using the skills in so many different activities makes learning fun.



## Library News

*If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books. Roald Dahl*

September the 13<sup>th</sup> marked the 100th birthday of one of the greatest storytellers for children of the 20th century. Roald Dahl was a British novelist, short story writer, poet, screenwriter and fighter pilot who The Times ranked in 16th place in their 2008 list of The 50 Greatest British Writers Since 1945.

Born in Wales to Norwegian parents, Dahl began his writing career in the 1940s and quickly became one of the world's best-selling authors. In 1983 he was awarded the World Fantasy Award for Life Achievement and was named the British Book Award's Children's Author of the Year in 1990.

Dahl's children's stories are usually told from the child's point of view and involve adult villains, although there is usually one "good" adult as well. Another feature of Dahl's writing is his inventive, playful use of language. This year The Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary has been published containing many of his invented words and their meanings.

More information about Roald Dahl can be found at <https://www.roalddahl.com/>

Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton's Treehouse series has dominated the Australian Children's Fiction sales charts for the 2015-2016 financial year, securing the top five places. Anh Do's Weirdo series takes four places in the Top 10 and Aaron Blabey's The Bad Guys is in ninth spot. Meanwhile, Mem Fox, Aaron Blabey and Nick Bland occupy the first nine places of the Children's Picture Books sales charts for the same time period. Copies of all these fine Australian authors' books are in our Library.

Susan Harris  
Teacher Librarian

## P&C Report

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the disco last term; it was a very successful event. All the students who came had a great time.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30 in the staff common room. This will be our AGM (Annual General Meeting) and we will be looking to fill all our positions for 2017. All P&C members who are financial and who have attended 3 or more meetings during the year are eligible to vote. Everyone is welcome.

Faye Cazouris  
P&C President 2016  
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## School Swimming and Water Safety Program

60 students from Years 2- 5 have been participating daily in a learn to swim program at Revesby pools. Students have been learning about water safety and essential survival skills in and around water. The School Swim Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. Mr Grinham and Mrs Duro have been attending the program with the students from Padstow North and are very impressed and proud of their achievements.



## Public Speaking Competition

Well done to Quade from K/1/2 Amsterdam, Leila from 2 Athens, Edric from 4 Seoul and Elisa from 5/6 Rio who were selected to represent our school at the Bankstown Network Public Speaking Competition held in Week 3 at Chester Hill Public School. A big congratulations to Leila who won the Stage One competition and will be competing in the Ultimo Operational Directorate Primary School Public Speaking Grand Finals at Clemton Park Public School in Week 8. Good luck Leila!





## ICT Team - Technology Update

Throughout 2016 the ICT team have been working with teachers to use technology in learning. Tamara, Haresh, Jennifer and Tim from 5/6Rio surveyed the students to find out how the technology was going in the classrooms.

At Padstow North, we discovered that the younger students prefer iPad's rather than laptops and computers in educational use. Some of the apps used through stage 1 and 2 were 'Glow-Draw', 'Spelling Bug', 'Magnetic Letters' and 'Matific'. The students use these apps mainly in Literacy, Maths, Reading Groups and Spelling.

3 London and 3 Sydney use the iPads for Spelling, Matific and English. 4 Seoul and 4 Rome preferred to use Laptops more than iPads. On the iPads they use iMovie, Comic life and timetable.

We asked Stage 3 what they preferred to do and like us, they all used iMovie.

Stage three used apps such as Spelling City and iMovie. 6LA preferred iPads more than laptops and many of 6LA had their own device at school.

Overall, the results of the school survey were surprising to us as we thought that the students would prefer iPads to laptops. We enjoyed discussing technology with the students and listening to their opinions.



## Milo Cricket

Last Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> October our boys' and girls' teams represented Padstow North in the Milo Regional T20 Big Blast played at Bankstown Oval. Our boys won all three games only to be knocked out on runs for and against by 7 runs to miss the final. Everyone played a great tournament with excellent catching, freakish run outs and accurate bowling. Congratulations to our girls' team who made it to the final and won. They now go off to play in the NSW State Finals for a chance to play in Melbourne. All of our girls stayed focused and worked hard together with good bowling and big hitting. A big thank you to Mr Peters who assisted me on the day by supporting and coaching the girls team.

Mr Grinham



## PSSA

With only one game before the semi-finals start, our seniors are equal first and our juniors are equal second. This year our senior team formed a leadership group and they have organised each game devising batting line ups and player rotation, and making sure that every player gets a fair go. Our juniors are progressing well by learning the game and putting together some good performances. I wish both teams good luck in the finals.

Mr Grinham

## KATTTTS

As we start Term 4 our gardeners are still keen to finish our 2016 project. Over the next few weeks we will paint the brick work around the garden, and fill it in with new soil and plants. We have also tried to maintain the existing gardens in the front of the asphalt area. During the last week of Term 3 our keen gardeners were joined by some Year 2 students, led by Mrs McNamara, who worked in the gardens in the infants' playground. They planted, trimmed and cleaned some garbage from their garden. We had a lot of fun and would like to thank all the parents that came and helped.

Mr Grinham



## Drama

As our grand performance draws near there is a sense of excitement and anticipation at the Drama Club's Thursday afternoon rehearsals. The wonderful effort students have spent learning the script and songs, and injecting personality into their characters, will soon become apparent when they take centre stage. They are looking forward to the challenges and immense personal rewards that their first major production will bring, with the most satisfying ingredient for them being an appreciative audience, so we look forward to seeing you at our grand production of Robin Hood and the Hoodies! On Wednesday Night 30th of November 2016. Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 6:30. Tickets at the door.

Mr Grinham







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28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## Padstow North Public School

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Name of Group	Name of Group
Year 6	Year 6 FUN
School Captains	T-Ball
Softball	Senior Newcombe Ball
Senior Netball	Senior Girls Touch Football
Senior Girls Soccer	Senior Girls Basketball
Senior Cricket	Senior Boys Touch Football
Senior Boys Soccer	Senior Boys Basketball
SRC	Regional Reps
KAATS	Junior Newcombe Ball
Junior Netball	Junior Girls Touch Football
Junior Girls Soccer	Junior Girls Basketball
Junior Cricket	Junior Boys Touch Football
Junior Boys Soccer	Junior Boys Basketball
Drama	Debating
Choir	5-6 Dance Group
3-4 Dance Group	1-2 Dance Group



## Our Vision

Padstow North PS is a learning community aspiring for excellence where individuals are

- ✓ *Connected*
- ✓ *Actively engaged*
- ✓ *Respected*
- ✓ *Empowered*

Our purpose is to provide a school of excellence, where students are nurtured and valued, and experience a quality education within a safe and inclusive community. Through innovative, dynamic and authentic teaching and learning programs, our staff are committed to preparing students as confident, creative and successful learners.

# School Strategic Directions





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# School Calendar

<b>7/11</b> Stage 2 Excursion  Milo State Cricket Finals  EHBHS Visit <b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>8/11</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>10/11</b>  Kindy Orientation  <b>Gold Assembly</b>	<b>11/11</b>  PSSA Round 9 Semis	<b>12-13/11</b>
<b>14/11</b>     <b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>15/11</b>  6:30 P&C Annual General Meeting	<b>16/11</b>  KATTTS	<b>17/11</b>  Assembly	<b>18/11</b>  PSSA Round 10 Finals	<b>19-20/11</b>
<b>21/11</b>     <b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>22/11</b>  Years 1-6 Orientation	<b>23/11</b>	<b>24/11</b>  Kindy Orientation  Assembly	<b>25/11</b>  White Ribbon Day	<b>26-27/11</b>
<b>28/11</b>     <b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>29/11</b>	<b>30/11</b>  Drama Club Performance	<b>1/12</b>  Assembly	<b>2/12</b>	<b>3-4/12</b>
<b>5/12</b>     <b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>6/12</b>  Year 6 -7 Orientatiton Day  Carols Night	<b>7/12</b>  KATTTS  Christmas Scripture	<b>8/12</b>  Kindy Celebration  <b>Gold Assembly</b>	<b>9/12</b>  Wow Factor  Joey's Cup Challenge	<b>10-11/12</b>
<b>12/12</b>     <b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>13/12</b>  <b>Presentation Day</b>	<b>14/12</b>  Year 6 Market Day  KATTTS	<b>15/12</b>  Year 6 Farewell	<b>16/12</b>  Last Day for Students	<b>17-18/12</b>