

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

Recently, a neighbour of our school contacted me to request that I ask parents and caregivers to be very careful when bringing their children to and from school each day – always be mindful of traffic, not just on the roads but for cars pulling in and out of driveways. The safety of our students is important to our whole school community. We thank you for your ongoing support regarding pedestrian safety.

As in previous years, this is the time of year I take the opportunity to congratulate everyone for an outstanding effort in 2016! Thank you to our teaching and non teaching staff for providing the challenging learning programs 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 new and exciting place. Your professionalism and dedication to the students of Padstow North Public School is outstanding. Thank you to our committed parents and families for what you have provided for our school. As a result of your ongoing support we have achieved our goal to upgrade our canteen. The work is underway and will continue over the holidays ready for the 2017 school year! I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of our P&C. A big THANK YOU to Faye Cazouris for her time as P&C President. We welcome Jaimee Wong who has been elected into the role for the upcoming school year.

Finally, a big thanks to our students for their love of learning, their community spirit, and friendships. Well done I can't wait to see you achieve more of your learning goals in 2017. Year 6 - all the best for high school and beyond. What you have achieved in your time at Padstow North PS should take you a long way in life. We will all miss you very much, and look forward to hearing about your future achievements.

This is a very busy time of year and we have a number of events to celebrate the achievements of our students – and we hope you can join us. Our final Gold Assembly is in Week 9 on Thursday 8 December, as our Presentation Day assembly on Tuesday 13 December will be our final assembly for 2016.

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. For day to day updates and reminders download our Skoolbag School Mobile App for your phone or tablet device. Go to skoolbag.com.au to Get Skoolbag.

Natalie Armstrong

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 8 December

Kindergarten to Year 2

Adam N
Daniel W
Madeline B
Yvonne L
Raya I
Marcus M

Years 3-6

Lionel O
Eli K
Baaj K
Giorgio V
Caitlin L
Tim K
Sam K
Zoe D
Gerald O
Absaar H
Mohammad C
Daniel L
Bethany P

Dates to Remember

December 6

Year 6-7 Orientation Day
Carols Night

December 8

Gold Assembly

December 9

Reports Home

December 13

Presentation Day

December 15

Year 6 Farewell

December 16

Last Day WOW Factor

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

K Tokyo

KTokyo have been learning about the 'continents of the world'. Each week we have been investigating a continent and discovering all of the different countries in that continent. They found it amazing that Australia is a continent, country and an island!

They have also been exploring the concept of 'Time'. They have looked at sequencing the events of their week and they are starting to read an analog clock to the hour! Test your child at home and see what they can tell you!



The sessions usually go for approximately five minutes which is a great way to settle in after a lunch or a recess break or even as a way transition from one lesson to another.

K/1 Barcelona love GoNoodle and are always so excited and keen to participate in fitness, guided dancing and meditation sessions. They enjoy watching their GoNoodle monster grow and change over time as they complete a session.

K/1/2 Amsterdam

The year has gone so quickly in K/1/2 Amsterdam. We have been working hard in class. It has been great to have helpers visit from 6LA to play TEN games with us and helpers from 5/6 Rio to help with art. K/1/2 Amsterdam looks forward to working with the big kids and having fun while learning.

The end of the year is filled with exciting things. We had the Botany Bay excursion this week, exploring the bush. Next week we are attending the Variety Club Christmas party with Miss Armstrong. Along with the carols night and all the other fun things the school is doing, it is a great way to end the year.

K/1 Barcelona



K/1 Barcelona have been trying to stay cool and focused on hot sunny days by participating in GoNoodle exercises. Students are asked to sit, stand or lie down and listen to the instructors voice and complete breathing exercises, focus on particular sounds in the environment, focus on a body part or complete an action.



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

1 Montreal

1 Montreal have been busy learning about time in Maths, using analogue and digital clocks to work out the time on and half past the hour. We know that the language of time tells us when things happen, such as before, last night, tomorrow and today. We have also been working very hard in our TEN groups, focussing on the early numeracy concepts of addition and subtraction and counting on and back from the biggest number. We have used dice, cards, counters and tens frames to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction. We are enjoying the last few weeks together as a class and are beginning to look forward to the school holidays! ☺



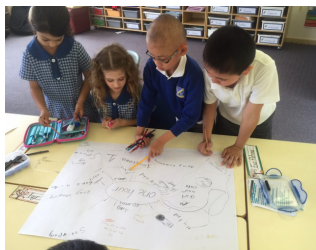
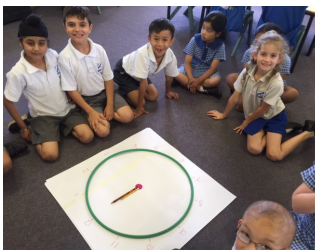
2 Moscow

2 Moscow had a wonderful time during orientation day and participated in a variety of activities, including sport, socialising with the students from Bankstown South, art, and a shape scavenger hunt.

During a lesson on Time, students used clocks made from hoops to challenge each other to record various times in a game of accuracy, rather than speed. We also collaborated about the duration of events and recorded how long activities took.

While learning about Multiplication and Division, students had the opportunity to write number stories and 'be the teacher'. They had to explain their reasoning behind their answers after giving their peers the opportunity to work it out.

2 Moscow is having a great time creating stop motion videos in Science as we develop our skills using the app iMovie.



1 Helsinki

Part of the learning this year in 1 Helsinki has been to write a weekly reflection about something that the students have been engaged in during the week. Every Friday 1 Helsinki have started their day with these reflections. The students have been encouraged to think about something they have learnt, what activities they have done and about what they think they will gain or understand better from this learning. There has been amazing growth and development in the standard of these reflections through the year. 1 Helsinki now use this time to really focus and think about their learning, considering why this is important.



2 Athens

2 Athens have enjoyed working on a variety of activities in the past two weeks. For our Science unit, we are learning to research information on transport and in Mathematics, we are hefting objects to see which one weighs the most. People love to dance in 2 Athens. Footsteps visited our school and we had lots of fun dancing. During reading groups, we extended our writing and used adjectives and conjunctions to make our sentences longer and more interesting.



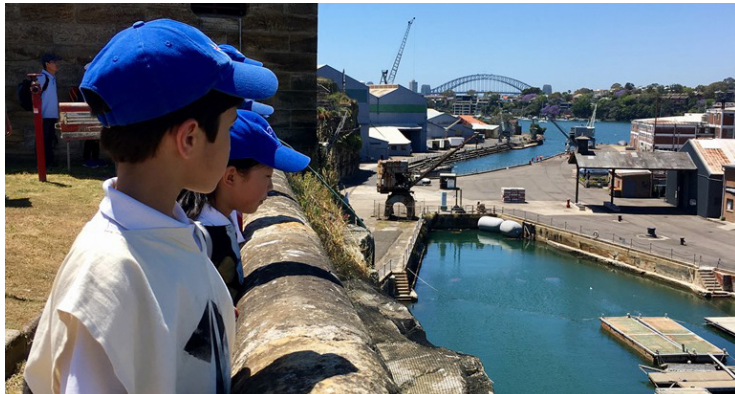
News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

Excursion to Cockatoo Island

During Week 5, Stage 2 visited Cockatoo Island to consolidate their learning about convicts living post colonisation in the 1800's. They were all very excited to travel by train and use their opal cards at each point. When we arrived, we were very excited to see the many fascinating features on the island. With our tour guides, we were taken on an adventure experiencing the lives of convicts. Some of the amazing sights included the house where the Governor lived, the tunnels connecting each side of the island, the silo where food was stored, the docks, and the barracks where the convicts slept. Many of the students were astounded at the poor living conditions of the gaol, and developed an understanding of what life was like for the convicts.



It was very pleasing to have many members of the public commend our students on their outstanding behaviour when using public transport, and walking through the city. Stage 2 represented Padstow North with pride and demonstrated what fantastic students attend our school.



Many thanks to the parent helpers who volunteered their time to assist on the excursion. Your presence and hard work with both the students and teachers was very much appreciated and allowed for the smooth running of the day.

"We had a lovely day, and my favourite part of the excursion was going through the tunnels and feeling the sandstone." *Brianna, 3 London*



"I liked the solitary confinement because we got to explore their life." *Koey, 4 Seoul*

"It was the best day of my life." *Talia, 3 London*

"I liked that we were able to dress up as guards, convicts or Governors." *Skye, 4 Seoul*

"I liked learning about the history of the island and how the convicts were treated." *Caitlin, 4 Rome*

"We enjoyed walking through the tunnels, feeling the texture and seeing the colours. We loved listening to the ghost stories and travelling on the old ferry called 'The Charlotte'." *4 Rome students*



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

Stage 3: The Year That Was!

Wow! What a year we have had! We have been on excursions and incursions, school carnivals and district and regional carnivals and some even made it to state carnivals, helped with lunches and canteen, helped with Orientation days and K/1/2 Amsterdam, played and won and lost sporting events, glimpsed high school through visits to our school and with Sir Joseph Banks, been dramatic and banged on drums and now we are wondering why we are tired! (Well the teachers are!)

Our favourite part of the year was going to Canberra for the Stage 3 excursion, we had lots of fun! However the best part of the year was finding out we got.... Mr Grinham as our teacher!!! We really enjoyed 2016. *Caitlin, Leyan, Layla, Tiffany and Charm*

We have had a fantastic year because we spent 3 days in Canberra. We all enjoyed Questacon. *Athena, Shanice, Freya, Baaj and Kayley*

How we got to interact with all the kids and make relationships with each other. We also liked how the kids were so creative and how we all made connections with each other. *Giorgio, Absaar, Ethan, Graham and Nur*

We had a fantastic year in 5 Paris. There were many memorable events but our favourite one was Jollybops. There was a crazy scientist with a robot friend called Rusty. The scientist performed many fascinating experiments like making fire. *Preston, Belmin, Logan, Darrel, Mohammad*

We loved when we went to the rocks because it was full of history and laughter. We hope to go there again next year for the fun. The best part was when we were blind folded and tried to guess the object we were holding. *Ethan, Tarley, Zane, Chris, Kian.*

We have loved many things about 2016, but our favourite reasons because we were with our friends and achieved new skills and goals. *Phoebe, Serena, Katie, Emily, Brinly, Jenna*

Our favourite thing this year was the Rocks excursion. We learnt about history of our city before Federation. *Ammarah, Hannah, Charlize, Elisa, Kelly and Emily*



Our favourite part was the Canberra excursion because we could interact with our friends and socialise more away from home and not be annoyed by siblings! *Tim, Haresh, Justin, Thaisen, Adam and Lalit*

In 2016 there were many exciting things happening. We enjoyed spending Term 3 with Mrs Britton and going with Stage 3 to Canberra. *Jacquie, Jennifer, Tamara, Audrey and McKayla*

Our favourite part of 2016 was learning about Pablo Picasso and creating cubism artworks. *Rogan, Raymond, Bruce, Adam, Vincent, Bendan, Moustafa and Rashad*



This Year's Highlights in 6LA

This year we had lots of exciting and special highlights. Many things stood out for us but the main ones were Canberra, Peer Support, BYOT and SOLE.

One of the best things about Canberra was Questacon because it had many cool contraptions. The whole trip was a great learning experience. We liked our hotel and had fun in our rooms with our friends.

Peer Support was a good experience. There were a lot of challenges and we got to see things from a teacher's perspective. It was a good opportunity to interact with different students.

Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) was great because we were able to use our personal devices for educational purposes. It has changed the way we learn and has helped us to work better in groups and individually.

SOLE, which stands for Self Organised Learning Environment, was a different way of learning for us. In SOLE everyone has a job and no-one is left out.

We are really looking forward to Market Day and the Year Six Farewell. We have had a fun year with our friends and are looking forward to High School.

P&C Report

Firstly I'd like to thank Faye and Angelo Cazouris for their hard work as President and Vice President of the P&C over the past 2 years. THANK YOU for all the time, effort and words of wisdom you have bestowed upon your fellow P&C members during meetings and fundraising activities, it's been lots of fun and very enlightening. To all the members who are leaving us this year, THANK YOU for your dedication and years of service, without you, the P&C wouldn't be where it is today!

I'm honoured to have been elected as the P&C President for 2017 and look forward to working closely with the PNPS staff and community to ensure the P&C continues to flourish whilst supporting the school in achieving its visions and goals. I've been part of the P&C community for the past 3 years and in the role of Fundraising Coordinator for the past 2 years, so this new role is a challenge for me but one I am sure I can conquer with all of your support.

I'm really pleased to announce the P&C Committee Representatives for 2017:

Senior Vice President:	Ayda Zalaf
Junior Vice President:	Cassandra Baxter
Secretary:	Jennifer Bracken
Treasurer:	Franca Casacchia
Assistant Treasurer:	Don Reardon
Student Banking Coordinator:	Nahaa Oreibi
Canteen Convenor:	Nahaa Oreibi
Book Club Coordinator:	Christine To

In 2017, we won't be having a Fundraising Coordinator, instead we will be having a Fundraising Committee whereby volunteers can choose which events they would like to help with/take ownership of. Watch this space for how you can join in the fun ☺

2017 looks like it'll be an exciting year with the unveiling of a newly refurbished canteen in Term 1, plus PNPS turns 60!!

However, before we start getting stuck into 2017, we've still got the festivities of the School Christmas Carols Night to look forward to. So start Googling those Christmas carols lyrics, fine tune your singing voices and hope you can join us on Tuesday 6th December for this annual event!

THANK YOU for all your support in 2016, we've had a cracker of a year!

Finally, on behalf of the P&C, we wish all our PNPS families

and staff a safe and joyous summer holiday period, see you in 2017.

Jaime Wong
P&C President

P&C Fundraising Report

Wow, what a successful year 2016 turned out to be!

Along with the more traditional fundraisers like the Easter raffle, Mother's Day raffle/stall, Father's Day raffle/stall/BBQ and Christmas Carols Night hamper/raffle, we added Loose Change Friday, Family Portraits, Entertainment Book, School Disco, 2x Bunnings BBQs and personalised Christmas gifts to our 2016 roster.

In 2017, we will be forming a fundraising committee to coordinate the activities as fresh perspectives and ideas always rejuvenates interest. Keep an eye out for more news on how to join the committee in 2017.

THANK YOU to all the hard working volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to help make every one of these fundraisers a success – you know who you are!

THANK YOU to all the families at PNPS for your support of the 2016 fundraising activities, we look forward to an even more prosperous 2017!

Happy Holidays!

Jaime Wong
Fundraising Coordinator

Ethics

Ethics classes are available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (Scripture). Ethics classes are highly engaging, age appropriate and support children in developing a life-long capacity for making well-reasoned decisions about ethical issues. Students explore ethical ideas through the give-and-take of reasoned argument, learning to disagree respectfully, to challenge ideas and to support their arguments with considered evidence. Trained Ethics teachers lead the discussions.

We have the opportunity to run ethics classes at Padstow North Public School when we have volunteers to teach the program. Volunteer ethics teachers do not need a background in teaching or ethics. Ethics teachers receive full training and the lesson materials and teaching resources are provided. Volunteer teachers must attend our 2 day workshop, complete the required background checks and commit to teaching their weekly ethics class for a minimum of one year. If you are interested in teaching Ethics classes at Padstow North PS visit the website at www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the Ethics Regional Manager at bankstown-region@primaryethics.com.au or 9708 5404 to discuss further.

2016 T-Ball & Softball Report

Congratulations to the junior T-Ball team for a wonderful season. Although the majority of the team had not played the game before it was great to see the improvement in their skills and great sportsmanship displayed weekly. Unfortunately, we did not make the finals (by one point!) but we had a couple of wins and really enjoyed our Friday games. Well done girls.



The picture tells the story. After a steady season, with as many wins as losses, the softball girls made the finals in third place. We won the semi against Panania by one run. In the Grand Final we played the other PNPS (Panania North), it was so HOTTTTT and they had defeated us twice already this season. But we persevered and played a strong first innings, with great batting and precise fielding. In the end the score was 11-10 our way. A surprise win but well deserved. A huge thanks to the parents that supported us throughout the season and the people who have supported the team for the last 4 years. Congratulations girls, another great season. To quote several teachers and parents comments about the teams this season, "We really enjoy playing against your girls, they are polite, listen to suggestions and always display excellent sportsmanship."

Mrs F Gaston - Coach

PSSA Boys Cricket

The Senior team played in the PSSA cricket final against Panania North last Friday (Week 6). It was an outstanding game of cricket and every bowler showed that good old fashioned tight bowling was important. We backed this up with excellent fielding and starved the batting team so they could not score runs. This placed enormous pressure on their 'big hitting' batters to perform. Then, when it was our turn to bat, we just waited for loose balls and despatched them to the boundary to win the game. I'd like to congratulate the team on their tremendous effort.



Milo Cricket

Our girls' cricket team made it through to the Milo 20/20 NSW State Final where they played against private and public schools from all over NSW. They performed very well in all their games, in searing heat, and rose to the many challenges. They came up against experienced opposition but played their best cricket in the tournament in these finals, only losing one game out of three. With accurate bowling, big hits and sharp fielding the girls went on to come 3rd in the State Final. I'd like to congratulate the girls on an outstanding result.



Drama Club

Over the last two terms our school Drama Club has met every Thursday to rehearse their lines and practise their singing. A great deal of work goes into preparing for the play, and students have been developing their characterization skills by learning how to use exaggerated actions and vocal expression. It's been a very enjoyable year for the Drama Club which culminated in the performance in front of students' families on Wednesday night. I'm very proud of all our students who did an amazing performance of Robin Hood.

Mr Grinham



School Spectacular 2016



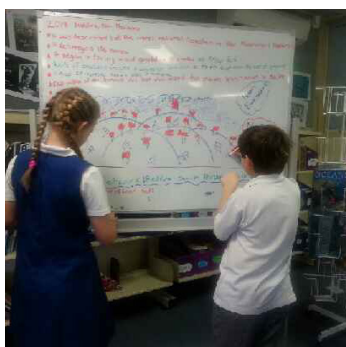
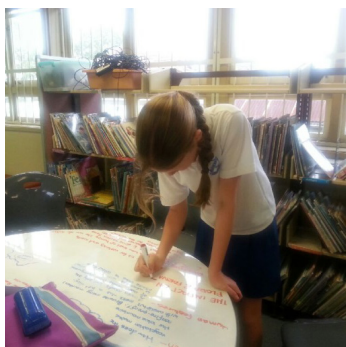
Library News

A house that has a library in it has a soul.

Plato

Congratulations to Australian Indigenous author Sally Morgan whose novel *Sister Heart* has won the 2016 Prime Minister's Literary Award for Children's Fiction. The novel, which tells the story of one of the Stolen Generation, also received an Honour in this year's Children's Book of the Year: Younger Readers award announced by the Children's Book Council of Australia in August. Sally Morgan's writing career began with the publication of her autobiography *My Place* in 1987.

Stage 3 has been researching information about the October 2016 Blue Mountains bushfires.



The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be presented to students who completed the challenge in the Gold Assembly on Thursday 8th December.

This is the last week of student borrowing from the Library for 2016. All books must be returned to the library by Friday 10th December 2016 to enable end of year processes to be completed on time. Please assist your children to return their books on time.

Susan Harris
Teacher Librarian

Christmas Fair at Padstow Heights Public School

Come and join us!
Rides, Christmas market stalls, carols and fireworks
Friday 9th December 2016
5:00pm - 9:00pm Chamberlain Road, Padstow Heights



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Facilitator: Eman Soliman

Accredited Practitioner Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

When: Wednesday 7th of December 2016

Time: 6pm-8pm

Where: Bankstown City YMCA 184 The River Road Revesby

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School Calendar

5/12 WEEK 9	6/12 Year 6 -7 Orientatiton Day Carols Night	7/12 KATTTS Christmas Scripture	8/12 Kindy Celebration Gold Assembly	9/12 Wow Factor Joey's Cup Challenge	10-11/12
12/12 WEEK 10	13/12 Presentation Day	14/12 Year 6 Market Day KATTTS	15/12 Year 6 Farewell	16/12 WOW Factor Last Day for Students	17-18/12
19/12 Staff Development Day	20/12 Staff Development Day Last Day 2016	21/12	22/12	23/12	24-25/12 Christmas Day
Happy holidays, school resumes for students Monday 30th January 2017.					
30/01/17 WEEK 1 Year 1-6 Students Return Kindy Best Start	31/01 Kindy Best Start	1/02 Kindy Students First Day	2/02	3/02	4-5/02
6/02 WEEK 2	7/02	8/02	9/02 Assembly	10/02	11-12/02
13/02 WEEK 3	14/02	15/02	16/02 Assembly	17/02	18/02