

# Padstow North Public School



*"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"*

Term 2 Week 4

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

Each year in May our Year 3 and Year 5 students participate in NAPLAN. So what does that mean? The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is conducted each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and are used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. I would like to congratulate all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their mature attitude and approach to the program last week. Some students thoroughly enjoyed the experience; others not much and were very happy to complete that final test on Thursday. We are very proud of our students for their efforts, and hope you are too.

Thank you to those of you who came along to our Future Learning presentation on Tuesday 10th May. The way we educate our students is changing because 'to succeed in the future, our students will require research, problem-solving and critical thinking skills. They will need to be able to work independently and together with groups of other students. The spaces our children learn in have to be more flexible with the innovative integration of new technology and better opportunities for student/teacher collaboration' (NSW Department of Education 2016). This engaging presentation allowed us to showcase how education is changing at Padstow North PS to ensure our students can succeed in the future. If you would like to know more we will be running the presentation again on Tuesday 14th June at 5:30pm. A note will be sent home closer to the date. We hope you can join us.

Some of our students were lucky enough to attend Kids Club in our school hall during the Term 1 school holidays. Students enjoyed making Mothers' Day craft items and a visit from some very special guests.



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 26 May

### Kindergarten to Year 2

Desiree L  
Rachel B  
Charlize T  
Tanush C  
Kai S  
Joshua W  
Harshini D  
Oliver D  
Gabi S  
Anna F

### Years 3-6

Aditi S  
Cody W  
Lucas E  
Aiden J  
Sophia Q  
Amani A  
Gabriel S  
Dean P  
Farrah F  
Brendan H  
Ashleigh M  
Helen B  
Raymond Z

## Dates to Remember

**May 20**

PSSA finals

**May 21**

P&C Bunnings BBQ

**May 26**

Gold assembly

**June 14**

Future Learning presentation  
P&C meeting

# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

## K/1/2 Amsterdam

It has been a great start to the term. K/1/2 Amsterdam have been learning about the different areas of Mathematics. We have enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have even gone shape hunting around the classroom to see what shapes we use everyday. The class's favourite shape is the sphere.

The class has also enjoyed learning about data and how to group items that are the same to make it easier to work out the most and least. As a class we went on our first excursion to Taronga Zoo with all the K-2 classes. There were lots of animals to look at and learn about. Our favourite animals were the alligators, penguins, meerkats and foxes.



They were very interested in why some animals didn't come out to play. Maybe they knew Mrs Rudder and K Tokyo were on their way! It was also a wonderful experience sharing our excursion adventures with Bankstown South Infants School.



## K/1 Barcelona

This week as a part of our TEN program K/1 Barcelona enjoyed playing the game 'Roll and Record'. Students were required to roll two dice and either record the total or record an addition problem as a number sentence. During TEN lessons students are grouped according to ability, and games are differentiated to meet individual student learning needs and abilities. K/1 Barcelona love participating in TEN on a weekly basis and are very engaged in the games to develop their knowledge and skills in the Mathematical concept Number and Algebra.

## K Tokyo

It has been a fun and exciting first few weeks of Term 2. All students are settled into Kindy and working well in a variety of groups, such as Reading Groups and Maths groups.



Our topic for this term is 'Oh the Places you'll go?' based on Dr Seuss but focussing on Geography and learning about places. Students are beginning to research the places their families come from and the places they have visited. It has also been interesting learning about 'Living Things' our Science unit; and visiting Taronga Zoo complemented the students understanding of how animals live and eat.



# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

## 1 Montreal



1 Montreal had a great time at Taronga zoo! We learnt all about living things and what they need to survive. We have been learning about 'Living Things' with our 'What's Alive?' Science unit. Our class were very eager to see the many types of animals and the homes and enclosures that they live in. Our favourite animals were:

The sheep - <i>Ava</i>	The yellow snakes - <i>James</i>
All of them - <i>Joel</i>	Baby goats and chickens - <i>Yassine</i>
Everything - <i>Raya</i>	

We can't wait to share all the exciting things we have learnt at the zoo with you!

When adding numbers we used the strategy 'Friends of Ten' and happily played leap frog to see who would be the first person to cover all the numbers.



Week 3 was an extremely practical week for 2 Athens, we went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. We got to see lots of Australian native animals and enjoyed visiting and feeding some of the farm animals.

## 1 Helsinki

Every Monday and Tuesday afternoon, 1 Helsinki join with our Year 1 peers in 1 Montreal and 1 Barcelona to share our learning activities for science and geography. This gives us a chance to work with different people and hear instruction from other year 1 teachers. We have completed lots of different learning activities within this time including creating projects about our family history, viewing and discussing the features of all kinds of living things, and conducting, hypothesising and observing results from experiments. Last week we took our learning outside to identify and photograph managed, constructed and natural environments in our school grounds.



## 2 Moscow

During Literacy lessons, 2 Moscow has been enthusiastically exploring the structure of an information report and students are developing researching skills using informative books and technology. We are discussing how to determine if an information source is reliable and are developing the skills of skimming and scanning and using dot jots to record information.



2 Moscow has also started Groove Nation on Monday afternoons and are having fun learning lots of new dance moves!

## 2 Athens

Students in 2 Athens have been working mathematically with their friends through the use of concrete material and having lots of fun playing board games. We are learning about finding the area by using blocks to build and count how many blocks.

Students have also been presenting wonderful speeches in class as part of homework, these speeches focus on persuasive writing. 2 Moscow was an outstanding audience for the Padstow North Public School primary debating team during week two.

# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

Padstow North Public School is a working community. Teachers, support staff and students work collaboratively to create a positive, engaging and dynamic learning environment. Stage 2 would like to introduce some valuable members of our school, who work alongside the classroom teachers to create quality learning opportunities for students.

## 3 Sydney

3 Sydney would like to welcome Miss Faraos. Miss Faraos is in her second year of her teaching degree at the University of Notre Dame. The Professional Experience program is designed to support and inspire Miss Faraos to embrace the curriculum, develop practical skills and effective teaching strategies and a culture of care and ethical standard for professional teacher behaviour. Mrs Mackenzie and the students of 3 Sydney take this responsibility very seriously and we are committed to ensuring it is a positive and valuable learning experience for Miss Faraos.



## 3 London

Throughout the school we receive support from Mrs Olsen our School Learning Support Officer (SLSO). Twice a week, 3 London are lucky to have Mrs Olsen in our classroom assisting with reading, writing and comprehension so that students are able to learn new strategies to use in the classroom.

“Mrs Olsen helps us with our reading and she makes us feel smart” - *Jannah and Hayley*

“Mrs Olsen is very helpful and even when we aren’t with her she still helps us and is lovely” - *Aaron, Christian and Jad*

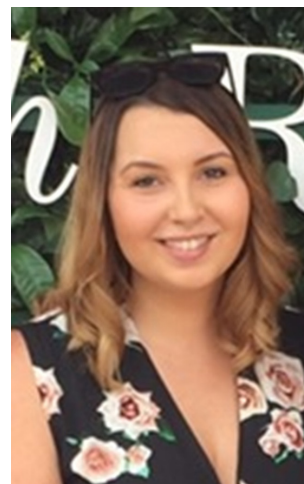
“She never gives up” - *Rabieh*

## Year 4

Year 4 have many people who support them in the class with various programs such as Multilit, EAL/D and Focus on Reading. The students benefit from programs designed for their individual needs and appreciate the support these teachers give us. We also enjoy borrowing from the library. Mrs Harris helps us select appropriate books and has introduced us to a variety of authors.



Miss Everingham and Miss Sciacca are the Stage 2 RFF teachers and have the pleasure of teaching Stage 2 students Personal Development, Health and Physical Education each week. Throughout this program students have learnt about the importance of Preventative Measures including Personal Hygiene and Sun Safety. They are now focusing on the necessity of being Road Safe. However, the student’s favourite part of the lesson is participating in fitness. They love to go outside and develop their skills in soccer, basketball and cricket. At the moment students are also learning how important it is to keep our bodies fit and healthy by regularly exercising. Stage 2 love having Miss Everingham and Miss Sciacca in their classroom.



# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

## Stage 3 Rocks!

In Term 1, Stage 3 learnt about the significant people and events that helped to shape Australia. As part of our learning, we visited the Rocks in Sydney.

We visited Foundation Park, where we saw ruins of the original houses in the Rocks. We were shocked at how small the homes were. The homes would have been unhygienic, which would have contributed to the Bubonic Plague in 1901. We learnt about the people who lived in the homes in the 1800's and played a mystery game, looking at artefacts from the 1800's.

Next, we walked to Parbury Ruins, an archaeological site where we drew some of the artefacts that have been dug up. The youth hostel had been built on top of the site.

Cadman's Cottage was one of the oldest buildings left in Sydney. John Cadman and his wife were both convicts who earned their freedom. Cadman served as the Superintendent of Government Boats and lived in the cottage from 1827. At the cottage, we explored for information, then played a quiz.



The Tank Stream mosaic is in Circular Quay. It shows what Sydney Cove used to be like. We looked at where the coast line used to be, as lots of Sydney has actually been built where water was. Our guide talked about how the Tank Stream separated the convicts from the free settlers and how the water was polluted, causing sickness in the settlement.



In Greenway Lane, we learnt about Francis Greenway, who was a convict, transported to Sydney Cove for forgery. He became one of Governor Macquarie's favourite architects and designed many buildings in Sydney, such as the lighthouse on South Head.

We visited many other historic sites in Sydney Cove and had a fantastic day, despite the rain and our very achy legs.

### Reflections

The Rocks excursion was very good in my opinion. The really heavy downpour was only let down. Otherwise I thought it was amazing. *Elisa*

The train ride was fun and exciting. Learning about the History of Australia was fun. Overall the trip to the city was tiring but lovely. *Jennifer*

I liked the train ride, being with my friends, tasting rock candy and exploring the Rocks. The excursion was cool but it rained. *Vincent*

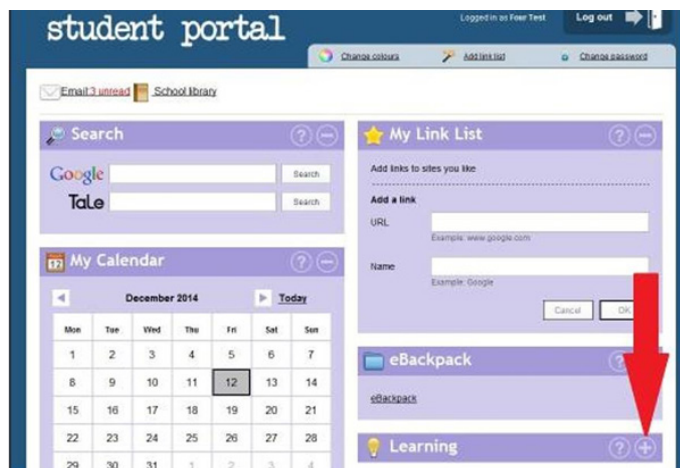


# ICT Committee Tech Spot

## What is Microsoft Office 365?

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the 19th August. No books can be added after this time.

Please encourage your children to borrow and read on a regular basis and return their books on time.

Mrs R. Reichelt

## ANZAC Day Ceremony

Last term Padstow North held a very solemn and moving ceremony to commemorate ANZAC Day. We would like to thank the 3 representatives from the Padstow RSL Sub-branch for attending and Mr Knox for his interesting talk about the role service dogs hold in war and their dedication to the handlers who train them.

Padstow North Public School was represented by captains Aiden and Bethany at the Padstow RSL ANZAC commemorative service held on Sunday April 24th at the memorial alongside the railway station. The students placed poppies along with the wreaths and then followed the march back to the RSL club. They are to be commended on their solemnity and dedication. Aiden marched with his scout troop prior to the service and was in his scout uniform. Bethany represented the school in her uniform.



## Library News

We are pleased to announce our new Library Monitors for 2016. They are Leyan Hasan, Baaj Kaur, Soraya Mahafza, Tiffany Lang, Caitlin Lang-Vo, Athena Scionti, and Freya Tischler. Nathan Fanning and Chloe Berry are also continuing on as Library Monitors from 2015.

In Library this term, Early Stage 1 students have been enjoying stories written by Pamela Allen. 'Shhh!, Little Mouse' has been the favourite so far. All Stage 1 classes have enjoyed an author focus on books written by Julia Donaldson and have been very creative when completing their activity sheets. Stage 2 students have had lots of laughs whilst reading the Weirdo series written by Anh Do. Stage 3 are busily researching the planets of the Solar System. I am looking forward to seeing their individual projects once they are finished. All Stage 3 classes enjoyed playing a round of 'Who wants to be a Millionaire – Solar Systems' as an introduction to their research.

Don't forget to keep reading and adding books to your list in the Premier's Reading Challenge. There is a list in the library you can access when borrowing books to read to add to your challenge list.

Our library has many of the PRC listed books. The PRC closes on

## Touch Football

Our school recently enjoyed the success of having both Touch Football teams being awarded semi-final berths. The Senior team finished the season as runners-up, achieving a second place standing, and the Junior team was third on the ladder. These were very good results that showed how hard the teams trained, and the effort they put into learning new moves. All players demonstrated great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. I would also like to thank their parents for their support. I wish these teams good luck for the finals.

Mr R Grinham



## P&C Report

I would like to thank all who attended the last P&C meeting. Due to the difficulties with finding volunteers to run the uniform shop, during the meeting we voted to have Panania Uniform shop take over the uniform shop and have them selling Padstow North Public School uniforms exclusively. Until the change over the P&C Uniform Shop will still be taking orders. I will inform you when the process is complete.

This term the canteen has included a few new products, which have been labelled on the new canteen price list which was sent home in recent weeks. On behalf of Phill Allsop-Guest and myself I would like to thank all the volunteers who have volunteered their time in the canteen. However, we would love to have more parents or grandparents volunteer, especially parents from K-2 who would be able to take orders from the south (infants end) and then bring the orders to the canteen. At present we are unable to guarantee someone taking orders for every canteen day so I encourage you if you have not done so already to register on Munchmonitor. The other alternative is to bring your child's lunch order to the canteen. Please don't hand over the order to the office staff as the order may not get to the canteen on time.

If you are able to volunteer please contact Phill Allsop-Guest on 0451 522 117. Phill is happy for any parent who wishes to find out what is involved in helping in the canteen to come along on Monday or Wednesday to see how things work.

Finally I could like to thank all the parents who have volunteered their time to help on the up and coming Bunnings BBQ which will be held Saturday 21st May 2016. Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Faye Cazouris  
P&C President 2016  
0402 077 736

## Fundraising News

Welcome back to Term 2. Term 1 was a very busy term with lots of fundraising happening. Here is a summary of our activities:

### Family Portrait Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who participated in the fundraiser, we had 27 families book in so the school received \$540. We hope you were satisfied with the portraits, we have tentatively booked in a session for next year.

### Easter Raffle

Like in previous years, families generously donated Easter chocolates and other goodies for our Easter raffle prizes. This year we superseded last year's efforts and had 49 prizes to give away. Thank you to Kaylene and Ayda for helping wrap all the prizes. Hope all the prize winners enjoyed their chocolates!

### Mother's Day

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered gifts, this year's stalls were a big success with over 300 gifts sold. A big thank you to the volunteers - Amy, Emily and Linda for all your help, the stall wouldn't have been a success without you ladies!

The Mother's Day raffle prizes went to Quade M (\$120 Bankstown Sports Club voucher), Stephen F and Katie B (\$50 Revesby Workers Club vouchers). William T, Emily H and Lachlan D won the hampers. Thank you to Amy Hall for the hamper donations!

### Loose Change Friday

The winning classes for Term 2 are 2 Moscow for the Infants and 5/6 Rio for the Primary area. With all the loose change all the classes bought in we raised \$373.80.

### Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are still available for purchase. They cost \$70 each and you can either order digital copies or hard book copies. For every purchase, the school receives 20%. There are display books in both offices if you want to browse the vouchers that the books contain.

### Bunnings BBQ - Saturday 21st May

Thank you very very much for all the parents and carers who have volunteered to help out on this day. Bunnings have predicted we will sell around 800 sausages so if you are available to help between 11-1pm or 5-7pm, please let me know.

Jaime Wong  
P&C Fundraising Coordinator

## 2016 School Cross Country Carnival

A very warm, sunny day appeared for the annual Cross Country Carnival. It was wonderful to see all the supporters, even with a time change, the students really enjoy having you there. A huge thanks to the 'ice block' people, they were enjoyed at lunch.

A team of 48 students represented our school at the 2016 East Hills district carnival on Tuesday, 17th May at Padstow North Public School. Two students Sharan D and Caitlin J will be representing Padstow North Public School at the regional carnival.

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# School Calendar

23/5	24/5	25/5	26/5	27/5	28-29/5
Groove Nation <b>WEEK 5</b>	AFL Clinic		Gold Assembly		
30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6	4-5/6
Groove Nation <b>WEEK 6</b>	ICAS Science		Assembly	PSSA Round 1	
6/6	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6	11-12/6
Groove Nation <b>WEEK 7</b>			Assembly	PSSA Round 2	
13/6	14/6	15/6	16/6	17/6	18-19/6
Queen's Birthday <b>Public Holiday</b> <b>WEEK 8</b>	5:30pm Future Learning presentation  6:30pm P&C Meeting	ICAS Spelling	Assembly	PSSA Round 3	
20/6	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6	25-26/6
Groove Nation <b>WEEK 9</b>			Assembly	PSSA Round 4	
27/6	28/6	29/6	30/6	1/7	2-3/7
Groove Nation <b>WEEK 10</b>			Gold Assembly	Last day for Term 2  PSSA Round 5	
4/7	5/7	6/7	8/7	9/7	10-11/7
Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	
11/7	12/7	13/7	14/7	15/7	16-17
Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	