

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 2 Week 8

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

Thanks to the support of our community we continue to benefit from funds raised through P&C initiatives. This term we have benefitted from the sales achieved at two Bunning's BBQs. Thank you if you volunteered to help out on one or both of the days, and thank you if popped in to Bunning's to say 'hi' and grab a sausage or two. A big thanks goes to Jaime Wong for her efforts and time in planning the BBQs, and for running them on the day. Read further into the newsletter for an update from Jaime.

School reports will be sent home on Friday 24 June. Please take the time to read your child's report with them and talk about their achievements so far this year. Our students, your children, deserve acknowledgement and praise for their efforts. They come to school ready to learn, with smiles on their faces, every day. I see how hard they all work and how proud they are to come to Padstow North to participate in teaching and learning programs and other school activities. I really look forward to celebrating the student's achievements at our weekly assemblies, so if you have time to come along feel free to join us any time.

We have had some staff changes this term. Mrs Peterson our School Administrative Manager was recently appointed permanently into the position. Congratulations Mrs Peterson we are very happy to have you here for the long term. Sadly, we said good bye to Miss Everingham last week. Miss Everingham was offered a teaching position at her previous school, and she missed the kids so much she went back! I bet she'll miss our Padstow North students even more! Good luck Miss Everingham. Miss Sciacca will take up Miss Everingham's position as Release from Face to Face teacher, and to work alongside Mrs Rudder with K Tokyo. We also welcome Mrs Cope who has joined us as our English as a Second Language/Dialect teacher. Mrs Cope's job is to help some of our students develop their English language proficiency.

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
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 30 June

Kindergarten to Year 2

Hashim C
Declan M
Sienna H
Hazem Z
Joshua G
Addison K
Ava B

Years 3-6

Alex H
Catherine N
Belmin K
Katie B
Yuhan J
Moustafa O
Rayan S
Zoe D

Dates to Remember

June 21

Stage 2 excursion

June 22

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June 24

Reports home

June 28

Athletics Carnival

June 29

Stage 3 exhibition

June 30

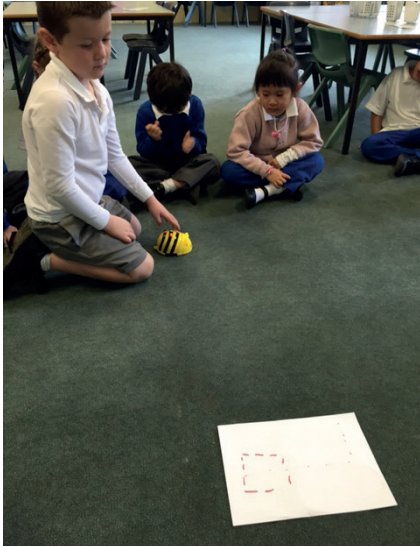
Gold Assembly

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

K Tokyo

We have been learning about places around the world in K Tokyo. We also used this learning to discover ways of getting to places. We used a robot called 'Beebot' and learnt about coding and programming. All students found it very interesting and fun to work with our little 'Beebot'. We can't wait to learn about more coding.

K Tokyo are also learning about writing interesting sentences using an adjective (a describing word). Students have improved in creating sentences and focusing on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.



K/1 Barcelona

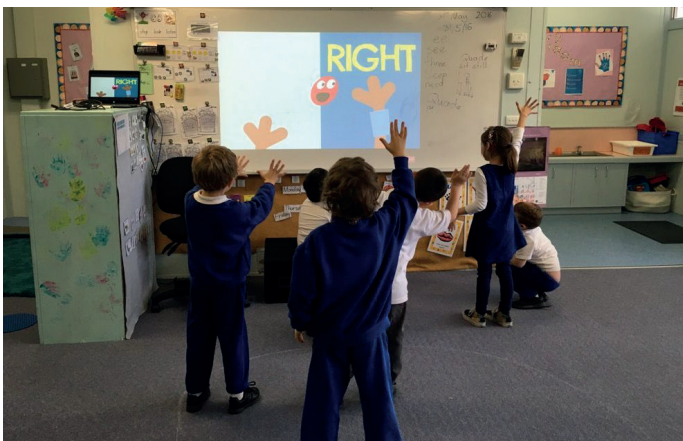
This week K/1 Barcelona read the Aboriginal story 'How the Bird Got its Colours'. We then discussed the importance of the land and why it is sacred to Aboriginal people due to their spiritual, physical, social and cultural connection with the land. K/1 Barcelona then created an Aboriginal artwork of the map of Australia using traditional dot painting and paint which represent the colours of the land. K/1 Barcelona were very pleased with the end result!



K/1/2 Amsterdam

Lots of great things are happening in class. We have welcomed a new student David to the class. We have been trying hard with our work and we are getting better with our writing and reading. The class has enjoyed our Mathematics topics of mass, fractions and position. To help us learn our left and right we found a video to practise.

In Geography we have been learning about places. We went exploring around the school to look at the different places we liked such as the oval, hall, library and other classrooms. We ended up in the principal's office and told Miss Armstrong of all the places we visited.



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

1 Montreal

1 Montreal have been learning all about the concept of position in Maths. As a class, we drew a picture on the Interactive Whiteboard of our classroom, discussing where the door would go, how many tables were in the classroom and what was at the front, the side, the middle and the back of the room. We discussed the kind of language we would use to describe the position of objects around us and created a mind map in the classroom to remind us. We then recreated the classroom using LEGO and described different things within the room based on where they were positioned. We also played a game where students hid a toy and guided another student to find it using the language of position such as in front, behind, above and our left and right.



1 Helsinki

In 1 Helsinki we have been linking our visual arts projects to other key learning areas. We have created landscape paintings linked to our Geography unit, a collage depicting the scenes from the picture book “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’, three-dimensional stars which we collaboratively created and linked to Mathematics, and a cityscape where we arranged the windows in arrays and recorded the corresponding multiplication sentence. We have enjoyed the variety in our art projects and the chance to use many different materials to create our masterpieces.



2 Athens

2 Athens has been learning about states and cities in Australia. They have been busy mapping all the states, territories and cities using digital technology.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

Year 3

This semester, Year 3 have been completing 'Genius Hour' for their homework assignments. Genius Hour is a movement that allows students to explore their own passion and encourages creativity and choice. Students are able to present their research project however they choose, for example a website, class demonstration or a poster. We have learnt many interesting things so far including the colour spectrum, how sugar affects the body, black holes, the invention of words, what is inside a computer, world's fastest and strongest animals and much more.



"Genius Hour is the best we learn new things and its fun. This term I'm talking about volcanoes and I going to present it on Weebly."

Dean - 3 London

"I think genius hour is wonderful because it lets students learn thing they want to know. It makes students want to learn as they are having fun."

Rewa – 3 London

"The best thing about Genius Hour is that you can create and design a model"

Alyssa – 3 Sydney

"I like Genius Hour because you learn a lot and it is fun creating websites!"

Aditi – 3 Sydney

It has been an inspirational journey with many 'I wonder' questions developing for future genius hour projects. We look forward to seeing the wonderful results coming in at the end of this term!

Year 4

Groove Nation is on every Monday. We first have a warm up. In the warm up we do some leg stretches and arm stretches. After the warm up we do our theme dance. Every week we have a different theme like party or sleepy. Then we practise and add on to our performance dance. We have to do our performance dance every week. After all our dancing we do our final stretching. Next our coach chooses four dancers of the week and at the end of Groove Nation the coach will draw out a raffle from the people who have been dancers of the week. They get a ten dollar iTunes card. We love Groove Nation!

Jalil (4 Seoul) and Nikhil (4 Rome)

Groove Nation is a great experience and is different to what we would usually do. It is really fun because i love all the songs and actions. It is very creative dancing. Some of the moves are really funny and we get to use our own. It's great because we get to perform in front of our parents and there is an iTunes gift voucher to win.

Aliyah - 4 Seoul

I like Groove Nation. I like learning to dance and the different types of dances. Some of them are my favourite songs.

David - 4 Seoul

Groove Nation is a fun program for us and it helps us get our body moving and helps us be fit.

Tahsin - 4 Rome

Groove Nation is a really fun experience for kids. I personally like the cool downs.

Alex - 4 Rome

Groove Nation is fun and hard. I personally like the songs and the actions to the music.

Riley - 4 Rome



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

Thursdays in Stage 3

This term, Stage 3 have been working in rotational groups every Thursday. Students have the opportunity to work with 3 different teachers in three different learning environments. This helps students to be prepared for high school, helping them in their transition.

Science with Mrs Chegwiddden

In Science with Mrs Chegwiddden, students have been working in a Self Organised Learning Environment (SOLE). In SOLE, students are in charge of their own learning. Mrs Chegwiddden gives students a 'big question' that students work together to answer. The question is never 'Googlable' – the students always have to work hard to find their answer, and often there is never one correct answer. Students form their own groups of 3-5 and every student in the group has a specific job. Each group has a researcher, two recorders, a rover and a redirector.

Students have been enjoying learning about our solar system through this new and exciting method of learning. In SOLE, students are in charge of the direction of their learning, with the teacher acting as the facilitator. Students are learning to be creative.



Geography with Mr Grinham

Australia's relationship with its neighbouring countries in the Asia Pacific region was the fascinating framework on which our Year 5 and 6 students based their geographical enquiries this semester. Students worked in pairs, and used technology, to research a country of their choice in this area. When exploring countries that included Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand and Japan, students developed their inquiry skills by using and interpreting maps, photographs, documents and data.

They created illuminating presentations they delivered to their classmates that provided a wealth of insight and information for their fascinated audience. This was an exciting and successful project for all involved, and highlighted the benefits that can be obtained from the new Geography syllabus when it is integrated with English and Technology.



Drama with Mrs Mizon

Stage 3 have been devising plays during CAPA groups on Thursday. The students used ideas generated from known stories or ideas to create short scripts. They are now in the process of rehearsing and recording their efforts on iPads using iMovie. The students' response to the groups has been positive and we look forward to the finished products.



Library News

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life".

Sidney Sheldon.

The Australian Children's Laureate, Leigh Hobbs, is the creator of Old Tom, Horrible Harriet and Mr Chicken. Leigh Hobbs is passionate about the importance of libraries, including school libraries, stating that libraries have played an important role in his life. One of the goals of his term as Laureate is "to highlight the essential role libraries play in nurturing our creative lives." He has also spoken about the important role school libraries play in providing a safe space for students to hang out in. For more information about the Australian Children's Laureate go to <http://www.childrenslaureate.org.au/2016/02/leigh-hobbs-is-the-new-australian-childrens-laureate/>

Our library has recently had some changes to make a larger learning space for the students. We are waiting on some new furniture to arrive. This will make the library a more flexible and engaging area for the students to learn in.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway. Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge – Azlene, Madeline, Zoe, Olivia, Noah, Kostas, William, Joshua, Hannah, Ammarah and Bethany. The challenge must be completed by 19 August.

Mrs S. Harris
Teacher Librarian

Touch Football

This has been a superb way to start PSSA season 1, with a fantastic team of boys Junior and Senior. On the field and off the field, the teams were certainly winners. They were full of spirit and camaraderie and were unified and committed to achieving common goals, having fun and developing skills. I would like to congratulate our senior team becoming Equal Premiers with Picnic Point with a 2 all draw. They outplayed the opposition using width of the field to full effect and looking like a well drilled rep side. I am very proud to have been part of the team.

Mr Grinham

P&C Report

I am pleased to announce that the canteen upgrade has moved into phase 2. The upgrade will provide more preparation space for the volunteers who do a wonderful job serving our children. Once again 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.

The P&C will be holding a special lunch to coincide with the Athletics Carnival. Please return the sausage sizzle order form by Thursday 23rd June. If you are able to volunteer on the day please complete and hand it into the front office as without volunteers we will be unable to run the sausage sizzle.

Also the P&C Canteen is running a competition for a chance to win a \$30 iTunes Gift Card. By ordering on Munchmonitor between now and the 12th August you will go into the draw. A letter was sent home last week to help any family become a member on Munchmonitor.

I will like to thank you all for your patience during the transition of moving our uniforms across to Panania. We are the process of completing a stocktake and hopefully the final stages on the transition will be finalised soon.

Finally I could like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to help with the Bunnings BBQ.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th August at 9:15pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome. I would like to thank you all for your support of the P&C in term 2 and hope you have a safe and peaceful break. See you all in term 3.

Faye Cazouris
P&C President 2016
0402 077 736



ICT Team - Technology Update

During the last school holidays, the ICT team at PNPS began a partnership with the Apple store in Miranda Shopping Centre that is proving to have many benefits. Through school funding, we have purchased a further 25 iPads that will soon be in our classrooms. That means every class in the school will have 5 iPads, in addition to the laptops currently available. Along with this purchase of additional Apple products, the store is also able to offer our staff professional development in successfully using Apple products to their full potential in a variety of classroom situations. The ICT Team are about to embark on the first of these professional development opportunities to ascertain what they can offer us and then how this can 'best fit' for a roll out to all staff early in Term 3. We are looking forward to learning new and creative ways to maximise the potential that our devices have and ensure these are integrated creatively into our classrooms.



Fundraising News

Bunnings BBQ - Monday 13th June

Thank you to the following parents, grandparents and teachers for volunteering their valuable time and helping us run such a successful fundraiser. This BBQ alone, we raised \$1,500 and with both Bunnings BBQs profit combined, we raised over \$3,000. None of this is possible without our volunteers - THANK YOU!

Phuong Tran, Kaylene Brown, Tony Buck, Amy Hall, Melissa Webb, Alecia Williams, Jeanne Zhu, Jeremy De Villiers, Martin Camp, Emily Baker, Steve & Marcela Stojkanovic, Debbie Da Silva, Jim Carey, Kathryn Martin, Jasine Phillips, Faye Cazouris, Ms Armstrong, Ms Harrison, Mrs Peterson

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Jaime Wong
P&C Fundraising Coordinator

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Bankstown Basketball Association is running a program designed to introduce young girls to the sport of basketball. This program will run for 6 weeks with girls being put into teams where they will do a 30 minute skills session followed by a 30 minute game each Saturday.

- Play each Saturday for 6 weeks from: -
Aug:- 13th, 20th, 27th. **Sept:** 3rd, 10th & 17th
- 1hr session each Saturday at either 9am or 10am (Week 1 will be from 9am –10:30am for all participants and then from week 2 onwards players will have a rotation of 9am and 10am game times)
- For all girls aged 9-12yrs [must not turn 13 in 2016]
- The aim is to get girls into teams for a mini development competition for 6 weeks during Term 3 and then hopefully have them continue to play in our Girls Summer Saturday Competition starting in Term 4.
- Register either individually or with your friends and we will place them in a team together.

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School Calendar

20/6 Groove Nation WEEK 9	21/6 Stage 2 Excursion	22/6 Debate SRC Muftiday	23/6 Assembly	24/6 PSSA Round 4	25-26/6
27/6 Groove Nation WEEK 10	28/6 Athletics Carnival at The Crest	29/6 Stage 3 Exhibition	30/6 Naidoc Art Gallery Gold Assembly	1/7 Last day for Term 2 PSSA Round 5	2-3/7
4/7 Holidays 11/7 Holidays	5/7 Holidays 12/7 Holidays	6/7 Holidays 13/7 Holidays	7/7 Holidays 14/7 Holidays	8/7 Holidays 15/7 Holidays	9-10/7 16-17/7
18/7 Staff Development Day WEEK 1	19/7 Students Return	20/7	21/7 Assembly	22/7 PSSA Round 6	23-24/7
25/7 WEEK 2	26/7	27/7 OC Test	28/7 Assembly	29/7 PSSA Round 7	30-31/7
1/8 Education Week WEEK 3	2/8 ICAS English Olympathon	3/8	4/8 Education Week Assembly	5/8 PSSA Round 8	6-7/8
8/8 WEEK 4	9/8 Stage 3 Canberra Camp	10/8	11/8 Assembly	12/8 PSSA Round 9	13-14/8