

# Padstow North Public School



*"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"*

Term 4 Week 8

Hello parents, carers, students and friends of Padstow North Public School

As in previous years, this is the time of year I take the opportunity to congratulate everyone for an outstanding effort in 2017! Thank you to our teaching and non-teaching staff for providing the innovative 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 many goals this year. Our achievements include: celebrating our schools 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee Celebration on Saturday 21 October; the installation of two water refill stations; the purchase of \$2000 worth of home readers; and, the installation of artificial grass outside of the school hall. I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of our P&C in helping us realise these achievements. A big CONGRATULATIONS also goes to P&C President Jaime Wong who has been re-elected into the role for the upcoming school year. Thank you Jaime.

Finally, a big thank you 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 2018. 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. Keep up the hard work, and maintain the dedication you have to learn as much as you can while you have the opportunities school provides.



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 7 December, as our Presentation Day assembly on Tuesday 12 December will be our final assembly for 2017.

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 7th December

### Kindergarten to Year 2

Yassine H  
Lyvia P  
Nathaniel K  
Iris L

### Years 3-6

Vincent N  
Zeinab S  
Katie B  
Harshini D  
Katelyn W  
Layla K  
Jackie B  
Marcus M  
Lulu S  
Phoebe M  
Tina D  
William T

## Dates to Remember

### 6 December

Year 6 Market Day

### 7 December

Gold Assembly

### 12 December

Presentation Day

### 13 December

Year 6 Fun Day

### 15 December

Last day of term for students

### 19 December

Last day of term for teachers



# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

## Kindergarten Daydream and Kindergarten Hamilton

During Literacy lessons, Kindergarten students have been developing their knowledge of informative text structure. They applied this knowledge when writing information reports about dolphins and turtles. They learnt how to write about an animal's classification, appearance, habitat and diet. Writing was directly linked to our Science unit 'Commotion in the Ocean' in which students developed their knowledge of sea life during our exciting excursion to The Sydney Aquarium. Students had the opportunity to design and make an informative pamphlet about sharks as part of Science and Literacy.

During Mathematics, students learnt about Multiplication and Division, and Position. They continued to develop their knowledge to solve multiplication and division problems by creating equal groups and making fair shares, and learnt to record the number sentences. Students had fun solving word problems using concrete materials during various learning activities. They continued to develop their early numeracy skills during TEN lessons.

In Geography, Kindergarten Daydream and Kindergarten Hamilton joined together for lessons, and learnt about the continent of Asia and different Asian countries. We located these countries on a map and shared our researched knowledge that was sourced at home for Chatterbox presentations. Using a world map, students discussed where family members were from and what products come from various countries. Term 4 has been a busy, fun and very productive time!



## K/1/2 Cairns

This year has gone by so quickly. It has been lovely to see how all the students in Cairns and Daintree have improved. Over the course of the year the students have improved with reading, writing, counting, multiplication, investigating in science and history. Daintree was fantastic with helping Cairns settle into the school and the classes have become friends. They help each other in the classroom and in the playground.

Both classes were lucky enough to attend the Variety Club Christmas Party at Darling Harbour. All the students had an amazing day with seeing Santa, rides and games, everyone won prizes and got a present at the end of the day. Ms Armstrong came along and enjoyed it as much as the students. Parents and teachers were proud of everyone behaving and making the most of the day.



## Variety Christmas Party





# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

## 1 Byron

1 Byron has been very busy as we wrap up what has been a fantastic year! The 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations were a huge success, with many happy faces participating in the dance group and combined 'I'm a Believer' dance with 1/2 Kakadu and 1/2/3 Daintree. We have enjoyed continuing to develop our writing skills, focusing on informative and imaginative texts. Our favourite book was 'If I Built a Car' and we enjoyed creating a futuristic design in both literacy and science. In maths, we have been learning about telling the time, with students learning to tell the time on the hour and half past. We now know that if the minute hand points to the 12 it's on the hour and if it is pointing to the 6 it is half past! We have also been enjoying going to the computer lab to practice logging in and using Word processing programs for daily writing tasks. The students are building their confidence using computers and are now able to log in, make capital and lower case letters, full stops and use basic editing tools such as spell and grammar check. Students should be proud of all of their achievements this year! Well done 1 Byron! 😊



## 1/2 Kakadu

I can't believe this is the last newsletter piece for 1/2 Kakadu! It has been an amazing year and I have been very lucky to have had the opportunity to share it with an amazing class!

We have done so much this term that it is hard to sum it up in just a short paragraph!

Year 2 have had a busy term with some students participating in our swimming program every Friday. We have tried a new venue for our 'learn to swim' program this year and it has been a huge success! We will be offering the program again next year and hope to be able to offer it to more students. Year 2 also attended a Year 3 orientation day on Tuesday of Week 7, where they were joined by 26 new Year 3 students enrolling at Padstow North for next year. It was a very tiring day but one that was extremely successful and enjoyed by all.

Year 1 have been busy getting ready for Year 2. They have been very actively learning in the classroom and engaging in activities to extend their knowledge about how to write informative and imaginative texts, designing and creating a representation of a transport system for science, and experimenting with publishing some of their writing in the computer lab.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being with my students in 1/2 Kakadu this year and am proud of all of their efforts and results.





# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

## 2 Fraser

Wow! Only a few weeks left for the year. 2 Fraser have been working hard while we have been appreciating the special year we have had together learning and having fun. 2 Fraser should be very proud of all their efforts and achievements this year. They have all worked really hard.

In science, we have been busy making a prototype for a new transport system. Students used all different types of recycled materials to bring to life a new futuristic mode of transport. We are especially looking forward to our excursion to the National Australian Maritime Museum. We have also created our own futuristic bedroom. From swimming pools, basketball hoops, soccer goals and walls that you have to jump over with a trampoline. The presentations were interesting and enjoyable.

Our Year 3 orientation was a special day. We spent time in the primary playground, played sport, created an artwork and wrote a creative story. We did this all whilst we made new friends. 2 Fraser are all ready for Year 3.

I have been very lucky to have such an awesome class this year and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching 2 Fraser. I'm going to miss them all over the holidays. I hope that all the students and their families have a wonderful holiday and a happy new year. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2018.

Mrs Britton



## 2 Uluru

Wow! Where has the year gone? We have had such an amazing year in 2 Uluru and from both Mrs Barker and myself, we would like to say a big thank you to all the students and parents of 2 Uluru and we wish you all a very happy holidays.

This week, 2 Uluru students participated in their Year 3 Orientation session, meeting new people from other schools like Bankstown South Infants School. Students all worked collaboratively together and participated in an orienteering activity around the school and also some fun sporting games on the oval.

In class, we have been concluding our units of work in Science and Geography. Students have been doing some great mini-research projects and writing lots of interesting information reports. Miss Kousoulas finishes with 2 Uluru at the end of Week 9. We have had such fun with her and wish her all the best in her teaching career and studies at the University of Notre Dame.

This year has been an amazing year of fun and exciting learning. Both Mrs Barker and myself are very proud of all the achievements of all students in 2 Uluru. It has been another one of my favourite years from my entire teaching career. I hope that all students and families have an amazing holiday and a very happy new year. See you all in 2018.

Mrs Rudder





# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

What a wonderful year it has been in Stage 2. Lots of laughing, creating, playing, collaborating, talking, listening, exploring and learning. We have had great experiences, as we have been on many excursions and incursions. We are all very proud to be a part of the 60th Celebrations this year, and enjoyed representing our school. Here are some quotes from the students and teachers in Stage 2.

## 3 Bondi

*Jenin* - This year I really enjoyed going to the Nan Tien temple. I loved being in the choir and singing at assembly.

*Georgia* - I enjoyed the CSIRO science STEM Day. It was so much fun!

*Dorian* - This year I really enjoyed all the art projects. Dreamtime story research was interesting too. I love Mathletics and hanging out with new friends!

*Seb* - I really enjoyed the sports in Year 3. My favourite game is Golden Child and PSSA was a great experience. Geography lessons were interesting, we learnt about different countries and what they eat.

*Summer* - I really liked the swimming program and think I have improved my freestyle. Learning about dreamtime stories was interesting and fun. I also liked being part of the choir.



## 3/4 Narooma

*Mrs Gaston* - "The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW. The more that you LEARN, the more places you'll GO" (a quote from Dr Seus).

*Steven* - I love doing art as it is educational and fun. I enjoyed being in 3/4 Narooma as I got to work with people from a different grade.

*Jad* - I learnt different ways of doing algorithms and can now multiply quicker.

*Kostas* - It was challenging doing maths and Naplan.

*LJ* - The things we do can change. Always remember, try, try again. I can make it possible.

*Olivia* - I loved the excursion, incursions and special days. I got to see and do new things.

*Emily* - I enjoyed showing off our art for our class item.

*Siraya* - I feel my writing and reading have improved because I am listening to feedback from people.

*Harry* - We never say never!



## 4 Cronulla

*Miss Harrison* - I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment with my amazing class this year, and they have achieved significant milestones that they should be very proud of. Your unique characters have added humour and joy to each day, and I hope that you always remember how special you all are.

*Alana* - This term I have enjoyed learning how to do long division and long multiplication quickly I also enjoyed reading some amazing stories on Wushka.

*Brianna* - Our experience with the Planetarium was fantastic, as we enjoyed learning about the universe, I have improved my artistic skills to show smudging and mixed colours.

*Abdullah* - This term I liked to do long multiplication and extending my multiplication skills. I also liked helping 1/2/3 Daintree with their reading and comprehension.

*Saim* - This year I loved doing art, because I used skills of sketching, and my favourite piece was our Chinese lanterns. My favourite part of this year was going to Joey Banks and participating in the Lego Robotics Workshop. I am very proud of what I have achieved this year, because of my SMART goals.





# News from the Stage 2 & 3 Classrooms

## 3 Fingal Bay

*Mr Grinham* - "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner anywhere" is an adage that Fingal Bay will rejoice in as they grow older.

*Tyler* - I enjoyed the science subject and the incursions Jollybops and Planetarium.

*Harshini* - I enjoyed doing sports because I learnt different skills.

*Jackie* - I loved our handwriting lessons and silent ball games.

*Thomas* - I enjoyed Fingal Bay because we did lots of Spelling, writing, Maths and sports.



## Berry Camp

We had a lot of fun activities but in our opinion the best activities were biscuiting in the lake and swinging on the giant swing. On the biscuits we had lots of fun paddling, falling off, racing, working as a team doing challenges. The best thing about the giant swing was the suspense going up and the "death" drop going down, at first we thought be scary but if we didn't go up all the way it would be a regret. - *Layla & Aliyah*

The best things about Berry was the Biscuits because it was fun when we fell in the water and when we had to try and stand up on the biscuit for 45 seconds and most people fell in the water when they had to do that challenge. But the best thing about the biscuits was when we had the fruit break and the instructor threw me an apple, but then I dropped it in the water so I jumped in to get it. There was also archery but I was really bad at it but it was a really fun experience when you got it on the yellow but all up it was a really fun experience. In our whole trip the best thing was the food because it was super delicious and the experience was really good. - *Ben and Cody*

Berry was an exciting experience for stage 3. The activities (especially the giant swing) were challenging for the students and even the teachers! Personally, my favourite time there is definitely the disco dancing with my friends and mucking around. Everyone was keen to attempt the challenges with courage and confidence. This camp has created so many memories for all of us, especially for year six to remember at high school. - *Soraya*

The Berry excursion was one of the best moments of my life. I had learnt a lot and there were activities I had never experienced before such as the Giant Swing and Biscuits. The food was delicious and spectacular. My friends dared me to come out of my comfort zone and I didn't regret it. The best part was when stage 3 danced with both of the other schools and made friends with them. Overall, the entire time we were there was satisfying. - *By Bruce*

The best thing we liked about Berry was the biscuiting in the lake. What we had to do was we would get a big ring and four paddles and we also got life jackets for safety. It was five people on the ring we had to sit in a special formation to be able to row. In our group there was Jade, Gabby, Georgia, Tanika and Miss Greatrex. We won all of the challenges. We also had a Halloween disco we did all different games and dances. We all dressed up and we all looked fantastic and we also saw a chicken and it laid eggs. We all hope we go back again and we hope you go there too. It was so much fun. - *by Jade and Gabby*

On the 30 October the majority of Stage 3 travelled on a bus to Berry. When we arrived we were all split into 3 groups. Whilst we were in our groups, we completed a few activities throughout our stay. These were: Treasure hunt, Archery, Biscuiting (which is an inflatable raft on water), Giant swing and lastly the cook-out. On the first night of our camp, we had a game night, which we played multiple games with other schools. The second night was the Halloween party. That night we played haunting games and dances. One of the games we played was called musical elbows, which is similar to musical chairs. We all had an amazing time! - *Jenna, Katie and Charm*





# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms





## P&C Report

I'm honoured to have been re-elected as the P&C President for 2018 at the recent AGM 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 actively been part of the P&C community for the past 4 years starting as a volunteer, then becoming the P&C Fundraising Coordinator for 2 years and now P&C President for a second term.

I'm really pleased to announce the P&C Committee Representatives for 2018:

<b>Senior Vice President:</b>	<b>Ayda Zalaf</b>
<b>Junior Vice President:</b>	<b>Amy Hall</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jennifer Bracken</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Julia de Villiers</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	<b>Don Reardon</b>
<b>Fundraising Coordinator:</b>	<b>Amy Hall</b>
<b>Student Banking Coordinator:</b>	<b>Franca Cassachia</b>
<b>Canteen Convenor:</b>	<b>Franca Cassachia</b>
<b>Book Club Coordinator:</b>	<b>Christine To</b>

2017 was a huge year for the P&C. We closed our accounts on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 with the Canteen doing extremely well and making \$10,891. This outstanding result was due to tighter financial management as well as the hard work of our Canteen Manager (Phill Allsop-Guest) and volunteers – well done and thank you to everyone involved! The P&C through its fundraising efforts raised an amazing \$21,652 (including profits from the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations) – a big pat on the back to all volunteers. The P&C high saver account has a healthy balance of \$48,000.

In 2017, the P&C donated \$12,000 to the purchase of the synthetic grass outside the school hall, purchased the 2 water refill stations at a cost of \$4,671, donated \$1,125 to the Year 6 farewell, sponsored 2 students who represented the school at regional sporting events with \$100 each as well as agreeing to donate \$2,000 to the purchase of new home readers for our students. So all up, we've donated \$19,996 – amazing!

As you can see, 2017 has been an extremely prosperous year for the P&C. We couldn't have achieved all this without the support of our families. We have volunteers who have donated their time to help with fundraising activities, in the canteen, doing school banking on Tuesdays and organising the School Book Club. We have working families who support us financially by purchasing raffle tickets, sending in loose change Friday money,

attending events, buying sausages from sausage sizzles, ordering lunch from the school canteen, banking every Tuesday and of course purchasing books through the book club. No matter which way you have contributed to the success of the P&C – THANK YOU very much for all your support.

Planning for 2018 has already started with an application for Bunnings BBQs in Term 2, registration for the Coles Sports for School (similar to Woolworths Earn and Learn) as well as many other activities. If you haven't already, jump onto Facebook and 'like' our PNPS P&C page to keep informed of our activities.

However, before we start looking into 2018, we've still got the festivities of the School Christmas Carols Night to look forward to. We've got hampers to raffle off and lots of food to keep you well fed – the canteen will be open and we will have a sausage sizzle as well. Remember to send your notes and money in! So start learning those Christmas carols lyrics, fine tune your singing voices and hope you can join us on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December for this annual event!

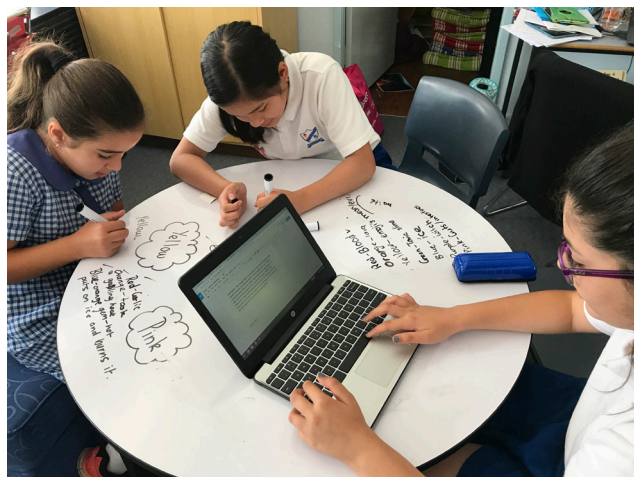
Finally, on behalf of the P&C, we wish all our PNPS families and staff a safe and joyous summer holiday period, see you in 2018.

Jaime Wong  
P&C President

## ICT - Chromebooks

Students were very excited this week to trial our new HP Chromebooks. Our school received 17 of these and will be using them in the lab as well as classrooms to enhance learning.

A Chromebook is a laptop which is slightly different to the ones we have had in the past. Instead of Windows 10 or macOS, Chromebooks run Google's Chrome OS. These machines are designed to be used while connected to the Internet, and used cloud-based applications. They are light and less expensive than traditional laptops, which is why we were lucky enough to get so many. If any families are looking for a device for BYOT next year, these are an excellent option as they retail from \$340.





## Library News

Borrowing has stopped for 2017. All books are now due back in the Library to enable the end of year processes to be completed on time. Please assist your children to return their books on time.

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.

The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will have been presented to students who completed the challenge in the Gold Assembly on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you to the library monitors for all their help this year - Jade P, Gabrielle B and Zeinab S have been library monitors this year and to Caitlin L, Tiffany L, Soraya and Freya T who have been library monitors for the past 2 years.

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

Susan Harris  
Teacher Librarian



## What a Knight!

Excitement filled the hall as knights, princesses and dragons trod the stage to provide us with an action packed piece of entertainment that was accompanied by enthusiastic singing and ensured plenty of laughs. The audience was treated to a magical story that began with young squire Watt Cobblers being expelled from knight school and reluctantly becoming Merlin's new apprentice. Chaos reigned at Camelot Castle, though, with kidnappings, lost swords and the adventures of a princess being the order of the day. To add to the chaos an evil Black Knight plotted to take over the castle. Of course, we all love a happy ending, and this was supplied by the outstanding performances of our very talented cast of Stage 3 students whose expressive acting and comic timing delivered a spellbinding night of entertainment. Congratulations to all the cast on their tremendously successful performance. Many hours of intensive rehearsals helped to produce such a sparkling, high quality result so well done to all students for their hard work and dedication.

Mr Grinham

## Junior Cricket

Our junior cricketers can be very proud of themselves in light of the excellent cricket they produced in their final. They achieved second place in the competition in a very close game in which 7 runs determined who won and who lost. Although Picnic Point PS took home the trophy I think we came home as winners as well because of our determination, teamwork and impressive display of skills. Well done to all of our players, who should be very proud of themselves. They were rewarded for their consistency throughout the season by making the final, and acquitted themselves with self-confidence.

## Senior Cricket

It was a tough game for our Senior Cricket team, who faced a tough opposition in Revesby South PS in the final. Our players did a good job of putting all their effort into the game but it wasn't quite enough to stand on the podium on the day. It wasn't a close game, but I was very proud of all of our players as they maintained the excellent sportsmanship they have displayed all year and tried their very best in the game. Well done to all players.

Mr Grinham



# School Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
<b>4/12</b>  <b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>5/12</b>  Year 6 High School Day	<b>6/12</b>  Year 6 Market Day	<b>7/12</b>  Kindergarten Celebration  Gold Assembly  Carols Night 5:00-7:30pm	<b>8/12</b>  Reports home	<b>9-10/12</b>
<b>11/12</b>  P&C Dinner  <b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>12/12</b>  Presentation Day  P&C Lunch	<b>13/12</b>  Year 6 Fun Day	<b>14/12</b>  Year 6 Farewell	<b>15/12</b>  Last day for students  WOW Factor	<b>16-17/12</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School Holidays</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year</b></p>					
<b>29/01/2018</b>  Staff Development Day  <b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>30/01</b>  Start of Term 1 Years 1-6 Students Return  Kindy Best Start	<b>31/01</b>  Kindy Best Start	<b>01/02</b>  First Day for Kindergarten 9:15am	<b>02/02</b>	<b>03-04/02</b>
<b>05/02</b>  <b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>06/02</b>	<b>07/02</b>	<b>08/02</b>  Assembly	<b>09/02</b>	<b>10-11/02</b>
<b>12/02</b>  <b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>13/02</b>	<b>14/02</b>	<b>15/02</b>  Assembly	<b>16/02</b>	<b>17-18/02</b>
<b>19/02</b>  <b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>20/02</b>	<b>21/02</b>	<b>22/02</b>  Assembly	<b>23/02</b>	<b>24-25/02</b>