

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 1 Week 4

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

Welcome to the 2017 school year at Padstow North Public School! Our students, staff and families have returned happy and safe. Of course we have many new faces joining us this year, namely our Kindergarten students, Year 3 students from Bankstown South Infants School, new families and some new faces amongst staff too.

We also have new additions to the school environment including our 'new' canteen which came after a long but successful campaign by our P&C who applied for and received a \$25,000.00 grant and raised more funds, with your support, to add to the final amount. Thank you on behalf of our entire school community. The new canteen is already proving to be popular with the students, staff and volunteers. Our oval now has AFL posts as our students enjoy participating in the sport and this will make it more fun. Thank you to GWL AFL Club for donating and installing the posts.

Did you know that during the last two days of the 2016 school year and the first day of 2017 our teachers came to school when there were no students and participated in a variety of professional development activities to enhance how and what they deliver in the classroom? This included a day in the Learning Hub at Sir Joseph Banks High School to learn more about *STEAM* in education. *STEAM* stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics!



I am looking forward to another productive year of learning for our students, families and staff, and hope you are too.

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 23 February

Kindergarten to Year 2

Levi N
Charlize T

Years 3-6

Jennifer C
Aditi S
Lachlan C
Savannah W

Dates to Remember

February 21

P&C meeting

February 23

Primary Links
Gold Assembly

February 28

Class Photos
Meet the Teacher

March 2

Primary Links

March 3

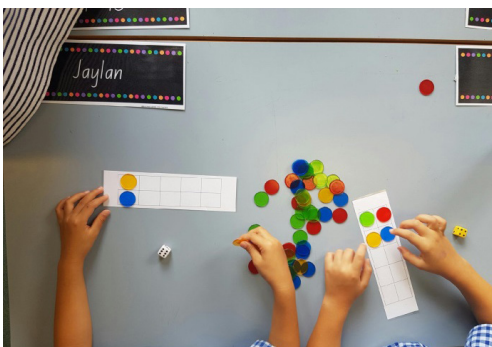
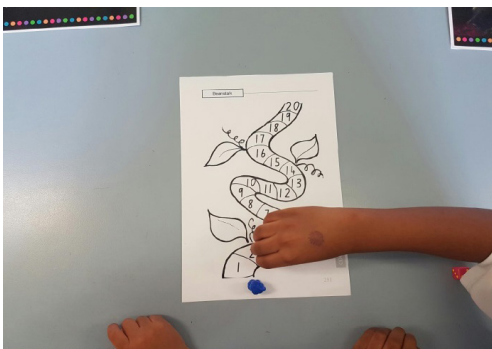
PSSA Round 1
Disco

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

Kindergarten Hamilton and Kindergarten Daydream

Kindergarten Hamilton and Kindergarten Daydream have had an exciting and settled start to school. They were introduced to ES1 Literacy sessions using the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty, and will continue to explore a number of other nursery rhymes and narratives including Incy Wincy spider and the Very Hungry Caterpillar. The students have enjoyed reciting rhymes, learning to write sentences and illustrating their work.

Each afternoon, the two kindergarten classes have joined together so that students could participate in painting and developmental play, which helps them get to know their peers in Kindergarten. Students are excited about the Class Dojo points system and are working hard towards earning twenty points, for which they receive a Bronze Award. We have been learning about numbers and playing a variety of games using dice and cards. Students are also learning about themselves as part of the History unit 'Me, Myself and I', as well as exploring the weather as part of the Science unit.



1/2/3 Daintree

What a great start to the year we've had! 1/2/3 Daintree has settled in well up north. Everyone is happy to be back at school and have a positive attitude towards their learning. The students are working on listening to the sounds in words and trying to spell words by themselves. Everyone is trying to have a "can do" attitude with their work and try the work themselves before asking for help.

1/2/3 Daintree has been developing their measuring skills. They have measured themselves with blocks, objects in the classroom with paddlepop sticks or our lunch boxes with rulers. It has been great exploring measurement with different tools.



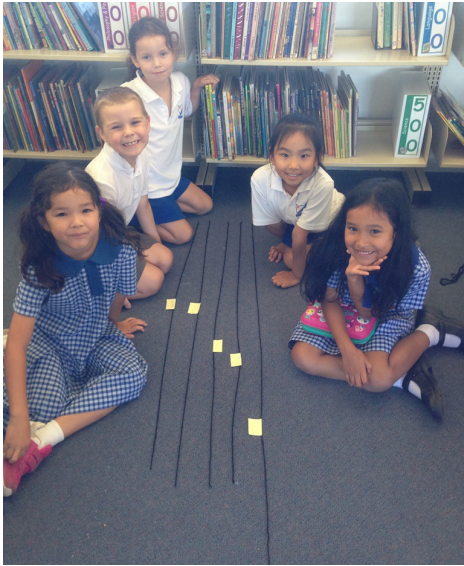
1 Byron



1 Byron has been learning about place value in maths. We have been using base ten blocks to understand the purpose of place value when we read and write two-digit numbers. We have also been learning about recount writing in literacy. We know that recounts are written to retell something that has already happened and uses past tense to demonstrate that it has occurred. During the past two weeks we have been reading stories about grandparents, 'Grandad's Teeth' and 'Dan's Grandpa' to help us learn about recounts and their purpose.

News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

1/2 Kakadu



What a start to 2017! 1/2 Kakadu have been flat out getting to know our new class mates, new teacher and our new classroom routines. We have finished our first maths program and our first literacy book study. We have completed our first piece of visual art and it is ready for display. We have had several fitness sessions and started learning the skills and rules of some popular sports. We have even had a chance to take one of our usual maths lessons to the library and use the amazing space that this provides us. I have set up the class dojo for 2017. If you find that you can't access our 1/2 Kakadu dojo, please let me know so I can send home new log on details for you. I am really looking forward to a great 2017 with a wonderful group of students.

2 Fraser Island



2 Fraser has had an amazing start to the school year. We have been reading Aboriginal stories from our 'Fraser Island Legends' book as well as looking at photos and learning about all the different landscapes on Fraser Island.

Students have been working extremely hard in literacy groups where we have been exploring recount writing. We have been studying the book 'Dan's Grandpa' whilst writing our own recount of a special memory we spent with a relative.

In maths we have been learning about length and experimenting with formal and informal ways of measuring. Students used estimating strategies and developed ways of comparing objects or distances by observing and testing. We also played a game called 'Magic Number'; the students loved this game and are developing their fluency in addition.

In science, we have started to learn about 'Living Things' and in history, we will be learning about 'The Past and the Present'.

2 Uluru

We have had a wonderful start to the beginning of the year. Students have been immersed in Reading Groups and Literacy Writing and creatively writing about a book we read called 'Grandad's Teeth' by Rod Clement. This funny story brought great discussions about old grandpa's and grandma's and how we have to help each other.

Students have also been using flexible learning spaces and moving the room around to accommodate areas for group work. Students have loved finding great partners and places that improve their learning.

In Science we will be researching 'Living Things' and in history we are learning about 'The Past and the Present'. We are very excited to be using laptops and iPads and look forward to Bringing Your Own Technology (BYOT) to extend our learning.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

What a great start to the year for students and teachers in years 3 and 4.

3 Fingal Bay



The first few weeks of the year have been exciting in 3 Fingal Bay. We have been getting to know our classmates, as well as new routines, and learning many new things. Almost half of our class are new students to Padstow North PS, but we very quickly became a class full of friends and smiles. We have adapted very well to the transition into Year 3 and have a wonderful enthusiasm for learning. It will be an interesting and fun learning adventure in Fingal Bay this year and we will make sure we share this with our parents on Dojo.

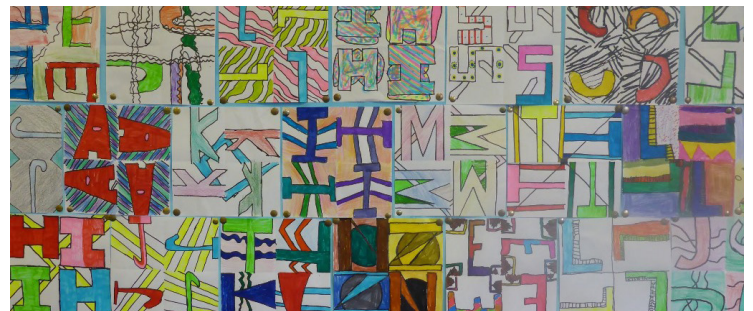
3 Bondi

3 Bondi are surfing their way into a new year of learning. We also welcome some new faces and hope that they are as happy at this wonderful school as we are. There has already been lots of new and exciting experiences in our very spacious and well air conditioned room. 'Growth Mindset' is super important to our learning and all year the students in 3 Bondi will be learning strategies and discussing ways to grow their muscles (their brains). They also have the opportunity to bring devices to enhance learning, which is very exciting. Dojo is our class blog and I encourage all parents to sign up as it is a fantastic way for me to share information and celebrate the success of your children.



3/4 Narooma

We've had a wonderful start to the year. Lots of new routines, some fitness and of course art. An activity that we needed perseverance with was working with Tangrams. It was a great workout for our brain. Rotational symmetry was also a great challenge.



4 Cronulla

We have all come back excited and eager to learn. Everyone has set off to a great start as we have set our learning and personal goals for the year. It was great to see students reflecting on their effort and achievements from last year, and are now striving for success on their new learning adventure. Our biggest whole class goal for the year is 'showing responsibility', meaning we take control of our learning and make responsible decisions to help achieve our goals. One way we are achieving this is by using our flexible learning spaces to work collaboratively with others during learning. Students even had the opportunity to arrange the classroom how they like it! We are all looking forward to a great year together.



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

4/5 Kimberley

4/5 Kimberley have made a fantastic start to 2017. This week we have started our maths and literacy groups and have begun our novel study for the term. We have been discussing what it means to have a growth mindset and have set goals for the year. We are looking forward to the year ahead and to achieving these goals and even more.



5/6 The Rocks

5/6 The Rocks are all settling in well and off to a great start in our learning. This term we are learning about how natural disasters affect the Earth's crust and how this has an impact on the people, animals and plants living on our planet. There are lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead and everyone is looking forward to camp in term 2.



5 Port Douglas

5 Port Douglas are off to a great start and have settled into the new year extremely well. They have already shown a keen interest in their learning and demonstrated this through their amazing persuasive and imaginative writing. We are already going crazy for the exciting year ahead!



6 Surfers Paradise

6 Surfers Paradise has surfed back to school with a positive attitude to their learning. They are ready for flexible learning and are making very wise choices. We are going to have a fun year with lots of critical and creative thinking. Here they are enjoying painting a portrait of themselves to start the year.



P&C President's Report

Welcome to new and returning families to the 2017 school year! What an exciting year we, at the P&C have planned for you.

The first P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st February from 9:15am in the school hall. Parents and/or carers should come along and become P&C members. It costs \$1 and you can vote and contribute to the what happens within the P&C.

For your reference, these are the P&C meeting dates and times for the remainder of the year. If you are unable to attend the morning meetings, every alternate meeting is a night one.

Term	Date	Time
Term 1	Tues 21st Feb 2017	9:15am
	Tues 14 th Mar 2017	6:00pm
Term 2	Tues 9 th May 2017	9:15am
	Tues 13 th June 2017	6:00pm
Term 3	Tues 8 th Aug 2017	9:15am
	Tues 12 th Sept 2017	6:00pm
Term 4	Tues 14 th Nov 2017	AGM at 6:00pm

On Thursday 23rd February we will be having a Welcome Morning Tea at the canteen after school drop off. This will give new and returning parents/carers the chance to see the new canteen and meet other parents.

You will be receiving a P&C Handbook with all the details about the P&C that you will need. Have a read and keep the book safe for future reference. If you have time, please support us and volunteer at the various fundraising activities throughout the year.

There are also a few ways you can keep in touch with what is happening within the P&C:-

1. Schoolbag app: 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.
2. Like us on Facebook: The school has its own page: Padstow North Public School
3. School website <http://www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Look forward to seeing you at the P&C meeting!

Jaime Wong
P&C President

Library News

Welcome to 2017! Library lessons have commenced. We have revised care of our books, borrowing procedures and The Five Finger Test, which is a simple test to help students choose a book that is at their reading level. Library borrowing will commence as soon as possible. Each class has a designated library session every week and students are encouraged to bring their book(s) each week to return and borrow. Please check your child's library day with their class teacher. To borrow, students need to remember a library bag. A school library bag offers the best protection for our books.

A number of Year 5 and 6 students have applied to be Library Monitors for this year. Students will be coming during lunchtime to learn the many things that they need to know to take on the role.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will officially commence from March 6 and all students need to have their 'Challenge' completed by August 25. If you have any queries about the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge or other matters related to the library please contact me.

Mrs Harris
Teacher-Librarian

ICT BYOT

Bring Your Own Technology

In week 2, students in years 2-6 brought home our school BYOT Policy and a permission note to participate in this program. All children need to complete this form if they wish to bring their personal devices to school. Please make sure that you discuss the policy with your child as it is important for them to understand their responsibilities.

Class teachers will communicate via Class Dojo to let you know when their class should bring in devices and if they require particular apps to be added.





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School Calendar

20/2 Week 5	21/2 P&C Meeting	22/2	23/2 Primary Links Gold Assembly	24/2	25-26/2
27/2 Week 6	28/2 Class Photos Meet the Teacher	1/3	2/3 SRC Induction Primary Links	3/3 PSSA Round 1 Disco	4-5/3 Watch 60 Minutes
6/3 Week 7	7/3	8/3	9/3 Primary Links	10/3 PSSA Round 2	11-12/3 Family Portraits
13/3 Week 8	14/3	15/3	16/3 Primary Links	17/3 PSSA Round 3	18-19/3
20/3 Week 9	21/3	22/3	23/3 Primary Links	24/3 PSSA Round 4	25-26/3
27/3 Week 10	28/3	29/3	30/3 Gold Assembly	31/3 PSSA Round 5	1-2/4
3/4 Week 11	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4 PSSA Round 6 Last day of Term 1	8-9/4