

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 3 Week 8

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

This week is SAS Staff Recognition Week, a week dedicated to recognising and acknowledging the important work our School Administrative and Support Staff undertake in schools across NSW. SAS staff at Padstow North Public School work in the office, library, classrooms and school grounds. The work they do is vital to the education of our students. The work of our SAS staff was celebrated with a special breakfast on Wednesday morning. Thank you to our SAS staff: Mrs Peterson, Mrs Gilmore, Mrs McGuire, Mrs Aldini, Mrs Lawrie, Mr Allatt, Mrs Nanden, Mrs Olsen, and Mrs Najjarine.

Last week was Brianna and Debbie's 'Double Chop for Charity'...and what a very special and fun event it was. The students cheered for Brianna to have her hair chopped first, and then it was Debbie's turn. Brianna and Debbie were treated to stylish new haircuts by hairdresser Connie and Bankstown TAFE students Danielle and Sophia!

Happy Father's Day to all of our special fathers, granddads, uncles and friends of Padstow North Public School. We enjoyed your company at our Father's Day breakfast, hosted by our P&C. We hope you continued to be spoilt by your loved ones over the Father's Day weekend.



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 21st September

Kindergarten to Year 2

Conor P
Joshua G
Jessica B
Prisha G

Years 3-6

Aaron H

Dates to Remember

12 September

Menai High School testing
P&C meeting at 6:30pm

15 September

P&C Disco

18-19 September

Planetarium incursion

22 September

Last day of Term 3

21 October

60th Fair

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

Kindergarten Daydream and Kindergarten Hamilton

English

During Literacy lessons, students are learning about recount texts and imaginative texts, and continue to focus on writing interesting sentences using adjectives. Students are beginning to edit their own work for correct grammar and punctuation, check if they have included all required information and to make sure their sentence sounds right. This term, students are writing factual recounts about their weekends, and are also learning about imaginative text and recounts as they explore texts such as Potato People and Our Granny. Students practised saying oral recounts out loud while peers recorded them. This enabled them to critique their own sentences before writing them. Students are developing their confidence in trying to spell new words independently by stretching and recording the sounds, supported by the daily Sound Waves activities. During Chatterbox, students presented their prepared speeches for the Public Speaking Competition.

Numeracy

During Mathematics lessons, Kindergarten are learning about Multiplication and Division, and Two-Dimensional Shapes. Students have been learning the language of multiplication and division in order to recognise a mathematical problem and solve it correctly, such as comparing equal and unequal groups. Each concept we learn during Whole Number lessons and Addition and Subtraction is reinforced during Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) lessons. This week students worked in ability based TEN groups, using concrete materials and visualisation to make and compare the largest 2-digit numbers. In the next few weeks we will be learning about Fractions and Decimals and Data.

Science & History

Our Science topic this term is 'Waterproof Wonders' and is linked to Made Environments. Students practise the science skills of observing, questioning, predicting and communicating during whole class and small group activities. We are exploring the materials that assist our everyday lives and the reasons they were created. Students will develop their understanding of how products, places and spaces are made to suit their purpose by exploring the properties of materials such as metal, plastic and paper, and why some materials are waterproof. Students enjoyed creating their own silly stories of "silly" material and comparing it to objects made from a suitable material. During History lessons, we are learning about our Ancestry as part of the Personal and Family Histories

Unit. Students will learn how their backgrounds, past experiences and memories are important. In class we used Google Translator to label objects around the room to represent some of the languages being spoken by the families of class members at home.

PDHPE

Students are enjoying learning Gymnastics and Fundamental Movement Skills whilst participating in the Sports in Schools program. Students have been practising and exploring exercises such as walking along a balance beam, crab walks, bar work, front tumbles, rolls and ring work. Students have been learning about who and what keep children safe, warning signs and recognising and responding to feelings in the Child Protection unit.



Students had fun dressing up as their favourite book character and participating in the parade. They also enjoyed being an active audience in the Bankstown City Library visit during Book Week.



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

1 Byron

1 Byron has been busy working on history presentations and speeches the past few weeks, with almost everyone presenting during weeks 5-7. Students have built their confidence speaking in front of others and have provided interesting information to the class. They enjoyed learning about life 100 years ago and are especially glad that the 'cane' is no longer in operation! Well done to all students for their efforts dressing up for 'Book Week' and a special mention to 'The Bad Guy' (Piero) for winning best dressed at the annual PNPS Book Parade!



K/1/2 Cairns

K/1/2 Cairns has had an exciting term with everything that has been happening in the last few weeks. Education week was great. Everyone enjoyed the Japanese drumming. The cultural degustation day allowed us to try different foods and everyone was brave with trying something new. During the sport-a-thon everyone tried hard all day and joined in the activities, thanks to K Hamilton for helping us. Book Week was great fun also. Everyone dressed up for the parade and when Bankstown library came it was so funny to see an adult pretending to be a seagull.

We have been having fun in the classroom too. In Mathematics we measured the capacity of our lunchboxes using rice. Everyone liked learning about patterns and singing the pattern songs. In English we have been writing silly sentences to help us with writing. We have been working with 1/2/3 Daintree in Science and History and they have been very helpful.



1/2/3 Daintree

1/2/3 Daintree love learning a new TEN game each Monday with K/1/2 Cairns. We also get to reflect on what we have learnt by drawing a picture of our game. We continue playing the game for the whole week to improve our Mathematics skills.

1/2/3 Daintree have been enjoying learning new things this term. We have been practising our dance for the Spring Festival with 1 Byron and 1/2 Kakadu. We have completed the dance and are now working on making our moves stronger. 1/2/3 Daintree also had a fantastic time at book week. We dressed up as different characters from different books.



1/2 Kakadu

During our maths time in 1/2 Kakadu, students will demonstrate their understanding of the concepts being taught by working in cooperative learning groups, using counters and other concrete materials, and by recording their thinking on small whiteboards. This allows for students to share their ideas and understandings, and for class teachers to easily work with groups of students to support and extend their learning as needed. Once students have demonstrated they understand that days' learning and mathematical concepts, they complete an independent activity and a reflection task to cement their knowledge.



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

2 Uluru

2 Uluru have been very busy in the past few weeks studying Volume and Capacity in Mathematics with Mrs Barker. Students have also been doing lots of fun art activities relating to our Science topic 'Recyclable Materials'. Students have focused on which materials can be combined and what effect it makes. 2 Uluru conducted some Science experiments, one included cooking pancakes! The purpose of the activity was not only to eat some yummy food, but to see how some materials like flour cannot be reversed after mixing with water. This was really interesting and students were able to brainstorm many other irreversible products. Students enjoy learning using hand on materials and are doing a great job learning new concepts. Well done 2 Uluru!



2 Fraser

2 Fraser have been busy this term writing historical narratives. We have developed interesting ways of telling a story whilst learning about the past. Students have learnt how to use a 'hook' in their writing by using different techniques to captivate an audience.

Our class speeches have been a highlight. Students were enthusiastic about presenting their speeches. We enjoyed giving positive feedback and helping each other develop good public speaking techniques.

We have enjoyed 'Sports in School' this term. Students have learnt some fun and important skills in gymnastics. 2 Fraser enjoyed the book week parade. Students dressed up as many different characters, even Drax dressed up. I think the students particularly liked having another teacher for the day 😊 Congratulations to Jack for being 'best dressed'.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

Stage 2 STEM Day

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

STEM education is a term used to refer collectively to the teaching of the disciplines within its umbrella – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – and also to a cross-disciplinary approach to teaching that increases student interest in STEM related fields and improves students' problem solving and critical analysis skills.

Week 5 was National Science Week and to help celebrate, Stage 2 and Stage 3 participated in STEM day. This involved joining over 400 schools in a virtual classroom with a panel of space scientists discussing everything from mission control, lasers, telescopes, space junk and tiny research backpacks for bees. Classes then engaged in STEM activities with their peers, which are shared below.

During STEM Day, students in 4 Cronulla and 3 Bondi designed and tested a parachute that had to successfully land an egg without breaking. Students were only provided with plastic bags, string, napkins, paper and tape. They worked in groups to experiment with these materials, trailing and improving their design, until they created a final parachute that was used for the messy egg dropping. After many trials and errors, 4 Cronulla were able to create two successful parachutes that landed an egg safely. 3 Bondi are yet to trial with eggs, but timed each drop aiming to slow down the landing. It was such a fun day for the students and teachers. We can't wait to complete more STEM tasks in the future!



At their STEM session 3/4 Narooma took part in two activities. For the first activity they were split into pairs. The task was to make the longest paper chain in the class. Each pair was given a planning sheet, two pieces of A4 paper, a 30cm ruler, 30 centimetres of masking tape, one pair of scissors and two lead pencils. Five minutes was given to plan and 30 minutes to make the paper chain. It took good communication and teamwork to get the job done! It was a challenge to cut the strips the right width and not too thick. The winners, LJ and Omayma, had never worked together before, well done. The second activity was to make a paper plane to fly the furthest. The first plane was made using a piece of A4 paper. The second plane was made using a thicker piece of paper. Leila was the winner of the first plane, while Tanush won the second using the thicker piece of paper. The STEM afternoon was crafty, fun, busy and creative.



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

4/5 Kimberley

4/5 Kimberley have had a very busy term. We have really been enjoying the Sports in Schools Program. We have been particularly enjoying practicing our gymnastics skills and using proper gymnastics equipment.



Year 5 had a lot of fun on our Art Gallery excursion. Catching the train was exciting. We explored the Art Gallery of New South Wales with an artist, comparing very old artwork to new artwork, and discussing what artwork in the future may look like. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed lunch in The Domain.



We really enjoyed dressing up for the book parade, too. Ramsey was the winner for our class, in his Dog Man costume.



5 Port Douglas

5 Port Douglas participated in Stage 2 and Stage 3's STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) Day to celebrate National Science Week. Our parachute design project required us to design and test parachute landing systems by experimenting with different materials and shapes. Each group tested and timed their parachute's flight time. We then modified our designs to improve their performance, so that we could safely land an egg. Each group was able to improve their flight time, unfortunately when testing the parachutes with our eggs no eggs survived the landing.



Book Week was definitely a highlight this term, with so many students getting involved and wearing amazing costumes. The theme was 'Escape to Everywhere' and we used Comic Life on the ipads to create a comic strip about the characters we dressed up in. We also designed magazine covers and we were impressed with what we were able to produce.



6 Surfers Paradise

Friday 18th September was National Science Day. Students from 3-6 participated in a STEM project. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The students in Year 6 joined forces and they needed to create a sustainable parachute which held an egg without cracking. During the day the students cooperatively contributed in groups to create the parachute. There was a lot of trial and error and some even tried to work out the mathematical equation. Who were the winners? Congratulations to Graham's group and Brendan's group. They were the only two parachutes that landed safely without the egg cracking.



Library News

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge –

Year 2 – Jessica, Emily, Hashim, Chloe, McKale, Chalize

Year 3 – Andrew, William

Year 4 – Freda, Emily

We celebrated Children's Book Week, which is a national event organised by the Children's Book Council of Australia. First celebrated in November of 1945 Children's Book Week aims to promote quality Australian children's books and encourage young Australians to read for pleasure.

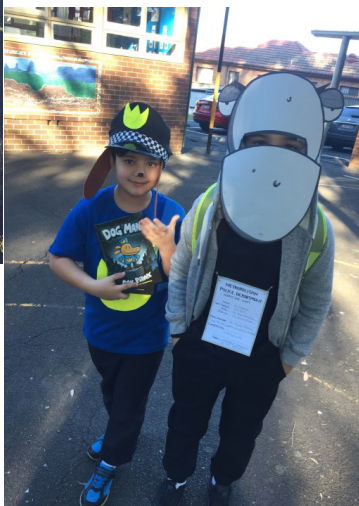
The first Australian Children's Book of the Year was awarded in 1946 to *Karrawingi the Emu*, written by Leslie Rees and illustrated by Walter Cunningham. Now there are five categories within the Award. This year over 400 books were submitted to the judging panels.

The Book Fair raised over \$400 in books for the library. The winners of the Lucky Door prizes were Leila (Primary) and Kaiden (Infants).

The Book Parade was a great success with so many children participating in the event.

The whole school enjoyed Bankstown City Library coming to our school to read and perform some of the Book Week stories.

Susan Harris
Teacher Librarian



Milo Cup Cricket



After an exciting day of cricket at East Hills Zone Milo Cup we are in the unique position of both our teams emerging triumphant. The high voltage level excitement of both our girls and boys teams was well deserved with their focus and team play elevating them to regional representative level in this competition. It was a brilliant day with students showing great sportsmanship and trying their hardest to improve game by game. Padstow North is very proud of all our cricketers and we wish them all the best for the next round and hope they continue with their tremendous form.

Mr Grinham

PSSA Basketball

Our very talented senior boys' basketball team represented Padstow North Public School in the PSSA basketball grand final against Padstow Park. The boys represented their school with a lot of pride and displayed a great amount of sportsmanship and determination. Unfortunately they came up against a very tough team and were runners up.

Congratulation boys we are very proud of you.



P&C President's Report

A lot of parents have been asking if we will be having a school fete this year – the answer is YES! It will be in the form of our 60th Birthday Jubilee Celebrations. It will be on Saturday 21st October from 10am to 4pm, so please mark that in your calendars. More information will be sent home soon.

Following our last P&C Meeting it was agreed that the P&C would purchase two water bottle filling stations for the school. One will be placed in the northern end and one in the southern end. We are hoping these will be installed within the next week so all children can refill their bottles during their breaks.

Father's Day this year was very busy for the P&C. Thank you to all the families who pre-ordered gifts – we had 184 father's gifts and 85 grandfather's gifts pre-ordered. On top of that for the Father's Day BBQ, we had 61 bacon and eggs, 50 sausages, 33 the Lot (Bacon, sausage and eggs) and 18 halal sausages ordered. Thank you to the following parents for volunteering their time for all our Father's Day activities this year - Amy Hall, Ayda Zalaf, Debbie Da Silva, Jennifer Bracken, Jim Carey, Julia de Villiers, Michelle Peters, Shadia Kabaha and Tony Buck.



Mr Grinham is a big supporter of the P&C and always helps out when he can. Every year he runs the golf hole in one competition for the enjoyment of dads and their kids. This year the dads one 4-2 with Mr De Villiers, Mr Dunn (x2) and Mr Peters scoring holes-in-one for the dads whilst Chelsea W and Jenna T scored the 2 hole-in-ones for the students.

Furthermore, Mr Grinham had the pleasure of drawing the lucky raffle tickets, the prize winners being Cherish and Lily from KH, Angelina from 1/2K, Harley from 1/2C and Saim from 4C. Congratulations to our prize winners and we hope you enjoy your prizes!

The last fundraising activity for the P&C in Term 3 will be the School Disco on Friday 15th September, we hope to see all the kids there with their groovy clothes and dancing shoes!

The school canteen operates 3 days (Mon, Weds and Fri) per week and we depend on having volunteers. In Term 4 we are looking for more volunteers. Volunteers would need to be available from 8:45 to 11:30am, so if you can spare those times, please let our canteen manager – Phill Allsop-Guest – know on 0451 522 117. We will give you full on-the-job training and a canteen lunch for your help!

Next P&C Meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September at 6:30pm in the northern staffroom. Hope to see more parents there.

Jaime Wong
P&C President



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Family Fun Day is also renowned for its highly entertaining theatrical re-enactments. This year some very special 'ghosts' from the Parliament's past will engage visitors with intriguing stories and interactive performances.

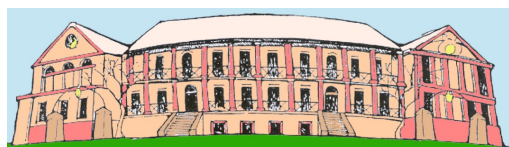
Sausage in a bread roll - \$3.00 per person

Public Café will be open.



FREE EVENT

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www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

Kids Craft Club

Children 5-12 years



Songs Games Craft Storytime

**25th, 26th & 27th
September 2017**

9.00am - 3.00pm

(Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided)

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Halcyon Avenue Padstow**

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Sydney
Technical
High School



INFORMATION MORNING

Prospective Year 7 Students 2019

Tuesday 10 October 2017

at 9.15am in the School Auditorium

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Features of the school include languages, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking and sport. Teaching and learning programs feature higher order thinking and are recognised as best practice in gifted education. The school actively promotes an environment in which student welfare, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

Enrolments: Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

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*Welcome to Padstow North Public School
- Kindergarten Orientation Days*



Kindy Orientation is: 9.30am till 10.30am

Thursday, 26th October, 2017

Thursday, 9th November, 2017

Thursday, 23rd November, 2017

Phone: 02 9773 8075

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School Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
11/9 WEEK 9	12/9 Menai High School Testing Sports in Schools P&C meeting 6:30pm	13/9	14/9 <i>Tell Them From Me</i> student survey Years 4-6 Assembly	15/9 P&C Disco PSSA	16-17/9
18/9 Planetarium incursion WEEK 10	19/9 Planetarium incursion Sports in Schools	20/9	21/9 Gold Assembly	22/9 PSSA Round 3	23-24/9
25/9 2/10	26/9 3/10	27/9 4/10	28/9 5/10	29/9 6/10	30/9 -1/10 7-8/10
9/10 Term 3 School returns WEEK 1	10/10	11/10	12/10 Assembly	13/10 Swimming	14-15/10
16/10 WEEK 2	17/10 Sports Photos	18/10	19/10 Assembly	20/10 Swimming	21-22/10 Saturday 21st 60th Anniversary Celebration Spring Fair
23/10 WEEK 3	24/10 Dance Festival	25/10	26/10 Kindy Orientation 9:30-10:30am Grandparent's Day Special Assembly	27/10 Swimming	28-29/10
30/10 Stage 3 Berry Camp WEEK 4	31/10 Stage 3 Berry Camp	1/11 Stage 3 Berry Camp	2/11 Assembly	3/11 SJB Primary Partners Discover Science Swimming	4-5/11