

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 2018 school year at Padstow North Public School! Our students, staff and families have returned happy and safe; and I am proud the way our have students have returned to another school year. I would like to thank all of our parents and caregivers for providing rich learning experiences, time to relax, fun activities and trips away for our students over the holidays - as these experiences contribute to a positive return to school.

Of course we have many new faces joining us this year at Padstow North Public School, namely our Kindergarten students, Year 3 students from Bankstown South Infants School, and new families. Welcome! I know you will enjoy being a part of our Padstow North Public School learning community.

On Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 February 2018 parents and caregivers participated in a consultation about current practice and future direction for Padstow North Public School. We received valuable input from families about educational priorities, dreams and ambitions for our school. Views and ideas will be used to guide our 2018-2020 School Plan.



I am looking forward to another productive year of learning for our students, families and staff. We have many up and coming activities and celebrations and we hope you can join us in all or some of them.

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 8th March

Kindergarten to Year 2

Olivia W
Anthony W
Raymond G
Ethan A
Quade M

Years 3-6

Udayveer S
Tahlia L
Nathan S
Joshua W
Chloe L
Clara C
Emily S
Elyse S
Jessica R
Jennifer C

Dates to Remember

27 February

Meet the Teacher

1 March

Swimming Carnival

8 March

Gold Assembly

21 March

Harmony Day

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

Welcome to 2018! Kindergarten and Stage One have had a great start to the year. Students have all settled into their new classes and we have welcomed our kindergarten students as well as other new students to the school. We are excited about continuing to use our new online resources 'Wushka', 'Sound Waves' and 'Mathletics' as they enhance the curriculum and provide engaging opportunities for the students.

Kindergarten Jackaroos and Kindergarten Volleyroos

The students in Kindergarten Jackaroos and Kindergarten Volleyroos have had an exciting and settled start to school. They are learning about classroom expectations, routines and social interaction, as they engage and form new friendships.

During Literacy lessons, students are being introduced to narrative text type using nursery rhymes, such as Humpty Dumpty, Incy Wincy Spider and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They are learning about sentence structure during writing activities and learning the importance of describing in order to 'paint a picture in the readers head'. Using the online Sound Waves program, students are developing their knowledge of sounds. This can be accessed from home and will be part of the weekly homework.

During Mathematics lessons, students are learning about Addition and Subtraction and 3D Space. We have been learning about numbers and playing a variety of games using dice and cards during our Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) lessons, which help develop students' early numeracy skills.

Last week, we started our Science topic 'What's the Weather'. In this unit, students will have the opportunity to use their senses to explore how daily and seasonal changes affect living things. In History, students will learn about the topic "Me, Myself and I" where they will have the opportunity to learn about their own history and that of their family.

Each afternoon, the two kindergarten classes join together so that students can 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.



K-4 Sapphires

What a great start to 2018 we've had! This year we have already formed our reading, writing and mathematics groups. Each group works with either Miss Sciacca or Miss Connor. This is great as everyone gets to work with different people throughout the day.

We have started learning about living things and we have class plants outside our room that smell like chocolate and pineapple, I wonder how big they will grow this term. In history we are learning about colonisation and family history. There are so many different things happening that we always have something to talk about.



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

1 Pearls

Welcome back for 2018! 1 Pearls has had a brilliant start to the year, settling in well and adopting a positive attitude towards their learning. The students are enjoying our weekly visits to the computer lab, working collaboratively with the students in 5 Diamonds to learn how to log in and use our fantastic new online resources 'Wushka' and 'Sound Waves'. Students have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes in Maths and have enjoyed identifying them in our everyday lives. We also enjoyed creating a Valentine's Day artwork for our friends and family. Looking forward to what's in store for us this year!



1/2 Hockeyroos

Wow! What a great start to the new year for the Hockeyroos students. We have been very busy learning new routines and settling in to a new classroom. In literacy we have been discovering new ways we can describe things by thinking about what we can hear, smell, touch and taste. This has been very challenging but rewarding to see the progress being made in our writing.

Maths has been a lot of fun with TEN games, circle of champions and learning new strategies, especially in addition. We have many great mathematicians in the class.

In science, we have been discovering many interesting facts about living things like the difference between flora and fauna. The computer lab has been a highlight for us so far as we have been learning how to log on to 'Wushka' and 'Sound Waves'. We have been very lucky to buddy up with 6 Dolphins, how lucky are we to have such amazing role models to look up too and enjoy spending time with.

I can't wait to see what great things this year has in store for The Hockeyroos



2 Rollers

2 Rollers are rolling 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 room. 'Growth Mindset' is super important to our learning and all year the students in 2 Rollers 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.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

At PNPS we value the cultural diversity that exists in our school. This week, about 1.5 billion people around the world are getting ready to celebrate the Lunar New Year and welcome the Year of the Dog.

Why is it year of the dog?



The lunar calendar has a 12-year cycle with a different animal each year.

The legend is that the Jade Emperor in China held a race to allocate 12 spots in the zodiac to 12 animals, and this was the order they arrived: rat, ox/buffalo, tiger, rabbit or cat (depending on whether it's the Chinese or Vietnamese zodiac), dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig.

This celebration has been reflected in our Visual Arts Program with students creating artworks depicting dogs using different media such as oil pastels, watercolours, acrylics, coloured pencils and markers.

3 Opals

In 3 Opals we have been enjoying the chance to participate in some guided drawing to create various pictures of dogs. We have discussed the relevance of this subject matter in relation to Chinese New Year and 2018 being the Year of the Dog. After completing our step-by-step drawings, we are exploring various mediums to add colour, shape, texture and definition to our artworks.



3 Steelers



We have been lucky to hear how some of our classmates celebrate Lunar New Year and would like to share with you their experiences:

Lyvia - Mum cooks special food and gives us special biscuits. We also get hongbao (a red pouch with money).

Yvonne - I put the hongbao under my pillow for good luck. Did you know that Chinese New Year goes for 15 days?!

To create our artworks we followed a guided drawing and used a combination of oil pastels and watercolours to complete our masterpieces! We hope you enjoy them!

3/4 Gliders



Gliders have had a wonderful start to the year. Our first artwork was a directed drawing of a cartoon dog. Some of us added our own personal touches to it. We have also designed some Opal jewellery. As you know Opals are the National Gem of Australia. We have some very creative students in our class.

4 Flames

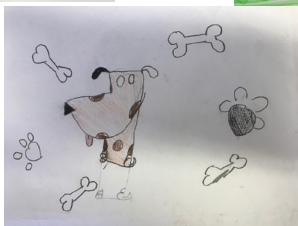
We have been learning about the many traditions of Chinese New Year from our peers, and have developed an understanding of this celebration. To represent the Year of the Dog, we have created different artworks using traditional colours, guided drawing and writing of traditional Chinese symbols. Our students have shared their knowledge and skills to guide their peers during Art.



News from the Stage 2 & 3 Classrooms

4 Boomers

We have been working on our artistic expression and drawing skills. So far we have created 2 out of a 4 part artwork of dogs to celebrate Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dog. Together as a class, we drew an arrow dog, following teacher instructions on how to draw it, from nose to tail. Then we got to add colour and our own personal touches. We also had a go at free-drawing a dog, drawing inspiration from images on the computer. Some have glasses, some have humans walking them, others are cartoon or life-like. We hope you enjoy!



- We are most excited about going on camp, making new friends, playing sport with different people and learning new things with Miss Greatrex - *Harry, Gabe and Mitchell*
- We are eager about trying new activities that only Stage 3 can do such as being library monitors, going on camp and participating in the drama production. We know that 2018 is going to be a great year and we are looking forward to trying new things - *Clara and Alyssa*

5 Kookaburras

Our class are named after the Australian Mens Field Hockey Team - The Kookaburras. For more than 30 years the Kookaburras have ranked among the top four nations in the world. They have won every one of the five Commonwealth Games hockey tournaments to date. We hope to be as successful as them this year and cannot wait to cheer them on in the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

This year we are most looking forward to:

“Being apart of the dance team” - *Sameera*

“Using the devices more in our learning” - *Hassan*

“Working as groups with other people in our new class” - *Hayley*

“Competing in a PSSA team” - *Joshua*

5 Diamonds



Our class is named after the Australian netball team, the Australian Diamonds. The Diamonds played their first international game in 1938, beating New Zealand 40-11. They won the gold medal in the 2014 Commonwealth Games for the first time since 2002. We hope that they can hold their title and win gold again this year.



- This year in 5 Diamonds we are very excited for our first camp to Canberra because we have never experienced an overnight excursion before - *Gerald, Dan and Steven*

News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

6 Dolphins

Our class is named after the Australian Dolphins - Australia's swim team. In the 2014 Commonwealth Games, the Dolphins won 19 gold, 21 Silver and 17 Bronze medals. Our class is looking forward to cheering our swimmers on in the 2018 Commonwealth Games. We hope they win even more medals!



- The thing we are most looking forward to is Year 6 Market Day - *Lachlan, Ethan and Ayaan*
- We can't wait for the Year 6 farewell - *Hannah, Deena and Layla*
- We are looking forward to Year 6 Fun Day - *Gabby, Helen and Haneen*
- I am looking forward to playing PSSA - *Riley*

6 Cyclones

Our class is named after the Australian cycling team - Cyclones. Australia has a long and proud tradition in Olympic cycling. In terms of medals won per events contested, cycling is easily one of the most successful Olympic sports for Australia.



Here's what 6 Cyclones is riding towards in 2018:

<i>Arran</i>	Market Day
<i>Daniel</i>	Looking forward to seeing my class friends each day.
<i>Fares</i>	I'm looking forward in playing touch foot ball.
<i>Ben</i>	I'm looking forward to forming new friendships.
<i>Georgia</i>	I'm looking forward to our visit to Canberra.
<i>Kobi</i>	Looking forward to PSSA sport.
<i>Catherine</i>	Wearing our Year 6 shirts

MindQuest 2018

St George Girls High School is hosting the NSW Talent Enrichment Programs on Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 April between 9:30am – 3:30am. If you think your child might be interested in attending these courses, please see the office staff who will be happy to give you the brochure with all the details and courses. Closing date is Friday 9 March.

ICT - Chromebooks

Last year our school was very excited to purchase 29 new HP Chromebooks. Students have been enjoying using these in the Lab and in classrooms. Chromebooks are very easy to use and students are able to turn the device on and log onto their student portal within 30 seconds. If you are considering purchasing a device for your child to bring to school as part of our BYOT program, Chromebooks are a device you may consider. They are available to purchase at all major technology retailers, starting from around \$240.



P&C President's Report

Welcome to new and returning families to the 2018 school year! What an exciting year we have planned for everyone. Each year we focus our fundraising efforts on something we feel would benefit the children and for this first half year, our focus is sporting equipment. A lot of our equipment is outdated so we like to update them as well as purchase more equipment so that we have enough for our PSSA teams as well as students who remain at school for sport.

The first P&C meeting was held on Tuesday 12th February and there were around 8 new parents who joined for the first time. This is great as the more families we have in attendance, the more varied discussions we have and it is always interesting to hear different perspectives on issues.

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 12th Feb 2018	9:15am
	Tues 13th Mar 2018	6:30pm
	Tues 10th Apr 2018	9:15am
Term 2	Tues 8th May 2018	6:30pm
	Tues 12th June 2018	9:15am
Term 3	Tues 14th Aug 2018	6:30pm
	Tues 11th Sept 2018	9:15am
Term 4	Tues 13th Nov 2018	AGM at 6:30pm

The School Canteen is integral to our fundraising efforts and we are looking for volunteers – specifically for Fridays. Last Friday we had 35 chicken burger orders and 81 orders for chicken fingers (!!) so we need 2 to 3 volunteers to help out the canteen manager every Friday. If you can spare 9am to 11:30am on Fridays to help out in the canteen, please let me know, my number is 0434 195 848. We will provide you with full training and your children will get a kick out of seeing their parent/grandparent serving them during lunch time too.

This year we registered for the Sports in School vouchers program with Coles supermarket. Two weeks into the collection period and we have collected just over 1,100 vouchers. There is still a couple of months left for this program, so please keep collecting. Not every school in our area has registered to participate in this, so please let your family and friends know as chances are their schools aren't registered for it.

On Saturday 10th March, we have organised for a professional photography company to visit our school and take family portraits. For the price of \$21 (which is

donated back to the school), you can get photos done with a bonus of receiving a FREE 10x13" colour family portrait. There is NO OBLIGATION for families to buy any of the photo packages. For this to go ahead, we need 25 families to sign up and currently we have 10 families. So if you are interested, please book your appointment time now to avoid disappointment. www.trybooking.com/342543

There are 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. Class Dojo
3. Like us on Facebook:
 - a. The school has its own page: Padstow North Public School
 - b. The P&C have our own page: Padstow North Public School P&C
4. School website <http://www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

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

Jaime Wong
P&C President

Seven new school zone traffic offences

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic infringements with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

All updated school zone offences can be located through Roads and Maritime:
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

February 2018

Library News

Library borrowing and 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.



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 students have applied to be Library Monitors for this year. Students have been coming to the library 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 Monday March 5 and all students need to have their 'Challenge' completed by August 24. If you have any queries about the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge or other matters related to the library please contact me.



During the holiday the library was recarpeted.

Mrs Harris
Teacher-Librarian

Live Life Well
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NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

From 2018 as part of the focus on reducing childhood overweight and obesity, the NSW government will provide a \$100 voucher to parents/ guardians of school enrolled children to use for sport and fitness activities.

Summary of the Active Kids Rebate:

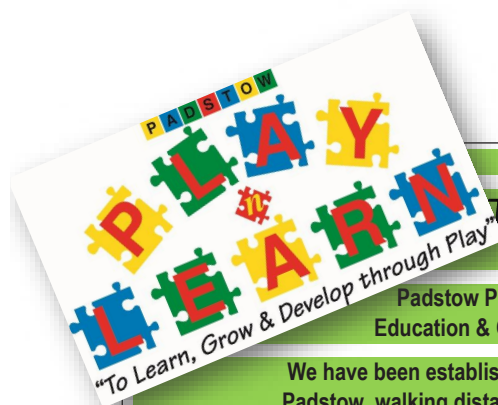
- Voucher can be used for registration and participation costs for sport and fitness activities from a wide range of providers.
- Every family in NSW with a child enrolled in school from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be eligible
- One voucher will be available for every child in the family annually over the next four years
- Families can start claiming vouchers from 31 January 2018
- The Office of Sport will facilitate applications

For more information you can visit or direct parents to <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX MADE EASY

A healthy lunch is vital to give kids the energy and nutrients they need to learn and play. We know 1 in 3 cancers can be prevented by adopting a healthy lifestyle, which includes eating well. But 93% of children don't eat enough vegetables and adults aren't eating enough either. This website provides clever tips and tricks for adding fruit and vegetables to the lunch box. <http://healthy-lunchbox.com.au/>

Plus encourage your kids to test out one of the recipes on the website and they could win some cool prizes! Full T&Cs are on the website.



Taking enrolments NOW!!!

Padstow Play N Learn is a privately owned & operated Early Education & Care Service catering for children aged 2-6 years.

We have been established for over 25yrs & are located in McGirr Street, Padstow, walking distance from both Revesby & Padstow train stations.

We are renown in our local community for being a small family orientated service, having a qualified & consistent team of Educators who genuinely care & work collaboratively to provide high quality individual care to each & every child & family at our centre.

At PPNL we take young children on a learning journey, where they are encouraged to explore the environment and their interests in a safe space, a space where little voices are heard and big imaginations are stretched.

Please contact us on **97923490** to organise your orientation visit today & see why our service stands out from the rest



FREE ORTHODONTIC CONSULTATION

Have you ever wondered whether your child may need braces?
Do you have any concerns about your child's teeth?
Are they crooked or crowded?
Do they have an overbite or an underbite or do they have an incorrect jaw position?
If you are not sure, come into Brite Dental for a FREE consultation including photographs. The dentist will discuss your child's needs and recommend the best course of action. Please call our friendly staff to arrange this **FREE** consultation on **97744662**.

MEDICARE - \$1,000 Free Dental Benefits

Did you know about the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Scheme CDBS? Eligible children will have access to a benefit of \$1,000 over a two year period which covers examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. (**CDBS Benefits do not cover orthodontic or cosmetic dental work**). Brite Dental **Bulk Bill** any of these services directly from Medicare. So while Medicare have this benefit available, bring your child into Brite Dental for an examination. Don't delay, Call us TODAY on 97744662.

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Sir Joseph Banks High School



Open Day

Turvey St Revesby
Wednesday 7th March 6:00pm

Come to our Open Day and

- **DISCOVER** why we are leaders in academic growth. Our students' academic growth and success from Years 9-12 sets us apart as the leading school in our area for improving educational outcomes.
- **MEET** our passionate teachers, partners in learning. Our highly skilled, dedicated teachers provide individual care and attention to every student.
- **HEAR** how we empower our students through opportunity. Our students prosper and grow through the broad range of opportunities we provide.
- **VIEW** our positive learning environment. Our school is a positive, welcoming learning environment where every child matters.
- **SEE** our community, our commitment. We are proud to be part of a connected, student-focused community of schools.

ALL WELCOME *We hope to see you there!*

Excellence

Innovation

Opportunity

Success

MENAI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT



Come along and witness first hand the outstanding work of our students and the impressive opportunities available at Menai High School.

Date: **Wed 7th March 2018**

Time: **6.00pm** Information session for **Year 7 2019**
parents & students in the school auditorium

6.30-9.00pm Faculty displays around the school



40 Gerald Road Illawong • **9543 7000**

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Open Night

Thursday 1 March 2018 – Principal's address @ 6pm

21st Century Learning – Evidence into Action



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Parents of Years 4, 5 & 6 students are invited to attend LHCS High School open night.

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School Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
26/02 WEEK 5	27/02 Meet the teachers	28/02	01/03 Swimming Carnival	02/03 Clean Up Australia Day PSSA Season 1 Round 1	3-4/03
05/03 WEEK 6	06/03 EHPSSA Swimming	07/03 GRIP Leadership	08/03 Gold Assembly	09/03 PSSA Round 2	10-11/03
12/03 WEEK 7	13/03 P&C Meeting 6:30pm SSW Swimming	14/03	15/03 Assembly	16/03 PSSA Round 3	17-18/03
19/03 WEEK 8	20/03	21/03 Harmony Day	22/03 Assembly	23/03 PSSA Round 4	24-25/03
26/03 WEEK 9	27/03 Photo Day	28/03	29/03 Easter Hat Parade Assembly	30/03 Good Friday Public holiday	31-01/04
02/04 Easter Monday Public holiday WEEK 10	03/04 Autism Awareness Day	04/04 Cross Country	05/04 Gold Assembly	06/04 PSSA Round 5	07-08/04
09/04 WEEK 11	10/04 P&C Meeting 9:15am Parent Teacher Interviews	11/04 Parent Teacher Interviews	12/04 ANZAC Assembly	13/04 PSSA Round 6 Last day Term 1	14-15/04