

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 2 Week 4

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

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 2 – our students are very busy and working hard this term, and they continue to demonstrate a high level of respect for themselves, towards others and for our school. We hope you enjoy reading about what they have been doing in our newsletter.

This term we welcomed Assistant Principal Mrs Belinda Adams to our school. Mrs Adams comes to us from Punchbowl Public School where she has an outstanding reputation as a school leader. Mrs Adams has been welcomed with open arms by our students, teachers and wider school community. She is very happy to be teaching 5 Kookaburras and supervising our Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) students and staff. Welcome Mrs Adams!

On Tuesday 3 April I was lucky enough to attend the Banks Volunteer of the Year 2018 award ceremony, where P&C President Jaime Wong received an award in recognition for volunteering her time to support our school community. Jaime's award was presented by local MP David Coleman and Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs. What an outstanding achievement, well done and thank you Jaime!



Friday 17 May was Walk Safely to School Day – an annual, national event when all primary school students are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. A number of staff, along with many students and their families came together at 8.30am at Playford Park for the event. After taking a few great photographs we all walked safely to school. We had a lot of fun while we learning more about road safety.

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 31st May

Kindergarten to Year 2

Hadi A
Ayah A
Ella C
Hannah B
Khloe L
Emirea S
Cherish L
Alexander B
Angelina W

Years 3-6

Fajr I
Joe S
Lionel O
Genting S
Scott P
Cody W
Alana T
Aditi S

Dates to Remember

May 31
Gold assembly

June 7, 14 and 21
EHBHS primary links

June 14
SWS cross country

June 18
Multicultural degustation day

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

Kindergarten Volleyroos and Kindergarten Jackaroos

Throughout this term, Kindergarten will be using a variety of apps, programs and websites as part of our English, Mathematics and Science units. During daily spelling lessons, we use the Sound Waves segmenting tool which is very effective for teaching students to stretch out sounds in words. During writing activities, students are beginning to transfer this knowledge to write down the sounds they hear in words.

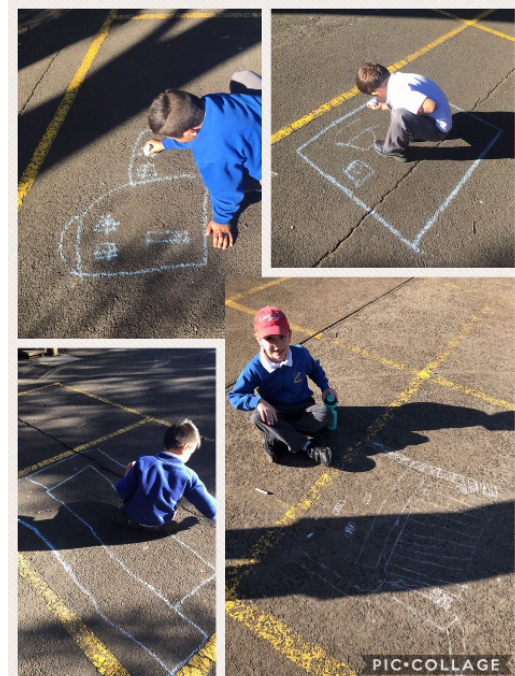
Term 2 Literacy lessons will focus around informative texts and provide opportunities for students to research information on a variety of animals as a whole class. Every Thursday, students will visit the computer lab to learn the basic skills of logging onto Wushka, Sound Waves and Mathletics in order to complete set tasks, and to use word documents to type simple sentences.



K-4 Sapphires have had a great start to Term 2!

Years 3 and 4 have been learning about 'The Earth's Environment'. They have been exploring the weather, habitat and vegetation of Australia compared to other countries. These students were lucky enough to visit Taronga Zoo and explore the impact of the environment on many different animals. The highlight for students was the 'Tiger Trek'. Here students saw the impact of deforestation on the Sumatran Tigers.

In Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students have been exploring 'People and Places'. They have been discovering where they live on a map and how important maps are to help us navigate the world. Together they created maps of the school. Students have also been researching famous landmarks in Australia. They are learning how to use Popplet on the iPad to display information and pictures.



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

Ignite the creativity in every student

Every child is born full of creativity. Nurturing it is one of the most important things educators do. Creativity makes your students better communicators and problem solvers. It prepares them to thrive in today's world, and to shape tomorrow's.

1 Pearls

During Science, we have been enjoying using the iPads to take photos of shadows in the playground. We know that shadows are placed differently depending on the time of day. Using the iPads we were able to demonstrate our understanding of shadows and use the pictures to present our findings to the class.



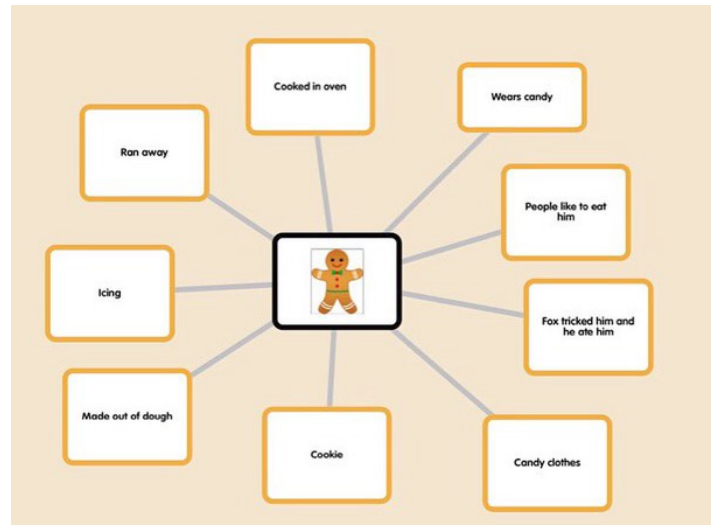
1/2 Hockeyroos

Hockeyroos have been working very hard this term. We are increasing our confidence in the computer lab and exploring Google drive. We are creating our own Google document, giving it a title, publishing work and then sharing this with our teacher. We are looking forward to spending more time with 6 Dolphins who are fantastic at showing us the wonderful things we can create and share with our teachers and peers.



2 Rollers

In K - 2, students have been exploring the iPad app Popplet. Popplet allows thoughts and ideas to be easily transferred, visualised and mapped using colors, images, text and drawings. It allows students to publish their work and is an effective tool that can be used across all key learning areas.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

Stage 2

In our geography sessions this term, students in Stage 2 have been exploring the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of places in Australia and Asia. We have been comparing the unique features of Australian and Sumatran habitats and the animals that depend on these environments. To see some of these animals up close, we went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. We were lucky enough to meet and touch some native Australian wildlife, although some students kept well away from the reptiles! Everyone made sure they visited the 'Asian Rainforest Trail' and went on the 'Tiger Trek'. Here we were transported to Sumatra to learn how our actions make a difference to tigers and other species that depend on Sumatran forests.

3 Opals

We were very lucky to get great weather for our excursion and very excited to be at the zoo. I know for some of our students this was their first visit to Taronga Zoo. Students were very excited to not only see the animals, but read about them and their habitats, as well as enjoying the great setting and view which make Taronga Zoo that little bit more special. I think the highlight for myself and the students was the Sumatran Tiger exhibition.



3 Steelers

We've really enjoyed looking at maps of Australia and Indonesia to see the different types of vegetation that exists in these two places. We noticed that Indonesia has a lot of rainforest and we learned that this is because it is near the equator and has a tropical climate. We loved seeing the Sumatran Tigers at Taronga Zoo but were sad to learn that there are only about 400 left in the wild. Thanks Mrs Dunn for helping on the day!

Ava - I liked the giraffes, especially their big blue tongues!

Chloe - My favourite part was patting the baby possum. It was so soft!

Tommy & Nathan - 'Where's the hippo?' we said, then suddenly it appeared out of nowhere!



3 Gliders

Great day at the Zoo.

Gliders favourites were the penguins, seals, sleepy wombats, bird eating spider, hippos and the tiger enclosure. We also had a sneak peek at the Komodo Dragon. Thanks Scott and Jessica's mums for spending the day with us. Greatly appreciated.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

4 Flames

We had a fantastic day at the zoo, and most enjoyed touching the Australian wildlife the most. At each enclosure we were able to identify the different vegetation for each animal, based on their needs and natural habitats. After our visit, we have been applying our knowledge into our Geography and Visual Arts studies. It has been great to see students engaged with our world and understanding their impact on our environment.



4 Boomers

We had a fantastic day at the zoo last week! Despite the long bus ride there, it was all worth it when we got to touch and feel some of the animals. We got to feel a blue tongue lizard, a carpet python and some cute baby possums. Some of us decided we didn't want to touch the reptiles, but we still got to look at them up close and personal. We came up with some good questions to ask the keepers about the animals, like why the blue tongue lizard has a blue tongue. The answer is to avoid sunburn as they stick it out so much. On our solo ventures around the zoo, we got to see seals, penguins, elephants, including the new baby elephant and we even flew to Sumatra and visited the beautiful forests of Way Kambas National Park where we saw the magnificent Sumatran Tiger. It was a long walk home since there was no return flight, but we made it back in time to catch the bus back to school. Thanks to Eva and Mia's mums who came along on the day to ensure we didn't leave anyone behind.



ANZAC Assembly

In Term 1 week 11 we had a ANZAC assembly, we had a special guest called Mr Ortega and we looked at a video about a soldier. The video was called, Why I Serve. In this assembly we also listened to the ode and had a one minute silence. That was the time to think of the soldiers that died by protecting/serving our country.

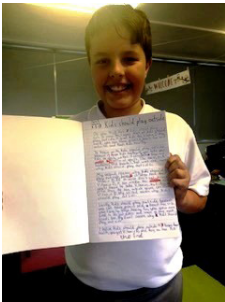
On the holidays the school captains and vice captains went to a ANZAC service. We represented our school by putting a poppy into a box full of sand underneath a cross with lots of wreaths put by special people. After that we did a minute silence to remember all thing the soldiers died for. We listened to a band play music and watched cadets hold flags. They then raised the Australian flag on the flagpole and people with bagpipes performed a song.



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

5 Kookaburras

Mrs Adams - 5 Kookaburras have had a wonderful start to the term. Our class have been practising our writing in preparation for NAPLAN. In Visual Arts, our class learnt how to complete a number of different folds to produce a colourful origami artwork. From here, we designed our own creative radial design. As a class, we set current and future learning goals and are constantly reflecting on these goals to achieve our very best at all times. Our class have enjoyed learning new skills in the computer lab and have recently demonstrated our understanding of how to design and create column, line and pie graphs using information from survey data. 5 Kookaburras look forward to an exciting term ahead!



Saim S - As a class, we spent time in the lab learning how to use Excel spreadsheets to create the various graphs. We created comparative graphs as well so we could compare data two sets of data on the same axis. We have been enjoying maths with our new teacher Mrs Adams and we look forward to learning further mathematical concepts this term.



Jad A - Last week our class made an artwork called radial origami. There were a total of three folds to complete the artwork. The first fold was called the half fold, the second fold was called the kite fold and the hardest one to do was the samurai fold. Once our class mastered the folds, we chose what colours we wanted to use for our patterns. 5 Kookaburras worked hard to complete this activity and our artworks look fabulous!



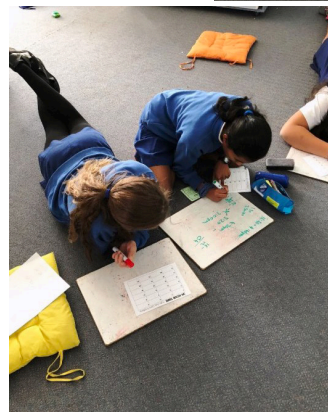
Mariam H - Our classroom has flexible seating this term. When I sit on the flexible seating, I can do my work better because I feel comfortable. I have really enjoyed having the flexibility to sit where I learn best throughout all subjects.

5 Diamonds

5 Diamonds have had a fantastic start back to Term 2. In Mathematics, we are learning to solve multi-step word problems involving 24 hour time. We are using different strategies including working backwards. At the beginning of each new maths concept, students identify whether they are a Novice, Apprentice, Practitioner or Expert. During our lessons on 24 hour time, our Experts were helping the Novices and Practitioners were helping the Apprentices, ensuring maximum understanding across the whole class. It has been wonderful to see all students working hard to achieve their learning goals.

Our class has also celebrated some wonderful achievements:

- We competed at the cross country carnival to the best of our ability, after training throughout Term 1, with 7 of our class members making it to the District level.
- Jess competed at the District Girls Football carnival, even scoring a goal!
- The Stage 3 debating team have won both their rounds so far with 5 members of our class playing a vital role.
- The drama auditions for the Stage 3 Drama Production were held at the start of the term and you'll see 8 members of our class on stage at the end of the year - stay tuned!

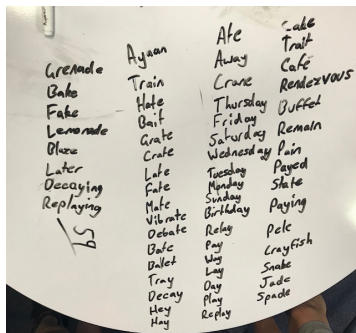


News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

6 Dolphins

6 Dolphins have had a great start to Term 2. We are excited to be learning about Earth and Space in science and have been researching and creating Infographics on each of the planets in our solar system. In Geography we are learning about different countries of Asia.

One of 6 Dolphins favourite things that we do every week is our Sound Waves spelling program. We really enjoy using the segmenting online tools. Each week, we are given a challenge using the phoneme of the week. In Week 3, the challenge was just to brainstorm as many words containing the 'ai, a_e, ay, a' phoneme. It is amazing how many ways you can make one sound. This was the winning group.



We also love art. We have been using origami techniques to create these Radial Paper Relief sculptures. We are impressed with how well they have turned out!



6 Cyclones

Students in 6 Cyclones have had a settled start to the term. We have been busily working collaboratively during our Literacy and Maths groups.

During Literacy groups, we have been independently completing activities from Sound Waves, Wushka and for guided reading we have been studying the Super Six Comprehension strategies. All the students have provided me with feedback stating that all benefit from our programs. They mostly enjoy segmenting words for spelling and guided reading with Ms Savva.

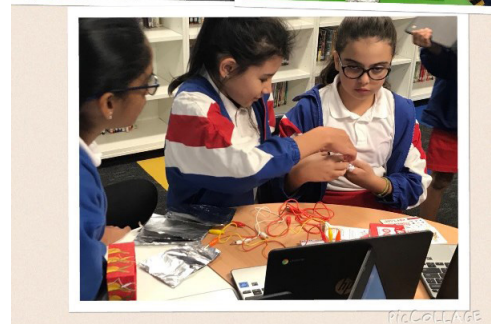
During our Maths sessions, students enjoyed playing the subtracting game during our Integers lessons. They needed to subtract each integer which gave a possible negative number. The person who gave the correct answer the quickest and collected the most cards won.



ICT News

Makey Makey's

Makey Makey's have made an appearance at Padstow North Public School! Makey Makey's are a simple invention that allow students to experiment with art, engineering, and everything in between. During Code Club, students have been turning foil into touchpads and combining them with games created in Scratch. Any material that can conduct at least a tiny bit of electricity will work. Throughout the term we hope to experiment with other objects such as carrots, playdough and water.



P&C President's Report

Where has time gone? Term 2 has flown by! The P&C have been so busy with various fundraisers and we are only in Week 4!

Thank you very much to all those families who helped collect Coles Sports in Schools vouchers last term. With the vouchers we collected, the school has elected to purchase lots of sports items like 4 sets of netball bibs, 3 basketballs, 3 netballs, a softball, 2 playball kits which contain various types of balls and a mesh bag, 2 Nyda House Colour Band kit, 1 Nyda wheelable kit bag, 5 Nyda pro shoulder Duffle bags and 2 Nyda mesh sacks. We should receive them next term so the students should be able to start using them then.

On Wednesday 2nd May, other schools in our district converged on Padstow North for the annual PSSA District Cross Country event. The P&C held a sausage sizzle and opened the canteen for the day. With the help of volunteers Ayda Zalaf, Ayse Ibrahim, Gemma Priscion, Jennifer Bracken, Julia de Villiers, Leah Barrett and Tony Buck, the P&C raised \$2000. Its amazing how many sweets, slurpees and ice creams kids eat after they race!

Mother's Day stall and raffle was held during Week 2 of Term 2. We held 2 stalls and sold over 350 mother's and grandmother's gifts – Thank you for your support. Huge THANKS to Amy Hall, P&C Fundraising Coordinator who approached local businesses and collected over 18 prizes for the Mother's Day raffle – amazing effort!

Loose Change Friday for Term 2 was won by 1/2H with a record \$129.85 for the infants and 5K with \$63.20 for the primary. Overall for Term 2, we collected \$576.95 in loose change.

The P&C ran a very successful Bunnings BBQ at Bankstown Airport on Sunday 20th May. The roster for the day is below and these volunteers deserve a huge THANK YOU for giving up time on their Sunday to help fundraise. It was a cold morning so it was a slow start but fortunately business picked up tremendously over lunch. Just to give you an idea of how busy lunch was, from 7am to 11am, we sold around 250 sausages however between 11am to 1pm, we sold around 350 sausages! Overall we sold just under 900 sausages and raised \$1,450! Well done to everyone involved!!

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5	Person 6
7- 9am	Tony Buck	Alecia Williams	Amy Hall	Jennifer Bracken	Jaime Wong	
9 -11am	Ben Barrett	Mandy Allemann	Emily Baker	Jennifer Bracken	Jaime Wong	
11- 1pm	Jim Carey	Natalie Armstrong	Jane Buck	Debbie Da Silva	Julia de Villiers	Jaime Wong
1-3pm	Jim Carey	Keely Duffy	Jeanne Zhu	Debbie Da Silva	Jaime Wong	
3- 4:30pm	Jim Carey	Jasine Craft	Jennifer Bracken	Debbie Da Silva	Kaylene Brown	Jaime Wong



In the April & May P&C meetings these are some of the things discussed:

- Our Federal MP, David Coleman, joined us in April to discuss the traffic issue around the school and the Stronger Communities Grant with the P&C agreeing to apply for this to help fund more synthetic grass between the Newcombe Ball courts and the school hall. This will happen in July
- We unanimously voted to donate \$23,000 towards the purchase of 11 interactive whiteboards for our classrooms so that every class in the school has the same whiteboard
- When discussing the uniform shop, we agreed that they would be able to sell PNPS School Bags

If you are interested in having a say in the school community, please join us at our P&C Meetings – the next one will be on Tuesday 12th June at 9:15am in the School Hall.

Jaime Wong
P&C President

Library News

The 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now well underway! The Challenge is open to all students, in three categories and closes on Friday 24 August, 2018.

Students in K – 2 can have a book read to them or read the book on their own. They need to read a total of 30 books. Students in Years 3 – 4 and Years 5 – 6 must read the book on their own. They need to read a total of 20 books.

More information may be found at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge

Year 1 - Nathaniel
Year 2 - Madeline and Zoe
Year 3 - Raya and Yvonne
Year 4 - Kostas
Year 5 - Daniel, Rewa and Aditi

If you have any queries about the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge or other matters related to the library please contact me.

Lunchtime in the library



Susan Harris
Teacher Librarian

Sports Update

Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival was a fun day filled with lots of red faces and eager racers. A huge thank you to our Sports Captains for helping with the carnival on the day, you represented your houses well. After a long 2km run, the students enjoyed an icy treat from our wonderful P&C and continued to cheer for their peers. Well done to K-2 on the efforts on the day, for some it was their first time, and they were so determined! Following our carnival, 48 students represented Padstow North in the East Hills District Carnival that was held at our school. A big thank you to the P&C who helped on the day with their sausage sizzle and canteen, it was very much appreciated. Congratulations to Sebastian Siegler who placed 2nd in the 8 years boys race, and Mia Minshall who placed 4th in the 10 years girls race. Both Sebastian and Mia will progress through to represent the East Hills District in the regional carnival. This is a fantastic achievement as all of our students competed against 66 other racers in each event. It was a very successful year for Padstow North, as we placed 5th overall against the other 11 schools. Well done to everyone!



Coles Sports for Schools

We would like to thank all of our generous families for donating your Coles sports vouchers this year as we have collected 23,805 vouchers in total. This has helped us purchase new sports equipment to be used in our fitness lessons, sport rotations and PSSA teams across all stages. Some of these items have included new uniforms, balls, bags and playground equipment. We look forward to using our new and exciting equipment.

PSSA Touch Football

Both the senior and junior teams are to be commended for their sportsmanship, hard work during training, and enthusiasm on the field. It was great to see so many new players trying the game, learning quickly and improving every week. Unfortunately, we just missed out on making semi-finals this year. However, both teams ended their last games with a win; the senior team winning 6-1 and the junior team winning 5-3. Well done boys!

Miss Greatrex



PSSA Newcombe Ball

This PSSA season it was decided that Newcombe Ball would be a non-competitive option for students to participate in. Newcombe Ball is a team sport that was inspired by volleyball but simplified, making it an easier game to play. PNPS held trials for students who had never played PSSA sport before and we formed a junior and senior team. Our draw included home games, played at school and away games held at various primary schools in our local area. It was a pleasure to take these students to the games; they really tried their best, were great sports and they improved so much during the season.

Miss Wortz



PSSA Netball

The senior and junior netball teams have represented our school with both perseverance and enthusiasm.

Their dedication and sportsmanship should be commended, as they fought fairly against some really tough competition and helped their opposition to improve their game as well. Unfortunately our 'A' teams just missed out on a semifinal spot however they did us all very proud in a very strong competition. We wish our junior and senior 'B' teams the very best of luck as they compete in the semifinals (finished 2nd and 3rd).

Mrs Britton and Miss Harrison





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choose **HEALTHY SNACKS**

Healthy snacks are important to help meet children's nutrition needs. Choose snacks based on vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese, yoghurt and wholegrain breads, crackers and cereals.

TIPS TO PLAN HEALTHY SNACKS



Include a vegetable and fruit snack each day



Add vegetables into homemade snacks (muffins, pikelets, scones and slices)



Cut up vegetables and fruits so they are easier to eat for snacks during the week





Keep a range of healthy snacks in the fridge and pantry



Get your kids to help prepare snacks



Show kids you enjoy eating healthy snacks

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EAT MORE VEGETABLES and fruit

Vegetables and fruit taste great and keep us healthy. Everyone should eat fruit and veggies every day. While most children eat at least 1 serve of fruit each day, the majority don't eat enough veggies*.

WHAT IS A SERVE?

 1 medium piece of fruit	 2 small pieces of fruit
 1 cup chopped fruit	 1/2 cup cooked vegetables
 1 cup salad	 1/2 cup lentils
	 8 Vegetable sticks

HOW MANY SERVES OF VEGGIES AND FRUIT EVERYDAY?

CHILDREN 2-3 YEARS	 2.5 Vegetables	 1 Fruit
CHILDREN 4-8 YEARS	 4.5 Vegetables	 1.5 Fruit
CHILDREN 9-16 YEARS	 5 Vegetables	 2 Fruit


*Based on data from the Australian Government Department of Health, 2017.

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TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, recreation and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to find a balance between inactive time and active play.

HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME EVERYDAY?

0-2 years	 NO screen time	Increase active play and limit sedentary activities to less than 1 hour at a time
2-5 years	 Less than 1 HOUR per day	A reduction in screen time can improve sleep patterns and physical development
5-12 years	 Less than 2 HOURS per day	Excluding homework time

WHAT IS A SCREEN?



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GET ACTIVE each day

Physical activity is an important part of being healthy. Find as many ways as you can to be active everyday.



SIT LESS MOVE MORE

Kids should not be inactive for more than 1 hour at a time, except when sleeping.

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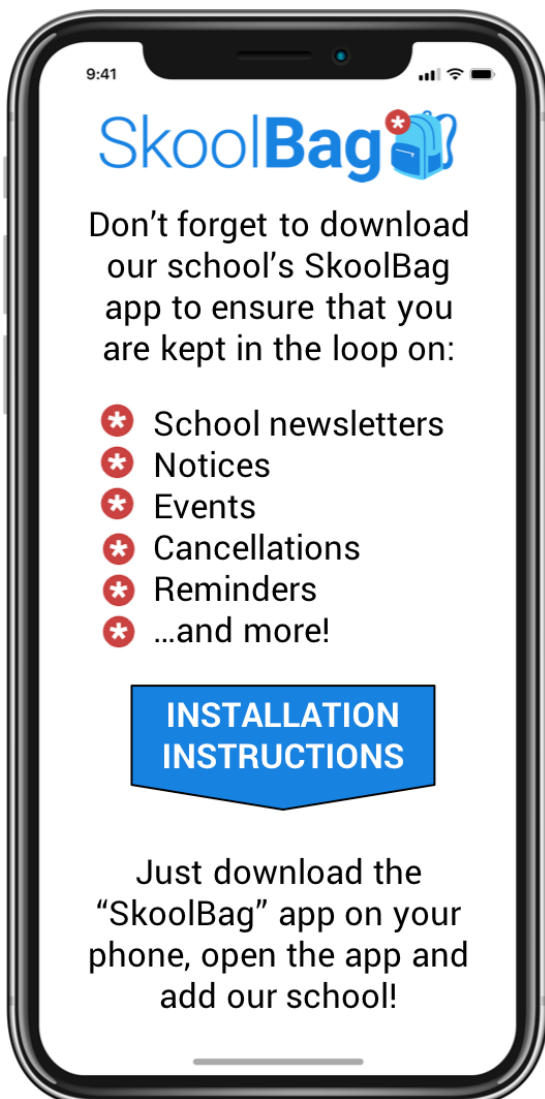


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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
28/05	29/05	30/05	31/05	01/06	02-03/06
WEEK 5			Gold Assembly		
04/06	05/06	06/06	07/06 EHBHS Primary Links Debate Assembly	08/06 Winter PSSA starts	09-10/06
WEEK 6					
11/06	12/06	13/06	14/06 SWS Cross Country EHBHS Primary Links Assembly	15/06 PSSA	16-17/06
Public Holiday WEEK 7					
18/06	19/06	20/06	21/06 EHBHS Primary Links Assembly	22/06 Stage 1 excursion P&C Disco PSSA	23-24/06
Multicultural Degustation Day WEEK 8					
25/06	26/06	27/06	28/06	29/06	30/06-01/07
WEEK 9	Athletics Carnival		Assembly	Semester 1 Reports home PSSA	
02/07	03/07	04/07	05/07	06/07	07-08/07
WEEK 10		NAIDOC Performance	Gold Assembly	PSSA	
Term 2 School Holidays					
23/07	24/07	25/07	26/07	27/07	28-29/07
School Development Day WEEK 1	Students return Term 3				