Padstow North Public School "A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

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

Thank you to the students and families who completed the Tell From Me Survey recently. While we value and celebrate the positive feedback we received, we also appreciate the collective feedback about how we can improve our school. Improved communication was requested by our parents and carers who completed the survey; and as a result we endeavour to do better! You may have noticed that our notes are now available on the website, and we encourage you to continue to put the back page of this newsletter on the fridge as a reminder of important dates. Of course, our newsletters are also on our website so dates are at hand anytime, anywhere. The timing of our communication will also be improved to ensure communication is timely for families to plan for costs involved and make arrangements to attend events.

Did you know we have many extra curricula opportunities and activities for our students? This year students have had the opportunity to participate in many extra curricula activities, including those listed below. Our teachers work tirelessly before and after school, and in their break times to provide these learning opportunities for students.

Junior and senior PSSA teams and training Garden Gurus Choir Debating Stage 1, 2 & 3 dance groups Keyboard lessons Mind Marathon - EHBHS Photoshop Fun - SJBHS Interschool's leadership day - LHCS Student Representative Council (SRC) SJBHS Peer Mentoring program

Sports in Schools Junior and Senior Code Club School Swimming Program Public Speaking Lego Robotics Stage 3 drama production Library monitor MMM Oz Tag - SJBHS Sci Tech Matters Day - LHCS Stage 3 camp Excursions

This is the time of year for me to take the opportunity to congratulate everyone for an outstanding effort in 2018! Thank you to our teaching and non-teaching staff for providing the innovative learning programs for each and every one of our students - be it academic, sporting, creative and performing arts, extra curricula or an excursion to a new and exciting place. Your professionalism and dedication to the students of Padstow North Public School is appreciated. Thank you to our committed parents and families for what you have provided for our school. As a result of your ongoing support we have achieved many goals this year. Our achievements include: new interactive white boards in every classroom, a new tech hub that includes 30 chromebooks, classrooms and learning spaces are freshly painted with new carpet, and our signage has been updated to promote our new strategic directions. Of course students have achieved learning goals and outcomes and made progress due to having learning spaces that are welcoming, collaborative and conducive to learning. I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of our P&C in helping us realise these achievements. A big FAREWELL to P&C President Jaime Wong who will not be continuing in the position in 2019. Thank vou Jaime.

Term 4 Week 8

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 6th December.

Kindergarten to Year 2

Emirea S Elena M Jack N Years 3-6 Rachel B Sarah M Brianna D Luke D Nikhil W Steven L Evangelina P Summer K David L Jeremy P Phoenix B Yvonne L Ethan C Ethan D Gabriel D Daniel L Lachlan D Fares H Madelline B Kostas S Wesley H Arielle C

Dates to Remember

11 December Year 6 Market Day

13 December Presentation Day

19 December WOW Factor Last day for students Of course, a big thank you to our students for their love of learning, their community spirit, and friendships. Well done! Year 6 - all the best for high school and beyond. What you have achieved in your time at Padstow North PS should take you a long way in life. We will all miss you very much. Keep up the hard work, and maintain the dedication you have to learn as much as you can while you have the opportunities school provides.

Finally I'd like to say thank you to the students, staff, parents, carers and friends of Padstow North Public for the absolutely incredible journey I have had with you and our students, your kids. We are a great school and continue to grow from strength to strength providing many opportunities for our students to grow, learn and develop friendships. While I am honoured and excited for having the opportunity to lead another remarkable NSW Public School I will miss you all very much. I wish you all the best for the final few weeks of the 2018 school year and the up-coming school holidays.

This is a very busy time of year and we have a number of events to celebrate the achievements of our students – and we hope you can join us. Our final Gold Assembly is in Week 8 on Thursday 6 December, as our Presentation Day assembly on Thursday 13 December will be our final assembly for 2018.



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 mobile device. Go to skoolbag.com.au to Get Skoolbag.

Natalie Armstrong

Principal

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News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

Kindergarten Volleyroos & Kindergarten Jackaroos

Kindergarten Jackaroos and Volleyroos have been very busy this term! We are fortunate to have the support of our student teachers who are from Notre Dame University. During Mathematics, students are learning about fractions using playdough, fruit and a variety of other resources to develop their understanding of wholes and parts.

Our Literacy texts this term, linked to the topic Living Things, explore a variety of sea creatures. We are learning to write informative texts on sharks, dolphins and other sea animals, which we saw during our excursion to Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. We have set up a Science experiment on the verandah to learn about what plants need to survive.

During Geography students are developing an understanding of the importance of places to people, as we explore the 7 continents of the world and answer the question 'How can we look after the places we live in?'

We are all excited about our end of Kindergarten celebration which will be held on Monday 17th December at 1.15pm. We hope to see you then!



K-4 Sapphires

We are so busy finishing off all of our learning. Everyone is improving with their work which is exciting to watch. To add to the busyness we went to the Variety Club Christmas Party. Everyone had a great time. Mrs Mackenzie went in the Haunted House and had fun going down the slide. We won prizes from the clowns and soccer shotting. We also went on rides and the Haunted House wasn't too scary. We had a photo with Santa and we got a present at the end of the day. We will need to get ready for the rest of the fun things happening at school.





1 Pearls

1 Pearls have had a fantastic year and have made excellent progress in their learning. Highlights have been the excursion to Buffalo Creek Reserve, participating in the Sports In Schools program and filming our item to present at assembly in week 8. The students have supported and encouraged each other to do their best and I have thoroughly enjoyed being their teacher. Well done everyone!

'This year I enjoyed doing Sports in School because it helps you get muscles.' - *Jackson*

'This year I enjoyed narrative writing and going to the library.' - *Ayla*

'This year I enjoyed going to the Tech Hub because I liked using Typing Club to help me type faster.' - *Ella*

'This year I enjoyed writing speech marks in my sentences because it tells you who is talking in the story.' - *Krisha*



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

1/2 Hockeyroos

Wow! Only a few weeks left for the year. 1/2 Hockeyroos have been working hard while we have been appreciating the special year we have had together learning and having fun. Hockeyroos should be very proud of all their efforts and achievements this year. They have all worked really hard.

Our highlight was performing our class item at assembly, singing and dancing on stage showed a tremendous amount of courage and we also had a lot of fun.

I have been very lucky to have such an awesome class this year and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching 1/2 Hockeyroos. I'm going to miss them all over the holidays. I hope that all the students and their families have a wonderful holiday and a happy new year. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2019.

Mrs Britton

My favorite thing about this year was:

'When I went to Buffalo Creek. It was the best, we played in the water, we saw a brush turkey, magpies, shells and mudcrabs.' - *Ahmad*

"Grandparents day because my grandparents, dad, mum and my little brother all came to my classroom. I had my whole family that day!" - *Emirea*

'Our item because we had been practising and I think our item was outstanding. I think lots of people liked our item. I give our item a 10 out of 10. It was very pretty because of the lights, it was very fun to hear people sing to me. I love the songs and I love how we got to wear muffy!' - *Tanya*

'Our class item because we got to sing, get dressed in cool clothes and dance.' - *Yasmin*

'Our class item because I was excited when I was going to sing.' - Nathaniel



2 Rollers

Mrs Mackenzie and Miss K cannot believe that this is the last newsletter for 2 Rollers! It has been an amazing year and we are very lucky to have had the opportunity to share it with such an amazing class! All students have achieved significant learning goals and should feel very proud. We hope you always remember how special you all are and continue to grow your growth mindset!

'My favourite part of the year was Term 3 because we did STEM projects in Science and I found them challenging and fun.' - *Kayla*

'This year I have enjoyed spelling rotations because it had a lot of fun activities.' - *Maddie*

'This year I enjoyed doing sport and fitness and I also really liked performing our class item.' - *Piero*

'My favourite part of this year was art because I like to be creative and make stuff. I also love maths and figuring out problems.' -*Marcus*

'This year I enjoyed learning in class and making new friends.' - *Angelina V*



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

3 Opals

3 Opals have had a crazy, eventful and amazing year! We can't believe it is now the end of the year already! Some of our highlights for 2018 have included; excursions to Taronga Zoo and The Royal National Park; dress up mufti days and celebrations with our families; special awards and recognition for our hard work; creating visual art master pieces; and, lots of hard work! It has been a great year, and I am a proud teacher of the growth and achievements from the students in 3 Opals.



3 Gliders

3 Gliders are continuing to work hard as the year comes to an end. They have been looking at poems by Mary O'Neil during literacy sessions and have done a fantastic job at creating their own poems using various colours. Students have been comparing the mass of different objects around the room, and learnt that a shot put is way heavier than it looks!







4 Boomers

What a Year!

4 Boomers have had such an amazing year this year. We have had 3 outstanding teachers!

Lightbulb moments occurred regularly as we suddenly realised how smart we are!

This year we have had the opportunity to go to Taronga Zoo and the Royal National Park. Our excursions have been so much fun and we have learnt a lot throughout the year.

Many of us made it into PSSA teams and we really enjoyed the games that we played.

In week 7 this term, in volume and capacity, we had to design and make a magic potion to use millilitres as a measurement tool. It was fun because we had to use vinegar and add bicarb soda and watch it overflow!

We got to melt chocolate and ice in Science and had a balloon filled with water explode... ooopps! We learned that some substances could melt using heat from the environment and chocolate would harden again without using a fridge or freezer. We made crystals from borax dissolved in hot water. It had to be a saturated solution so the crystals could form.

This year has been an amazing year as you can see.

By Andrew, Racqelle, Sebastian and Zunairah

News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

3 Steelers

As we come to the end of another term, it gives us time to reflect on the past year. 3 Steelers has had busy and successful one! Some of the highlights from this year have included:

- Multicultural Day
- Sports Carnivals
- Mufti Days!
- Excursions to Taronga Zoo and Royal National Park
- Using technology to help our learning. We love Kahoot! and Wushka.
- School Discos!
- Movie Day!
- Visual Arts lessons on Tuesdays
- PSSA sport!

These are just a few but it is fair to say that I am very proud of the many successes and accomplishments that 3 Steelers have experienced this year.





4 Flames

We have had a busy and exciting year in 4 Flames. Students have worked hard towards improving and achieving their learning goals, and I have enjoyed sharing in their growth and achievements. Please enjoy reading some of our favourite experiences from 2018.

Isabella – I've loved learning new things in writing during Daily Writing, particularly narratives. I can see that I have improved my vocabulary.

Leila – In Daily Writing this year I have enjoyed writing different narratives. I have improved my spelling and vocabulary.

Gabi – I have very much enjoyed doing all of our fun and exciting art activities every week. My favourite was weaving using paper plates after we read 'Collecting Colour'.

Omayma – I have enjoyed the excursions to Taronga Zoo and the National Park.

Deekin – This term I enjoyed being selected for a two week stay at Stewart House.

Ethan – I liked that this term I extended myself in Maths because I now understand division and long multiplication.

Sarah – I have enjoyed using my super six strategies in Guided Reading, and really liked reading 'Keep Out' as a class on Wushka.

Summer – I enjoyed movie day, because we got to sit together with our class and have fun. I also enjoyed spending time with the Year 4 girls for the afternoon last term.

Fajr – This year I enjoyed doing Maths, and I have improved in division. It was really exciting that I made it into dance group.

Uday – This year I was excited to participate in the Oztag day at Sir Joseph Banks HS, and I also enjoyed Maths.

Maddie – I enjoyed writing our speeches, because I was very proud of myself for making it into the Stage 2 finals. I improved on my spelling as well.

Ahmed – I really enjoyed doing art.

Josh – I enjoyed going to the school disco with my friends, and helping my Mum in the canteen.

Lujayn – I enjoyed Science, and I really enjoyed experimenting with making crystals.

Michael – I enjoyed spending time with my friends on the playground playing basketball and soccer during lunch.

News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

Stage 3 Drama Production

On Friday 16th November, Stage 3 students performed their drama production 'Little Stars'. Stage 3 students loved the experience and would love to share their favourite moments from the Production with you...



Steph – The best part of the production was witnessing the laughter from the audience, everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Josh P – I loved how everyone worked really hard in the lead up to the production including the teachers who put in a lot of effort to help us look wonderful on stage.

Jayden – I loved the costumes that everyone wore throughout the production and I feel our performance was outstanding!

Adriana - My favourite part was when everyone was having an amazing time performing to everyone and laughing at the really funny parts of the performance, even when someone would mess up we would still support and cheer at them.

Aliyah - Some of my favourite parts of the making of the play was getting to learn how to play a new character and personality. It was fun being a very, very up-beat person and get to laugh at myself while my friends laugh with me. I loved bonding together!

Riley - My favourite part of the play was when everybody was having fun and laughing about everything and doing the performances with my friends while we were all having one of the funniest times of school!!!

Gerald - I enjoyed how students' characters in the play were different from their usual personalities. I loved playing a farmer as it was relevant to my everyday life.

Jess - My favourite parts were watching the audition scenes! Some of the acts were really funny including Catherine's 'I'm a barbie girl'. I also enjoyed learning how to use the sound box and was excited to run the music on the night!

Clara - I liked seeing everyone perform and I enjoyed performing in front of everyone myself. My favourite scenes were the audition scenes where students had fun embarrassing themselves.



PSSA Report - Season 3

Touch Football – Miss Greatrex

The Girls Touch Football teams had a terrific season. We had a lot of new players who had never played the game before but were willing to give it a go! Both teams trained hard each week, learning the rules of the game using different drills and playing mini-games. They continued to improve each week, learning to pass the ball around and encourage each other.

The senior girls were unlucky and just missed out on making the semi finals however should be proud of their persistence during each game and their outstanding sportsmanship. The junior girls lost the semi finals but were congratulated by everyone who watched the game on their best performance of the season. Well done to both teams! I enjoyed coaching you all and look forward to next year.



Cricket – Mrs Chegwidden

The Senior and Junior Cricket teams had a very successful season of PSSA. Both seniors and juniors lost only one game during the season and finished third on the ladder. Both teams were successful in their semi-finals and were excited to play in the Grand Final against the number one teams of the year - Milperra (juniors) and Picnic Point (seniors).

The Grand Final day was extremely windy and made bowling difficult, however both teams tried their best. The games were incredibly close, and nerve-wracking to watch. Unfortunately, we weren't able to bring home the shields this year, however all of the students are to be congratulated on fighting hard to the very end.



Softball – Mrs Britton & Mrs Gaston

Wow! What an amazing season our tee ball and softball girls had. Both our teams made it into the grand final. Unfortunately it was not our year, however the girls represented Padstow North Public School with pride and determination.

Each week the girls trained extremely hard, developed skills in batting, fielding and teamwork. It was a privilege training and watching them play each week. Thank you to the parents who came and supported our teams each week, especially in the semis and final.

We will get them next year!!



Library News

The more we read, the more we develop our creativity, empathy, bravery, strength, honesty, intelligence, curiosity, cheekiness and wisdom almost without realising it.

Morris Gleitzman

Morris Gleitzman's words are a reminder of the multiple benefits that regular recreational reading brings to the individual reader.

Last week was the final week of student borrowing for 2018. All books are due back in the Library. This is to enable sufficient time to check, repair and get the Library ready for 2019. Please assist your children to return their books on time. Thanks to all families who have promptly responded to overdue notices.

The local public libraries offer Summer Reading Programs for students over the summer holidays. This is a great leisure activity during the holidays and a way for students to keep up their reading, and at the same time assisting their vocabulary, writing and comprehension.

Thank you to the library monitors for all their help this year – Clara, Brianna, Emily H, Abigail M, Ramsey, Saim and Alana.

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

Mrs Harris Teacher Librarian

P&C Report

As we finish off the year, the P&C would like to say a giant thank you to all our fantastic volunteers. It takes a team of helpers to put on a BBQ, a disco, run a raffle, support the canteen, school banking, and thankfully, we have many dedicated volunteers. However, it is the support of the Padstow North Public School community in our fundraising efforts that we continue to be successful.

2018 has been a prosperous year, thanks to our canteen running smoothly under Canteen Manager, Franca Cassachia. Our canteen made \$10,249 profit, while our fundraising efforts amounted to \$11,695.

This year we contributed \$23,000 towards interactive whiteboards for classrooms throughout the school. We also committed considerable funds towards installing synthetic grass from the hall to the Newcomb ball courts. This project will be high on our agenda for 2019 along with decisions regarding the next project to focus our fundraising efforts on.

At the recent AGM, two executives were appointed, Julia de Villiers will continue as Treasurer and Jennifer Bracken as Secretary. We are looking forward to more joining the team shortly. Unfortunately, a President was not elected, so we will be looking to fill that role early in the new year.

We would like to say a special thank you to Jaime Wong for her

tireless efforts over the past 2 years as President and 3 years prior to that as the Fundraising Co-Ordinator. Her dedication and commitment to all aspects of the P&C resulted in impressive contributions to improvements around the school.

We would also like to thank Christine To for managing the Book Club for the past few years.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Scripture

Parents of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2019, should attend a Parent Information night at St Luke's church, 13th February 2019 at 7pm. For further information contact: Scripture Coordinator Lorraine Patrick at <u>thelorr26@tpg.com.au</u> or Parish office 9773 9065 in the New Year to confirm the date.





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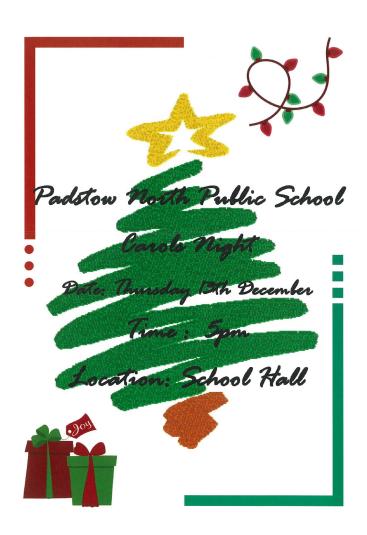


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- 7:05 4 Boomers & 4 Flames We Wish you a Merry Christmas
- 7:10 P&C Raffle
- 7:25 Closing of Carols Night

These are approximate times that may change slightly due to proceedings on the night.

Please note :

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
10/12	11/12	12/12	13/12	14/12	15-16/12
	Year 6 Market Day		Presentation Day		
WEEK 9			Christmas Carols Night		
17/12	18/12	19/12	20/12	21/12	22-23/12
Year 6 Fun Day	Year 6 Farewell	Last Day for Students	School Development Day	School Development Day	
Kindy Celebration WEEK 10		WOW Factor	Last day for teachers	Last day for non-teaching staff	
				and Miss Armstrong	
28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2-3/2
28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2-3/2
Australia Day Holiday	School Development Day	Years 1-6 Students return		Kindergarten first day	
WEEK 1 TERM 1 2019		Kindergarten Best Start	Kindergarten Best Start		
4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9-10/2
WEEK 2			Assembly		
11/2	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2	16-17/2
NRMA Road Safety Day			Assembly		
WEEK 3					
18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23-24/2
WEEK 4	Swimming Carnival		Assembly		