

Padstow North Public School



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Term 2 Week 8

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

We are towards the end of another extremely busy term at our school. Your child's report will be sent home soon, so you will have the opportunity to read about what our students have been learning about and importantly, about your child's achievements and the progress they have made in their learning and friendships. I encourage you to celebrate those achievements together.

On Monday 18th June we held our annual Multicultural Day activities which included a 'degustation of diversity'. Students, their families and staff had the opportunity to share and taste food from many countries. The day was a celebration of our inclusive, multicultural community. Did you know that 66% of our students are from a language background other than English, and 57% speak another language in addition to English?

As you know we provide a wide range of extra curricula activities for our students to participate in during their time at Padstow North Public School. These activities include, however are not limited to, public speaking, Code Club, dancing, choir, PSSA and debating. Our debating team have been participating in the Bankstown/Hills District debating competition throughout the term. The team have participated in three debates and have presented very strong arguments – they have been successful in three out of three debates. Well done team!



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 5th July

Kindergarten to Year 2

Jackson C
Mustafa E
Sarah S

Years 3-6

Emily C
James S
Alyssa F
Chelsea W
Gabriella S
Savannah W

Dates to Remember

June 22

Kindergarten Excursion
P&C Disco

June 26

Athletics Carnival

June 29

Reports Home

July 4

NAIDOC Performance

July 6

Last day of Term 2

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

TEN in K - 2

The Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) program provides students in K - 2 with short, focused and frequent mathematics lessons designed to support students in developing numeracy skills.

Kindergarten Jackaroos and Kindergarten Volleyroos

Kindergarten students have been developing their early numeracy skills in a variety of Targeting Early Numeracy games (TEN). Each Monday, we begin with an explicit, modelled lesson to develop our numeracy skills and use these new skills in daily 10 minute practice sessions. This week's TEN lesson is called Roll and Record. Students work in targeted groups to complete differentiated activities to help develop the foundation skills they require in order to progress to a more challenging version of the game. The emergent group focuses on skills to help them count visible items accurately and the perceptual group is working towards counting hidden items accurately. The higher groups, called figurative and counting-on, focus on counting on and back, and work towards developing various non-count-by-one strategies to count efficiently in order to solve challenging problems. During TEN lessons, students use dice, number lines, tens frames, hundreds charts and a variety of other resources to help them add and subtract.



1 Pearls

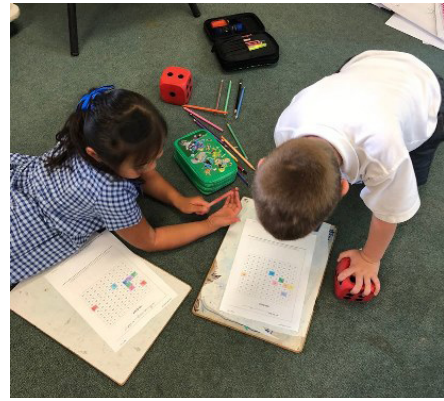
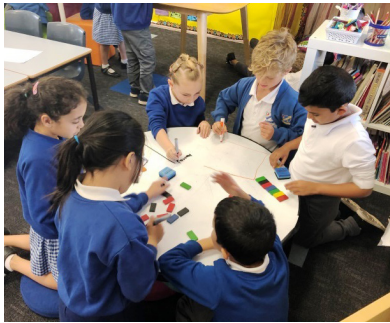
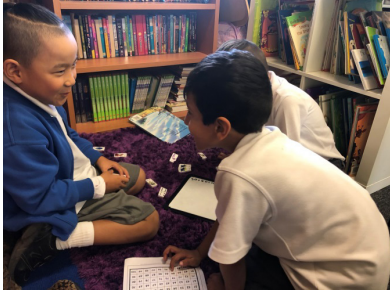
We have been busy practicing our 'counting on' using dice and dominoes. We know that if we count on from the bigger number it is easier for us to keep track when adding two numbers together. With dominoes, we cover the bigger number and count on! With dice, we have one dot dice and one number dice and count on using the dots to help us, or by choosing the bigger number and counting on!



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

1/2 Hockeyroos

We have been developing our addition strategies during TEN games by using dominos to look for doubles or near doubles. Students are increasing their confidence during our games and are having lots of fun. We are using our iPads to skip count and add on from a chosen number with a hundreds chart. Dice are always fun during maths games and we have been using both numbered and dot dice to practise our strategies like 'friends of 10' and 'bridging to 10'. Hockeyroos are becoming very fluent and accurate with our addition.



2 Rollers

We enjoy working with our friends in our TEN groups to practice a skill and give each other feedback on the strategies we are using to solve problems. Mrs Mackenzie teaches us the concept during our 'big lesson' and then she models how to play each game because each group has a slightly different game to learn. Then it is the fun part... We get to play that game for 10 mins each day. Our learning goal is to solve problems using mental strategies and known facts. Some of us are already using these!



K-4 Sapphires

It has been great to see everyone in K-4 Sapphires working hard to improve with their learning. Whether it is showing the younger students how to complete their work or working more independently. Each student has been trying to achieve their personal learning goals which include improving with reading, spelling, multiplication, numbers, sport or drawing.

In art the students have been creating a variety of artworks. They have been learning how to create effects using paint or pencils. This term the students have used specific brush strokes to create a sunset behind a soldier, the different seasons and animals. They have been focusing on the shapes and size of objects to improve their drawing within artworks.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

On Monday 18th June, we celebrated our multicultural heritage at Padstow North. In the lead up to the day, all classes chose a country to research, which they then displayed in their classrooms for other students to visit. Permission notes were sent home for students and parents to join in our 'degustation', and teachers crossed their fingers for a rain free day! It is an event which is much anticipated in our school calendar and 2018 proved to be a great success! Thank you to all the students and families who contributed, helped out and came to support our day!

3 Opals

In 3 Opals we chose Russia as our country to research. Russia was chosen as it linked to our visual art study of Kandinsky and because it is on everyone's mind at the moment with the Soccer World Cup being played there. Students in 3 Opals presented some wonderful projects with lots of interesting facts and statistics about the country. We all thoroughly enjoyed walking around the different primary classrooms to see their displays and research, and particularly enjoyed tasting all of the delicious food that our school community and families supplied.



3 Steelers

We have been learning a lot about Thailand this term. Students made slideshows, posters, flags and fact sheets about the country. Did you know that the population of Thailand is about 68 million?! To compare, Australia has a population of around 24 million and Thailand is approximately 15 times smaller than Australia! Thailand is home to many remarkable and exotic animals such as the clouded leopard, sun bear, Siamese crocodile, Tokay Gecko, king cobra, Crab-eating macaque, whale shark and Asian elephant! Students who visited our room learnt the standard Thai greeting: sawasdee (sounds like: "sah-wah-dee")! Thanks to everyone who brought in delicious food to share. We had a fantastic day!



3 Gliders

Gliders country to research was Indonesia.

Here are some interesting facts:-

Indonesia is Australia's closest neighbour.

Indonesia is an archipelago which means it's a country made up of thousands of islands.

Indonesia is a tropical country – it is hot and humid all year round.

Indonesia has many weird and wonderful animals, including the Komodo Dragon, Pangolin, Sumatran elephant, rhino and tiger, and the Hornbill bird.

Due to habitat destruction many of these animals are endangered.

Islam is the main religion in Indonesia.

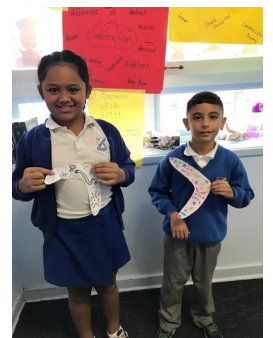
Indonesia has hundreds of volcanoes.

The capital of Indonesia is Jakarta.



4 Boomers

In 4 Boomers, we chose to represent Australia and share what we love about the beautiful country we all call home. Lots of students did research at home and made posters to create an amazing classroom display. We decorated the Aboriginal and Australian flags, made slide show presentations, answered research questions and designed boomerangs using traditional Aboriginal dot painting and symbols. As we travelled around the world, we learnt lots of new things, saw some interesting displays and shared our own facts and opinions. The best part of the day was all the delicious food that we got to eat at the degustation, thanks to the families of Padstow North.



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

4 Flames

4 Flames have enjoyed learning about Spain as part of our Multicultural Day celebrations. Many of the students created presentations using Google slides, and we have enjoyed watching these. Our classroom display shows the Spanish Lynx, which is an endangered species. We created our own artwork to represent the Lynx and presented it together with the research we have been completing over the past two weeks. After creating our passports, we were on our way around the world visiting other classrooms and looking at all of the wonderful and creative displays that they had made. We had a fantastic day, and needless to say the best part was our degustation! Thank you to all of our families for contributing to our Multicultural Day, it was great sharing this day with you!



5 Kookaburras

We had the opportunity to complete our own project that was hands-on to show our creative flair - *Briony*

We loved using our research and imagination to create something unique about the Solar System - *Brianna*

I love how we made a model to represent our learning throughout the term and to complete a project on the Solar System provided a unique experience - *Lionel*

Stage 3 Science Projects

During Science this term, Stage 3 learnt about the topic Earth and Space. We researched the key features of the planets of the solar system and compared how long each takes to orbit the sun. We also participated in a STEM project. We worked in groups to design models that demonstrated how the Earth revolves around the sun and the moon revolves around the Earth.

5 Diamonds

We enjoyed working together as a team to construct our unique model - *Clara, Aditi & Khushi*

We liked making our planets using paint and texts and getting to work with our friends - *Jess & Harry*

We really enjoyed this STEM Project because we love doing creative activities as a team. The project was fun and we enjoyed designing our model together - *Emily H, Emily S, Jennifer & Alyssa*



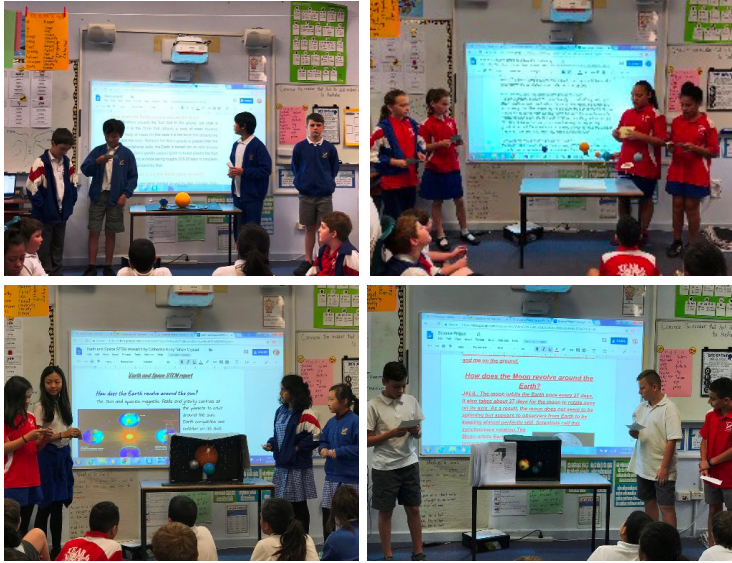
News from the Stage 3 Classrooms & Library

6 Cyclones

It was a very good experience, sharing our ideas with the group and learning about our solar system (*Tahsin, Koey, Catherine and Crystal*)

Creating the model was my groups favourite part. We all worked cooperatively! (*Daniel, Nikhil, Nathan and Theo*)

We chose our own groups and we found we worked very well together. Some researched, others designed and we all worked on the model together. (*Tanika, Georgia and Abbey and Eden*)

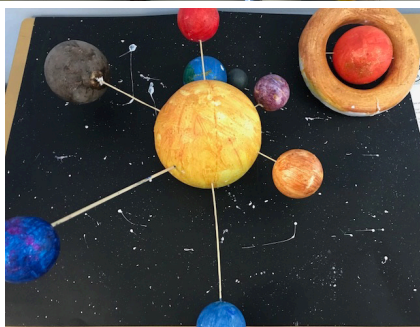
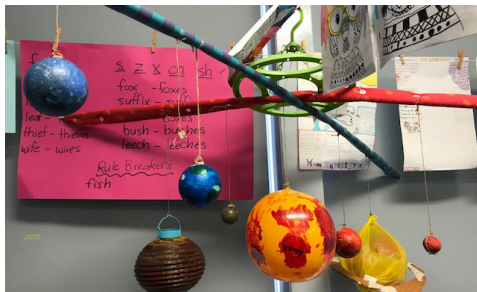


6 Dolphins

Participating in the project was fun and enjoyable because we were challenged to make the Earth revolve around the Sun (*Riley*)

Painting the model was extremely enjoyable, we had the opportunity to paint our projects outside in our groups. (*Charbel*)

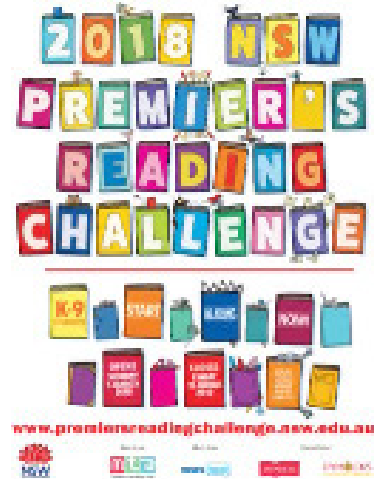
We had to modify our plan at times using research to ensure our model of Earth revolved around the Sun, this made us reflective of our learning (*Anna, Kevin*)



Library News

'Reading for pleasure is the most important way to advance literacy attainment in children.'

National Literacy Trust UK



The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) has started. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge.

K-2 students are to read, or have 30 books read to them.

3-6 students are to read 20 books. 15 must come from the PRC List and 5 may be personal choice.

The username and password are the same as their school internet login details.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a wonderful way to encourage our children to read for pleasure. It began on March 5th. Books that have been read since September 2017 can be entered online from this date.

The Challenge finishes on August 24th 2018. All entries must be submitted online by this date.

Congratulations to the students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:

Kindergarten - Rayanne
Year 1 – Ethan and Michael
Year 2 – Olivia
Year 3 – Ryan and Noah
Year 4 – Andrew and Joshua

Mrs Harris
Teacher Librarian

ICT News

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.



Throughout this year, students at Padstow North Public School will be using a variety of apps, programs and websites as part of our English, Mathematics, History, Geography and Science units. 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. We have also purchased 10 brand new iPads to be distributed across the K - 2 classrooms. Students cannot wait to use them!



Multicultural Day

On Monday 18th June 2018 we celebrated our annual Multicultural Day. This year we held a "degustation of diversity". Students and families were provided with the opportunity to share and taste food from many countries. The day started off with open classrooms, where students researched an allocated country and set up a display in their classroom. At the end of the day each class then travelled around the school viewing the displays. Students took their passport and had it stamped at each location they visited. Overall it was a fantastic day!




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9	10	11	12	13
INCURSION	WORKSHOP	EXCURSION	WORKSHOP	INCURSION
PJ Monday Wear your pajamas, slippers and dressing gown	Earth Beats - NAIDOC Week Learn about Aboriginal culture and history	Maximum Skating \$75 WORKSHOP First Aid in-centre workshop	Gymnastics and Sport day \$65 WORKSHOP Drama workshop	Tech Heads Bring your technology to the centre for the day
\$52	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$52
16	17	18	19	20
INCURSION	WORKSHOP	EXCURSION	WORKSHOP	INCURSION
Bake Day Bake Day Cook up a storm at Vacation Care during our baking day	Sean Murphy performing Mama Dojo show Interactive outdoor entertainment workshop	Stardust Circus \$75 WORKSHOP Young Engineers	Illustration Hub Mixed media visual arts workshops for children.	Tech Heads Bring your technology to the centre for the day
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School Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
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	SJBHS Photoshop workshop	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		Assembly	PSSA Swimming	
30/07	31/07	01/08	02/08	03/08	04-05/08
WEEK 2			Assembly	PSSA Swimming	
06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11-12/08
Education Week WEEK 3			Musica Viva Assembly	PSSA Swimming	
13/08	14/08	15/08	16/08	17/08	18-19/08
Education Week WEEK 4			Assembly	PSSA Swimming	