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Term 3 Week 4

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

NSW Education Week is an annual event held in the first week of August to celebrate public education across the state. Last week was Education Week 2018, and this years' theme was 'Today's schools - creating tomorrow's world'. At Padstow North Public School we recognise our role in providing a future-focussed learning environment and curriculum that prepares and equips our students with the skills, the knowledge and the capability they need to lead and flourish in tomorrows' world. Just imagine - our Kindergarten students will leave the school system in 2030 and will spend the vast amount of their working life in the second half of the 21st century!

On Tuesday 7 August, students participated in our combined schools sport-a-thon. Students from Bankstown South Infants School joined us for a day of sports and novelty events. Students raised money for their school and lots of prizes were given out on the day. Everyone enjoyed the lunch provided by our canteen and parent volunteers, thanks! On Thursday 9 August, Musica Viva - Teranga visited our school to perform traditional African music, entertaining our students while exposing them to outcomes in the NSW Creative Arts Syllabus K-6.



Do you have a child ready to start Kindergarten at Padstow North Public School in 2019, or know someone who has? If so, now is the time to enrol. Please see our friendly office staff for an enrolment application and more information. We look forward to enrolling your child and welcoming them to our school. Kindergarten Orientation days for 2019 Kindergarten students and their family will be held in Term 4 2018. You will be provided with more details once your child is enrolled with us.

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 23rd August

Kindergarten to Year 2

Jaylan P

Ella L

Piero G

Talissa P

Years 3-6

Jenin K

Prisha G

Mataea C

Stephanie N

Maria-Zoe P

Helen B

Ahmad K

Dates to Remember

21 August Book Parade

22 August

District Athletics Carnival

30 August

Father's Day BBQ Brekkie Yvonne's Chop for Charity

3-5 September

Stage 3 Canberra excurision

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

Kindergarten Volleyroos & Kindergarten Jackaroos

Kindergarten Volleyroos and Kindergarten Jackaroos are enjoying taking part in Sports in Schools activities every Tuesday. On odd weeks they will participate in dance and every even week they will complete social skills activities. The social skills activities are designed to help develop students' interaction skills through communication and teamwork.

During literacy sessons, Kindergarten students are learning about persuasive texts in order to write their speeches for the upcoming Public Speaking Competition. They are learning the difference between fact and opinion, and how to structure their speeches. Speeches will be presented in Week 4 during class time. In addition to this, during afternoon Chatterbox time, students are learning how to present an impromptu speech. When students are given a topic, they are required to state something positive, something negative and something interesting. This technique aims to help them develop the skill to talk about a topic spontaneously.

During Weeks 3 and 4, Mathematics lessons are linked to 3-Dimensional Space and Addition and Subtraction. Every Thursday we visit the computer lab to learn how to log on and to complete set Mathletics tasks. Later this term students will learn how to type simple Word documents. Thank you to those who encourage your child to log on at home with your assistance, as this is helping them to become more independent when logging on at school.





K-4 Sapphires

What a great start to Term 3! K-4 Sapphires has been improving their acting skills in drama. They have been demonstrating how to use their face and whole body to show emotions. The students have enjoyed acting out a wide range of emotions with their classmates. The acting is improving each week and sometimes it is so believable we need to ask the student how they are really feeling.

The students have used what they have learnt from drama to help them in Personal Development and Health lesson. They have been learning about different relationships in their lives and how they act and feel with different people. They have shown how much they care for their family and friends however they may show it differently as it is okay to hug and kiss your family. They have acted out how to treat friends at school and how to help if a friend is upset.





News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

Stage 1 Buffalo Creek Excursion

Stage 1 had a fantastic time at Buffalo Creek Reserve on their excursion during Week 2. The students were immersed in nature, experiencing the sights and sounds of the bush environment. Students walked through mangroves, searched for insects and bugs, and listened and observed bird life to support their understanding of living things and their habitats. Students were engaged and enjoyed spending time in their outdoor classrooms for the day.

1 Pearls

'I liked colouring over the leaves to make leaf rubbings' - Sarah

'We walked across the bridge over the mangroves and looked for crabs' - Michael

'I liked searching for insects because we could look at spiders using a magnifying glass' - Ethan









1/2 Hockeyroos

'At Buffalo Creek the most enjoyable part was when we got to search for insects and animals' - *Tanya*

'Our excursion was very fun. My favourite part was when we saw the brush turkey, it was screaming at us' - Emily

'I loved when we looked for animals because we got to look for different creatures in groups' - *Anthony*









2 Rollers

'We went on a bush walk and saw lots of animals. My favourite part was when we looked for insects' - *Levi*

'At Buffalo Creek we made our own clay bugs. I enjoyed throwing rocks on the water' - Rand and Kane

'My favourite part of the excursion was making clay bugs and looking for bugs in the bush' - Jaimee

'On the excursion to Buffalo Creek we learnt about all different insects and how to create one of our own. I enjoyed creating a

new type of bug' - Kayla







News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

3 Opals

3 Opals have had a great start to the term! We have been working on products and information during Science, and discussing how we access information to identify the different ways people communicate and use technology. In Mathematics, we have been discussing regular and irregular shapes, perpendicular lines and symmetry. Students created an angle eater to locate the right angles in and around the classroom. They then presented their information as a Popplet on the iPads.





3 Steelers

- 3 Steelers have had a busy start to the term! Sports In Schools has started and we are all enjoying the variety of activities so far. We alternate each week between team building activities and dance. Last week we learnt some new moves to the song 'Up town funk?' So much fun!
- 3 Steelers did a marvellous job representing Jamaica at the Sport-a-thon. We participated in 10 activity rotations including potato sack races, indoor soccer, putt putt golf, parachute and poison ball. We are all exhausted by the end of the day however our spirits were lifted when we discovered how much money was raised for the school! Emily, Ahmad, Jack and Oliver took home prizes for raising the most money in our class!

In class, we've been learning how to write and present a great speech. We've been drafting our ideas and researching information in class and have been discussing the importance of eye contact, clear speech, gestures and expression when public speaking.



3 Gliders

What a busy start to the term! We are all writing our speeches and practising what we have to say. Gliders had a wonderful day at the Sport-a-thon, parachute was one of our favourites. Gliders go to the technology room every Wednesday. We have been having some fun with coding, doing class challenge with Mathletics and reading interesting texts on Wushka. Gliders have done two rotations with Sports in Schools. Team challenge and dance. We did really well with dance however really enjoyed the team challenges.







News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

4 Boomers

4 Boomers have hit the ground running this term and are already learning plenty of new skills.

Sports in Schools is teaching the importance of teamwork by making them work together to get the golf ball in the cone. They needed to arrange their tubes in a way that moved the ball from tube to tube, then in to the cone without dropping it. They also had fun practicing dribbling the basketball in and out of cones and up and down the court.

In class, we have been using devices to access Wushka and Soundwaves in our English rotations, play Kahoot! in Maths for a little friendly competition, and to create surveys in Science to gather information about how people use technology to communicate and get information.

On Tuesday 7th August, we had our Sportathon and represented the Bahamas with pride. 4 Boomers participated in a range of sporting activities, with everyone having a go and trying their best. Jackie won the class prize for raising the most money in 4 Boomers; and along with everyone else's fundraising efforts, we won the class prize for raising the most money. Congratulations.

Students are also developing good public speaking skills while preparing for their speeches. They are learning how to develop good speeches that include a clear introduction, good supporting arguments and a strong conclusion. They practice the delivery of their speech concentrating on eye contact, speaking clearly and using expression to engage the audience.

Well done on a fantastic start to Term 3!







4 Flames

4 Flames have had an excellent start back to Term 3, very settled and focused on their learning. We have had a lot of fun starting our Sports in Schools program each Tuesday participating in dance and social skills. Our whole school Sport-a-thon was a huge success, with 4 Flames raising \$406, a big thank you to all of our generous families. Congratulations to Ryley and Josh for winning their raffle prizes in our special assembly, we all enjoyed sharing in your excitement on the day.

With Public Speaking Stage finals happening next week, our students have been working extremely hard on writing persuasive speeches. Some of our topics have included the impact of plastic bags on our environment, dance must be included in the Olympics, all cars should be electric and not petrol, video games are becoming addictive, and many more interesting global issue topics. It has been enjoyable sharing in student's interests through these speeches, and they should all be very proud of their efforts and results.

I am looking forward to an exciting Term 3 with 4 Flames, keep up the hard work everyone!





News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

Stage 3 News

Mrs Adams - 5 Kookaburras have had a wonderful start to the term. Our class have been practicing our writing in preparation the Public Speaking Competition. In Visual Arts, our class learnt about warm and cool colours and how to blend paints to create a wave design. In Mathematics, our class has been learning how to measures angles using a protractor and how to identify the multiples of a number. In History, we have started to learn about Federation and the importance of our Australian Government to prepare for our Stage 3 Canberra excursion in Week 7. Our class have enjoyed learning new skills in the computer lab and on the iPads and have recently demonstrated our understanding of how to research information to create a presentation using digital tools, such as KeyNote, Creaza, Powtoon and Prezi. 5 Kookaburras look forward to an exciting term ahead!



Sophia and Androniki - In Weeks 1 and 2, we learnt how to use the program on the Apple iPads called 'keynote'. We worked in pairs to pick an animal to research. We chose to research information about chipmunks because they're rare and interesting. From here, we used the iPads to create and prepare a presentation to display information about an animal. On Keynote, we had the opportunity to use a variety of pictures, fonts and special effects to make our presentation engaging. Keynote is extremely easy to use and we really enjoyed utilising this program in class.



Sameera and Hayley - We have been researching information on various topics to help assist us in writing a persuasive speech on an issue in society. We have visited the computer lab to research and summarise our information ready to prepare and deliver our persuasive speeches.



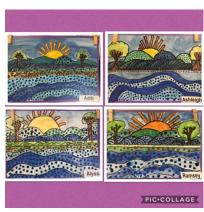
5 Diamonds

5 Diamonds have started the term with an eagerness and enthusiasm for their learning. We set new goals for the term, that we have started working towards achieving. Our class has also been busy writing, rehearsing and presenting both our planned and impromptu speeches. While learning how to write convincing arguments, our favourite activity was designing a commercial to convince the rest of the class they needed our product. We really enjoyed acting these out in front of the class to practise using eye contact, stance, voice and gesture for public speaking.

During NAIDOC Week, we studied Bronwyn Bancroft's artworks and replicated one of her designs during Visual Art lessons. We have also been learning about warm and cool colours and created wave designs using blending. Our final artworks look incredible!

Our class represented Australia during the school Sport-athon and had an enjoyable day participating in a range of fun activities. We are looking forward to what the rest of the term brings, especially our camp to Canberra!







News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

6 Dolphins

6 Dolphins have had such a busy start to Term 3.

Many of us feel a bit nervous about public speaking and this has been a big focus for us this term. Each day we have had a chance to practise preparing an impromptu speech. Although only 5 of us present each day, everyone has learnt from the preparation time and we have definitely improved a lot. We have also been researching for our prepared speeches and writing them in class.

Sports in Schools has been lots of fun. The dance lesson was very funny when we had to show emotion in a freeze frame based on a movie. These boys are showing the emotion of

Jurassic Park.



In science we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases, and about why particular materials are used for different purposes. In History we have been researching Federation and presenting our research using different digital presentation tools.

Visual Arts is a favourite subject in our class. These are our first finished artworks for the term. We showed the contrast between warm and cool colours and used the blending technique for our

sunset.



6 Cyclones

6 Cyclones is enjoying the dancing component of Sports in Schools. This term, the students are participating in a variety of dancing styles each week using strategies such as facial expressions and body stillness to create a short story. Over the past few weeks, students have enjoyed posing lower, middle and high body movements each week. The groups with the most points were the winners.







Tell Them From Me

This term, our school will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students, teachers and parents to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au

We can assure you that this survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27 August and 26 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form is being sent home with students in coming weeks. If you <u>do not</u> want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 20th August.

ICT

It was great to have all the teachers start the term learning how to use spheros, makey makeys and about what happens in Code Club. The teachers developed their skills with problem solving by programming the sphero robot to move through a maze, using everyday items with the makey makeys to create a touch pad for the computer, and how to express themselves with a computer in Code Club.

Every teacher learnt something new and got closer to becoming a Tech Expert. It was great to see everyone having fun and learning. The next step is teaching the students to learn how to use spheros, makey makeys and skills from Code Club to enhance their learning.





Library News

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island.

Walt Disney

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

Kindergarten - Peter

Year 3 – Hashim, Stephen, Elyse

Year 4 – William
Year 5 – Emily
Year 6 – Gabrielle

The Challenge needs to be completed by the 24th August.

Book Week

Book Week will be held 17th August till 24th August. The theme of Book Week this year is "Find Your Treasure". We will be holding a Book Week Parade on Tuesday 21st August for all students K-6.

There'll be treasure aplenty at the Annual Book Fair on Friday 17th August 3-4pm and Monday 20th August 8-9am.

Thank you Mrs Harris

P&C President's Report

At the beginning of this term, the P&C handed over \$23,000 for the purchase of 11 interactive whiteboards so you will see these in all classrooms throughout the school. We have also applied for a \$20,000 Stronger Communities grant from the government

to help fund more synthetic grass – from the Newcombe Ball court to the hall. The total cost of putting in more synthetic grass is \$43,000 so if we are given this grant, it will go a long way to more picnic space for our children but also the communities who use our hall in the afternoons and weekends. We hope to have some positive news about our application in the upcoming months.

We ended Term 2 with a bang! The school disco was a great success with the P&C raising over \$2,000 from the sale of canteen food, tickets and snacks and drinks on the night. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who volunteered on the night both in the hall supervising and in the canteen as well.

We also started Term 3 with a bang with a very successful Sportathon day! We received the biggest canteen order we've ever had – 175 chicken finger orders, 135 chicken burgers, 48 ham'n'pineapple pizzas and 16 chicken/salad rolls! We had every shelf of our four ovens and used up every millimeter of bench space we could find. We managed to serve the food out on time and this was a result of all the amazing mothers and grandmother who volunteered – you ladies know who you are – THANK YOU!

In Term 2, 1/2 Hockeyroos smashed the Loose Change Friday record with an amazing \$129.85 in loose change collected. Can any other class beat this? This Friday, 17th August, we will be collecting loose change and winners will be announced the following Thursday at assembly.

Father's Day activities are in the pipeline in the next couple of week – raffles, stalls and BBQ. Keep an eye out for the notes.

Thank you for your continued support in purchasing your child's lunch from the canteen. Franca (our canteen manager) has been doing an amazing job, and to date we have already transferred \$10K into our online saver account from the canteen.

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 11th September at 9:15am in the School Hall.

Jaime Wong P&C President







Athletics Carnival Update

Our Athletics Carnival was a fantastic day filled with lots of cheers and eager racers. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time on the day in the canteen and on the BBQ, your efforts were greatly appreciated. A huge congratulations to the 53 students who will progress through to the East Hills District Athletics Carnival in Week 5, we wish you all the best of luck. A special mention to Mia Minshall who broke our school record in the 10 years girls 100m race, an amazing result! Congratulations to Emus, our house champions for the carnival.

PSSA News

Our PSSA Soccer teams have been training hard with Miss Greatrex and Miss Harrison. We had a couple of washed out games as well as a bye at the end of Term 2 but we have come back to Term 3 with majority of our teams winning their last few games. Well done to all the teams on their sportsmanship and persistence during the season.

Our PSSA Basketball teams have been training and working hard on drills and teamwork with Mrs Britton. They have represented their school with outstanding sportsmanship. Congratulations to the Junior Girls and Senior Boys who have earned themselves a place in this week's semi-finals. Best of luck!















Sport-a-thon

On Tuesday 7th August, Padstow North and Bankstown South Infants School held our annual Sport-a-thon. We participated in many fun filled games and activities including Poison Ball, Parachute, Ping Pong and Putt Putt while braving the windy weather. Students raised almost \$10 000 through sponsorships from their generous family and friends and from the canteen. Thank you to everyone who helped to raise these funds, it will be going towards improving our school playground.

Some comments from our students about the day:

'All the events were really fun but indoor soccer was the best!'
– Josh P

'4 Flames had a wonderful time playing so many different sports. Our favourite was ping pong.' – *Gabi S*

'I loved all the events but parachuting was my absolute favourite. Thanks Miss Greatrex and Miss K for putting this together.' – *Andrew P*

'I really enjoyed the Sport-a-thon. I liked how we had so many games that we could play. It was good for our fitness and having fun with our class. 3 Gliders favourite activity was indoor soccer.' – Stephen F







"YVONNE'S 2ND CHOP FOR CHARITY"



My name is Yvonne Lin and I am a Year 3 student at Padstow North Public School. My brother, Daniel, is in Year 5. We watched our mum fight cancer 4 years ago. We are asking for your help again to beat cancer forever. Please sponsor me to raise funds for Cancer Council NSW with a tax deductible donation. Simply go into www.doitforcancer.com.au and at the top where it says 'Find a friend' type in 'Yvonne's 2nd Chop'.

I am involving myself in two charities as I did when I was in Kindergarten. Not only am I raising money to beat cancer, I have grown my hair long and am having it cut short in front of the assembly on Thursday, 30th August. I am donating my hair to Variety's Alopecia Program so that it may be made into a wig for kids without hair. Please come and support me at this assembly to inspire others, like my friend Brianna did last year.

A caring world with no cancer would be a wonderful place.

About Cancer Council

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4 week training Academy open to all Primary aged students, boys and girls for a free come and try/pre season clinic run by accredited CNSW coaches. All students are welcome including any wanting to give it a go or those already or intending on registering with another club.

Where: Panania Primary School - Corner of Picnic Point Rd and Lawler St, Panania

When: Commencing Monday 6th of August 2018 and running for 4 consecutive weeks (concluding on the 27th of August)

Time: 4:00-5:00pm

Cost: FREE OF CHARGE - Limited spaces available so register early to avoid disappointment

Register: visit <u>www.playcricket.com.au</u> and search for Revesby Heights Hornets, proceed to juniors and register on free Academy link - all participants must register online prior to the event

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School Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat & Sun |
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| 20/08 | 21/08 | 22/08 | 23/08 | 24/08 | 25-26/08 |
| Book Week | Book Parade | District Athletics Carnival | Gold Assembly | | |
| WEEK 5 | | | | Swimming | |
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| 27/08 | 28/08 | 29/08 | 30/08 | 31/08 | 01-02/09 |
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