

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 4 Week 4

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

In 2018 we celebrated NSW Grandparents Day on Sunday 28 October. It was a day to spend time with an older loved ones and to celebrate the important role older people play in our local community. It's a day to connect across the generations. We also celebrated NSW Grandparents Day at Padstow North Public School on Thursday 25 October. We celebrated the contributions grandparents and older people make to our families and communities. We recognised and celebrated the diversity of grandparent relationship across age groups, cultural backgrounds and geographical locations. Our grandparents and families visited classrooms, enjoyed afternoon tea with their children and grandchildren and joined us for a special assembly, where our choir and dancers performed for everyone. If we had sold tickets for this occasion it would have been a sellout! We had a sensational turnout and almost ran out of coffee and cake! It was wonderful to have so many of our student's grandparents and other family members join us to celebrate this wonderful day! Thank you.

On Wednesday evening 31 October our Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 dancers performed at the East Hills Bankstown Dance Festival held at Bankstown Sports Club. Our students performed 3 dances and were the standout performers on the evening. Stage 3 performed dance routines to Peanut Butter Jelly and Call On Me, Stage 2 performed their dance routine to Greatest Show, and Stage 1 performed their routine to Flashback To The 80s put together by Miss K. Congratulations to our performers and a big thanks to Miss K, Mrs Cope, Miss Harrison and Miss Greatrex for providing this opportunity to many of our students.



Each year our Year 3 and 5 students complete the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). We achieved excellent results again in 2018. Our Year 3 students average NAPLAN score was above our statistically similar schools group and State in all of the components of the test! Outstanding! Year 5 students showed high levels of growth between Year 3 to Year 5. Including, 71% of Year 5 students achieved above expected growth for Numeracy, 76% of Year 5 students achieved above expected growth for Spelling and 67% achieved above expected growth for Reading! The growth achieved by our students between Kindergarten to Year 3, and between Year 5 to Year 7 is categorised as 'Excelling' by the department. These results are a reflection of the hard work of our committed students, teachers, leaders and families. Well done!

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

Gold! Gold! Gold!

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for Gold and will be awarded their certificates at our Gold assembly on Thursday 8th November.

Kindergarten to Year 2

Matthias P
Kristha C
Yasmin K
Lily H
Ethan A
Sahara L
Tyler G
Jaimee P

Years 3-6

Hashim C
Eden A
Mireya C
Dean P
Adrian B
Nazir A
Anna S
Haneen K
Oliver D

Dates to Remember

15 November

Kindergarten Orientation

27 November

Years 1-6 Orientation

28 November

Kindergarten Excursion

4 December

Year 6 HS Orientation Day

6 December

Gold Assembly

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

Kindergarten Volleyroos & Kindergarten Jackaroos

Kindergarten had a wonderful start to Term 4. It was terrific to see so many families who were able to join us for open classrooms on Grandparents' Day. Students were excited about having the opportunity to have grandparents and family members in their classrooms and to show their visitors what they have been learning.

During Literacy lessons, students have been developing their knowledge of various text types including informative and descriptive texts, while learning about our Science unit 'Living Things'. Students' phonemic awareness is developing daily, as we work through our Sound Waves unit. We are focussing on segmenting and blending sounds using our Sound Waves cards to help us spell words during writing lessons. An activity that students do to reinforce their ability to segment is 'draw-a-word', using their student cards to record sounds.

Over the past two weeks, students learnt about Whole Number and Time during Mathematics lessons. In which they developed their knowledge of numbers before and after a given number, money, ordinal numbers, and sequencing events. We are currently learning about Addition and Subtraction, and Data. Our Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) lessons have focussed on reinforcing these early numeracy skills.

In our Science unit 'Living Things', students are learning about what living things are, and what they need to survive. We are creating a KWL chart, which asks students to think about what they know, what they want to know, and what they want to learn. The questions that they have come up with so far have stimulated a lot of interest in the topic. In the Geography unit 'Around the World in 50 Days!' students have started to discuss the countries that they know and to locate the continents of the world.



1 Pearls

1 Pearls have had a settled start to Term 4, jumping back into their learning with positivity and enthusiasm. Term 4 is always a busy one, with 1 Pearl already participating in 'Dress Like a Farmer' day and 'Grandparents Day' during week 2. Students raised money to support our farmers to provide fresh drinking water to those in need. We enjoyed having our grandparents and families in to celebrate our achievements and to share our learning at school with them. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day. We are looking forward to what the rest of Term 4 has to offer!



1/2 Hockeyroos

How did that happen? It's term 4 already, where did the year go? Hockeyroos have had a busy start to the term with Grandparents Day, 'Dress like a farmer' day and lots of birthdays. In literacy, we are exploring imaginative texts by being creative and working on our paragraph structure. This has been highlighted by using stimulus like a haunted house, a magical wand and an alien to look at new ways we can create an interesting narrative.



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

The first few weeks have been spend learning about data using M&M's and creating graphs to interpret the information collected. We have just started looking at mass by comparing the weight of objects. There may be something involving popcorn coming up too. In our science unit 'Waste Not, Want Not' we have been looking and sorting different types of waste and buried materials like a banana peel, a cereal box and a plastic bag. I wonder what will happen to these materials?

We are all looking forward to more exciting learning experiences and special events during Term 4!



2 Rollers

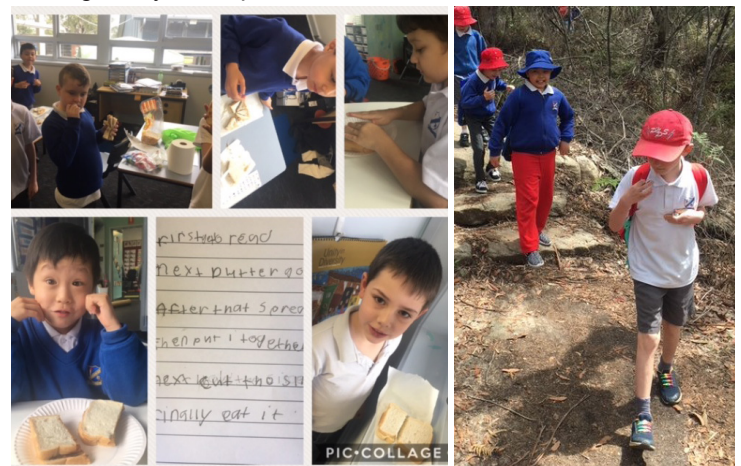
What a fantastic and busy start to the term! Students have enjoyed participating in school events such as 'Grandparents Day', 'Dress like a Farmer' day and our spooky disco. In the classroom, students have been using 'traffic lights' to reflect on their learning and recognise their strengths and areas for improvement. Students are able to identify whether they understand the task (green), are getting there however might require some more help (yellow) or if they don't understand and need help (red). It is great to see students reflecting on their learning and using their growth mindset to push forward. Well done 2 Rollers!



K-4 Sapphires

This term has been great to see how far the class has come this year. Everyone in Sapphires has been working hard and has improved at helping others when working. Whether it is during reading and trying hard to read longer challenging books, adding larger numbers together using different strategies or using scientific words to describe what happened during an experiment, every student has shown improvement.

To start Term 4 the Year 3 and 4 students went on an excursion to The Royal National Park. The students went on a bushwalk and looked at different plants and animals. The class has also been working on procedure writing by writing a recipe and then following it to create sandwiches and jelly. We look forward to creating many more procedures this term.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

Stage 2

Stage 2 students started our final term of 2018 with an excursion to the Royal National Park in Sydney. This excursion was planned to support our Geography programs, which have focused on giving students a chance to explore the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of places in Australia. Through this excursion, students were given the chance to listen to experts and examine the importance of natural vegetation and natural resources to our local environment, animals and people, and learnt ways different groups of people value our environments. During the excursion, students participated in activities such as discussions about native and introduced animals to the local area, some of the important occupations and volunteers that work in the national park, a bush walk on the Honeymoon Track, a mapping activity using local natural resources and an activity which looked at the 'seasonal calendar' used by local Indigenous people, and some of the traditions and events marked by various features in the environment.

It was a fun and informative excursion, and some of the students highlights are recorded below:

Yvonne: We went on a bushwalk down the Honeymoon track and saw a few rocky caves. There was a mixture of flat surface and stairs made from wood, rock and sandstone. There were quite a lot of cliffs so we had to walk in a single line. The Honeymoon track was named that because in the olden days people used to bush walk down the track after they were married and stay in a beautiful hotel at the bottom.

Samer: When we reached the bottom of the Honeymoon track we split into two groups. Our group did map making first. We made a map of the Royal National Park with sticks, leaves and rocks. My group found a baby scorpion and a spider! The spider was really fast but not faster than me!

Hashim: - I enjoyed walking down the Honeymoon track, because it was cool walking on 100 year old steps.

Jessica: - It was interesting to learn how the Aboriginal people of the area use to live.

Jayden: - Fun, interesting and long day. Favourite part was the talk by the rangers.

Elyse: - Favourite part was dressing up as the Field Officer.

Raya: - It was interesting to see endangered animals and learn how humans impact on nature.

Noah A: - It was really interesting finding out how fruit bats are an important link in the food chain.

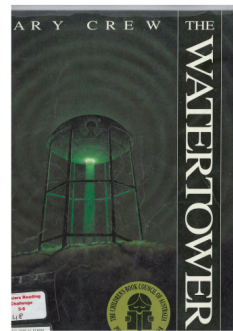


News from the Stage 2 & 3 Classrooms



5 Kookaburras

Mrs Adams – 5 Kookaburras have had a wonderful start to Term 4. Our class have been exploring imaginative texts and in particular Gary Crew's 'The Watertower' to prepare for narrative writing. In Visual Arts, our class have been learning how to use colour, shape and texture to produce artworks. Our class have enjoyed learning working collaboratively in the new technology hub. In Mathematics, students have learnt about data and have learnt how to construct dot plots, and column and line graphs using qualitative and quantitative data. Students have also started to explore how to construct a financial budget using addition and subtraction strategies. 5 Kookaburras look forward to an exciting term ahead!



5 Diamonds

5 Diamonds have started off Term 4 showing great motivation towards their learning and enthusiastically participating in school events such as Dress like a Farmer day and Grandparents Day. We enjoyed the visitors we had in our classroom, talking to them and showing them our work.

We have enjoyed using the Technology Hub with all its new flexible furniture to work collaboratively on our science projects. Our Science topic for this term is 'Information' and we are researching about how different technologies are used to communicate, and the social influences that can impact the design of technology.

In Maths, we have been enjoying playing a variety of games to help with our understanding of factors and multiples. Our favourite was the 'Multiples Race' where each student raced to get a card that was a multiple of the cards of other members of their team.

It's been a busy start to the term and we're looking forward to what the rest of the year brings.



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms



6 Dolphins

6 Dolphins have had a very busy start to the term. We can't believe that our time at Padstow North is nearly over. We have been studying imaginative texts in reading and writing, looking at *The Watertower* by Gary Crew. None of the class were happy with the ending of the text, as it ended with a real mystery. We were so excited when Adriana was able to borrow the sequel - *Under the Surface* - from Padstow library.

In Maths we have been learning about Data and how graphs can be misleading. We used Google Sheets to create our own misleading graphs to use for an advertising campaign for a bread company using the bread's nutritional information.

In Science, we have been learning about how the manufacturing of products has changed. We are very excited that we will soon begin our planning for Market Day, where we will be creating and selling our own products.

6 Cyclones

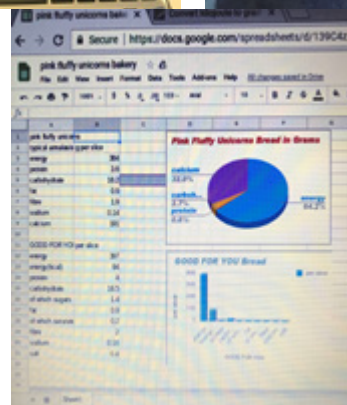
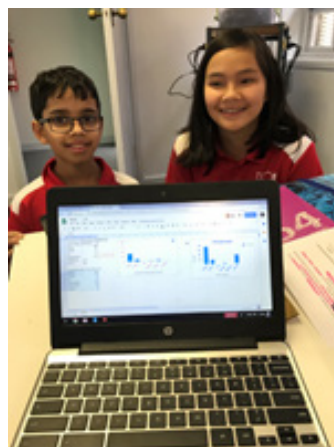
What a great start to the term. Students in 6 Cyclones have been busy working on a number of enjoyable projects.

English - Stage 3 is reading the picture book *The Watertower* by Gary Crew. It is an interesting read based on 'belonging'. One of the tasks was for the students to create 3 questions. 2 literal (here) and 1 inferential (hidden) from the page they were

provided. At the end the class needed to answer the questions the students created.



Mathematics - During our data lesson, students learnt about misleading graphs and how a company or advertisement can persuade the audience in believing their product. Year 6 analysed a number of graphs and explained how these graphs were misleading. In groups, students were given a nutritional chart for 'bread' and they needed to create their own misleading graphs using Google Sheets. We enjoyed visiting the Tech Hub, which was our old computer lab, and our students found the maths lesson interesting.



Library News

Reading aloud and talking about what we're reading sharpens children's brains. It helps develop their ability to concentrate at length, to solve problems logically, and to express themselves more easily and clearly.

Mem Fox

A group of researchers from the Australian National University have recently confirmed that people who grow up with books at home tend to have higher reading comprehension and better mathematical and digital communication skills.

Please encourage your child to borrow regularly from our well-resourced Library. Regular reading has a significant positive impact on your child's ability to improve their literacy skills.

Mrs Harris
Teacher Librarian

Tech Hub

We are excited to have our new 'Tech Hub' up and running this term. It has been painted, filled with fantastic new furniture, had a new Interactive Whiteboard and projector installed. It is jam packed with new Chromebooks and other innovative ICT equipment. Students will have access to Spheros for coding, Makey Makeys for inventing and Bee Bots for learning mathematical skills. Next year, we look forward to having access to the STEM Share kits, provided by the Department of Education, which include robotics, 3D printing, coding, film-making and virtual reality equipment. Although it is still a work in progress, it is a great space which enhances learning opportunities for all students at Padstow North Public School.



P&C President's Report

Can you believe we are into Term 4 already? Where has this year gone? That doesn't mean our fundraising efforts have subsided.

Last week we had a very successful Spooky School Disco. Despite the extremely hot weather, we had a great turnout and lots and lots of children dressed up in theme – Thank you to all the families for getting into the spirit of it! It was a joint fundraiser with Bankstown South Infants School (BSIS) and it was great to see 4 BSIS P&C parent volunteers helping us in the canteen preparing the food for all our infant students. BSIS will be opening a canteen next year so it was very helpful for their volunteers to see how we run our canteen, how we cook the food and what our 'bagging up' routine is – areas which they can bring back to their P&C to help with the set-up of their canteen.

Our final fundraiser of the year will be the Annual Christmas Carols night on Thursday 13th December. The P&C will organize a sausage sizzle as well as have the canteen open selling drinks, snacks and ice creams. Please remember to put your order in.

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 13th November at 6:30pm sharp in the Primary Staffroom. Any financial member of the P&C who has attended 3 or more meetings can vote for the 2019 P&C Executive Committee. The roles that will be voted on are:- President, Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In 2019 we will also be looking for a new Bookclub volunteer – so if you would like to do this, please let me or one of the ladies in the office know so we can arrange some training for you.

After the AGM, we will conduct a normal P&C meeting. On this occasion we will have a special guest speaker from the Revesby YMCA regarding the changes for 2019 – so if you want to find out more about these changes, make sure you come to this meeting.

Jaime Wong
P&C President

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School Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
12/11 WEEK 5	13/11	14/11	15/11 Kindergarten Orientation	16/11 Swimming PSSA 6pm 'Little Stars' Drama Production	17-18/11
19/11 WEEK 6	20/11	21/11	22/11 Assembly	23/11 Swimming PSSA	24-25/11
26/11 WEEK 7	27/11 Years 1-6 Orientation Variety Xmas Party	28/11 Kindergarten Excursion	29/11 Kindergarten Orientation Assembly	30/11 Swimming PSSA	01-02/12
03/12 WEEK 8	04/12 Year 6 High School Orientation Day	05/12	06/12 Gold Assembly Newsletter	07/12 Swimming PSSA	08-09/12
10/12 WEEK 9	11/12 Year 6 Market Day	12/12	13/12 Presentation Day Christmas Carols Night	14/12	15-16/12
17/12 Year 6 Fun Day WEEK 10	18/12 Year 6 Farewell	19/12 Last Day for Students WOW Factor	20/12 School Development Day	21/12 School Development Day	23-24/12