

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 2 Week 4

Dear parents and caregivers

As the new Principal of Padstow North Public School, I am both excited and honoured to become a member of this school community. Over the past three weeks I have had the opportunity to learn about the school from leadership, staff, parents, and students. I have been impressed by the high level of commitment our staff have, supporting and providing quality education for all students.

I have been dedicated educator for more than twenty-five years. I am accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority at the highest level, Lead, and have an outstanding understanding of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and what constitutes teacher quality. My most recent experience has been at Bankstown Public School, leading curriculum and instruction as the Deputy Principal Instructional Leader. I am excited and eager to bring my skills as an educational leader to Padstow North Public School and work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

The remainder of this year will continue to build on the outstanding programs already in place, including providing academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant and help them build relationships while making real-world connections. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors - teachers, students and parents are excited to be here and have success at school. This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, engaging and nurturing environment.

Genevieve Dennis
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 30th May, 2019.

Kindergarten to Year 2

Noah H
Sophia D
Jada L
Ivy D
Zahra C
Hadi A
Leann S
Ethan A
Peter C
Anthony D

Year 3-6

Clara C
Thomas K
Tahlia L
Ramsey M
James S
Angelina V
Jad A
Jessica R
Angelina W
Kostas S
Andrew P
Rishi K
Vicky H
Khushi K

Dates to Remember

28 May
District Cross Country

30 May
Gold Assembly

14 June
School Disco

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

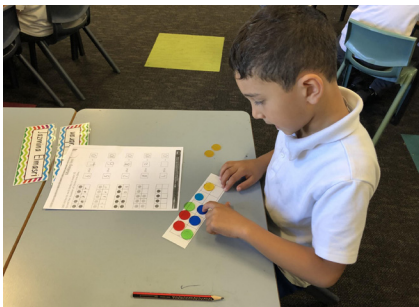
Kindergarten Iban

Each Monday afternoon, we love visiting the Tech Hub to learn the basic skills of logging onto Wushka and Mathletics in order to complete set tasks. As we develop our skills we will use word documents to type simple sentences. Throughout this term, Kindergarten will also 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 English lessons will focus around informative texts and provide opportunities for students to research information on a variety of animals as a whole class. We have started researching to write our information report about bees, developing students' knowledge of how to structure a report.

Kindergarten students have been developing their numeracy skills during Whole Number lessons in which students use dice, number lines, tens frames, hundreds charts and a variety of other resources to help them count, add and subtract.

During Science, we have started our unit 'Material World' in which students are identifying the materials objects are made of and observing, questioning and providing reasons as to how they assist us in our lives.



K/1 Carib

Kindy and Year 1 have had a busy start to Term 2. We are enjoying writing our Monday morning recounts about things we did on the weekend. Kindy are learning to use their Sound Waves cards to spell new words and Year 1 being encouraged to add more detail to take their writing from boring to brilliant! We are also learning to write information reports about animals. Currently we are fascinated by all the new facts we are learning about bees!

K1/C are loving our Tech Hub time this term. On Wednesday afternoons we go there with our Year 6 buddies and are learning to log on to the school computers and access some of our online learning tools such as Mathletics.

We have developed a good routine for our reading groups this term and have been super lucky to have Mrs Mackenzie join us on Mondays and Thursdays to help us improve our reading skills.

K/1C are enjoying another great term of learning together!



1-5 Basque

1-5 Basque has been busy with all their learning. The students have been learning how to persuade others by looking at the positives and negatives of a decision. Maybe the big bad wolf just had a cold and his sneezes knocked over the pigs houses. The students are improving at explaining their point of view and how others might respond.

We are also learning a lot about Australia in Geography. We are looking at the different natural features that makes Australia special and how to find them on a map. We are learning about the different states and cities around Australia. It has been great to learn more about the country we live in.



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

1 Maori

1 Maori has had such a lovely start to the term, with all students trying their best and participating enthusiastically during class activities. We started the term reflecting on our writing and students identified a writing goal that they would like to focus on. Each student also has their own 'Writing Bookmark' that they have been using to reflect on their writing. It includes a checklist of language and grammar features that students thought was important to include in their writing. I am so excited to see them working towards these goals and improving their writing! Our focus this term is 'Informative Text Types' where students will be learning how to write an information text, description, letter and recount.

We also began our new Science unit: 'Material World', where students will be investigating different materials and experimenting with how they can be changed, manipulated and combined.

Students are loving their time in the Tech Hub with their buddies in 5 Java. This term students will be provided opportunities to enhance their ICT capabilities by logging on and using Google Suite to create, publish and share texts.

Keep up the fantastic effort 1 Maori, I am looking forward to another fun, busy and exciting term with each and every one of you!



1/2 Cherokee

1/2 Cherokee have made a pleasing start to Term 2. It has been super busy with Life Education, Colour Run and Walk Safely to School Day all occurring in Week 3. Students engaged enthusiastically with Harold, learning about different muscles in the body, keeping safe and making healthy choices.

During Literacy, students have been expanding information from dot points into full sentences. Students have been identifying the important facts and using conjunctions to write longer sentences and paragraphs.

In Maths, students have been working on place value, using base ten blocks to record three-digit numbers using the hundreds, tens and ones columns.

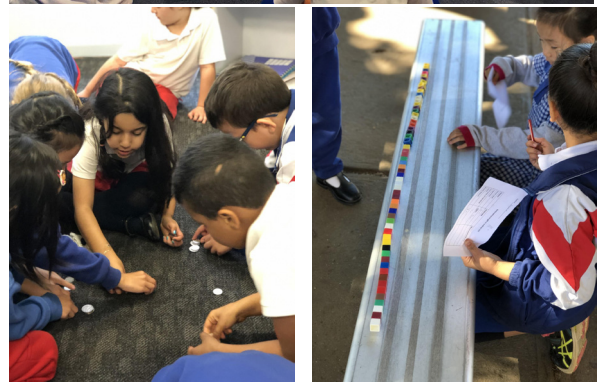


2 Hawaiian

2 Hawaiian have started the year focused and ready to see what Term 2 has installed for them! It has been really great watching each student set their own reading, writing and mathematics goal, to guide their learning. Students have been providing each other with feedback and suggestions to improve our work, and most importantly to help our brain muscle grow!

We were very lucky to be one of the very first classes to visit Harold in the super cool Life Education van! We learnt very important lessons on being a good friend, keeping our bodies healthy and staying safe. Harold even shared some of his amazing carrot seeds for everyone to take home and try their own garden bed!

In Maths, we have started using thinking routines to make our learning visible, guide our discussions and to tune our brains in for learning. During our thinking routines, we ask ourselves three very important questions: What do we see? What do we think? What do we wonder? Before beginning our length lesson on metres and centimetres, students asked interesting and insightful questions that engaged them throughout the lesson. I look forward to seeing our ideas expand and grow, and am very proud of you all 2H!



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

YEAR 3 SCIENCE (3 Darug and 3 Vedda)

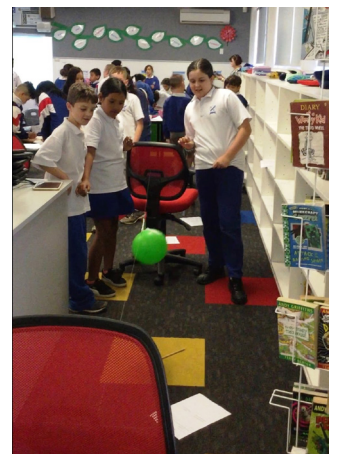
This term Year 3 have been investigating how heat, light and electrical energy make things happen. In week 1 we worked in a self organised learning environment to investigate the topic. In week 2 we performed experiments using ice and warm water to learn about the transfer of heat through conduction and convection. We then worked in groups to design solar ovens, which we built in Week 3. In week 4 we will be using the sun's energy to attempt to 'cook' something yummy in our ovens. We had a lot of fun building them and we are really looking forward to seeing which designs work best!



YEAR 4 SCIENCE (4 Mapuche, 4 Tuvaluan and 4 Vedda)

This term Year 4 have joined together to learn about Forces. We started by researching different types of forces. We will be learning about push and pull, gravitational force, magnetic force and friction.

We have been enjoying experimenting to see how forces affect the motion of objects. So far we have made a balloon rocket and experimented with a variety of different balls to think about stretchy materials and gravity. The students have worked well and are learning to make keen observations about the forces they observe. There have been some very interesting theories on why experiments fail or succeed!



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

Stage 3 Mogo Camp

Day 1 of Term 2 was a very early start for our Stage 3 students. At 7am we were getting onto the bus ready for our trip down to Mogo. We had an extremely busy and fun filled two days away learning about life on the gold fields and having opportunities to pan for gold and make damper. Stage 3 teachers were so impressed with every student who attended camp for their exceptional behaviour. Here are a few words from students about their experience:

5 Javanese:

- "I enjoyed the tour of the town that we got to see for ourselves and really loved going in the maze! - *Joe*
- "Camp at Mogo was really fun and my favourite parts were gold panning (for REAL GOLD!!), watching the trainer hand feed the lions at the zoo and getting a taste of what life was like back then." - *Maddy M*
- "My favourite part of camp was the bush dance because everyone was having so much fun! We also made damper and it was delicious!" - *Sienna*
- "I really enjoyed the tour of mogo zoo and the food that was provided" - *Tanush*
- "I thoroughly enjoyed learning about how to pan for gold, learning about the mines and the dangers of them, and about the shops, police station and hospitals in the 1800's" - *Leila*

5 Dolgan:

- "My favourite part of camp was the bush dance, I really enjoyed it" - *Dorian*
- "I liked getting to pan for gold and make the damper" - *Tahlia and Isabella*
- "It was really fun getting to sleep in the cabins with our friends" - *Deweny*
- "I really liked going to Mogo Zoo and seeing the lions and tigers" - *Khodr*
- "I liked eating all the food - especially the breakfast, it was really good" - *Jesse*
- "I really enjoyed seeing the different beach views on the bus as we drove down" - *Ethan*

6 Cornish:

- "The trip down to Mogo was fun because I sat at the back of the bus with my friends, watching a movie and eating lots of snacks" - *Harry*
- "My favourite part of camp was dancing at the bush dance with all my friends and Miss Greatrex" - *Jannah*
- "I really enjoyed the bushdance because we got to relax and just have fun with our friends" - *Mitch*
- "Going to Mogo Zoo was my favourite part because we

got to see lots of different animals and I also enjoyed all the food" - *Zaeem*

6 Sorbian:

- Saim enjoyed winning the maze challenge.
- Emily thought dancing on Tuesday night was the best.
- Aaliyan was fascinated by all the animals at Mogo Zoo.
- Hassan loved the comfortable cabins.



Sport Update

PSSA Senior Netball

The senior netballers have had a difficult end to the season competing against some challenging teams. Despite this, the girls have all continued to try their best in every game and have made great improvements throughout the season. It has been a pleasure to coach these two teams of enthusiastic girls, and they are to be proud of their efforts each week!



Junior Netball

Congratulations to both our junior teams on making the PSSA semi finals. The girls have represented Padstow North with pride and have always played with determination and sportsmanship. The junior B's lost a close semi to Panania 2 - 4 and the junior A's won their semi against Panania North 13 - 2 and will play Picnic Point in the final. Good luck girls, I can not wait. It has been a pleasure coaching these girls who have all worked so hard and have developed into great little netballers.



Touch Football

The senior and junior touch football teams have had a terrific season. It has been great to see so many new players trying the game, learning quickly and improving every week. We missed a couple of games with the weather, however both teams made the semi finals. We versed Padstow Heights and both games were extremely close. The junior boys won 2-1 and the seniors won 5-4 to qualify for the finals where we will be up against Picnic Point. Good luck boys!!



Newcombe Ball

Both the junior and senior Newcombe Ballers have had a fantastic season! It has been great to have two enthusiastic teams training and working hard together this year! We have had new players who have been learning the new skills quickly and continuously improving, and experienced players who have assisted and encouraged our new players throughout the entire season. The Newcombe Ball season has been a lot of fun for everyone and we have definitely been a team to watch out for on the court!

PSSA Season 2

Season 2 of PSSA starts in Week 5 on the 31st of May. The sports being offered this season are girls and boys basketball, and girls and boys soccer. Trials for these teams have begun and will continue into Week 4. We wish all teams and their coaches the best of luck, and are looking forward to another successful season of PSSA.

EHPSSA District Team Representatives

Throughout this term, numerous students from Years 4-6 have been attending sporting trials, to be considered for selection in District Teams to play at Regional Carnivals. These competitions are of a high standard and Padstow North Public School is honored to acknowledge the following students who have been selected in the following district teams:

- Rugby League - Jayden and LJ
- Softball - Mia and Chelsea



Cross Country

Last term, Padstow North held their annual Cross Country Carnival. We were very lucky to have such a beautiful day for our races, and everyone tried their best. A big thank you to our P&C and volunteers for the ice blocks at the finish line, it was definitely needed after a long 2km! Those students who placed 1st - 6th will represent our school in the East Hills District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday the 28th of May. This carnival will be held on our school grounds, and we wish those 48 students the best of luck! Congratulations to Emu's who were the house champions for the day with 114 points.



Library News

"Even if your library has only a limited number of books, most kids will find one that will do it for them. But once that connection is made, their thirst for more magic books will only increase as they explore their school and public libraries." - Morris Gleitzman

This quote is from Australia's current Children's Laureate. It is the hope that many students will "catch the reading bug" and become life-long readers. The evidence is clear: reading for just 10 minutes a day gives children a significant advantage in the acquisition of literacy skills and leads to many social, emotional and financial benefits later in life. The best way to encourage your children to become readers is to read to and with your children, even after they are able to read independently.

Congratulations to the students who have completed the Premier's reading Challenge – Peter (Yr1), Nathaniel (Yr2), Raya (Yr4), Yvonne (Yr4) and Aditi (Yr6).

Mrs Harris
Teacher Librarian



P&C Report

What a Term we have already had...

The Run4Fun Colour Explosion was a fantastic success last week! Thank you to the teachers for their efforts in putting together an amazing obstacle course and helping on the day. We also wanted to say a huge thank you to all our students for participating and raising money with the help of family and friends. We are looking forward to reporting the final numbers shortly.

This brings us to a very special announcement regarding fundraising. In our last P&C meeting it was voted that 'all inclusive playground equipment' will be designed and installed in the north playground. The plan is to create a playground to meet the needs of our students of all ages and abilities. We will be working together with the school community to create a fantastic playground for the students. We have applied for a Government grant through the 'My Communities Project' to receive funds to put towards the playground, however, it was voted that the project would proceed, despite the outcome of the application. This is a big investment for our school, and one that the P&C are very enthusiastic to play a part in. It is also exciting to have a goal to work towards in our fundraising efforts. Keep watch for more information.

Remember back to the Easter festivities at the end of last term, we are pleased to report the following profits:

Hot X Buns - \$162

Raffle - \$787.30

Sausage Sizzle - \$952.77

So during the Easter season we raised \$1902.07! Thank you for your generous support.

The Mother's Day stall was also a great success early this term. Thank you to the volunteers who came to help set up the stall and assist the students on the day. It is such a delight to watch the children carefully select a special gift, a very thoughtful and considered process for some!

Finally, dust off your dancing shoes.....its Disco time! Date: 14th June. Keep an eye out for the note.

The next P&C meeting will be held on 11th June at 9.15am in the school hall. Come along to hear what is happening around the school, and enjoy morning tea. Please feel free to bring your little ones, we will have some toys set up for them to play with.

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School Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
27/05	28/05	29/05	30/05	31/05	01-02/06
WEEK 5	District Cross Country		Gold Assembly	Season 2 PSSA Round 1	
03/06	04/06	05/06	06/06	07/06	08-09/06
WEEK 6			Assembly	PSSA Round 2	
10/06	11/06	12/06	13/06	14/06	15-16/06
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday			Assembly	P&C Disco PSSA Round 3	
WEEK 7					
17/06	18/06	19/06	20/06	21/06	22-23/06
WEEK 8			Assembly	PSSA Round 4	
24/06	25/06	26/07	27/06	28/06	29-30/06
WEEK 9		Naidoc Incursion	Assembly	Reports home PSSA Round 5	
01/07	02/07	03/07	04/07	05/07	06-07/07
Athletics Carnival	Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 excursion		Gold Assembly	PSSA Round 6 Last day for term 2	
WEEK 10					