

# Padstow North Public School



*"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"*

## Principal's Report:

Term 4 Week 8 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy year I would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your continued support and cooperation. It has been a challenging year like no other, with COVID-19 and the world pandemic. We have built upon our partnership between home and school to support our children's happiness and success in these very changing times.

### Presentation Day

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Presentation Day Assemblies will look very different this year. Unfortunately we are unable to have any special guests or parents at the assemblies and we are minimising student contact across the school where possible. Tuesday 8 December will be the K-2 Presentation Assembly which will be filmed and uploaded onto our school website that afternoon for you to watch and enjoy. Wednesday 9 December will be the 3-6 Presentation Day assembly which will also be filmed and uploaded onto our website that afternoon.

### 2021 Student Leaders

We have 10 outstanding Year 5 students running for student leadership positions. In 2021, we will have 6 student leaders, two school captains, two vice captains and two prefects. The prefect role will allow for more student leadership opportunities across the school. The 6 student leaders will be expected to take on greater responsibilities and be more visible within our school community. Expectations include: 1. Student leaders working together to organise three whole school fundraisers for charity. The end result will be celebrated in a newsletter report written by the student leaders. 2. Once a week each leader will assist with the south games club, supporting K-2 students to play games and make friends at lunch time, and, 3. Assist with transition programs, assemblies and meet and greet special visitors to our school. The aim is to build stronger school connections, have high quality role models, deepen students' sense of belonging at school and to become more globally aware citizens. 2021 student leadership positions will be announced at the 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly.

After such a busy year, it is now time for everyone to have a well-earned break. The children at PNPS have worked hard and should feel proud of all their achievements this year. We will miss our current Year 6 children who move onto high school and we wish them every success and happiness in the next phase of their education. As for the staff, I couldn't wish to work with a better team of people who truly care for our children, they also need a well deserved rest.

In closing, I wish you all a really enjoyable end of year break. I look forward to working in partnership with you all during the next school year when students return on Friday 29 January 2021. Be safe, be kind and see you in 2021.

Kind Regards,

Genevieve Dennis  
Principal

### Gold! Gold! Gold!

Congratulations to the following students who have currently qualified for Gold since our last Newsletter

#### Kindergarten to Year 2

Jonah K  
Daniel D  
Isabella M  
Charlie H  
Kyun T  
Timothy W  
William L  
Eray I  
Safiyyah O  
Amir D

#### Year 3 to 6

Sahara L  
Rami E  
Ella C  
Kayla P  
Angelina W  
Lachlan R  
Ali I  
Ryley M  
Yvonne L  
Lujayn O  
Lachlan L  
Andrew P  
Evangelina P  
Jenin K  
Shakira M  
Sarah M  
Saraya N  
Amour O  
Tyler G  
Hadi A  
Vicky H

# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

Wow this year has flown by! We are both incredibly proud of each of our students and feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to teach them this year. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of them. All students have achieved significant learning goals and should feel very proud. We wish them all the best going into Year 1.

Students shared some of their favourite moments in Kindergarten as they reflected on the year:

**Jonah** - I am excited to go into Year 1 and keep learning new stuff.

**Safiyyah** - My favourite thing about being in Kindy K was playing with my friends Chloe, Isabella, Jonah and Charlie.

**Tutu** - I am excited to go into Year 1 so I can try out for dance group.

**Nora** - My favourite thing about Kindergarten has been learning how to read.

**Qasim** - My favourite thing about being in Kindy has been reading and writing sentences.

**Henry** - I loved playing lego and going on the iPad this year.

**Medina** - My favourite thing about being in Kindergarten has been playing with all the toys and going on the oval.

**Lucas** - I really liked doing colouring this year.

**Emily** - This year I liked doing Maths. I liked learning to do adding.

**Noor** - My favourite thing in KW is drawing and writing a sentence.

**Aria** - My favourite thing in Kindy is writing. I like writing information reports and all that.

**Issac** - My favourite thing is playing number soccer. I'm excited to go in Year 1.

**Farrid** - My favourite thing in Kindy is learning subtracting. I use my fingers to help me.

**Michael** - I liked drawing and number soccer.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays!

Miss K, Miss Wortz and Mrs Mackenzie



# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms



# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

What better way to start the wrap up of 2020 but with some excellent news! PNPS were the recipients of a sporting grant and our students were fortunate enough to learn some basketball knowledge and skills from some experts! Our superstars took their basketball skills to another level, each week we participated in drills and learnt new skills

such as dribbling, shooting and passing. The students stayed focused and were up to the challenge, even in the heat! It was wonderful as teachers to watch all of our students listening intently and giving each drill and skill their best effort.



# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed the incursion for Possum Magic. As part of our exploration of imaginative narrative the students participated in a variety of drama activities run by Monkey Baa theatre. We asked some of our Year 2's what they thought, "It was amazing! We got to work in groups and focus on one special part of the story when all of the animals are celebrating and eating Australian lamingtons. We created a tableaux and then improvised to make the story come to life!" The students have loved focusing on imaginative narrative and making texts come to life through drama, their teachers have noticed it not only helps their imagination but boosts their confidence and encourages them to perform in front of their peers!

Stage 1 students were extremely excited about all the fun filled activities organised for Market Day! Students enjoyed their morning participating in a variety of activities with friends from K-2. Activities included spinning the wheel, ping pong frenzy, duck fishing, knock down the can, Minecraft champions plus a lot more. Some students also made their own playdough and slime with a range of bright colour dyes and glitter. Entered guessing competitions and took home some special treats. A few of the students reflected on their morning.

**Rayyan** – "I really enjoyed the shuffling cup activity"

**Kyus, Noah and Musawar** – "The footy and soccer activities were the best!"

**Vivienne** – "I enjoyed added purple glitter to the slime"

Stage 1 has been very excited for the upcoming excursion to Symbio Wildlife Park. Throughout the year during our science and geography units, students have learnt about living things and features of places. During the excursion students will participate in a guided tour of the zoo. Observe animals and the habitats that they live in, investigate different environments/habitats and how to care for them.



2020 has been a big year for us all and to celebrate and reward our achievements Stage One will be having an end of year picnic on the last day of school. Students will be able to enjoy time with their peers and appreciate the friendships they have made this year. As the year comes to a close we get to reflect on how hard we have worked and how much we have grown. Students will be bringing home the work they have completed during the year and get to share their hard work with their families. To get ready for next year, a stationery list will also be coming home shortly to advise what students will need for next year. This list will contain all equipment students will need for daily learning activities within the classroom.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our students for all their hard work, during what has been a crazy year. They showed excellent resilience and flexibility, going from the classroom to home learning and taking it all in their stride.

We'd also like to thank all the parents and families for supporting the school and student learning, in what was a very challenging year. You supported student learning at home and ensured they continued to learn and progress despite the challenges. We could not have done it without your support, so thank you.

Stage 1 Teachers



# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

I would like to thank all the Stage 2 students for their hard work, and sense of adventure throughout this unusual educational year. Parents, thank you for your continued support and for working so diligently with your children during home learning. I am very proud of the achievements of all our students and would like to thank my team of dedicated and hard working teachers. Thank you everyone and have a happy and safe holiday season. See you back in 2021.

Mrs Mizon



## 3/4B

I can't believe it is almost the end of the year. I am immensely proud of all my 3/4B students, who in a very difficult year have shown resilience, determination and a commitment to their learning. We have all developed strong friendships and supported each other. It has been a pleasure and privilege to teach 3/4B.

Here are a few highlights from this year!!

**Matthew** – I really enjoyed this year having Mrs Britton as a teacher. I enjoyed Market Day and Wacky Wednesday.

**Ayla** – I enjoyed mostly maths and writing. I also enjoyed playing on the wheel as a class.

**Zoe** – I enjoyed playing sport like netball, touch football and dodgeball. I loved having Drax as our class pet. He is a bearded dragon and that was the first time I ever touched a bearded dragon, it was so cool!

**Saim** – This year I have loved the big ball, Market Day and ice blocks.

**Ted** – This year I have enjoyed dressing up, sport and Market Day.

**Hermione** – This year I enjoyed going in the hamster wheel. I'm looking forward to our excursion to the Zoo.

**Sophia** – This year I have enjoyed art and Market Day.

**Elise** – I have enjoyed making friends, making it in the netball team was surprising but I'm happy that I did. However I mostly enjoyed the hamster wheel is was an amazing experience!

**Maddie** – What I love about this year is the giant hamster wheel, Drax, Mrs Britton, my classmates, writing and art.

**Khloe** – Playing dodgeball because I played with my friends. Writing imaginative because I get to make up my own fun, creepy or weird stories.

**Layal** – I think Market Day was the most joyful thing this year because we played games and won prizes.

**Mera** – This year I loved Wacky Wednesday, I also loved reading groups, Soundwaves, writing and Market Day.



# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

## 3/4H

What a year it has been! I am so proud of every student in 3/4H, as they have persevered with home learning and made great gains this semester. They are to be very proud of themselves, and I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing this year together. Here are a few comments of things we have enjoyed this year:

**Gabriel** - I liked doing science and art because we got to do experiments and use our creativity.

**Talissa** - I've enjoyed having nice friends and teachers. Learning has been fun, especially writing persuasive texts.

**Ethan** - I liked playing dodgeball with 3/4G, because I like playing team games.

**Krishna** - I liked learning with my friends, because learning is fun and entertaining.

**Anthony** - I have enjoyed art because I could use my own imagination.

**Siham** - I enjoyed Maths because I learned things like using the thermometers in temperature.

**Stanley** - I liked writing because I could use my imagination in narratives.

**Lailah** - I liked writing and maths because I could challenge myself and I learned new things, especially my times tables.

**Layla** - I liked making new friends and making it into PSSA and dance group.

**Hadi** - I liked doing maths because I could work out problems using my strategies.

**Lockrey** - I have fun making jokes playing handball in the morning.

**Alysaar** - I enjoyed Market Day and I have made new friends this year.



# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

## 3/4G

This year has flown by! All of the students in 3/4G should be so proud of themselves for the hard work and commitment they have shown towards their learning and the kindness and support they have shown one another. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching 3/4G this year and the fun adventures we've had together. Here are some comments about the fun we've had this year:

**Kayla** - In 2020 this year, my favourite thing was doing my maths investigations. These are small cards showing different jobs which include working out and solving different maths problems along the way.

**Ella** - My favourite thing about 2020 is learning new things that have challenged my mind in order to be able to overcome hard challenges .

**Kevin** - What I enjoyed the most at Padstow North was learning new things, playing sport and also the learning experiences.

**Amani** - I liked that 3/4G played different sports and enjoyed creating lots of artworks. Also, I liked playing dodgeball.

**Michael** - My most favourite part of the year was making new friends with Baha, Kevin and Amani who were new to the school. I also enjoyed having two amazing teachers helping me learn!

**Marcus** - My favourite thing this year was playing PSSA because a lot of my friends were in the team and I also made new friends while having lots of fun.

**Angelina** - One thing I enjoyed this year was the parades and fundraisers because it was a hard year and we could finally have fun!

**Marwan** - I enjoyed having time to play with my friends, solving maths problems, playing sport and going to places.

**Lachie** - My most favourite part of this year is all the new friends I made and making the PSSA teams.

**Miranda** - I enjoyed Market Day because I got to buy things to use and things we don't have but really want.





# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

## 3/4C

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the year already! All of the students in 3/4C are to be congratulated on their hard work and fantastic attitude to learning this year. When we thought about all of the fun we had this year, it was impossible to choose just one favourite thing. Here are some of the things we enjoyed in 2020:

**Elias S** – I liked all the things we learned in maths. I also liked the new playground.

**Aaliyah** – I liked making it into the Newcombe Ball team for the first time because I made new friends. I liked having the best teacher because she makes me laugh.

**Levi** – I liked how I got to be in the SRC this year because I liked sharing ideas.

**Ayisha** – I liked the bucket drums this year because we got to do different songs and I liked the sticks we used.

**Aisha** – I liked Well Being Wednesday because we got to do what we wanted.

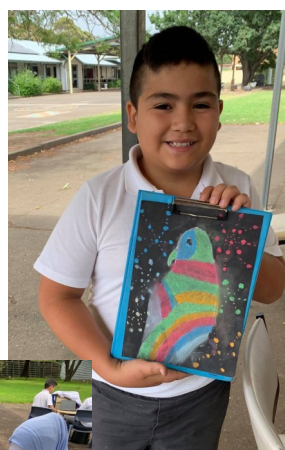
**Emirea** – I liked doing Groove Nation because you got to dance and have fun with Miss Teagan.

**Amina** – I liked when we were allowed to come back from home learning because I got to see all my friends and got to do lots of fun things like bucket drumming.

**Ahmad** – I liked doing maths with the Year 4's because I can do harder and new stuff.

**Kaiden** – I liked meeting new friends and having a class full of different faces because I got to experience new friendships.

**Michael** – I liked the time we did sand art because it was the most fun and easiest art I ever did.

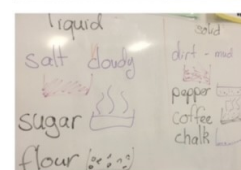


## 2-6CS

As the end of the year quickly approaches 2-6CS cannot believe how much they have done this year at school! We have been learning the importance of being safe around the road and have been using 'spheros' to act as cars. 2-6CS know the importance of following the road rules and use 'Stop, look, listen and think' before crossing the road.

In Science we have been exploring 'Matter', including solids, liquids and gases. 2-6CS enjoy acting out how the particles move when they are in different states. We have conducted different experiments to see how heat can affect matter. 2-6CS have learnt that although you cannot see gas, it does take up space and how evaporation works.

We are sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 student Saraya who will be going to high school in 2021. We look forward to hearing from her and all of the new things she will be learning.



# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

On Monday 23 November, Stage 3 students hosted Market Day. Students provided a wide range of stalls for students Kindy-Year 4. Students had the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills. Each of the stalls required students to plan, organise and work together as a

team. Stage 3 students and staff thank all the students who participated in our annual market day event! Our students absolutely loved the day and there were plenty of smiles.



# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms



Stage 3 students have recaptured some of their most memorable moments from the day in the comments below.

**Maddie B** - I really enjoyed market day because I got to witness the struggle of running a store. I got to experience three weeks of planning and working with my peers.

**Malak** - The moment I enjoyed most about market day was how excited the children from K-4 were to participate in our games.

**Fajr** - I enjoyed the smiles on everyone's faces.

**Manahal** - I loved working with my friends and trying our best.

**Harmony** - I loved working with everyone and seeing smiles on everyone's faces.

**Kiara, Des, Zoey** - During our sessions of market day we interacted and talked with children from K-4. We enjoyed helping and serving the students.

**Rachel** - We made so many children happy and raised so much money for a good cause.

**Maddy** - I will always remember all the laughs we had and all the dedication our team had.

# 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

Last week was the final week of student borrowing for 2020. All books are due back in the Library. This is to enable sufficient time to check, repair and get the Library ready for 2021. Please assist your children to return their books. Thank you to all families who have promptly responded to overdue notices.

## Lunchtime the Library



Thank you to the library monitors for all their help this year – Andrew, Summer, Nadia, Prisha and Sophia. They have done an amazing job.

During RFF 5/6AG made Circuits as part of the Science unit Physical World, Material World.



Mrs Harris  
Teacher Librarian

# Sports News

## PSSA

### Girls Touch Football

The junior and senior touch football teams have thoroughly enjoyed their season of PSSA. There were lots of new players to the game and we consistently improved with each game we played. Win, lose or draw, the girls always had smiles on their faces at the end of every game. Although the weather stopped us from playing a few games, they always showed great sportsmanship towards each other and their opponents. Thank you for a great season ladies!

- Miss Greatrex

### AFL

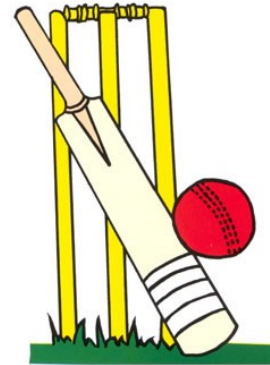
It has been a successful season of AFL despite the weather interrupting a few games. Both senior and junior teams have been successful in winning the majority of their games, and have shown great improvement over the season. Well done boys and girls on your dedication and teamwork.

- Miss Harrison

### Cricket

Although we were disappointed to miss two games due to weather, it was great to see such improvement in the skills of both the senior and junior cricketers. Although we had no wins, the junior team managed to close the margin each game. The senior team were incredibly unlucky to lose the final 2 games of the season by just one point! All players are to be congratulated on their great sportsmanship.

- Mrs Chegwidan



# Dates to Remember

**7 December**

Stage 2 Zoo Excursion

**8 December**

K-2 Presentation Assembly

**9 December**

3-6 Presentation Assembly

**9 December**

Stage 1 Symbio Excursion

**14 December**

Year 6 Graduation and Farewell

**15 December**

Year 6 Fun Day

**16 December**

Last day of school 2020

**29 January 2021**

First day Term 1 2021

# P&C Update

What a year! The P&C donated \$64,909 to projects and items for the school this year.

The playground equipment installed in the north playground has been a much anticipated addition to our school grounds, it is so good to see this long term plan realised and being enjoyed by the students. We also donated money towards new district swimming caps and put money towards our new PSSA sports jerseys. It is important to recognise this fundraising effort has taken place over the past few years, and we acknowledge the great P&C teams before us who contributed to this donation. However, it is only with the support of our families participating in all our fundraising events, that we are able to do this. Thank you!

We have just been advised that we were successful with our application for the Community Building Partnership Grant 2020 for \$15,000 to put towards our playground, from the NSW Government.

While there are only a few short weeks left of school this year, we have a few fantastic fundraisers both you and your children can participate in.

**Sushi lunch:** We will hold a sushi day on Thursday 10 Dec in Week 9, together with our Christmas raffle. Please place your order on Munch Monitor by 12 noon Monday 7 Dec .

**Gingerbread houses:** Post a picture of your creation on the PNPS P&C Association Facebook page and a winner will be chosen. These will be delivered on Thursday 10 Dec.

**Bakers Delight treats:** Fruit mince, Lemon Tarts, Choc Cherry brownie cake in a tin, Traditional Christmas Cake with a tin, Traditional Christmas tree cake, these delicious holiday treats need to be ordered on Munch Monitor by 3pm on Friday 4 Dec, and will be delivered to your child on Thursday 10 Dec.

**Christmas Raffle:** Together with some fantastic prizes donated from local businesses, we are asking families if they can make a small contribution to our raffle, to the north or south office by Friday 4 December. Here is the list of items we would be grateful to accept to make up some joyful hampers:

**Kindy** Savoury Biscuits/Biscuits for Cheese **Year 1** Sweet Biscuits **Year 2** Chips / Lollies/Chocolates **Year 3** Christmas Plates / Serviettes/ Cups **Year 4** Small tins of Fruit /Jams **Year 5** Soft drinks / Cordial/ Popper Drinks **Year 6** Party Poppers / Bon Bons

Some other prizes that have been generously donated to us to raffle off this year include:

- ↳ Taronga Zoo Family Pass
- ↳ Juventus Soccer Jersey from Soccer City Padstow
- ↳ Red Balloon 2 x \$30 vouchers
- ↳ Padstow RSL 2 x \$50 vouchers
- ↳ Scholastic Book packs x 3
- ↳ Coles Revesby \$50 voucher
- ↳ Maria's Fresh Flowers \$30 voucher
- ↳ Blooms Chemist hamper
- ↳ Ali's Fruitland hamper
- ↳ The Heights Café voucher
- ↳ Padstow Green Grocer voucher
- ↳ Wild Rooster BBQ Chicken and Salad
- ↳ Mama Della's Pizza voucher
- ↳ Revesby Workers Club 2 x \$50 vouchers
- ↳ Panania Diggers 2 x \$50 vouchers
- ↳ McDonald's Padstow 2 x Value Dinner Boxes

We hope your Christmas is merry and bright, have a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

From the P&C team

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