

# Padstow North Public School



*"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"*

## Principal's Report:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to acknowledge and recognise all the important people who have made our school great over this past year.

Thank you! To our staff; teachers, office and SLSO staff. What an outstanding group of individuals you are. It is seen in the strength of commitment found in our teachers who continually strive to do their very best to ensure our children learn. It is seen in the long hours our staff put into our school. It is seen in what they do above and beyond the call of duty and in the professional way in which they meet challenges and care unconditionally for every learner.

Farewell to several teaching staff who will be heading to other roles and adventures in 2022:

Beck Kotsapas (KK) who is taking the year to travel,

Rebecca Xirocostas (4X) who is also spending 2023 traveling,

Annika O'Callaghan (4/5O) who has accepted a teaching position closer to her home,

Lisa Nguyen (5/6GN & 1CN) who is moving away from Sydney with her family, and

Jenifer Salimin (S2 Reading Support) who will be working as a casual teacher.

Thank you all for your dedication to our school and the support of our staff, learners and families. Your knowledge, enthusiasm and care will be missed. We wish you all the very best.

Thank you! To our children, our learners, who come every day and try their very best. They are not afraid to make mistakes, support their friends, and are always willing to have a go and get a "sweaty brain". Myself and our teachers are very proud of every single child. We enjoy watching them learn and grow into confident, responsible and caring young people.

Thank you! To our wonderful P&C, for the dedication and ongoing support throughout the year to enable all of our community and children to have the resources they need to excel, connect and to thrive; including healthy lunches, uniform and a range of fun fundraisers to participate in.

And thank you! For your flexibility and support during the muddled world of COVID over the past few years. We wish you and your family happiness and joy over this holiday time. We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Tuesday 31st January 2023**.

Kind Regards,

Genevieve Dennis  
Principal

## Term 4 Week 10 2022

### Gold! Gold! Gold!

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

#### Kindergarten to Year 2

Charlize K  
Madeline W  
Asiyah A  
Isaac C  
Indi H  
Eason L  
Menissa D  
Jonah K  
Charlie H  
Leyla T  
Qasim A  
Lucas A  
Ava K  
Elise M

#### Year 3 to Year 6

Rayanne A  
Ivy D  
Abigail R  
Emmy P  
Olivia L  
Omar A  
Hadiya I  
Noah H  
Naomi A  
Madeline R  
Nathaniel K  
Anthony W  
Aaliyah I  
Lily H  
Maki H  
Zainab A

# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

## KW and KK

Wow this year has flown by! We are incredibly proud of each one of our students and feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to get to know, and work with them this year. All students have achieved significant learning goals and should feel very proud. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching Kindergarten and we wish our students all the best going into Year 1!

KK and KW shared some of their favourite moments in Kindergarten as they reflected on the year:

**Charlize** - 'I have loved doing art and painting. The art incursion was good!'

**Aiden** - 'I loved doing maths and learning how to read.'

**Imogen** - 'My favourite thing about Kindy was going on the excursion to Symbio Zoo and seeing all the animals!'

**Brooklyn** - 'I loved writing my recount sentences and playing with my friends in Developmental Play.'

**Olivia** - 'I love learning with Miss K and playing with Kindy W and M.'

**Peter** - 'My favourite thing about Kindy was sport and playing number soccer.'

**Joshua** - 'I loved my teacher and friends in Kindy K because they play with me.'

**Sam** - 'What I loved about Kindy is learning sounds in Sound Waves and playing on the iPad' .

**Sidney** - 'I loved playing on the front playground with my friends.'

**Sam** - 'What I loved about Kindy is that we get to have play time. I also love going on the oval to play soccer.'

**Faryal** - 'I have loved playing heads down thumbs up and doing painting with Miss Wortz.'

**Keiichi** - 'I love lunch time when I can play Pokémon cards and soccer with my friends.'

**Emma** - 'I loved playing with the food in the kitchen.'

**Ethan D** - 'What I loved about Kindy is playing with my friends on the oval and on the playground.'

We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays!

Miss K, Miss Wortz and Mrs Mackenzie





# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms





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KM

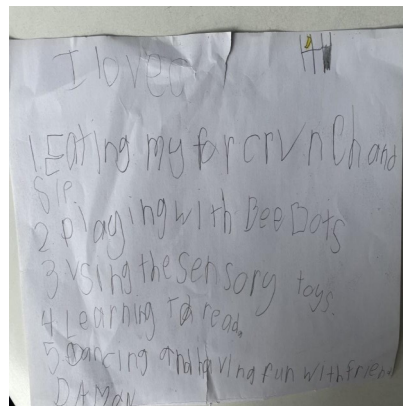
## WOW what a year in KM

We can't believe we have been at school for almost 200 days! We have all grown up so much! Throughout the year we have become confident young boys who have mastered all the routines of school and achieved amazing results in literacy and numeracy assessments. This term we had an opportunity to welcome our new Kindie buddies for 2023 and were very proud to show off our room and share our toys. The highlight would be going to Symbio Wildlife Park where we had the best day exploring all the wonderful sights and sounds of all the animals and going on the bus. On a sad note, we say goodbye to one of our best friends; Chase who will be starting at a new school in 2023. We will miss him terribly however we wish both Chase and his family all the very best at their new school. We would like to say a HUGE thankyou to Mrs Aldini, Miss Tori and Mrs Lawrie for always being there to help us and keeping us safe. On a personal note, I would like to thank all the KM families for a wonderful supportive year. I am so proud of my fantastic six and can't wait to watch them continue to blossom and grow next year.

Miss Munzie



Hi! My name is Jacob.  
My favourite thing at school is going to the library and looking at all the books especially ones about animals.






# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms




Louis  
I love to play  
Today with my  
friends singing the  
sound waves chart.  
playing sport  
doing art sport




I love coming  
to school getting  
Silver Awards  
going to symphony  
learning to do things  
by myself cutting  
with scissors  
making new friends




I love coming to school  
to go to work to make things  
I like to play with my friends  
to go to the zoo.  
I love playing maths with  
my friends with the dice.




going to the Carnival  
playing Maths games  
with dice  
going to the library  
Eating Lunch





# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

Last week, we went on a brand new excursion to the Wollongong Science Space Centre. The students were able to become immersed in the solar system with our very own Planetarium experience where they learnt about our solar system. They explored various science concepts and experiments through a range of engaging hands-on exhibits. Students also participated in a STEM challenge and learnt about how bubbles were formed with an exciting 'bubbleology' show. It was an 'out of this world' experience.

We were also lucky enough to participate in an art incursion. This was related to our Earth and Space science unit for the term. Students experimented with different art techniques and elements to create their very own Outer Space Lanterns. With a specialist art teacher showing us how to do each step. It was great fun!

All the Stage 1 teachers would like to share how very proud we are of the growth and achievement of all of the students over the year. We have watched all students develop persistence and confidence in themselves and mature both academically and socially. The students have worked extremely hard and been successful towards their learning goals. We will miss our Stage 1 students this year but wish them all the very best for 2023!

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy and safe summer break with your loved ones!

Miss Atkinson, Miss Najjarine, Mrs Cope, Mrs Nguyen, Mrs Britton





# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

## 2-3 B

I can't believe we are already at the end of the year.

In 2/3B we have been working hard on our writing skills by responding to texts such as 'Tanglewood' and 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea', we have been using techniques learnt throughout the year and applying them to the different text types. We have especially loved researching and learning about the Daintree Rainforest.

Year 2 enjoyed an excursion to the Science Space Centre in Wollongong, we had lots of fun learning about the solar system in the planetarium, the science of bubbles - Bubbleology and playing with many different interactive STEM exhibits.

We have been lucky to participate in some incursions this term, we had fun dressing up as scientists for our 'Mad About Science' day, our Robotics day with Mrs Chegwiddden was a great opportunity to develop our skills in coding and we also created amazing name sculptures using many different materials such as clay, cardboard, paint and markers.

This year has been amazing, I have been blessed with the most incredible students who have worked so hard and achieved so much. Wishing all my students and their families a wonderful holiday and can't wait to catch up and hear all about the wonderful adventures next year.

Mrs Britton



## 3 C

This term has flown by! We have been working hard in our writing and created some wonderful informative and persuasive responses to the text 'Where the forest meets the sea' by Jeannie Baker. 3C has loved having the opportunity to research for their own facts about the Daintree rainforest to better their writing. This semester in science we got our hands messy in the creation of our solar oven smores. Firstly we created our solar ovens out of recycled materials and then we worked on cooking our smores using energy which comes from the sun. This ended up being a delicious and exciting experiment.

We have had some amazing incursions over the last few weeks. We participated in 'Mad About Science' where we got to see a range of awesome experiments and our art incursion where we created wonderful multimedia name sculptures using clay, paint, Posca markers, cardboard and our own creativity. It has been a busy few weeks but we still have so much excitement to come.

3C and 2/3B have been working hard to learn our song for the Christmas carols and we know everyone is going to love it!

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a wonderful break with your families. Enjoy the holidays!

Miss Dasios





# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

## 3-4 C

The final Weeks of 2022! What a year it has been, I asked our class for some of their highlights and these were their responses:

**Jonah** - "Playing with Sebastian and making new friends"

**Sophia** - "Stage 2 Olympics rewards day"

**Rayanne** - "Games in math like the part whole pyramids and being an SRC representatives"

**Francis** - "Going on the oval and playing rugby and soccer"

**Selina** - "Learning things like - long division"

**Saee** - "Colour and swim scheme were my favourites"

**Eray** - "Making new friends like Francis and Mayson and playing in PSSA"

Looking back at our published writing over the past year I couldn't believe how each member of our class had improved in their learning. Their attitude towards learning and positive mindset resulted in such positive attitudes to mathematics and solving problems. It has been such a pleasure to teach each and every one of the students in this class and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Miss Carr



## 4 X

Term 4 is almost over and 4X have squeezed in so much! In science, we learnt all about different types of heat and got to build some solar ovens out of recyclable materials. We used them to melt some delicious chocolate onto sweet biscuits! We have also been learning all about additive strategies and playing some really fun and challenging maths games to get our brains sweating!

We were lucky enough to attend some amazing events this Term. We went along to the 'Mad About Science' show where we witnessed and got involved in some amazing experiments. We also got to have an amazing art teacher come into our classroom thanks to the SCR's fundraising efforts and created some multimedia artworks using clay, paint, paper, collages, pipe cleaners, and more! Lastly, we got to spend a day working with technology, building and coding traffic lights! This was definitely a highlight of our term!

I am so proud of all these amazing students have made and how they have challenged themselves to learn and grow so much over this last year. I will miss them all and wish them all the best as they move onto stage 3!

Miss Xirocostas





# News from the 4-6 WK Classroom

Term 4 has come and gone so quickly! We've had so many fun activities and events happen this term.

We have been linking our learning of Asian countries in Geography with writing to create informative posters. We researched the diversity of animals, food, cultural traditions, the people and economy. After gathering our information, we created a poster where we learnt to write a large heading to engage and catch the reader's attention, and add captions to our images .

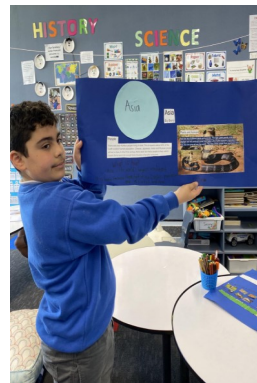
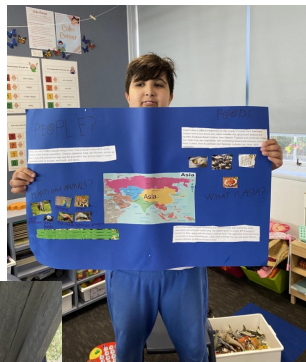
We had lots of incursions this term, including the Science Show and Art Incursion. In the Science Show, we did experiments with hot and cold air where we blew a beach ball with a leaf blower. We also got to shoot some hydrogen gas like a cannon. At the art incursion we made Australian animals out of clay and learnt the best techniques for creating sculptures. We had so much fun and they turned out great!

We also had 2 boys attend the Stage 3 Camp at Tea Gardens, which was a lot of fun. They did a mud obstacle

course, rock climbing, went on a giant swing, made delicious damper, shot arrows at archery and sat around the campfire at night. So proud of the boys stepping outside their comfort zones and trying something new. We all had a blast and came back very tired.

We also wish our Year 6 boys all the best as they head to high school next year. We hope you all enjoy your new school and make some new friends. We can't wait to hear about your new adventures and the exciting things you get to do in high school. It will be very different without you all next year.

Mrs King and Miss Wu





# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

## 4-5 O

At Padstow North, we are rewarded for hard work and good behaviour. This term, Year 5 and 6 went to Zone Bowling at Revesby Workers Club. Year 4 are going to Playford Park next week for water fun activities. Stage 3 had a phenomenal experience, we even had ice blocks at the park!! Here is what we enjoyed the most:

**Jana** - In bowling I came 6th, I had so much fun even though I slipped! I loved going to the park to eat ice blocks.

**Khloe** - I had so much fun hanging out with my friends.

**Warittorn** - I really enjoyed bowling with my friends, and the ice block was awesome!

**Aisha** - I really enjoyed the part when we all started to play bowling, and we all got so happy and started screaming.

**Jewel** - I enjoyed that I came 1st in my lane!

Miss O'Callaghan



## 5-6 G/N

In Week 5 this term, Stage 3 put on a brilliant Art Show for the Padstow North community. Students refined their skills learned throughout the year to highlight and celebrate their wonderful artistic creations. Students were thrilled to share their artworks with each other, parents and the wider community, to be viewed and enjoyed with a snack or two along the way.

**Ethan A** - My favourite artwork was turning my name into a 3D sculpture.

**Lily** - I loved seeing so many people come to see all our hard work, and how we could express our personality into our art.

**Levi** - I liked how there were so many different themes that it made for such a colourful and vibrant display.

Miss Greatrex & Ms Nguyen





# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

## 5-6 T

As a way to celebrate our school year the SRC organised an art incursion with 'The Pottery Shed'. This incursion helped to develop and strengthen student voice within the school and provide a meaningful experience that was decided on by our students. Stage 3 voted for clay sculptures.

**Naomi** - The sculptures were fun yet hard to make. I chose to make a kookaburra.

**Talissa** - The afternoon was fun and creative, I made a platypus.

**Ayah A** - The sculptures were fun. It was messy and creative, my hands were very brown.

**Michael M** - It was fun, we got to create our own aussie animal. We all had a goal for what it would look like. I created a kookaburra.

**Marwan** - The clay was very sticky and rough. It was messy and fun. I liked making the animal using the sticks. I made a kangaroo.

Mrs Thompson



## 5-6 H

In Week 7, Stage 3 went to The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens for two days. At camp we had two great tour guides, Erin and Nick, and we had the time of our lives! 5 generous teachers gave up two days of their time with their families to take us on this adventure. Camp was an opportunity to step out of our comfort zone and try new things like a giant swing, rock climbing, mud world, archery and damper making. Here are some of our memories:

**Lockrey** - I enjoyed the bus ride and how we swam in mud! (or chocolate milk!).

**Lachlan** - My favourite part was eating the hot dog!

**Marcus** - My favourite thing was the story about a coffin chasing Nick around the campfire.

**Jaimee** - I enjoyed sleeping in tents with my friends and the activities.

**Jasmine** - I loved being kept awake by my friends all night long!

**Maddie** - I enjoyed spending time with my friends, and sleeping through the night with my noisy friends!

**Maki** - I found that my time at The Aussie Bush Camp was a really great experience, because despite being away from home, I learned new skills and had fun on the giant swing!

**Ted** - I liked how Mr Gordon sang when we all gathered around the fire.

Miss Harrison





# Sport Update

That's a wrap on sport for 2022. I would like to thank our amazing Sport Captains for their hard work and commitment to sport throughout the year. Their hard work has allowed us to get New Sport Flags, be involved in clinics such as: AFL, Soccer and most recently Cricket. It has been fabulous to have sporting experts in our school each term and their leadership on every Friday, as well as at School and District Carnivals.

A big Shout out to Anthony Webb, who attended the Sydney South Presentation evening and was awarded the 'Primary Blue Award'. Anthony has represented our school at District, Regionals and State sporting events, we are very proud of the dedication and talent he

continually displays. This award recognised him as the highest point scorer of all students in Sydney South West in 2022. Congratulations Anthony.

Well done to our Softball team who also made the semi finals, as well as all students in the Touch football, AFL and Cricket teams. You all showed sportsmanship at each game and the teachers loved coaching the teams each week.

A huge thank you to each and every one of our 2022 coaches, it would not be possible without you.

See you all next year and keep active over the holidays!

Miss Carr





## Library Update

Student borrowing has finished for 2022. All books are due back in the Library. This is to enable sufficient time to check, repair, stocktake and get the Library ready for 2023. Please assist your children to return their books. Thank you to all families who have promptly responded to any overdue notice.

Thank you to the library monitors who have helped me in the library this year – Fatima, Deborah, Elena, Naomi, Miranda, Emirea and Sarah. Also, to Mrs Nguyen for covering all the library books.

Mrs Harris  
Librarian Teacher

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the ICAS Mathematics test.

The following students achieved a merit or above in the test.

Year 3

Credit - Ibrahim

Distinction – Saeed

Year 5

Credit – Hadi

Distinction - Ethan



## P & C Update

The P&C would like to express our gratitude & appreciation for the group of amazing volunteers this year. We also want to acknowledge the office staff, teachers and Ms Dennis for their wonderful assistance and ongoing support.

A few final announcements for the year:

There will be lollies/drinks/ice creams and glow products for sale at Carols night. We will accept cash and card payments.

The Uniform shop will be open on 30<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30am to 12 noon, we accept the Back to School Vouchers in store only (not online).

Next year in Week 3 we will have a “Welcome Morning Tea” to welcome our new families - details to come.

Finally, our AGM will be held early next year - keep an eye out for the date, we encourage you to come along.

Please see the flyer attached for some information about the Treasurer and Secretary positions.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break, and look forward to seeing you again next year.



**WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO**

The P&C is an organisation made up of parents, carers, grandparents, teachers and the school Principal.

We raise funds for equipment for the school and provide an important link between the school, families and the wider community.

**HOW WE RAISE FUNDS**



**UNIFORM SHOP**



**CANTEEN**



**FUNDRAISING**

**We are looking for new committee members!**

**Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for:

- Correspondence
- Setting the agenda and taking the minutes of the P&C meetings,
- Keeping a record of members
- You can also apply for funding grants

**Treasurer**

The Treasurer is responsible for:

- paying bills for the canteen and uniform store,
- paying our employees,
- keeping the accounts in order and
- banking any money from fundraising events.

**FIND OUT MORE OR JOIN NOW!**



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# NSW BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM

## What is covered by NSW back to school program?

### 3 x \$50 Vouchers

Eligible purchases are limited  
to the following

#### **School uniforms (K-12)**

- Your complete school uniform
- Hats
- Socks
- Shoes
- Umbrellas
- Raincoats

#### **Trade Schools (pathway program)**

- High Vis Polo Tops and Shirts
- Industrial Pants and Shorts
- Steel Cap Boots
- Socks Protectors
- Safety Equipments

**\*T&Cs Apply. No returns, exchanges  
in accordance with our returns policy**





# Calendar 2023

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## Key dates

\* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

### Term start and end dates\*

Term 1 (Eastern): 27 January to 6 April

### Term 1 (Western): 3 February to 6 April

Term 2: 24 April to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 19 December

### School development days

Term 1 (Eastern): 27 January and 30 January

Term 1 (Western): 3 February and 6 February

Term 2, 3 and 4: 24 April, 17 July, 18 December and 19 December

### School vacation dates

Summer (Eastern): 21 December 2022 to 26 January 2023

### Summer (Western): 21 December 2022 to 2 February 2023

Autumn: 10 April to 21 April

Winter: 3 July to 14 July

Spring: 25 September to 6 October

Summer (Eastern): 20 December 2023 to 29 January 2024

Summer (Western): 20 December 2023 to 5 February 2024

### Exam dates

Selective high school placement test: 4 May

NAPLAN online test window: 15 March to 27 March

Opportunity class placement test: 27 July

### Public holidays



### Scan me for practical school tips!

To help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, check out our going to school hub at [education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-school](https://education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-school)

School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.

