

# Padstow North Public School



*"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"*

## Principal's Report:

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy and somewhat wet few weeks. I hope you and your family have not been impacted by the recent floods.

Our school is undergoing a few major works this year including the refurbishment of the north toilet block, installation of electronic gates, outdoor classroom, yarning circle and synthetic grass north. Over the coming months there will be a few disruptions, including the temporary closure of the south office. Thank you for your support with this change and only accessing the school via the north gates after 9am.

We are very pleased to welcome our community back on site again. Thursday in Weeks 5 and 10 will be our silver and gold assemblies at 2pm in the school hall, we welcome parent attendance. This week we had parent teacher interviews, a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, share important information and hear about your child's progress. Thursday of Week 11 will be the PNPS Easter Hat Parade, another fun community celebration! More details to come...

Thanks for taking the time to read the newsletter. Remember to keep an eye on Dojo and your email for any further updates.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards,

Genevieve Dennis  
Principal

## Term 1 Week 9 2022

### Gold! Gold! Gold!

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

#### Kindergarten to Year 2

Isabella M

#### Year 3 to Year 6

Zainab A

Charlize D

Timmy W

Jayden S

Quade M

Sophia D

Thomas V

### Dates to Remember

#### 31 March

Selective High School  
Placement Test

#### 1 April

World Autism Awareness  
Day

#### 4 April

ES1 Excursion -  
Monkey Baa Theatre

#### 7 April

Easter Hat Parade

#### 8 April

Last Day of Term 1

#### 27 April

First Day of Term 2

#### 11 May

School Cross Country

# News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

## KW and KK

Kindergarten has been very very busy and working really hard over the past couple of weeks. We are used to the routines at 'Big School' and our days are packed with all types of activities! We work on our phonemic awareness daily (sounds in spoken words) through the use of the Sound Waves program. Each day we explore a new sound and are practising identifying the beginning and ending sounds of words. We also practise blending sounds together to make a word. This is a really important skill that helps us with our reading. We are also starting to write words with help from our Sound Waves chart.

In Mathematics, we are continuing to develop our knowledge of whole numbers, 2D shapes, length and position. Students work in groups and complete activities such as recognising and building numbers, writing numbers correctly and saying the number before and after a given number. We also love playing counting and

number identification games like 'Buzz Off Hairy Legs' and 'Circle Champion'.

Kindy know so much about living and non-living things! During our Science lessons we have been learning all about living things and their needs. We went on a hunt around the school and took photos of living/non-living things in our school grounds using the iPads. Students were so excited to plant their own seeds last week and are enjoying caring for them each day. We're looking forward to observing how they grow and change!

We love to use Go Noodle to increase our fitness, dance, stretch, relax and have a brain break before moving on to the next task. On Friday during Sport we are continuing to develop fundamental movement skills such as bouncing, kicking, and throwing and catching.

We are super impressed with how well our Kindergarten students have settled in, and are really looking forward to seeing their learning take off in Term 2.



# News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

It has been a very busy term across Stage 1 classrooms and students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in learning activities. Students have settled very well with daily routines and group activities. During Mathematics and Literacy, they have been working hard and challenging themselves with persuasive writing and working mathematically. It has been wonderful to observe students learning number concepts and strategies during mathematics tasks.

In Visual Art, students have been creating an underwater habitat by creating a class mural of a coral reef. They have been experimenting with different drawing and painting choices throughout the term including sketching, watercolour, rollers, shading and tracing to find the best way to show the qualities of the environment and the animals that live there.

In Science, students have been learning about how humans use animals and plants for food. They have learnt how food changes from the farm before it gets to us at home. Students have looked at the journey of milk and bread.

Students have been loving the You Can Do It program, learning positive ways of thinking, being confident, having a growth mindset and how to use different strategies when being persistent. They use **I Can Do It, Working Hard, Giving Effort** thinking when completing tasks.

Students celebrated, Harmony Day wearing orange clothing and creating beautiful artworks that now have been displayed in the hall.

2 N



1-2 A



1 C/N



# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

## 2-3 B

What a very busy term we have had in 2-3 B. Lots of fun and laughter together with an abundance of learning.

In writing, we have been developing our persuasive writing by investigating 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' and writing a letter to Ms Dennis to get a 'School Garden'.

Maths has been a lot of fun practicing our many different strategies in addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as well as looking at patterns. We are discovering every day what good mathematicians do to enjoy and be successful at maths.

In Science, we have been learning about Living things. Year 2 have been looking at how humans use animals and plants for food and Year 3 have been researching and learning about Honeybees to show how environments and living things are interdependent.

I am looking forward to seeing the students in 2-3 B become confident, successful learners during the rest of the year.

Mrs Britton



## 3 C

It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of our first term in Year 3. We have had a lot of fun and have been learning lots of new things.

One of our favourite things that we did this term was our Science lessons with Mrs Mawson. We learnt about gravity and friction. As part of our learning, we designed and built marble runs using recycled materials. The building was very messy and lots of fun. We designed two marble runs. One was fast and one was slow. We tested them and explained how we used friction and gravity to make them fast or slow and how we could change our design to make it more successful.



# News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

## 3-4 C

As we come towards the end of our first Term, we are certain 3-4 C have gotten so good at using persuasive devices and creating strong arguments, that we have even convinced Ms Dennis to get us a therapy dog! Not really, but we remain hopeful our impromptu speeches may have more success!

Miss Carr has been impressed with the goals all students have set in mathematics and even more so with our persistence in working towards those goals! All students look forward to our class number talks each week and all students have become confident sharing their mathematical thinking. Most importantly we are now valuing our mistakes and recognise that they help us to grow as learners. Well done to everyone.

It has been a fantastic Term and it was a pleasure to meet and speak to everyone at our parent teacher meetings this week. Thank you for making the time. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the students and seeing them succeed in the classroom as well as at debating, dance groups and sport! I am looking forward to another Term of learning!



## 4 X

4 X has had a fun filled term that has gone by so quickly!

We've enjoyed writing a lot this term and we have learned about persuasive writing. We've written about many different interesting topics! Our favourite topic was 'should our school get a vegetable garden?'

4 X have also done some amazing artworks and have been learning about having a growth mindset when it comes to all areas of our learning.

Our favourite thing from this term has been reading our class novel together each morning! We can't wait to see how it ends!

Here are some pictures from our wonderful term together.



# News from the K-6 MKW Classrooms

## K-6 M/K/W

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1. We have had a lot of fun and we are learning so many new things each day.

In Science with Kindergarten, we have been learning about living and non-living things. We have been cutting and pasting, and sorting things into groups. We also created an artwork where we used leaves and branches as we explored the outdoors. We had so much fun!

In 4-6 KW, we explored how we create food and fibre products from animals and plants. We created artworks using watercolour, made origami paper cups and wove bowls and baskets with wool fibre. We've also got a vege pod and we will be growing some plants and flowers very soon. We are super excited about this new project. We look forward to seeing how our veggie pod blossoms!



# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

## 4-5 O

In Week 8, we celebrated Harmony Day. A very special day that celebrates our incredible cultural diversity at PNPS. We delved into the significance of Harmony Day and why it is important to always treat others with respect, inclusivity and ensure that everyone feels like they belong. We created a special artwork that represents our class and reflected who we are as individuals. A particular highlight of our day was receiving an orange fruit cup, kindly given by our P&C - the perfect sweet treat!

*Harmony Day means we celebrate all the different cultures that walk upon Australian land. It's important because everyone needs to feel like they belong and Australia is the place they can call home. - Charlize*

*We get to share our cultural diversity with those around us. It is a special day because we can understand our friends' culture and treat them with kindness. - Noah and Koby*

*To me, Harmony Day means to celebrate and recognise all of our cultures. It is important because we are all different people and it is important to learn about our differences. Harmony Days lets us feel safe and happy. - Khloe*

*Harmony Day is an important day of the year and is also a day of peace and joy. It is about letting the people around me feel safe, welcome and respected within Australia. - Warittorn*

*People can be themselves and be proud of where they come from. - Krisha and Amira*



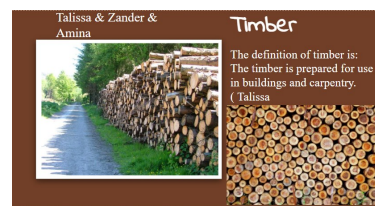
## 5-6 T

'Why is it important for food and/or fibre to be produced sustainably?' is our focus question for Science this term. As a class we have looked at sustainability. In pairs, we have researched a managed environment (ie farms) and looked at how food / fibre is produced sustainably. Each pair presented their research to the class using google slides or Canva.

*It is vital for fibre to be produced sustainably because it will result in having more resources for future generations. My group researched about dairy farms and one of the things I learnt from this was how important dairy is for a person's daily life. - Elise*



*My group researched about timber, one of the many things I learnt during science was that timber is mostly produced in Tasmania. Back when the Europeans came they chopped the timber by hand, now we have machines and factories. I also learnt that timber is part of the state's identity but it is also controversial. - Amina*



*My topic was timber and I learnt that Europeans cut down trees in Tasmania by hand but now they use chainsaws. Cutting trees by hand is more sustainable but takes longer. - Zander*

*My group looked at caviar. Sometimes the fish is killed and the eggs are removed. There are a lot of farms around the world, mostly in Asia. Sturgeon is not allowed to be hunted in the wild. - David*



# News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

## 5-6 G/N

During Visual Art lessons, students in 5-6 G/N have been enjoying creating artworks that take multiple lessons. This is because we have been able to use our drawing books to practise different techniques and allows us to use our imaginations to be creative in our designs before making our final masterpieces.

For the past two weeks, we have begun working on our linear perspective crystals. We have been drawing lines to shapes, to give the illusion of space and form in a flat work of art. Before creating our artworks, we practised drawing 2D shapes and drawing lines from the corners to a vanishing point. We also learnt about value and gradient scales to enable us to have highlights and contrasting colours in our designs. Now that we have created our drafts using our new knowledge of the elements of art, we can't wait to see our final products come together.

*I have enjoyed doing the linear perspective crystal artwork because we are learning how to create and use a vanishing point. We have been practising with different shapes to make this one point perspective artwork and I look forward to see the finished result - **Kayla***

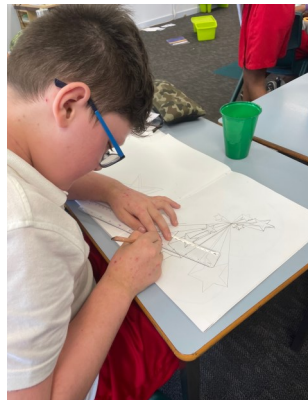
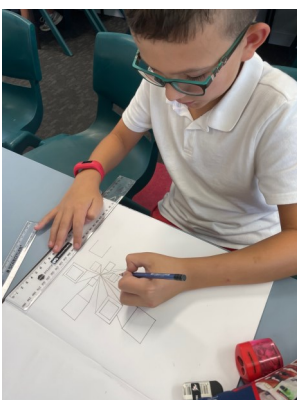
*During art, I have really enjoyed creating the crystal artworks because I learnt a lot about perspective and learning to do a colour gradient scale. I'm really looking forward to shading and creating a colour linear perspective crystal artwork! - **Zoe***

*I enjoy creating the linear crystal artworks as it allows us to be creative with our fading colours and increases our imagination by drawing shapes from an above perspective. I look forward to experimenting with different colours that you can shade together - **Tanya***

*I love the crystal artwork because we can get creative with our shapes. We also get to use gradient colours which is cool because we get to play around with different colour schemes. I can't wait to see the final product! - **Layla***

## 5-6 H

What a great first 8 weeks we have had together as a class. It has been so lovely to see the new friendships forming as well as our learning partners in the classroom. We are all working towards showing independence to achieve our learning goals in each lesson, and recognise that hard work leads to success! Our You Can Do It keys help us everyday, particularly when being organised.





# Sport Update

## District Swimming Carnival

On Friday 11th March, after two postponements due to the weather, 24 of our talented students represented Padstow North at the East Hills District Swimming Carnival. It was a great day and all students should be extremely proud of the efforts they showed at the carnival. Congratulations to Isabella, and Koby for placing in the top 3 in their events and qualifying for the Regional Carnival.



## Regional Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 15th March, Isabella and Koby represented East Hills at the Sydney South West Primary Swimming Carnival. Both students did an outstanding job and should be so proud of their efforts.

Koby competed in the Junior Boys 50 metre Backstroke, winning his heat and placing 11th overall with an impressive time of 55.43 seconds!!



Isabella competed in the 9 years Girls 50 metre Freestyle and placed 2nd in the final with a time of 41.78 seconds. She was 0.16 of a second away from first place! Isabella will now compete at the State Carnival in Week 11. We wish you the best of luck, Isabella!



# Sport Update

## PSSA

Due to the amount of rain we've had this term, trials for PSSA were postponed to Weeks 7 & 8. We are looking forward to Season 1 of PSSA starting in Week 9 and wish all our teams luck in their competitions.

## Basketball Clinics

Over the past four weeks we have had basketball Clinics running at PNPS. Even with the crazy rain our Stage 2 & 3 students managed to get outside and work on their passing, dribbling and basic drills with specialist coaches. We have some enthusiastic basketball players at our school and it was a pleasure to see all students getting involved and improving their skills. Well done!

## Cross Country Carnival

Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on the 11th of May in Week 3, Term 2. We are looking forward to seeing the amazing efforts of our students on the day as they are soon to begin practising during fitness time.

Miss Greatrex & Miss Carr



## Library Update

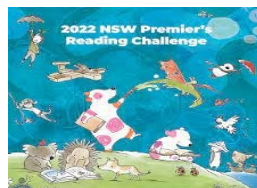
It has been wonderful to be able to reopen the library to students on Monday and Wednesday lunch times.

A number of Year 5 students have applied to be Library Monitors for this year. Students will be coming to the library during lunch and recess times to learn the role.

The library is nearly back to normal with repairs from the water damage which occurred during the school holidays almost complete. We are waiting for the replacement of some damaged bookshelves and books. But the library is functioning as normal for lessons and borrowing.

Thank you to all the students who have been coming along to library lessons with books to return and waterproof bags ready to borrow.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)– 28 February to 19 August 2022.



Once a book has been read, each PRC title should be recorded into the student's reading record online, students can access their record through the student portal or enter their reading for the challenge at NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Students use the same student username and password as they use to log into school computers.

Mrs S. Harris  
Teacher Librarian

## P&C Update

Thank you to all who attended our P&C meeting and Annual General Meeting in March.

We are happy to announce the P&C executive team:

Amy Hall, Jennifer Bracken, Julia de Villiers, Leah Barrett, Lisa Harris, Lynda Zalaf

A very warm welcome to our 2 new committee members Leah and Lynda.

We would like to thank Irene Ang for assisting us with our Financial Audit of the 2021 P&C accounts. Her time and effort is greatly appreciated. Not surprisingly, after a year interrupted with Covid, it was reported that just over 39% of our income was through the canteen, and 26% through the uniform shop. This money raised goes towards projects around the school for example, the P&C have agreed to donate \$20,000 towards an outdoor classroom setting coming soon.

### Fundraising Committee

We are starting a fundraising committee this year to help organise some exciting events to raise money for our beautiful school! If you would like to be a part of it, please get in touch  
[padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

Everyone is welcome to attend the P&C meetings, it is a great place to hear what is happening around the school and all about upcoming events and fundraisers. You also get the opportunity to participate in discussions. You can become a member for just \$1 for the year, which allows you to vote on all matters P&C, alternatively you can participate as a guest. Meetings are held once a month and alternate between morning meetings at 9.15am and evening meetings at 6.30pm. Currently the meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month (in term).

### Expression of Interest - Assistant Canteen Manager

The P&C would like to trial opening the canteen 5 days per week in Term 2. This means we will be employing an Assistant Canteen Manager to work on Tuesday and Thursday mornings approx. 8.30 to midday, (and be available for additional shifts in the case that Franca is away). This is a casual position, to be extended pending review of the trial. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please email [padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) by Friday 3pm, 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## Loose Change Friday - 1<sup>st</sup> April

We are running our first Loose Change collection on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is a fun little fundraiser we run once a term where students bring in any loose change which is collected in class. All the money donated goes towards our school for new outdoor areas, new equipment etc. The winning class each term in both infants and primary get a zooper dooper!!

If you would like to help count the change collected, please contact us

[Padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:Padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) We encourage Year 6 parent helpers as the collection for year 6 goes directly towards their Formal.



## Easter Activities

We are egg-cited to let you know that the P & C have lots of easter activities coming up!

To place any orders please visit the Spriggy Schools App and click on the tab.

There are no transaction fees for any Event purchases.

## Pizza Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Orders need to be made on Spriggy Schools by **3pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

Our pizza day coincides with the Easter Hat Parade. You are welcome to order pizzas to be sent home with your child if preferred (please select the 'take home' option) online.

We have partnered with **Bakers Delight Revesby** who will donate \$2 to the school for every pizza sold. The money raised will be put back into the school and improve our school grounds.

Pizzas are \$5 each with a choice of Margherita, Mediterranean, BBQ Bonanza or Hawaiian together with a selection of drinks.



## Easter Egg Guessing Competition

The Easter egg guessing competition, whereby children will have the chance to guess how many eggs are in a jar, will be run every morning from Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Guesses will be taken from 8:45am to 9:00am. The cost per guess is \$1 and the **winner takes the jar home!!** There will be 4 jars (Kindy, Stage 1, Stage 2 & Stage 3). Winners will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade.

## Easter Raffle

Tickets are \$1 each, the raffle being drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Ticket can be purchased on Spriggy (Events tab), sales will close on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.

## Easter Raffle Donations

Raffle gifts can be donated to the school office up to 1<sup>st</sup> April. We kindly request families to donate one item per child so that we can make some beautiful Raffle prizes! Donations can be Easter eggs, bunnies, Easter craft activities, coloring books, anything Easter related that would make a lovely prize. Thank you for your support! If you have an hour spare to wrap Easter hampers on Tuesday morning 5<sup>th</sup> April, please email or message on FB (see below).

## Hot Cross Bun drive

Order your Hot Cross Buns through school and **Bakers Delight Revesby** will donate \$2 to the school for every pack sold and gift a FREE block loaf voucher. Orders will be sent to your child to bring home on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Price: \$8 for 1 pack – The selection of flavours are traditional, choc cherry, choc chip, mocha, fruitless and apple& cinnamon. YUM!!!

Please place your order through Spriggy Schools before 3pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## Book Club

Keep your eye out for our next Book Club catalogue. There is a huge range of books for all reading ages. Remember 20% of the sales will be donated by Scholastic back to the school for our school library.

So many fun things happening at school this term. If you have an hour or 2 spare and can help with any of the above activities – please let us know. You can contact us via email

[padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) or via our Facebook page PNPS P&C Association

# ICAS Assessments Update

## ICAS Assessments

Congratulations to the students who participated in the ICAS Assessments in 2021.

The certificates have arrived at school and been handed out to the students.

Congratulations to the following students -

**English** – High Distinction – Saeed,  
Distinction – Ibrahim,  
Credit – Isabella,  
Merit – Angelina

**Mathematics** – Distinction – Aaminah, Saeed, Angelina and Yvonne  
Credit – Aaisha, Anthony, Isabella, Ibrahim, Hadi and Noah

Mrs S. Harris

# Other News Update

## Nutrition Snippet

### SIMPLE SWAPS.



Store bought muesli bar -> Healthy muesli bar

Try our chewy fruit and seed bar recipe!

- ✓ Less nasties
- ✓ More goodness
- ✓ Tastier!

For this recipe and more visit:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

 **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box