

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 2 Week 10 2022

Principal's Report:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and looking forward to the school holidays. It has been a very busy term with kindness week, NAPLAN, NAIDOC performance, Cross Country and day-to-day learning. Next term there will be a few staff changes. Ms Bradley will be moving to a school closer to her home and the Stage 1 Relieving AP will be Mr David Gordon. Mr Gordon has a very big background in technology and creative arts. Mrs Krepp will be joining us in term 3 as an RFF teacher, she has approval to teach and will no longer be working as an SLSO. We wish Ms Bradley every success in her future career and thank her for her time at PNPS.

Early next term we will be asking for families to contribute to the school via Voluntary Contributions. This money will be used to buy technology for our school, in particular robot kits and coding style programs. This aligns with science and mathematics syllabus content. Coding and robotics are aimed at guiding and preparing learners to solve problems, think critically, work collaboratively and creatively, and function in a digital and information-driven world.

Last year we used the 2021 Voluntary Contributions and school funds to purchase IPADS and chrome books. Today, every 2 classes share a bank of devices. Students use their devices to access seesaw, Mathletics, Wushka, make movies and research via the internet. Below are some pictures of Kinder using the iPads to assist in their mathematics learning.



Gold! Gold! Gold!

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

Kindergarten to Year 2

Aamira Z
Maryam Z
Safiyyah O
Vaughn B
Lucas A
Ramsey B
Emily E

Year 3 to Year 6

Vivienne C
Jayden S
Amir D
Gelila H
Kareem K
Sonia K
Isabella S
Emirea S
Layal B

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday break. Take care.

Kind Regards,
Genevieve Dennis
Principal

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

KW and KK

This term (and year) is flying by! Kindergarten are continuing to use Sound Waves daily to learn about and practise letter sounds. This is really helping our reading and writing to take off! In reading we are practising using strategies, such as 'Stretchy Snake', to sound out and blend to read words. We are also learning how to retell what happened in a story by referring to the characters and setting, and talking about what happened in the beginning, middle and end. Kindy write a recount every Monday to say what we did on the weekend. Please remember that if you do something fun on the weekend like gardening, going to a restaurant or park, visiting family or even staying home and playing with toys, please feel free to send us pictures on ClassDojo to help support students' writing. These pictures support students to talk about what they did and helps them to get ready for the writing process.

Students have really enjoyed our music lessons where we have been playing a variety of instruments to show our understanding of beat, rhythm and patterns. Our highlight was using the Makey Makey's to access and play an online piano with play-dough! We also loved Kindness Week and the fun activities that we did together during the week... including dressing up like our teachers and wearing crazy socks to school! Kindy have also been getting to know their buddies this term and really enjoyed our teddy bear picnic and recess play together. Another highlight for Kindy was the disco! We had so much fun dancing with our friends. A big thank you to the P&C for organising. Here are some snapshots of students' favourite moments from Term 2 so far!

Charlize - I love doing art and painting.

Latai - I love playing outside and doing sport with my friends.

Ayana - I like doing Sound Waves and reading books.

Carlos - I like doing guided reading and playing with my friends when it is playtime.

Madeline - I love learning about subtraction with Miss K and making new friends.

Jax - I liked the Teddy Bears picnic with my buddy.

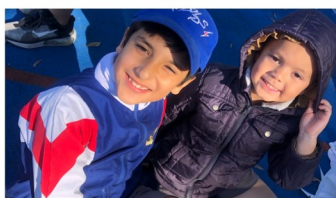
Ethan D - I like writing what I did on the weekend.

Bella - My favourite is reading at the jellybean table with Miss Wortz

Keiichi - My favourite thing is maths. I liked adding and subtracting with the number line.

Liana - I liked learning how to read words. I can read words now!

Miss K, Miss Wortz and Mrs Mackenzie.



News from the Kindergarten Classrooms



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KM

WOW! What a busy 5 weeks of learning. We have been working hard across all areas of our learning.

In Literacy we have been consolidating our knowledge of sounds and are learning to blend our sounds to make our focus words and recognise words that rhyme. In reading we are sharing quality texts and recognising key features of the book e.g., title and author. We have also introduced reading groups where we get to work in pairs to focus on a specific text and learn strategies to help us read and retell the events that happen in the story in our own words. In writing we are continuing to learn how to construct a recount, focusing on beginning our sentences with capital letters, leaving a finger space between each word and placing a full stop at the end of the sentence. During speaking and listening we are learning to be brave and stand up in front of our classmates and share our interests with our friends. We continue to love visiting Mrs Harris at the library every Tuesday to borrow a new book and when Mrs Mackenzie comes in to help us with reading groups.

In mathematics we are continuing to work hard on our number recognition in different formats. So far, we have been mastering addition, subtraction and to make equal groups using a range of materials including dice and counters. In measurement we have been learning to tell the time and love playing the game "What's the Time Mr Wolf".

In science we are developing our understanding of the purpose of different materials and how they are used. We have learnt the difference between materials that are manmade and natural which included exploring our environment to classify various objects into these two categories. In history with Mrs McDonald, we continue to

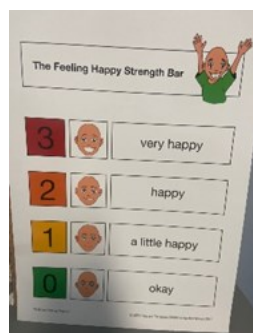
learn about our families. During our creative art lessons, we have explored different mediums to create artworks that link with our learning. We have loved playing various musical instruments and discovering new and wonderful sounds while creating our own unique musical masterpieces.

During sport we are continuing to join KK and KW every Friday to practice our gross motor skills such as bouncing and throwing. The continued focus for this term in our YCDI lessons is learning more about Oscar Organised and Gabby Get Along and to practise the skills both at school and at home. On Fridays we have been collaborating with 4-6KW to learn about our feelings and how to successfully express ourselves by communicating how we are feeling using our words, pictures and actions using the rating scale as part of the Westmead Feelings Program taught by Mrs Mackenzie. We have celebrated significant events such as Kindness Week where there were many highlights including crazy sock day, 'switcharoo' dress up day and having our mums and dads come and join us in our classroom. Lastly in Week 9 we were excited to attend a cultural performance for NAIDOC Week and learn about the many significant aspects of our Indigenous culture in Australia.

We have been extremely spoilt and have loads of fun using our new sensory items such as a giant roller to assist us to be able to calm and ready to learn.

I am extremely proud of all the boys! It is a pleasure every day to see their smiling faces and enthusiasm to learn new skills and apply their knowledge across all areas of their learning. Enjoy your well-earned two-week holiday and I cannot wait to continue our learning adventure together in Term 3.

Ms M



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

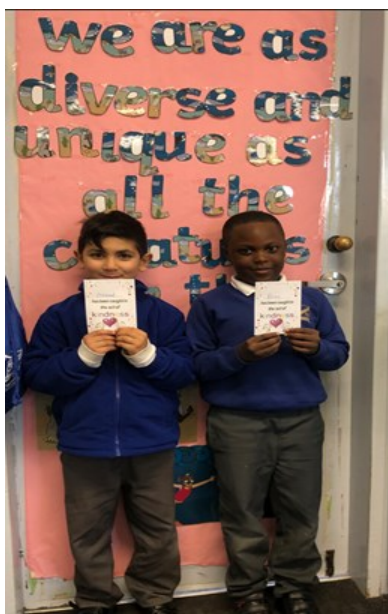
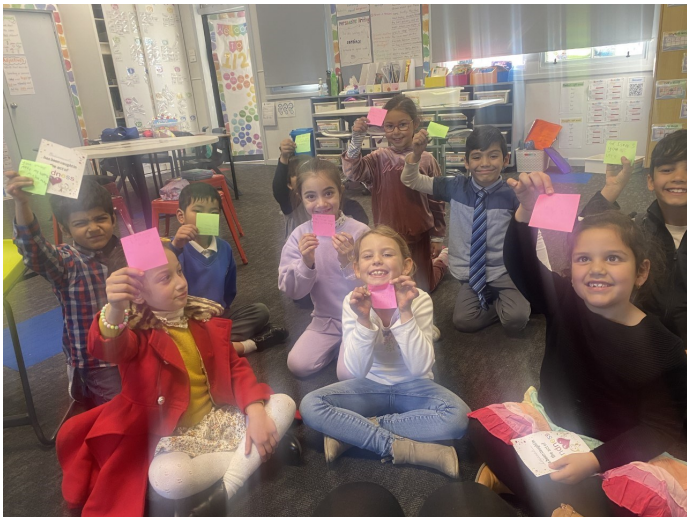
This term, students have been working extremely hard to learn new skills and work persistently to take on new learning challenges. They have been applying themselves to learning tasks in all key learning areas and participate with enthusiasm.

Stage 1 students enjoyed participating in the activities of Kindness Week and have since then made an effort to practice acts of kindness within the school day. Students discussed new ways they can make other people feel happy or cared for and have been practicing this within the classroom setting. It was wonderful to have our community visit us for open classrooms and enjoy a picnic lunch together. Through Kindness Week and our YCDI program, students have learnt the importance of being kind to others and how their actions make others feel. They are learning how to get along with others and build stronger relationships.

In maths, the students are becoming amazing mathematicians and have really enjoyed getting sweaty brains. They have started to think like mathematicians by using different strategies, checking their answers, using mathematical language, and explaining their thinking. Students have expanded their understanding of multiplication and division and are working with a range of strategies with confidence. We have been seeing lots of exciting 'ah-huh' moments happening in our lessons as students develop new strategies and make connections to what they already know.

The Stage 1 teachers have seen such persistence and growth amongst our students, and we look forward to seeing what next term holds!

Miss Atkinson, Ms Najjarine, Mrs Cope, Mrs Nguyen and Mrs Britton.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

2-3 B

Wow!! We are almost half way through the year.

2/3B are enjoying our imaginative writing this term. We have been working really hard to improve and make our writing interesting. I have been so impressed with our descriptive and figurative language, the creativity has been amazing.

Kindness Week was definitely a highlight this term, especially welcoming our families into our classroom. We loved sharing our knowledge and excitement using the STEM lego kits with our families. Dressing up as teachers for the day was lots of fun and enjoying a shared lunch with our families was definitely something we all loved.

In 'You Can Do It' we have been working on our communication and problem solving skills. This has helped us to get along with each other and help build positive relationships.

I am so proud of how hard the students in 2/3B have worked during this semester. I am looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year has in store for us. Hope you all have a great holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mrs Britton

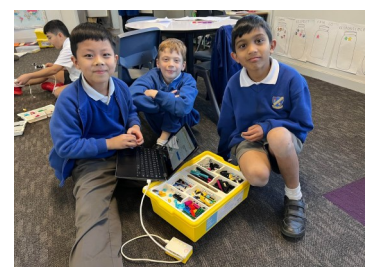
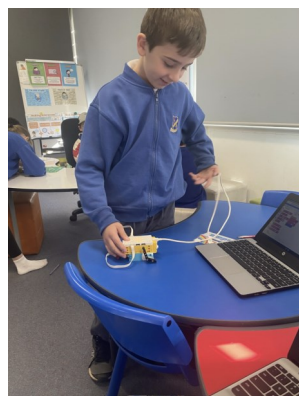
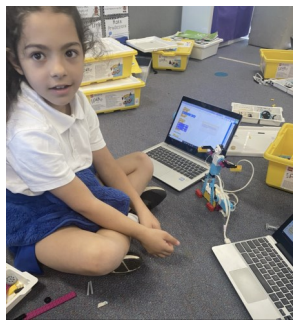
3 C

This term 3C has been busy working on imaginative writing! We have improved so much from the start of the term and are getting extremely creative with our descriptive language.

3C had a ball with kindness week and were so excited to welcome their families back into the school for a picnic! We loved showing off all the hard work that we had been doing in class this term. We had so much fun dressing up as teachers and were lucky enough to have a principal in our class for the day! Mr Bundu!

In science we have been working on robotics. We have spent the last few weeks using the Lego Spike kits to build our hoppers and coding them to do different things, like make noises and move around. Once we finished coding them we got to compete in class races and see all our hard work pay off. We had so much fun working together to complete this task and are excited to show off our cool presentations.

Miss Dasios



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

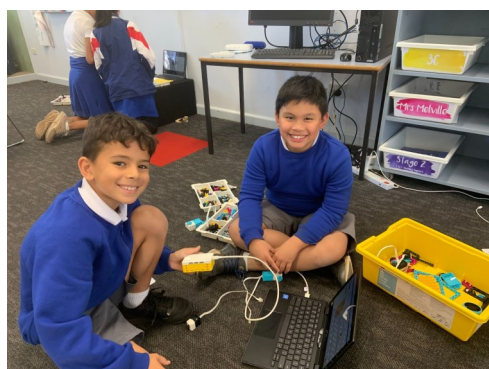
3-4 C

Already half way through the year! We have spent lots of our energy exploring imaginative writing this term and there were some entertaining stories that emerged! We have also kept our brains incredibly sweaty in maths working on what good mathematicians do. This included communicating our thinking, changing our answers and celebrating our mistakes as an opportunity to learn.

Miss Webber has been taking us for You Can Do It! This has involved lots of problem solving and team building activities to work on how we can get along together. We have also created some excellent robots and used our coding capabilities to race our bots. Miss Carr has taken lots of photos and we are getting ready to make multimedia presentations to share the success of our digital technologies.

Miss Carr is looking forward to another semester of learning with you all. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Miss Carr



4 X

This term, 4X has been learning all about imaginative writing! We have been writing in pairs and have used our imaginations to come up with some really creative stories. We have learnt so much about figurative language and have used it in our writing.

In maths we have been learning about lots of different things like area, multiplication and division, and volume and capacity. We got outside and used water to investigate the capacity of different containers. We also loved using our knowledge of area to design our dream houses.

Our favourite week was Kindness Week where we participated in so many fun activities and got to have parents come into our classroom! We especially enjoyed crazy sock day.

4X have been great learners this term.

Miss Xirocostas



News from the 4-6 WK Classroom

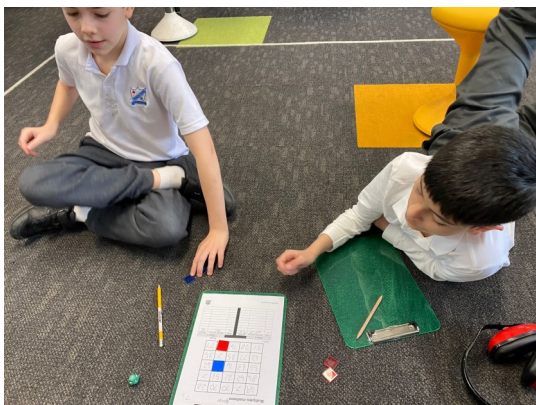
We've already made it halfway through the year! We've had a busy term with lots of learning and fun in 4-6WK. It's been exactly a full term since we had set up and planted seeds in our vegepad. Look at how our herbs and veggies have grown! We'll harvest our crops and make them into delicious sandwiches.



During Kindness Week, we participated in so many fun activities such as creating kindness chains to show how we can be kind to those around us. We also had parents come into our classroom and join us for a picnic! We loved being able to have our community back on site with us.



In Maths, we have been learning concepts through fun games and hands-on activities. These activities are interactive and we learnt lots whilst having fun. At the end of the week, we do Maths rotations with all our activities to consolidate everything.



This term, we began our Westmead Feelings Program with Mrs Mackenzie. We learnt about the emotions of feeling 'sad' and 'happy'. We looked at the strength bars and discussed some things that made us feel that way. We recognised that it's okay to feel those emotions and we learnt how to talk about it in a safe space.

Mrs King & Miss Wu



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

4-5 O

Get up! Stand up! Show up!

NAIDOC Week is a time to reflect and recognise the history, culture and achievements of First Nation Peoples – recognising them as the Traditional Owners of the land.

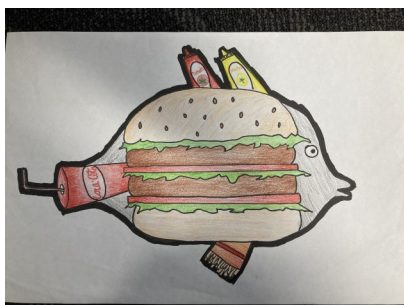
PNPS was lucky enough to learn about, celebrate and acknowledge Indigenous Australians throughout the week in a number of activities and experiences. On Tuesday, we watched a vibrant and captivating performance by Walangari Karntawarra and Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo. We learnt about Aboriginal song and dance, Dreamtime stories and traditional practices.

Zainab - In the NAIDOC performance, we listened, participated and engaged in dance, music and Dreamtime stories. It is important to learn about the history of Aboriginal people and their culture.

Kareem - During the NAIDOC performance, I got to act like an emu and learnt words from the Aboriginal language. We should learn about Aboriginal people because they were the first people on this land and we should respect their culture.

Jewel - Didgeridoo. Dance. Dreamtime. The Aboriginal performers sang, played instruments and danced. I was so surprised when learning about the didgeridoo and how he blew into it in different ways to make cool sounds.

William - I was amazed to learn that Aboriginal people don't say goodbye. They only say see you later because they want to see you again. The performance was very enjoyable and the performers were very funny.



5-6 G/N

During Term 2, Stage 3 participated in rotations for Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA). Each Friday morning, we would participate in either a drama, music, art or sculpture lesson. Our first rotation went for 5 weeks and we moved onto our second rotation in Week 6. Our groups are named after famous artists - the Picasso's, the Monet's, the Da Vinci's and the Van Gogh's.

Music - Stanley & Nate - "With Mrs Thompson we learnt the 5 key music concepts - dynamics, beat, duration, rhythm and pitch. We applied this knowledge to the song, Alley Cat. We used the drums, castanets, clapsticks, wood blocks, cymbals and triangles. After practicing we gave feedback on how we could improve. In the last lesson, we recorded our performance to be presented in the Art Show later this year."

Drama - Jasmine & Fatima - "During drama lessons with Miss O, we participated in games, including 21 and Freeze Frame, to improve our timing and acting skills. We also acted out scenes from Alice and Wonderland where we portrayed the characters Alice and Rabbit. We really enjoyed participating in drama lessons where we got to be dramatic, funny and free."

Art - Ella & Zoe - "During Visual Art lessons with Miss Greatrex, we created a Fantasy Fish artwork. This artwork required us to use a lot of creativity to turn a picture of a fish into objects used in everyday life. This was a fun experience where we created a trophy fish and a basketball fish with fire for fins using coloured pencils and markers. We really enjoyed making them and can't wait to see them displayed at the Art Show."

Sculptures - Yasmin & Lily - "In Miss Harrison's CAPA groups, we created sculptures using cardboard. We began by writing our names in block letters and filling it in with things that are important to us. This included things like our hobbies, our family and our culture. We were super creative and had a lot of fun designing them and turning them into 3D."



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

5-6 T

Week 8, on Wednesday at recess, Year 5 joined their kindly buddies. We sat on the grass at the front playground while we ate our recess. After eating, we played with some toys or on the equipment.

Michael - We played tips with my buddy and their friends. When we were done playing tips we went and played with some toys. It was quite fun because we got to play on the equipment, which I haven't done for some time, and I got to play with my buddy.

Soumaya - my friends and their buddies were with me and my buddy. While we were eating we sat and talked. It was good spending quality time with my buddy and friends.

Ayah - We played on the equipment for a bit, it was fun because I haven't gone on it for a long time. It was nice spending time with my buddy.

Sahara - me and my buddy played with the colourful ribbons. We waved the ribbons around and tried to make sure the ribbons didn't touch the ground. It was fun, it was nice to see my buddy so happy.



5-6 H

In Week 6, our school celebrated Kindness Week. The week is to remind us to be kind to each other and show us different ways of being kind. We had a crazy sock day and had a Switcheroo Day where students dressed as teachers and teachers dressed up as students. All of the classes had a kindness calendar which gave us ideas for kind activities to do and we crossed them off as we did them. We had open classrooms and a picnic with our friends and families.

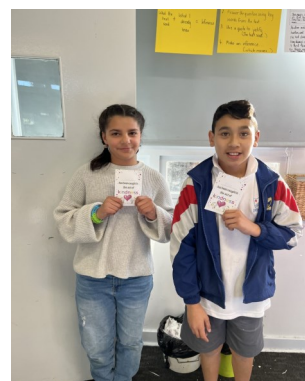
Loyal B - I think Kindness Week is important because it is the week that people show the most kindness. I enjoyed activities such as Switcheroo Day and the parent picnic.

Lachlan - I think Kindness Week is important because it teaches us to always be kind - not just for a reward but all the time. One of my favourite things we did was to go south and have a picnic with parents.

Jaimee - I liked all the fun activities like the switch day and the crazy socks day.

Ahmad K - I think Kindness Week is all about celebrating our differences. My favourite thing about it was when we got our kindness chart and the whole school picnic.

Sophia H - My favourite thing about kindness is that it makes you happy. There are lots of kind things you can do. You can let someone play with you if they want to. When someone is lonely you can join with them and cheer them up. Kindness is about being caring, showing respect, listening when others are talking, helping and treating others fairly.



Sport Update

East Hills District Cross Country Carnival

The rain stayed away and we all had a wonderful day! Our students represented Padstow North Public School at the East Hills District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 24th May. All students demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and commitment in their race. A huge thank you to the P&C who helped us to run the canteen and a delicious sausage sizzle.

Thank you to our amazing Sport Captains who showed outstanding leadership on the day. They helped Miss Carr and Miss Greatrex organise and hand out lunches to teachers from twelve different schools! A huge job.

Congratulations to Isabella S who placed 5th and Anthony W who placed 1st at the East Hills District Cross Country Carnival. Both students did a fantastic job representing our school at the Regional Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 15th June.



A huge congratulations to Anthony W, who placed 4th at the Regional Cross Country Carnival and will be representing East Hills, at the State Cross Country Carnival, in Week 10. Amazing effort Anthony. Good luck!

Premier's Sporting Challenge

Another week of our PSC and all students working hard to achieve diamond level! This means up to an hour of exercise each day! We have been so impressed with how our students have integrated more exercise into their busy days. Well done to our captains for encouraging all students to get more active more often. They have improved their leadership and organisation skills throughout the Term and did a fantastic job running games for our primary students last Friday. Great job!

Congratulations to our winners

Week 5 - 5/6GN

Week 6 - 3/4C

Week 7 - 5/6T

Week 8 - 5/6T

Sporting Clinics

PNPS have had soccer clinics running through Term 2. Each week the students work with coaches on their dribbling, shooting, passing and control. The clinics have helped our students develop their soccer skills and our teachers have enjoyed learning each week as well!

Miss Greatrex & Miss Carr

Sport Update

PSSA - Season 1

Netball A

Out with bang! The Senior and Junior A teams blew their competition out of the water for our final game of the season. The girls demonstrated respect, dedication and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the entire season. Well done girls, it was an absolute pleasure to be your coach and you should all be very proud of yourselves!

Miss O'Callaghan

Netball B

We finished the season with a win for our Senior B girls which was great to see. Both Junior and Senior B teams played very well the entire season, and are to be commended on their commitment to training and making improvements throughout the season. Well done girls, you have been a pleasure to coach.

Miss Harrison

Boys Touch Football

Week 7, was our final week of Touch Football and it was a pleasure to coach both the Junior and Senior teams this season. Both teams showed commitment to training and treated each other with respect, showing fantastic sportsmanship and improving each game. The Senior boys finished strong with 3 big wins finishing 3rd in the competition. The Junior boys also won their final 2 games and started to work as a cohesive team. Well done to all students on a great season. I'm glad we managed to play our final rounds in the sunshine.

Miss Carr

Newcombe Ball

Both the Junior and Senior Newcombe Ball teams were an absolute pleasure to coach this PSSA season! They were humble when they won and gracious when they lost, and most importantly they had fun and encouraged each other along the way! Although we didn't win our last game, it was very close and they should all be proud of the effort they put into the game! Well done on a great season guys!

Miss Xirocostas

PSSA - Season 2

Soccer boys

With our trials complete both the Junior and Senior boys played their first game in week 8. The senior boys worked well as a team and I'm sure they will have an exciting season. Our Junior boys had a big win 5-1 for their first game. There were some excellent goals scored and they worked really well as a team. I'm looking forward to a great second season with all of the PSSA representatives!

Miss Carr

Soccer girls

Both Junior and Senior girls participated in their first soccer game during Week 8. Although they didn't win, both Junior and Seniors worked together as a team and played their hearts out. All of our PSSA representatives are motivated and eager to learn new techniques and drills. We are looking forward to a great season ahead with lots of learning along the way!

Miss Dasios

Basketball

Although we have not started our season with a win, both boys and girls teams played very well in their first round. I can already see the excellent teamwork and commitment, and our training sessions are off to a wonderful start. I am looking forward to a great season ahead, and learning together along the way!

Miss Harrison

Sport Update

Netball Senior A Team



Netball Senior B Team



Netball Junior A Team



Netball Junior B Team



Boys Touch Football



Newcombe Ball



Library Update

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Year 2 – Isabella

Year 3 – Mayson, Jayden

The Trainee Library Monitors for 2022 have been working hard to learn their role within the library. They have shown dedication and a willingness to give extra time to help in the library. Congratulations to the following students who

are library monitors for 2022 – Fatima, Deborah, Elena, Naomi, Miranda, Emirea, Soumaya, Sarah

Mrs Harris
Teacher Librarian

P&C Update

At our recent P&C meeting the following profits were noted from our recent fundraising events.

- Disco \$1,500
- District Cross Country \$740

Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers and teacher and teacher helpers, without you none of this is possible

Reminder of upcoming dates:

- Colour Run Tuesday 2nd August
- Bunnings BBQ Sunday 7th August

Next P&C meeting is Tuesday 9th August 9:15am North Staffroom. All welcome and hope to see you there.

Dates to Remember

1 July
Last day Term 2

19 July
Students return Term 3

28 July
Opportunity Class Placement Test

1 - 5 August
Education Week

2 August
Colour Run

7 August
P&C Bunnings BBQ

8 August
Stage 3 Excursion ANSTO

15 August
School Athletics Carnival

18 August
Grandparents Day and Assembly