

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Term 2 Week 5 2022

Principal's Report:

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome everyone to Term 2. This term we have opened our new North toilet block, a totally refurbished block for our primary students. Our electronic gates are also in the installation stage, a few more weeks to go!



Social and Emotional Learning

Our students are very engaged in the You Can Do It program, the school's social and emotional learning program. Social and emotional learning is about helping students to understand and regulate their emotions, feel and express empathy, communicate, set and achieve positive goals, and make decisions responsibly.

Our students have been learning about the importance of honesty, integrity, respect, caring, fair go and freedom. Thanks to 2-3B and 2N for sharing. Later in the year we will be running parent workshops on how to support your child's social and emotional development, linking with what we are teaching at school.

Gold! Gold! Gold!

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

Kindergarten to Year 2

Roi C

Year 3 to Year 6

Ali I

Talissa P

David V

Ethan A

Gabriel M

Ella C

Tanya N

Zoe S

Jasmine Y

Ivy D

Dates to Remember

27 May

P&C

Winter Wonderland Disco

31 May

District Cross Country

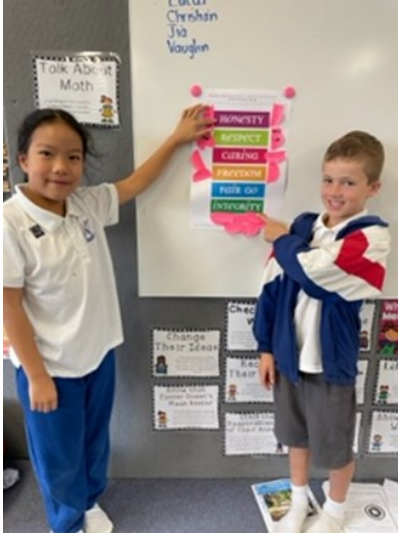
30 May - 3 June

Kindness Week

14 June

P&C Meeting

6:30pm in Library



COVID Safety measures (adapted from the Department of Education advice for families)

Students and staff who are close contacts and have no symptoms can continue to attend school, following the NSW health guidelines. Note, staff and students who have had confirmed COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks do not have to comply with the guidelines if they become a household or close contact and are not required to self-isolate or test unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms.

Close contacts attending school must:

- Students and staff with a positive household member should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.

Any visitor (including parents or carers) to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. The visit may be conducted virtually.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#Close0>

Have a happy and safe few weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Genevieve Dennis
Principal

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

KW and KK

Kindergarten returned from the Easter holidays refreshed and ready to take on new learning challenges. Our guided reading sessions are in full swing and students are enjoying rotating through a variety of activities that support their developing reading skills each morning. Kindy are learning letter sounds during explicit Sound Waves lessons and applying these skills in reading by stretching out and blending letter sounds to read words. They are also practicing their sight words daily to further assist their reading.

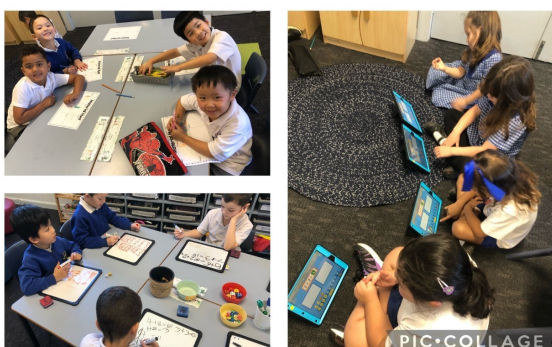
During Term 1, Kindy focused mainly on developing their whole number knowledge in Mathematics with activities that allowed them to practise identifying, building and ordering numbers. This term we are starting to learn about addition and subtraction. Students engage in lots of different activities during lessons and maths groups using materials such as playing cards, dice and blocks. Kindy have also been using the iPads to access online

interactive games to practise their skills and can all confidently scan a QR code to take them right to the game! Many of the interactive games that we use have different levels so that students can be appropriately challenged.

Kindergarten have been learning the importance of being organised, and playing nicely and getting along with their friends during our You Can Do It! sessions. The concepts we learn about in class also form the topics for our Chatterbox sessions this term, where students have the opportunity to share with their class examples of real life situations where they are using the YCDI keys for success.

You've had a great start to Term 2 Kindy, keep up the great work!

Miss K, Miss Wortz and Mrs Mackenzie



News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

KM

It has been great to see the boys return refreshed and relaxed after their two-week well-deserved holiday after a great first term of school.

We have successfully got back straight into our routine and learning.

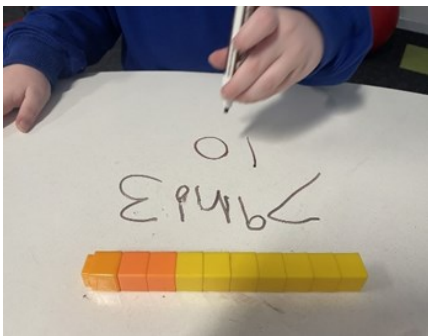
In Literacy after spending Term 1 learning all our initial sounds, this term we are excited to be learning to blend our sounds to make our focus words and recognising words that rhyme. In reading we are sharing quality texts and recognising key features of the book e.g., title and author. In writing we are learning to construct a recount. We are 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 recount events from the weekend. This involves standing up in front of our classmates and sharing information about ourselves and families. One of our favourite parts of the week is visiting Mrs Harris at the library to borrow a new book.

In mathematics we are continuing to work hard on our number recognition in different formats. This includes counting dots on dice and learning about base tens and ones. We are making connections with our numbers and learning to add to groups together, e.g., $3 + 2 = 5$.

In measurement we have had lots of fun using the bucket balance to investigate which classroom items are heavy and light.

In science this term we are discovering materials e.g., glass, fabric, wood, plastic, metal, paper and rubber. The activities so far have included playing "material detectives" to find classroom objects and then categorise these under each material. In history with Mrs McDonald, we are continuing to learn about our families. During our creative art lessons, we took pride in creating a beautiful card for our special mums for Mother's Day. In the coming weeks we will be discovering the world of musical instruments and 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. We were super excited to participate in our first school carnival, the Cross Country and loved the refreshing reward of a well-earned ice block when we finished. The focus for this term in our YCDI lessons is learning more about Oscar Organised and the skills required to get our selves organised such as being on time and only taking out what we need to avoid less packing up! In the coming weeks we will participating in the Westmead Feelings Program.

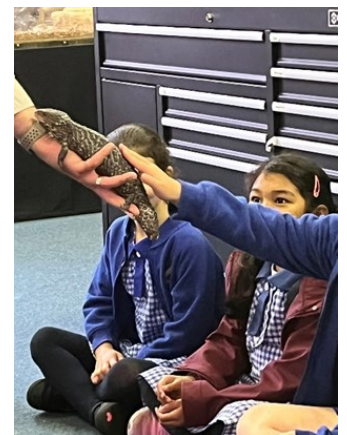


News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

On Thursday 12th May students in Stage One attended an excursion to the Georges River Environmental Education Centre at Chipping Norton.

Students investigated different living things that can be found in our natural environment around the Georges River. They learnt about the different animal and bird species that can be found, what an invertebrate is and how to classify the many species and were able to look at living creatures that can be found in our ways. Students were able to pat a blue tongue lizard and shingle back lizard.

Unfortunately, the weather kept our activities to indoors, but the staff were amazing and very impressed with our students. They had an amazing day and learnt many new things that they could investigate on a bushwalk or looking in the local area.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

2-3 B

2-3B have had a great start to Term 2. In writing, we have been learning new and exciting ways to make our writing interesting by using sensational sentence starters to 'hook' the reader. We have especially enjoyed using similes and personification to create a better picture in the reader's mind.

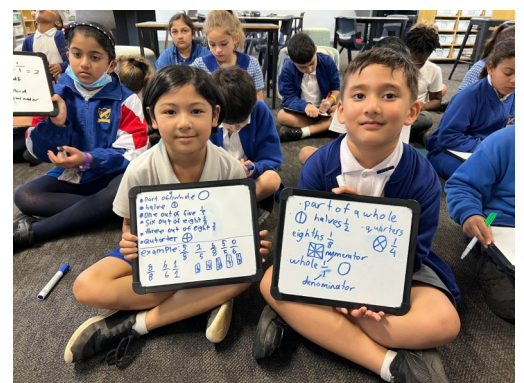
Year 2 went on an excursion to Georges River Environmental Education Centre at Chipping Norton. Students investigated the external features of living things in the Chipping Norton Lake parklands. Year 3 has been introduced to algorithms in their digital technologies unit. We have been using real life examples of algorithms to understand how we use coding to program.

We have been spending quality time looking at how to build positive relationships to get along with people. Identifying and discussing the 6 key values has led us to use these positive attitudes at school, home and the community.

Great work 2-3B, looking forward to the rest of the term!!

3 C

This term we have been working extra hard to fill in our Premier's Sporting Challenge cards with all of our exciting activities. We have participated in both AFL and soccer clinics and this week we were lucky enough to take part in the wheelchair roadshow. We all had so much fun playing wheelchair basketball and were feeling super inspired by Rick Engles and all his sporting success.



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

3-4 C

This term we have been working hard to get more active, more often! Our class were absolute superstars during wheelchair basketball and asked some fantastic questions to our special guest! We have also been focusing on our fluency when reading and thinking deeply about what we are reading through questioning. This has resulted in lots of interesting conversations about characters and authors.

Miss Carr is incredibly impressed with the start of our imaginative narratives and she is looking forward to reading our exciting stories when we publish next week. Finally, you may have heard about Miss Webber who is joining our class for the remainder of the Term. She is learning to be a teacher and has been enjoying getting to know our beautiful students.

It's been a busy but enjoyable Term 2!

Miss Carr



4 X

This term we have been learning all about coding and using the Lego Spike kits. We are learning about creating an algorithm to control the Lego pieces and can't wait to make some fun amazing Lego projects with them, like making a dancing robot!

We have also been participating in lots of fun sporting activities such as, basketball clinics, AFL clinics, and wheelchair basketball! We have been able to add lots of hours to our Premier's Sporting Challenge logs.

Reading our class novel each day has been a great way to have our morning break and we are almost finished with our second novel of the year! We are so excited to see how it ends!

Here are some photos from our term so far!

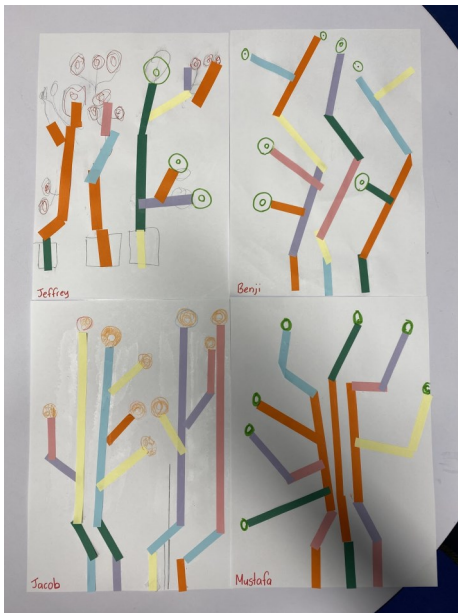
Miss Xirocostas



News from the 4-6 WK Classroom

We have been getting creative and digital in 4-6 WK. In science, we are learning about digital technologies and are excited to use some of the cool robotics we have on loan in the STEM Sharekits. We have been linking this with visual arts to create some amazing technology related artworks. So far we have explored unplugged algorithms and Makey Makey and made pixel art and circuit board trees in art.

A circuit board is the brain of the computer and when you look closely at them they have quite intricate patterns. We used the patterns found on circuit boards to make an artwork of a tree. Using rectangles, horizontal and diagonal straight lines and circles, we created some amazing artworks.



Students were lucky enough to participate in the Wheelchair Roadshow again this year. They learned about road safety and how they can stay safe in the car so mum and dad don't get distracted while driving. They had a great time challenging themselves while trying to play wheelchair basketball. They managed to keep the ball on their laps while moving by putting it between their legs or holding it in place with their chin.



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

4-5 O

We have hit the ground running this term with lots of fun and new learning opportunities. Students have settled back into our routines beautifully and we have closely focused on what it means to be a good person and friend. We have worked as a team to practise the 7 values of a good character on a daily basis; being caring, giving others a fair go, doing the right thing, showing respect, honesty and responsibility and making sure everyone feels a sense of belonging and freedom.

In Week 4, Year 5 had a Teddy Bears picnic with their Kindy buddies. It was so special to see the students playing games and taking such good care of their buddies. What amazing role models they have become!

"The teddy bear picnic was full of fun! I loved spending time with my buddy. It was nice to play games and get to know our buddies better." - **Krishna**

"I got to meet up with my buddy and we chatted and I taught him how to play basketball. We had a lot of fun." - **Jozsef**

"The teddy bear picnic was really fun! My buddy and I played lots of games and I loved spending time with her, it was great to get to know her more!" - **Khloe**

5-6 T

This week students had the opportunity to participate in a Wheelchair Basketball incursion. Students met Brandon and heard a little about how he came to be in a wheelchair and what life is like for him. Keeping themselves safe was an important message that was shared. While the wheelchair basketball is a lot of fun, students came to recognise difficulties faced for people who use a wheelchair to get around.

"Wheelchair basketball session taught me that there are a lot of challenges to face when in a wheelchair and it's not your choice to be in one." - **Jawad**

"I learnt that being in a wheelchair is not as easy as it looks and that everyone has a different story on why." - **Amina**

"The wheelchair basketball session taught me that not everything is easy and not to take what I have for granted." - **Iman**

"Basketball wheelchair taught me that it might look fun but it's very challenging for people with a disability." - **David**

"The wheelchair basketball session taught me what a person in a wheelchair feels like every day." - **Marwan**



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

5-6 G/N

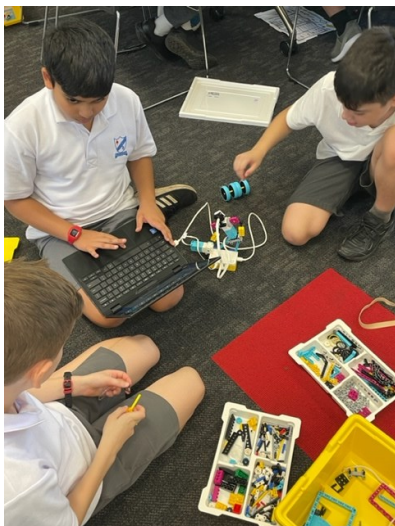
STEM Share

During Term 2, students will have the chance to use different STEM Sharekits during Science each week. This week, students have been experimenting with Lego Spike Breakdancer. Students learned about the different components of Lego Spike which allowed them to design and connect together in order to transmit data from a laptop to allow the model to move and make sounds.

"I've learned how to code using Lego Robots. We learned about the colour, pressure and distance sensors. These sensors make the robot move in different ways." - **Layla**

"Coding lets me create and use my imagination." - **Ella**

"I've learned to code by using the laptop to create movements on the Lego brick dancer." **Emirea**



5-6 H

Padstow North will be participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge for Term 2. This is a challenge where students in our school take part in exercise and fitness activities in order to be more active following the motto 'More Active, More Often'. To participate, students mark off every 20 minutes of exercise they complete in their logbooks. Students who achieve 200 minutes receive a bronze medal, 320 minutes receive a silver medal, 420 minutes receive a gold medal and 560 minutes or more receive a diamond medal.

Sport Captains and Vice Captains have also organised games for students in 3-6 to participate in every second Friday at lunch.

"Emus organised a game of oztag and also played cat and mouse. We had 20 students join us and we all enjoyed the games" - **Hadi and Ahmad K (Emu Captain and Vice Captain)**

"Kookas organised for students to play a game of Newcombe ball and we played with the Newcombe ball team. We had lots of fun and are looking forward to the next Friday of games." - **Lockrey (Kookas Vice Captain)**



Sport Update

Cross Country Carnival

What an incredible day! We were so lucky to have the sun shining for our Cross Country Carnival. A big thank you to our wonderful P&C and volunteers for the much needed ice blocks at the finish line, after a long 2km!

Thank you to our amazing Sport Captains and Vice Captains who showed outstanding leadership on the day by helping set up the course, welcoming parents into the school and even running in races to guide students in K-2 around the course. The war cries they led also built great enthusiasm among their house groups. Well done, you represented your roles with pride.

Congratulations to those students who placed 1st - 6th in their respective age groups. They will represent our school in the East Hills District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday the 31st of May. This carnival will be held at Playford Park, and we wish those students the best of luck! Congratulations to **Brolgas** who were the house champions for the day with 129 points.

State Swimming Carnival

On Monday 4th April, Isabella represented Sydney South West at the NSW Primary Swimming Championships. She did an outstanding job, placing 25th overall in the state and should be so proud of their efforts!! Congratulations Isabella on an outstanding achievement!



Premier's Sporting Challenge

A huge thank you to our Sport Captains & Vice Captains who have led our challenge with confidence and enthusiasm. They have been in classrooms each week updating E-Walls and checking on our winning classes! They have also chosen a number of activities to run each fortnight to get our students more active, more often. We are impressed by each class' commitment to achieve *Diamond level* and convinced that by the end of the term we will all be moving our bodies for 60 minutes a day. Great job!

Congratulations to our winners, so far...

Week 2 winners - 5/6H

Week 3 winners - 5/6GN

Week 4 winners - 5/6GN



Sport Update

PSSA

Netball

We have had an unlucky start to the season with the continued rain however the girls have never lost their determination! The junior and senior B teams played their first game as a united team and showed excellent persistence despite the points not coming their way. Training has begun and I look forward to seeing their progress for the remainder of the season! All netball games will be played at Deverall Park, Condell Park. Looking forward to seeing you there to support our girls.

Miss Harrison

A positive attitude, persistence and team work have shone through the junior and senior A teams this season! Although we did not win our first game, the girls played incredibly well and were fierce competitors on the court. During our training sessions, we have been working hard on developing our attack and defence strategies so we have all the tools we need to win our upcoming games. I am looking forward to seeing their skills and confidence grow. Go PNPS!

Miss O'Callaghan

Boys Touch Football

Over the past few weeks we have managed to finally get outside and train! The senior boys have shown commitment, team work, and skill during training. Their communication and strategies have made them an absolute pleasure to train and I look forward to watching them (finally) play this week! Similarly our juniors are quickly learning the ropes and starting to work well as a team. They have followed the seniors lead and picked up drills and skills because of their focus each week. Both teams are looking forward to playing on Friday and should be proud of their effort, controlling as many factors as they could, sadly they can't control the weather!

Miss Carr

Newcombe Ball

Even though the rain has cancelled almost all of our games so far, Newcombe Ball finally went ahead and students got to play their first match! The senior team lost by only a few points and the junior team made a massive effort and won their very first game! All students have been demonstrating great communication skills and have been dedicated to their training. I can't wait to see how the rest of the season goes for them!

Miss Xirocostas

Sporting Clinics

PNPS have had some special guests during Term 2! In Week 1 we had AFL clinics where students practised their passing and teamwork. These clinics were to promote after school workshops which will take place at our school in Term 3.

We were also lucky enough to receive funding for our Stage 2 & 3 students to participate in soccer clinics throughout Term 2. Each week the students work with expert coaches on their dribbling, shooting, passing and control. The clinics have been so much fun and have gone ahead indoors, even with the wet weather! We look forward to seeing our students improve their soccer skills as they participate in soccer clinics for the remainder of the term.

Miss Greatrex & Miss Carr



Library Update

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

- ↳ Kindergarten – Charlize, Keiichi
- ↳ Year 1 – Layannah
- ↳ Year 2 – Jonah
- ↳ Year 4 – Rayanne
- ↳ Year 5 – Nathaniel, Mera, Emirea

Wet weather can be a great time to focus on a personal challenge, like completing the 2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Take some time to get cosy with a good book and don't forget to record what you have read –

it won't take long to get through the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge if you keep reading a little every day.

Once read, each PRC title should be recorded into the student's reading record online. Students can access their record through the student portal. Students use the same student username and password as you use to log into school computers to gain access to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

Mrs S. Harris
Teacher Librarian

P&C Update

What a fantastic start to Term 2 we have had! It was wonderful to see everyone back at school enjoying the Mother's Day breakfast with the students. Thank you to all the lovely Mums and Dads who assisted preparing the event, and helping on the day and on the Mother's Day stalls. We almost sold out of Mother's day gifts, a record! We had 177 pre ordered gifts making \$885 but also sold many more at the breakfast.

We raised a total of \$675 from the breakfast together with selling 477 raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Reporting in from the fundraising in Term 1, our Easter Hat parade takings were \$2278. Thank you to all the families and students who participated and volunteered to make it such a great success.

The Winter Wonderland Disco is on Friday 27th May in the School Hall

We are so excited to host another disco at school for the students after such a long break. Remember the K to 2 session starts at 4.00pm and finishes at 5.30pm while Year 3 to 6 starts at 5.45pm and finishes at 7.15pm. **Online orders for tickets and food close on Wednesday 25th at 9am.** The students stop for a meal break during the disco, options include chicken fingers, cheese slab pizza, mini beef pies, and drinks, all items are available for pre order on Spriggy.

Disco tickets can also be purchased at the door on the night for \$7 (please bring correct change). We will have snacks, drinks and some glow items available for purchase at the disco too.

Snowflake competition – don't forget to hand in your beautiful snowflake creations to the box located in the north office or near the south office by Wednesday 25th May so we can use them for decorating the disco. The best snowflake from each class will win a prize!

Dates for the diary

District Cross Country Carnival: Tuesday 31th May

Colour Run: 2nd August

Bunnings BBQ: 7th August

We are seeking volunteers to assist during each of these events, keep an eye out for the notes, or get in contact if you are keen to help on our FB page or to padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au The Colour Run is our primary fundraising event this year, if you'd like to be involved in organising or volunteering on the day, we'd love to hear from you now.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June at 6.30pm in the Library. It has been lovely to welcome lots of new parents to our meetings and fundraising committee this year. Feel free to come along and join in. You get a chance to hear what is happening around the school and participate in conversations regarding upcoming events and how the P&C money is spent around the school.