

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Principal's Report:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a busy term! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the 'big chair' relieving for Ms Dennis and would like to thank my wonderful colleagues, beautiful students, and supportive community for helping to make it such a rewarding experience. Ms Dennis will return Week 1 of Term 4.

One thing we are always incredibly proud of at Padstow North PS is the opportunities we provide for our students both inside and outside of the classroom. Some highlights for me this term have been;

- Stage 3 Dance Group and Choir performing at a Ronald McDonald House charity event in the city (which was attended by our Education Minister)
- Athletics Carnivals - school, district and regional
- Celebrating Book Week with our very famous Book Parade
- Debating
- Public Speaking (where we were very successful)
- Year 2 visiting Bankstown South Infants School to help build relationships with our friends who will be transitioning to Padstow North for year 3 in 2023
- Our Student Representative Council (SRC) launching its 'Little Wings' initiative and already being on track to sending a plane to Dubbo! We have to date collected approximately 800 bottles which equates to 44 litres of fuel. Well done community!

We have also celebrated some wonderful people this term including our SASS staff, Grandparents and Dads.

With lots of careful planning and preparation our very first onsite Before and After School Care will open on the first day of Term 4. If you are interested in enrolling your child on a permanent or casual basis below are the contact details.

YMCA: Opening Hours Monday to Friday before school 7:00am-9:00am, after school 3:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Padstow North school hall

Contact Number: 0409 311 654

Email: oshc.revesby@ymcansw.org.au Enrolment Form (pdf 392 KB) - click on the link For more information go to <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-revesbyoshc/before-and-after-school-care/>

Last day of school this term is Friday 23rd September and students return to school on Monday 10th October.

Enjoy the holiday break and spend quality time with your family and friends. We will see you all relaxed, recharged and ready for Term 4.

Kind Regards

Emma Mackenzie
Rel/Principal

Term 3 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

Muhammad H
Robert C
Evie C
Hidaayah O
Rose F
Faisal B

Year 3 to Year 6

Fatema K
Ayesha D
Elise M
Sophia A
Aisha E
Peter C
Mateo M
Stanley S
Kaiden F
Hermione T
Saim T
Zander B
Ibrahim H

Dates to Remember

23 September

Last day of Term 3

10 October

First day of Term 4

11 October

P&C Meeting @ 9:15am

17 - 25 October

Life Education Healthy Harold

26 October

Market Day

1 November

Mad about Science Day

3 November

Kindy 2023 Orientation Day 1

7 November

Bankstown East Hills Dance

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

KW and KK

What a busy term it has been in Kindergarten! We are so proud of our students for their growth and achievement this term. It has been wonderful seeing everyone trying their best in all tasks and working towards their learning goals.

In Science this term we have been learning all about forces and the different ways in which things move as part of our unit 'Physical World'. We discovered that most objects can move if there is a push or pull force behind them. We also experimented with different objects to identify if they roll, bounce, spin or slide. Students are excited to design and create their own toy that moves in the next few weeks.

During Sport, we have been practising our movement skills like skipping, bouncing, balancing, throwing and catching. We loved working on our soccer skills in the game 'Number Soccer'. Kindergarten are also really

enjoying attending 'Groove Nation' each week and learning fun dance moves to different songs!

It has been so wonderful to have our school community attending events this term! Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed going to and participating in the Athletics Carnival where we practised running races, relays, hurdles, long jump and throwing. Thank you also to all our parents, grandparents and carers who were able to attend this event as well as our Grandparents Afternoon Tea and our Book Week Parade. Students had so much fun dressing up as their favourite book character and parading around in their costumes.

We really look forward to taking Kindergarten on our Little Diggers excursion in the city during Week 10. Students cannot wait to catch the train! Please enjoy some of the photos of our busy and fun filled Term 3!

Miss K, Miss Wortz and Mrs Mackenzie



News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

KM

What another busy term!

We have been trying hard and having lots of fun.

We are very proud of our writing. We have learnt all about making our sentences interesting by adding nouns, verbs and adjectives. We have learnt the difference between an enjoying a story and reading for information.

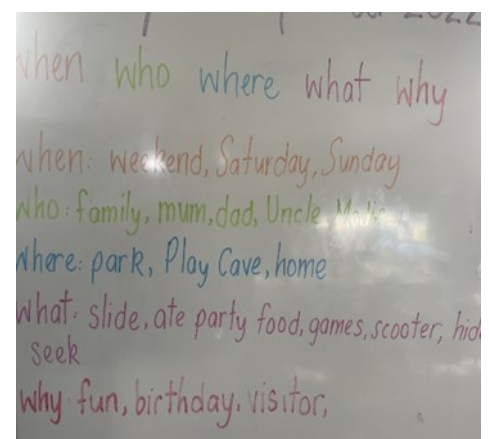
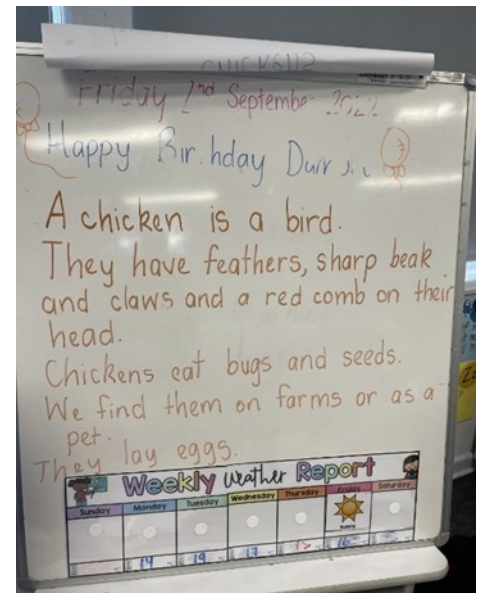
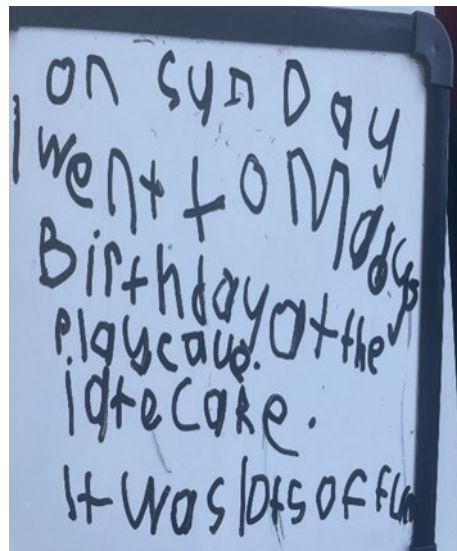
In maths we are getting very good at applying our mathematical thinking when solving problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We are learning about our emotional regulation using the four zones (green, blue, red and yellow).

The highlight of the term was celebrating Grandparents Day and participating in our first Book Week Parade.

We can't wait for the holidays and start to count down the last 10 weeks of next term to celebrate our very first year at school.

Ms Munsie



News from the Kindergarten Classrooms



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News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

Book Character Parade

This year's theme for book week was to Dreaming with Eyes Open. Students from K-6 participated in our annual book week parade dressing up as their favourite book character. It was fantastic to see the love of reading by students and teachers alike and to have our parents watching on and supporting our students.

Groove Nation

We are almost at the end of the Groove Nation program, students have enthusiastically participated in various dance sequences and enjoyed spending time with peers from different classes. Students have explored the elements of dance and showed their dance ideas with others.

Writing

In the classroom students have been learning about different informative texts. They have extended their understanding by focusing on information reports of late and students really enjoyed learning about different features of native Australian animals to create their own reports.

YDCI

Students in Stage 1 will be celebrating the five keys of You Can Do It program. They are encouraged to come dressed to school in their favourite key colour on Friday 23rd September and will participating in a variety of activities to support key learning concepts from this term.

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



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

2-3 B

Is it really the end of Term 3?

2-3B have had a super busy term with lots of learning and events. We have had excursions, Book Week, Groove Nation and the Athletics carnival.

In writing, we have been working hard on our informative and procedural writing. We have written about our favourite animals and made fairy bread and slime. We have planted a range of seedlings to grow food for Drax, all his favourites like strawberries, bok choy, snow peas, kale and parsley. What a spoiled lizard!!

Year 2 spent some time at Bankstown South Infants school to get to know their new peers next year. They participated in a range of activities like gardening, art, STEM and maths games. Year 3 went on a 'Farm day' at Homebush. What an amazing experience, we got up close with so many different animals like chicks, sheep, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, ducks, puppies and we even got to milk a cow. We learnt the importance of agriculture in Australia and the processes taken from the farm to our homes like eggs, dairy and wool.

We have had another great term in 2-3B. I am so proud of the effort and hard work from everyone. I can't wait to see what we can all achieve in Term 4. Hope you all have an enjoyable safe holiday!

Mrs Britton



3 C

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of Term 3 already!

This term we have been busy learning how to write information reports featuring a variety of different topics. We particularly loved developing our procedural text about 'how to build a greenhouse.' We worked in groups to decide on the best greenhouse design to suit the needs of our seeds. We used spinach, mint and basil seeds and created our greenhouses using almost entirely recyclable materials! After the building process, we worked together to construct our procedural texts following the same method and materials we had used.

We had a ball on our 'Farm day' excursion! We got to pat and hold so many different animals such as chickens, goats, sheep and puppies! We even got to milk a cow and taste some delicious honey. It was awesome to see what we have learned about in real life. Earlier this term we had been learning about the process of pollination and even created a brochure on the relationship between honeybees and food production. The Sydney Royal Agricultural Society was very impressed with all of our great answers and acknowledged how much we already knew about these processes!

We have had an amazing Term 3! 3C I am so proud of the consistent effort and hard work you have put into your learning. Enjoy your holidays!

Miss Dasios



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

3-4 C

Another term older!

This term has flown, but we've managed to fit so much in; from information reports on octopuses, greenhouses and Yellowstone National Park to focusing on mass and fractions in mathematics. We have all remained incredibly committed to our learning and as we reflect on our Term 3 goals in writing and maths we are so proud of the growth we have made. Our class did an excellent job at the Athletics carnival and some of us even made it do District!

A highlight was definitely our trip to the farm. We learnt about the pollination and life cycle of bees and we even got to sample some delicious honey from Bowral. There were goats, puppies and chickens in the animal pen and we got the pleasure of feeding them (they were very hungry). Perhaps the most fascinating part was how easy it is to make cheese, cream and milk.

It has been another great term with 3/4C and I am impressed with their commitment to learning each day. Enjoy your holidays, you deserve it.

Miss Carr



4 X

Another term has flown by in 4X!

We have learnt so many amazing things this term! At the beginning of our science unit we learnt all about how living things depend on each other for survival and how farming has changed over the years as technology has improved. We also learnt about the importance of bees to our own survival and the process of pollination. We designed and built our own greenhouses where we are slowly growing some tomato seedlings and wrote some amazing informative procedures about how we constructed them.

To top it all off, we were lucky enough to attend the Farm Days excursion run by the Sydney Royal Agricultural Society to tie all of our learning together! Not only did we get to see, feed, and interact with some cute animals, we learnt even more about the important processes that happen behind the scenes to get our food from farm to table.

We also won loose change Friday and got to enjoy some delicious ice blocks!

It has been another amazing term together with 4X and I am so proud of their effort in all areas of their learning! Have a safe and relaxing holiday break!

Miss Xirocostas



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms



News from the 4-6 WK Classroom

This term has been so busy with many fun events and lots of learning in the classroom.

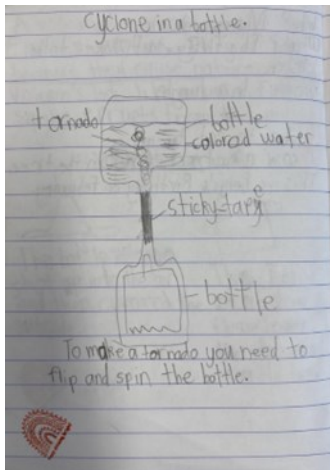
In writing, we continued to perfect our structure and knowledge of information reports. We researched on topics such as tornadoes, cyclones and tsunamis and made a powerpoint with all our information. We even connected our learning with Science and conducted an experiment where we made cyclones in a bottle. It was so fun and cool to see how a cyclone is formed.

Some of us participated in Groove Nation getting our groovy moves on and learnt some dances. We had a lot of fun and we always got tired and sweaty afterwards. It's a fantastic way to exercise and have a good time.

We also had the Book Parade and our ANSTO excursion. At the book parade we saw so many wonderful costumes and some of us won prizes. It was great to see our community get involved and enjoy the day. The ANSTO excursion was so exciting too! We got to explore the periodic table, see some of the elements up close, experience a light show with some amazing experiments, explore the research facilities & learn about the OPAL reactor.

We can't wait for the next term ahead!

Mrs King and Miss Wu



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

4-5 O

Grandparents Day

Grandparents were invited to enjoy a lovely afternoon tea with students at Padstow North. This was followed by our Gold Assembly where they were treated with a special song, 'Grandma and Grandpa', sung by all students.

Jana - When I'm bored my grandparents take me out to play.

Khloe - I like to cook and do art with my grandparents.

Jewel - I like to cook desserts with my GB.

Krishna - I like spending time with my grandparents because they like to spoil me. I have fun with them.

Usman - When I go somewhere they give me money to buy something special.

Zayn - My Tata helps me with any of my school work.



5-6 G/N

Book Week

Book Week 2022 was celebrated in Week 6. This year's theme was 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'. On Thursday, August 25th, PNPS had a Book Week Parade where both students and teachers dressed up as a character from one of their favourite books. Student leaders and Ms Dennis chose 6 of the best dressed from each class. Our spectacularly dressed students were Alysaar as 'Mad Hatter', Emireia as 'Harry Potter', Mateo as 'Macca the Alpaca', Yehya as 'Dumbledore', Elena as 'Maryanne' and Stanley as 'Jim Hawkins'.

Ethan A - Ms N and Mrs Britton did a fabulous job with the music.

Yasmin - I loved how they picked the winners this year. It was really good and very fair. It was unreal to see all the parents and grandparents come in to watch the parade.

Alysaar - I won a bronze award because I looked so beautiful. I thought it was terrific how Yasmin and I were matching.

Elena - I thought it was great that most people dressed up for the event. Our wonderful teachers also joined in and paraded with the best of them. Mr Gordon won as Captain Underpants.

Naw Aung - It was fun to see everyone's costumes.



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

5-6 T

Athletics Carnival

Years 3-6 gathered at 8:30am on Monday 15th August to attend our annual Athletics Carnival. It was a lovely sunny day and most students dressed in house colours. There were a variety of track and field events for everyone to participate in.

Mohamed - I loved the day because it was fun running in the races and beating other people. I loved how they said the people who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd and it was very fair.

Maram - the Athletics Carnival was very fun and I enjoyed watching people race. I also enjoyed all the snacks from the canteen.

Ali - I liked it because there are a lot of races and I like running. I liked the high jump. I got to go to the District Athletics Carnival.

Hermione - the snacks at the canteen were delicious. I liked how people tried their best when they were doing their race.

Saim - The day was fun. My favourite events were high jump and the 100m and 200m races.



5-6 H

On Monday of Week 9, Stage 3 visited ANSTO at Lucas Heights, and learned new science facts. This included the periodic table and understanding elements, visiting the only nuclear reactor in Australia named OPAL, and understanding how water acts as a shield to block radiation. We visited the Discovery Centre for a hands-on experience and light show, took a tour around the site and met Sweetheart the Crocodile. Here are some experiences from 5-6 H students:

Jacob - I liked the stories about Sweetheart the Crocodile and the Elephant bird. The theories about their discovery by children were interesting.

Sara - I liked the light show because I learned how the lights can change colour because of blending colours, reflection and refraction.

Ahmad H - I liked how they use neutrons to look inside objects like silicon, dinosaur fossils and crustaceans.

Nigel - I liked when the torches and lights were used inside powder and the fish tank to show reflection and refraction.

Deborah - I found the structure of atoms interesting because it shows us how everything is made up of matter in solid, liquid and gas.

Miracle - I found the light show interesting because it was cool how the laser reacted to the tonic water to make zig zag patterns and change colour from UV light.



Public Speaking and Debating Update

Public Speaking

Congratulations!

This term Padstow North Public School was a part of the 2022 Bankstown Network Public Speaking Finals. The three student winners from Padstow North Public School were:

Stage 1 - Vaughn B

Stage 2 - Kareem K

Stage 3 - Kayla P

In week 8 these students competed against ten schools from our District. All the students did a fantastic job in both their prepared and impromptu speeches!

Congratulations to Vaughn who was runner up and to Kayla and Kareem who both won their stage network competition! They will now compete in the Regional competition in November.

A huge achievement, well done!

Debating

What an excellent season of debating! PNPS have been working hard each Tuesday to prepare arguments and rebuttals for the five rounds of debating.

I am so impressed with the level of commitment and organisation from the team this year. The stage 2 students have helped stage 3 research each week and supported us in home debates to time keep and as chairperson when PNPS are hosting.

Our team remained undefeated for rounds 1-4. They were commended by the adjudicators for their complex vocabulary and deep understanding of each topic and told that it was of adult complexity.

It has been a pleasure working with all students in the debating team, this term. Good luck for the final debate!

Miss Carr



Library Update

Congratulations to Savannah (Kindergarten), Abigail (Year 3), Madeline and Sahara (Year 6) for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Thank you to all the families that came to Book Fair this year. It was a great success. We received over \$300 towards books. The 'Lucky Door' prize winners were – Outhman (Primary) and Ezra (Infants).

Mrs Harris
Teacher Librarian

P & C Update

With the busy term continuing, the Athletics Carnival and Father's Day breakfast were both great successes. We have had great feedback about the Father's Day breakfast, it was so lovely to see all the Dads & Grandads enjoy the morning with the students. We warmly thank our volunteers, the teachers and staff who helped on both days.

In other news, the canteen now sells pancakes with butter and jam for only \$2 per serve, YUM!! You can order them on Spriggy as you would your other lunch items.

With the opportunity to fundraise this year, the P&C has accumulated a considerable amount of money which we will put towards some large projects around the school. We are in the process of getting quotes and look forward to sharing the plans with you soon.

Alternatively, you can hear all about it at the P&C meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month during term. We would like to encourage you to come along to a meeting to see what it's all about.

Finally, we are preparing for our annual financial audit, please get in contact if this is a service you could provide padstownnorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

The next P&C Meeting Tuesday 11th October 9.15am in the north staff room, keep an eye out for the dojo with details, all welcome. We hope to see you there!

Sport Update

New Flags

Last term, PNPS participated in the Premier Sporting Challenge. Our captains were successful in motivating our school to get more active, more often. As a result we were also given funding to put towards something in our school. The Sport Captains and Miss Carr decided to get new sporting flags designed by indigenous artist Zac Bennett Brook. The students at PNPS voted on designs in their house meetings. We are all very excited to see our new flags become a reality!

"Each of the 4 flags features a native bird painted in white dots and lines, and coloured backgrounds that connect to the school houses. The artworks are made up of a number of coloured circles that represent groupings of people, having them all overlapping shows everyone working together and being supportive. It was a pleasure designing them!"
Zac Bennett Brook



Sport Update

District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for finals at the District Athletics Carnival:

Mayson M - 8yr boys 100, Jnr Boys 200m
Kareem A - 9yr boys 100m
Mohammed A - 11yr boys 100m and 200m
Anthony W - 11yr boys 100m and 200m
Ella C - 11yr girls 100m
Zoe S - 12yr girls 200m
Junior Boys, Senior Boys and Senior Girls Relay Teams

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Regionals Athletics Carnival:

Mayson M - 100m
Anthony D - 100m
Mohammed A - 100m
Anthony W - 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m
Ella C - Long Jump
Zoe S - 200m

Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Anthony W who was selected to represent the State soccer team at Griffith earlier this term. His team were undefeated until the last game and finished with a draw! After playing in the tournament Anthony was then selected to represent NSW in Western Australia next term.

This is a remarkable achievement and we are so proud of him. Well done Anthony!

PSSA - Season 3

Softball

Junior and Senior Softball had a great first week of PSSA! Although we didn't come away with a win, we learnt so much more about the game and how to work together as a team. The level of effort from both the Juniors and Seniors was outstanding as well as their behaviour on and off the pitch. Well done to both teams, I can't wait to see how they improve over the season! *Miss X*

Girls Touch

Both our Junior and Senior girls had a tough first game against Picnic Point Public School but they showed resilience and improved in just that one game! We have been loving training each week and having the sport captains help us to train has been fantastic! I'm looking forward to watching us grow as a team over the coming season!
Miss Carr

AFL

Once our team arrived on Friday we did a couple of drills to make sure we were warm and ready to play Revesby. Both Junior and Senior teams obliterated the opposition 74-6 (seniors) 48-0. So far the overall experience at our first experience was splendid!

Players on behalf of Miss O

Cricket

Our Cricketers are full steam ahead for the PSSA Cricket season! The team have already shown a great deal of commitment and persistence towards the game, especially those who were unfamiliar with the sport. We are currently working hard on developing our skills and knowledge of the rules during our training sessions. Last week the Senior team took away a win for the first match of the season and although the Junior team didn't quite get the win they received a special mention from the opposing school for their effort and respect during the game! A big well done to both teams, I am really excited for the season ahead!
Miss Atkinson

Other News



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A BLAST**

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Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast
It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

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Thursday 3rd November 9:30 - 10:45
Tuesday 22nd November 9:30 - 10:45
More details to follow soon. We can't wait to meet you!

