

Padstow North Public School



"A Quality Education in a Caring Environment"

Principal's Report:

Term 1 Week 5 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. Our students have returned settled and quality learning is taking place. We have several new staff members joining us this year, Mrs Blakeley supporting kinder, Miss Rouse on S3 and RFF and Ms McDougall teaching year 2. Our student numbers have increased enabling us to establish a new class, an additional year 1 class taught by Mrs Krepp. We also welcome back Mrs Bruncker from maternity leave, teaching in our support classes.

School Values

This year we have introduced the Padstow North School Values which replace our school rules. Our values link in with the school's You Can Do It Program which supports students social and emotional development. Our School Values are:

Getting Along	Persistence	Resilience	Confidence	Organisation
I can get along with others by accepting everyone, showing respect and being safe.	I want to learn and I keep trying when something is challenging. Success comes from hard work.	I can solve problems effectively and show strength when times are tough.	I attempt all tasks and can share my ideas and opinions with others respectfully during learning and play.	I set goals to achieve my personal best, and I come to school ready to learn.

These values aim to instill in our students the importance of being responsible and making good choices based on respect and care of others, evident in the value of teamwork. The values also support our young people to become successful learners and people, evident in the values of persistence, organisation and confidence. Next term we'll have a whole day launch of the school values and an information community session.

North Playground Completed

Our North playground is finally finished! We have installed synthetic turf and drainage, an outdoor classroom, pirate ship circuit and dangerous trees have been removed. Our students are now enjoying the large selection of lunch and recess play activities.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you have any questions, our doors are always open.

Kind Regards,

Genevieve Dennis
Principal

Gold! Gold! Gold!

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

Kindergarten to Year 2

Keiichi S

Year 3 to Year 6

Fatema K

Selina D

Mayson M

Sophia D

Dates to Remember

3 March

Season 1 PSSA

7 March

District Swimming Carnival

15-27 March

Naplan

21 March

Harmony Day

News from the Kindergarten Classrooms

KW and KA

Kindy A and Kindy W have had such a lovely start to the year! Our Kindy students have settled well into school life, and have been working very hard to learn the new routines of 'Big School'.

We have been enjoying using the online learning platform Sound Waves to introduce and practise hearing sounds in words and completing the activity page in our Sound Waves text books. We sing the chant daily and the activities we can access using this platform are highly engaging and fun for students! Kindergarten are also using familiar nursery rhymes, such as *Humpty Dumpty*, and *Incy Wincy Spider* to practise their speaking and listening during literacy sessions.

During Mathematics, we have been playing a variety of games using dice, cards, dominoes and number lines, which help develop students' early numeracy skills. Students have even learnt how to access games on the iPad by scanning a QR code!

We are all very excited about the new social and emotional learning program called 'You Can Do It'. Students have explored the personalities of their new 'classmates' and have discussed what makes them special. These classmates reflect the 5 key concepts of the YCDI program such as getting along with others, being persistent, showing confidence, being organised and understanding their emotions.

Kindergarten also participate in developmental play, which helps students to get to know their peers and develop their social interaction skills. Students are excited about the Class Dojo points system and are working hard towards earning twenty points, for which they receive a Bronze Award.

This term we're all excited to learn new things, make new friends and have fun throughout our school day!

Keep up the fantastic effort Kindergarten, Miss Wortz and Miss A are looking forward to the year ahead with each and every one of you!

Miss Wortz and Miss A



News from the Kindergarten Classrooms



News from the K/1M

Welcome back to 2023! After a much needed break over the summer holidays we are back ready to go in our new class K/1M.

So far, we have been learning to get along with our new friends through lots of developmental play and activities.

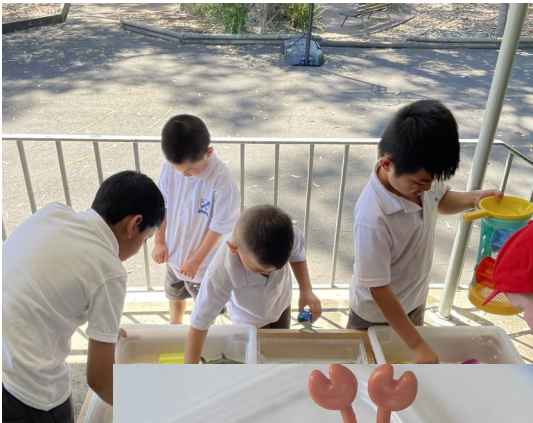
We have begun our Soundwaves program and have been writing about ourselves. Each week we are excited to visit the library with our new bags and are eager to borrow a book with Mrs Harris. We are enjoying sequencing our nursery rhymes such as Humpty Dumpty.

In maths we have been practising our number recognition from 1-10 through hands on activities and interactive games.

The most challenging part is getting used to our daily walks up and down the hill for lunch and recess, especially in this hot weather! However, we have loved exploring our new playground and equipment. We are practising being organised by unpacking and packing our bags and getting along using safe hands and feet and our 5 L's when we participate in the learning pond.

We have participated in both Kindy and Year 1 sport rotations and our Year 1's are very excited to be a part of CAPA groups every Wednesday.

Ms M



News from the Stage 1 Classrooms

Welcome Parents and Carers,

The students have settled in well and are beginning to follow classroom routines. They are developing great friendships with their new classmates and peers in and outside the classroom.

This term we are introducing our new school values which align with our five 'You Can Do It' keys: organisation, resilience, persistence, getting along and confidence. This initiative will drive our teaching and learning to ensure our students are well rounded, successful and happy.

Students have been engaging in a variety of writing activities to support our topic of persuasive writing this term. In preparation for writing, we are learning the differences between facts and opinions so that they can state their own point of view on a specific topic.

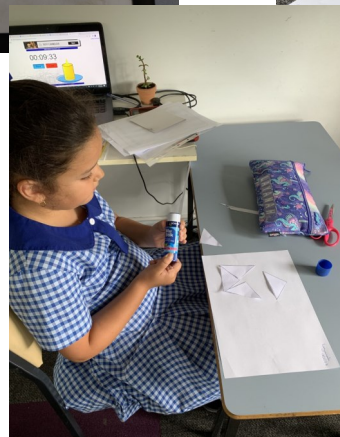
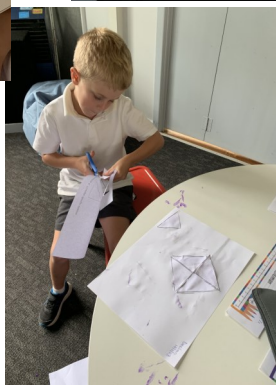
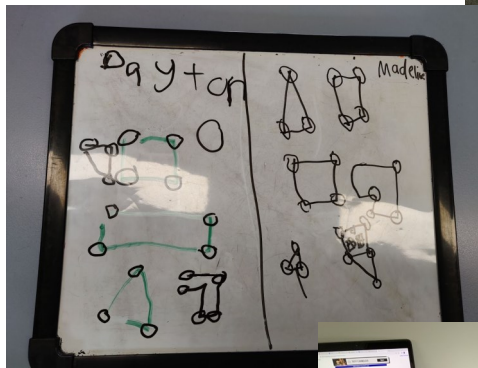
In reading, we have been working on stretching and blending sounds, our 5 finger retell and answering questions to show our comprehension. This is to prepare us for reading rotations which will start in the coming weeks.

We have implemented the new Mathematics syllabus that consists of activities which are interactive and student-led.

Students are using their sweaty brains and are engaged in mathematical thinking and discussions to explain their ideas and understanding.

We are super excited to welcome you and your child back to school and look forward to watching them develop academically and socially over the coming year.

Stage 1 Teachers



News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

3 D

What an exciting start to the year we have had! 3D have been busy working on setting new goals, making friends and having fun while learning. We loved learning about our new school values and getting to show off our understanding in the form of short plays.

In Week 4 we went to Roselands for our swimming carnival. A few of our classmates competed in the 50 metre races and will be headed to district! Most of our class competed in the 25 metre events. We had a great time, especially during the Water Safety session and singing the "war cries" to support our sport house!

It's been a jam packed few weeks! In the classroom we have been busy learning about persuasive writing. We have also participated in a Virtual Classroom Webinar focused on Cyber safety. In numeracy we have revised what it takes to be a good mathematician and gotten our brains sweaty during our lessons.

We are looking forward to a fun filled year!

Miss Dasios



3 C

3C have settled well into their new class and are making new friends. We have been enjoying learning about our new school values and how we can use them in the classroom and playground.

We have been working hard and producing some amazing bookwork. We have also been setting our learning goals for the term.

On Monday we had an awesome time participating in the Swimming Carnival and many students participated in the 25 metre races.

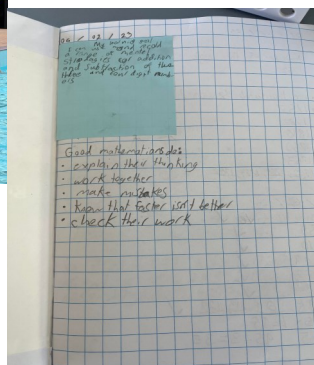
On Wednesday we started our Creative and Practical Art groups with much excitement and can't wait to experience all the different groups that include visual arts, drama, dance and music.

On Thursday students participated in a live Virtual Classroom webinar which looked at how we can stay safe online.

As a class we were able to:

- identify the different ways we connect online
- reflect on how connections, posts and comments can affect themselves and others
- develop ways to protect themselves using help seeking and reporting strategies.

Mrs Cope



Stage 2 Student Persuasive Writing Success Criteria	Exceeded	Achieved	Needs Improvement
Introduction			
1. I can clearly state my point of view (introduction)	✓		
2. I can introduce my arguments in my introduction			
3. I can use a persuasive device such as a rhetorical question or exaggeration			
Arguments			
1. I can write 1-2 arguments in separate paragraphs	✓		
2. I can provide examples and facts to support each argument	✓		
3. I can persuade (convince) my class, friend, family, neighbour and high schoolers with techniques, evidence, statistics, persuasion and high quality words (adjectives, adverbs) to persuade the reader to think my way			✓
4. I can use persuasive devices such as: rhetorical questions, exaggeration and hyperbole, emotive words			
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News from the Stage 2 Classrooms

3-4 B

3/4B have had an amazing start to the year!! We are enjoying the transition to the North part of the school (including me) and making new friends. We have been focusing on our new school values and how these look in the classroom and on the playground.

We have been working hard on our persuasive writing by using strong language to give our opinion and supporting our reasons with evidence. I can not wait to see how our writing progresses throughout the term.

Monday's swimming carnival was definitely a class highlight so far. It wasn't too hot and most of us got to have a go in the water either in the competitive or the fun 25m races as well as the water safety part of the day where we learnt to enter and exit the pool safely.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year full of learning and fun!!

Mrs Britton & Drax



4 LK

What a beginning to the year it has been!!!! Settling in with new friends, a new teacher and some of us are now North after a lifetime of being down South.

The beginning of the year has been sorting School Values. This is a very important part of our day. We won't have RULES as such any more. We are looking at good behaviours and making sure we can replicate them. Teachers are taking the word rule out of their vocabulary.

Also, at the beginning of the year we have done a lot of assessments and the teachers have been doing a lot of marking. We have looked at our assessments and created our goals.

We are talking about numbers and ordering numbers and even comparing numbers. There is a new symbol that some of us learned $<>$. Greater than and less than. It is fairly easy stuff; the big side goes to the big number. E.g. $3452 > 1999$.

We are learning about persuasive texts. So we should be able to write a text to convince you to do whatever we want by the end of the term.

The swimming carnival was fantastic but Mrs Lynch was too busy to take photos so she is just using the same old photo. She will get better!!!!

Mrs Lynch and Mrs King



News from the 1-6 BK Classroom

Welcome to Term 1, 2023. 1-6BK have been doing some fantastic work and settling in well to their new class. We're making new friends, learning new things and having fun in the process.

We started by writing some recounts about our holidays. The boys were all very keen to share what they did in the holidays. We had beach days, parties, gardening, park visits, ipad games and more. The boys did some fantastic recount writing, remembering to use past tense words and punctuation. In reading, we're learning to give detailed 5 finger retells that include the characters, setting and main events from the beginning, middle and end. The boys are getting better at identifying the main events only and leaving out the parts that aren't as important. Maths is full of exciting learning too! So far this year, we've already learned about adding, subtracting, 2D shapes, data and the importance of the number 10. Because we've been doing such amazing work, we've had lots of sweaty brains and much deserved reward time.

Our big boys also had their first out of school adventure at the swimming carnival. We bet they all slept well after a big day of fun in the sun and water.

We look forward to seeing what amazing things our boys will achieve this year. We have very high expectations because we think they're amazing!

Mrs Brunker and Mrs King



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms



5-6 T

A new year, a new class and a new 5/6T. We have come together refreshed and excited for our new class. We have been very busy meeting new classmates, discussing and learning the new school values, and completing assessments so we can set some goals for our learning. During reading group time, we have been looking at what good readers do by revising the Super Six reading strategies. These strategies involve predicting before, during and after reading using evidence from the text, making connections to the real world, visualising what we have read, asking questions to help us dig deeper into the text, monitoring what we are reading to make sure we understand the text and that it makes sense, and summarising what we have read to check for understanding using important ideas and key words.

Mrs Thompson



The MORE that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW.**
The MORE that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO.**

5-6 C

What a fabulous start to 2023! Such a great energy in 5/6C and throughout Stage 3! These past few weeks we have started to unpack and discuss deforestation and its global impact in persuasive writing and gained a little perspective on what the world would look like if it were only 100 people in maths. We have explored data through pie graphs, column graphs, dot plots and gained a deeper understanding of how resources would be shared if we were a village of only 100 people. What a surprise it was that Australia's population is so small we'd be represented by less than one person, if the world was only 100 people.

We have also begun our season one PSSA trials, for Touch football, Netball and Newcombe Ball. With so many students trying out it has been hard for coaches to select teams! Remember there are another two seasons to trial, so keep persisting if you're unsuccessful this time around!

Ms Carr



News from the Stage 3 Classrooms

5-6 H

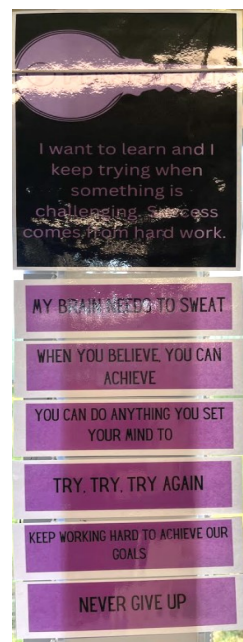
Welcome to 5/6H in 2023! We have started so strong together, it really feels like one big family in our classroom. Students have come in ready to learn and it has been so great to be excited about our learning for the term. We have also started the new year with a new set of school values to build successful and happy people. Our values are helping us to shape good habits for not only in school but also the community. To show we are getting along, we are respecting each other's opinions by taking turns and adding on or changing ideas during lessons. We have begun using our diaries to ensure we stay organised with school life and homework. Our confidence in our abilities continues to grow as we take on productive struggle and embrace our mistakes as an opportunity for learning. In having a go, staying motivated and giving things multiple attempts, we are persisting and showing resilience. Our values shape who we are, and we are looking forward to continuing to embed this in our daily routines. I am thoroughly looking forward to the year ahead!

Ms Harrison

5-6 O

Welcome to 5/6O! Our year sixes have picked up right where they left off and our new year fives are finding their feet as freshly Stage 3 students. 5/6O students returned with big smiles from their well-earned breaks and have returned full of energy and ready to learn. To prepare for the year ahead, Stage 3 turned their minds back into thinking like mathematicians through the re-discovery of our mathematical dispositions. These dispositions refer to the skills required to think like a mathematician through habits such as checking their work, making predictions, talking about maths, and solving real world examples. These skills are incorporated into our individual maths goals and are explicitly engaged in all forms of planning and teaching.

Mr O



Library Update

Library borrowing and lessons have commenced. We have revised care of our books, borrowing procedures and The Five Finger Test, which is a simple test to help students choose a book that is at their reading level.



Each class has a designated library lesson every week and students are encouraged to bring their book(s) each week to return and borrow. To borrow, students need to remember a library bag. A school library bag offers the best protection for our books.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will officially commence from February 27 for student entries. However, students can start reading now and can keep track of the PRC books they have read. The challenge closes on August 18. Children can log onto the PRC website using the same username and password they use to access the Student Portal.

If you have any queries about the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge or other matters related to the library please contact me.

Mrs Harris
Librarian Teacher

P & C Update

Firstly, the P&C would love to welcome all the new and returning students and their families to Padstow North this year! We hosted a "Welcome Afternoon Tea" last Thursday, and it was wonderful to see so many new students and their families attend. It was a great afternoon and lovely to meet some of our new families.

We held our AGM on Tuesday 14th February and it was wonderful to welcome some new volunteers onto the executive team.

Nada Hamka and Lauren Marler have taken up the Treasurer position, Alecia Williams is our new Secretary and Jules, Lisa, Amy and Lynda finish the team in the roles of President, Snr VP and Jnr VP's.

We have lots of fun things lined up for the year and we look forward to supporting the school through our Fundraising activities. As we run several events throughout the year we often ask for parent helpers. There are lots of ways to get involved and assist the P&C to run these events, even an hour or 2 of your time makes a big difference. Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and show your support to the school, so if you would like to help at any of our fundraisers or join the P&C committee, please contact us through our Facebook page PNPS P&C Association, or email us at Padstownorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

We can add you to our chat which keeps everyone in the loop about upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer.

P & C Cont'd

Canteen: We are always looking for new volunteers to help in our Canteen. Canteen is open Monday - Friday 9am – 11.30. Please get in contact if you are interested in coming in to see how it's works. Our friendly canteen manager, Franca and Assistant Manager Dani, would be happy to show you the ropes. You can volunteer just once a term, or more if you like!

Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop is open fortnightly (on the odd weeks) and this term it will alternate between mornings and afternoons. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Uniform Shop please contact us and let us know when you are available.

The remaining opening dates and times for Term 1 are:

21st February: 2:45pm – 3:15pm

7th March: 8:30am – 9.00am

21st March: 2:45pm – 3:15pm

4th April: 8:30am – 9:00am

We also try to run a second-hand uniform sale every term, the cost of each item sold at the 2nd hand store is a gold coin donation.

Other News



*Music theory. Learning to play keyboard.
Music games. Fun introduction to music.*



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School Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2	
WEEK 5			ES1 and Yr 5 Teddy Bear Picnic		
27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3	3/3	
WEEK 6	Uniform shop Open 8.30-9am		Gold Assembly 2.10pm	PSSA	
6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3	
WEEK 7	District Swimming Carnival Uniform shop Open 8.30-9am			PSSA	
13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3	
WEEK 8		Naplan Starts		PSSA	
20/3	21/3	22/3	23/2	24/3	
WEEK 9	Harmony Day Uniform shop Open 2.45-3.15pm		Gold Assembly 2.10pm	PSSA	
27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	
WEEK 10 Naplan Finishes			Autism Awareness Day	PSSA Kindy Reward Day	
3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4	
WEEK 11 Stage 2 and 3 Reward Day	Uniform shop Open 8.30-9am	State Swimming Carnival	Easter Hat Parade Last Day of Term 1	GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	School Holidays 10/4-24/4