Hello parents, carers, students and friends of Padstow North PS

While we might be getting near the end of another term at PNPS we certainly are not seeing the students get nearer to the end of their learning activities. While classrooms are productive with students engaging with the curriculum, these next few weeks will have students participate in excursions, dance, regional athletics carnival, Milo cricket and PSSA season 3. Don’t forget about our Fathers’ Day stall and breakfast. Happy father’s day to our dads and grandads!

Australian National Flag Day 3 September

‘Australian National Flag Day celebrates the first time the flag was flown over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne in 1901, when Australia’s first Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Sir Edmund Barton, announced the winners of a competition to design a national flag for Australia.’ Padstow North PS community will join the celebration of the anniversary of the Australian National Flag by flying the Australian National Flag.

SASS staff recognition week 1-5 September

Each year we are proud to celebrate the work our SASS staff do in our school community during SASS recognition week. This year’s theme is ‘Stepping up to the Challenge’. We would like to thank the SASS staff of PNPS – Wendie, Cheryl, Sue, Stan, Violetta, Trudi and Leisa – for stepping up to the challenge; and their outstanding commitment to educating our students. While we recognise the great work of our SASS staff I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Wendie for her commitment to our school. Wendie leaves us at the end of this week after managing our school office for 12 years!!! Thank you Wendie - from all of our students, staff and families.

Driving safely in and around school zones

Thank you to those parents and carers who consider the wellbeing of our students by driving safely in and around school zones. To support a safe school please read the brochure provided by Bankstown City Council which we have included with this week’s newsletter.

Gold! Gold! Gold!

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to receive their gold award at our assembly 19 September 2014: Sam Kim 1-2 Orange, Riley Bulmer 5-6 Teal, Spencer Do 4-5 Lemon, Michael Le 4-5 lemon, Yuhan Jiang 3-4 Aqua, Aditi Salgaonkar 1-2 White, and Kelly Huang 3-4 Amber. Well done everyone!

Thank you for taking the time to read about what’s happening at Padstow North PS, our students are very excited to report what they have been doing. If you enjoy reading our newsletter and would like to see what’s happening around the school more regularly go to the website: www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Natalie Armstrong
R/Principal
Library
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has finished for 2015. Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge – Jad Abuquba, Arran Alnafta, Judy Bui, Aliyah Caltabiano, Lachlan Camp, Mohammad Choudhary, Jetayah Haira, Dakoda Kalamvokis, Carlito Mata, Darrel Nguyen, Nathan Pham, Jade Pound, Gedd Priscion, Jeremy Priscion, Nazek Rabaa, Samuel Thompson, Freya Tischler, Rogan Tischler, Riley Todd-Bonselaar and Alex Wastell. Seventy-two students completed the challenge this year.

The Book Fair was a great success with the library receiving over $500 in books. Thank you to families who donated books to the library. The Book Fair Lucky Door prize winners were – Isabelle Camp (Primary) and Gabriel Sindyan (Infants).

We will be purchasing $500 worth of books for the library with the money raised from the Book Week raffle. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Susan Harris
Teacher Librarian

Mind Marathon
On Monday 18th August 6 boys from Stage 3 attended East Hills Boys HS for the ‘Mind Marathon’ Competition. 23 schools participated for this annual event. Each team had 30 minutes to answer questions based on English, Mathematics, History, Science and General Ability. Even though the quizzes were quite challenging, the boys enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Nylesh, Hassan Sabra, Matthew Tran, Simon Nguyen, Alan Nguyen and Daniel Do for their fine effort.

Ms Savva

East Hills District Athletics Carnival
Fantastic Results. Wonderful Behaviour
PNPS 5th Place Overall and on Percentage.

CONGRATULATIONS – District Representatives
Good luck at the Regional Carnival. 10/09/14
Mahsen 10yr 100m 2nd, 200m 2nd, 800m 2nd, Relay 3rd
Mitchell 11yr 100m 3rd, 200m 2nd
Damian 12yr 100m 3rd
Johnny, Aaron, Ben Junior Boys Relay 3rd
Samson Junior Boys Shot Put 1st Place
Sina Junior Girls Shot Put 1st
Pia 12yr 100m 2nd, Relay 3rd
Melinda, Jessica Relay 3rd
Jessica 11yr 200m 3rd, Shot Put 1st, Relay 3rd

Great result for Kenta 12 yr Long Jump 3rd
Zack JNR High Jump 3rd
Unfortunately only 1st & 2nd place go to the Regional Carnival
SOCIAL MEDIA—BE AWARE!
Kik messenger—Warning to Students and Parents

What is it?
Kik Messenger is a free texting app available on iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android, Windows, Samsung Galaxy and Blackberry phones.

How does it work?
Account holders use Kik to text photos, videos and 'Kik cards' which can include YouTube videos, GIFs and drawings - to other users for free.

Why is Kik useful?
The Kik app is a fun and creative way to communicate with friends and kids love Kik because it's so much more than just typed messages. Kik is especially popular with younger teens who generally have a limited texting plan or use an iPod Touch because the application gives them access to free messaging.

What do you need to keep in mind about your children and Kik?
The new version of Kik is rated +17 in iTunes because it allows users to send content from other sites like YouTube and Reddit. The biggest problem is that users often share their private Kik username on other public social networks like Twitter, Instagram or Tumblr.

Any user who knows your child's username can then send them a Kik message. Instagram and Twitter are full of #kikme requests with teens posting their usernames and there have been many reported cases of inappropriate adult contact because of this.

The best way to keep an account safe from unknown messages is by making sure teens use a different name for their Kik account than the one they use for Twitter, Instagram or Tumblr. Kik also allows users to ignore new contacts by enabling the 'Ignore New People' feature under notifications. When someone new contacts them the message gets sent to an 'Ignored' conversations list which they can then trash. The app has a privacy setting in which users can block other specified accounts, hiding all messages from this person and deleting previous conversations with them.

Another thing to be aware of is the fact that, just like most social accounts, users can delete the message on their end but the people included in the conversation still have the message. Once it is out there, it can never be completely erased. Kik is always on and does not have a logout button.

Want to know more?
Commonsense media is always a great source of information for parents about the concerns around different social media. It’s especially worth reading the other parents’ reviews of Kik.

Mrs G. Byrnes (Technology Coordinator K-6)

PADSTOW NORTH SCHOOL CHOIR—EAST HILLS CHORAL FESTIVAL 2014—“SEASONS”

Congratulations to the school Choir who took part in the 2014 East Hills Choral Festival at Picnic Point High School on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th August. All students did a fantastic job and we were privileged to be able to showcase some individual talent from Katrina Winter, Helena Cazoursis, Grace Fawzy, Tia Mikrut, Emily Spalding, Nylesh Palanirajah and Joseph Jabez.

The Choir has worked very hard during the last few months in the lead up to the festival, they should be very proud of their efforts. More photos will be available on the Festival website during the coming weeks.

Mrs G Byrnes (Choir Coordinator)
**Schools Spectacular 2014 Excursion**

Earlier this year, some of our students were selected in the Schools Spectacular Vocal Ensemble for the NSW SCHOOL SPECTACULAR, a world-renowned performance held annually at the QANTAS Credit Union Arena (renamed Sydney Entertainment Centre). This week an Expression of Interest for an excursion to watch the Preview Performance on Friday 28th November was handed out to all Stage 2 and 3 students. There will only be a limited number of seats available, so students are urged to get their orders in to their classroom teacher as soon as possible. Miss Armstrong and another member of staff will supervise students on the excursion. Tickets are at the concessional price of $25 and bus fare will be added to this.

*Mrs G Byrnes*  
Spec Vocal Ensemble Coordinator

**Kindergarten Maths**

This week kindergarten has been very busy learning to make groups and to measure whales.

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**Parent Workshop - The Power of Number**

Come to our next parent workshop and learn more about how we teach number in K-2.

Learn helpful strategies to help your child at home.

**When:** Wednesday, 10th September  
**Time:** 2:00 – 3:00pm  
**Where:** Mrs Tardent’s room – K Blue classroom  
**Presenters:** Mrs Tardent and Mrs Rudder
P & C President’s report

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th September 9.15 in the hall. We will be looking at samples of new Royal long pants for girls as part of the winter uniform next year. We will also discuss introduction of an online order system for canteen and uniform shop anyone who is interested to find out more should come along.

Phill Allsop-Guest
P&C President 2014
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ARE YOU READY FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS AND SUMMER?

We will be having a ‘try on day’, for all summer uniforms only on Monday 8th September 8am – 9am in the school hall, just in time for school photos on Thursday 11th September when students must wear full school summer uniform.

Uniforms will not be on sale that day however order forms and payment can be left with us and orders will be filled before the 11th providing we have stock.

Please take advantage of the day as it will be the only opportunity this year for your child to try on any items they may need for summer.

Kerrie Fawzy
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Fundraising News

Thank you to all the families for supporting the P&C’s FUNdraising efforts by supporting the Father’s Day stalls this week. Big THANKS also goes to all the volunteers for giving up their time and helping us with the smooth running of these stalls.

Please remember the Father’s Day breakfast is this Friday 5th September from 7:30am just outside the school hall.
We wish all our families a Happy Father’s Day for this Sunday.

Thank you,
Jaime Wong
Fundraising Co-ordinator

Canteen News

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the sausage sizzle and canteen at the Athletics Carnival. It was great to welcome some new faces as well as the regular enthusiastic helpers. Next Wednesday at 2nd break we will be selling watermelon slices and strawberries. Years K-2 will be able to purchase fruit from the infants veranda and 3-6 from the canteen. The cost is $1.00

Carlie Williamson
Canteen coordinator
0412 664 379
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