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

This term is proving to be a very busy one. The students have been learning lots, parents and teachers have met to discuss student progress, reports are being written, we have had an ANZAC ceremony, mothers’ day stalls, 5c Friday, a popcorn machine has been added to our canteen, 30 iPad minis have been added to our technology resources, and we even had a visit from ‘Minions’ in the holidays – the students at kids club were lucky to have such a visit! Thank you to those of you who have contributed to this busy term. In particular thanks to those parents and caregivers who volunteer their time to ensure our P&C run canteen operates each Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and of course to those who support our canteen by buying their kids lunches, snacks and drinks throughout the year!

Staff Update

I would like to welcome Mrs Chegwidden to our school. Mrs Chegwidden is an experienced classroom teacher who comes to us from Warwick Farm PS. Mrs Chegwidden is lucky enough to be taking over for Mr Hageman as 4Baird’s classroom teacher. She will be starting on Tuesday 19 May. A big thanks to Mr Isler for ensuring the students continued with their teaching and learning program over the last 4 weeks – good luck at your next school!

I will be on leave from the beginning of Week 6, 25 May and will return in Term 3. Mrs Rudder will be relieving as Principal while I am away. While Mrs Rudder will not be teaching Kindergarten Kirkpatrick she will continue to closely oversee the implementation of the class’ teaching and learning program.

School Plan 2015-2017

Thanks to those parents who have taken the time to attend our School Plan update session and/or have a look at the plan on our website. Our Annual School Report for 2014 is also available for you to read.

Student Toilets

Some minor maintenance has been done to improve our north student toilets. The old cement cisterns have been replaced with new toilets, and the partitions have been heightened and are due to be painted soon. I hope the students are enjoying the upgrade.

Thank you for taking the time to read about what’s happening at Padstow North PS, we are very excited to report what our students 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
Sports in Schools

Kindergarten have been enjoying the Sports in Schools program every Tuesday afternoon. Even the wet weather didn’t stop them. When asked what they liked about the program, here’s what they had to say:

“I love sports in schools because we get fit and strong.” Declan

“I like the sling shot parachute ball. We have to swing the ball the highest.” Wesley

“I like the parachute. There’s something in it and you get to shake it and it jumps.” Maan

“I love sports in schools because I like to stack cups and make big towers.” Mireya

“I like it because there’s different types of games. My favourite game is the sliding seats. You have to pull yourself forward on the seat and push backwards.” Desiree

“I like running races and running fast. I like helping my friends.” Shakira

Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN)

The TEN program supports students understanding of Early Arithmetical Strategies such as number recognition, counting forwards and backwards, addition and subtraction. Students in Kindergarten participate in weekly lessons that teach them a strategy and game focused on student need. They then consolidate their skills by playing the same game everyday for a week to build up fluency in specific skills. They are actively engaged in their learning and love playing the games with their classmates.
Monkey Baa Theatre Excursion

On Friday 24th April Stage 1 students attended Monkey Baa Theatre to watch Buglaugs Bum Thief. The performance was based on a children novel written by acclaimed Australian author, Tim Winton. The story is a comedic mystery story about a character called Skeeta Anderson.

Skeeta Anderson and his best mate Mick Marbles set out to discover the culprit of the crime in the town of Bulaglugs. After much mayhem and madness, Skeeta finally unravels the crime and everything returns back to normal (well sort of)!

The book ‘The Bugalugs Bum thief’ is part of the Aussie Bites collection and is published through Puffin books.

Here’s what the students thought about it:

Madeline:
Last Friday year 1 and 2 went to the Monkey Baa Theatre to watch Buggulugs Bum Thief. I saw peoples pants fall down and acrobats on the stage.

Evangelina:
On Friday 1 Blamey went to the Monkey Baa Theatre it was in Darling Harbour. It made year 1 and 2 laugh a lot.

Chelsea:
On Friday we went to Monkey Baa Theatre to watch Buggalugs Bum Thief. I liked it because it was funny and silly.

Rayan:
My favourite part was when Mick, Billy and Skeeta’s teacher Mr Wolly checked their homework and his pants fell down because he had no bum.

Jayden:
My favourite character was Skeeta Anderson because he is awesome at tricks.

Kostas:
My favourite part was when Skeeta Anderson did back flips and forward flips off props.

Gabi:
I liked the excursion at the Monkey Baa Theatre because it was funny when they had missing butts and we got to have the bus with shades.

Vicky:
I liked the excursion to the Monkey Baa Theatre because the pants fell off.

Aaron:
I liked our excursion to the Monkey Baa theatre because I liked it when they lost their bums.

Leila:
I liked our excursion to the Monkey Baa Theatre because we got to watch a show. The best part was when it turned dark. I liked the music.

My favourite part of the play was when Skeeta Anderson’s pants fell down and Skeeta did a handstand. I was feeling very excited to watch the play.
3 Stanley

Everyone is learning in 3 Stanley. ‘Differentiating’ is a word you hear a lot about in schools. It means to make modifications or alterations to a teaching and learning program to suit the needs of individual students. Lesson modifications are used daily to support and extend our students. Preparing engaging group work activities is a great way to cater for a variety of learning needs in mathematics. These photos show Miss Walker (our prac student) learning how to differentiate using group work in Mathematics. Well done Miss Walker... we are so proud of you and think you are going to be a wonderful teacher!

Forces

Students in stage 2 and early stage 3 have been learning about FORCES. Each week the students have a tremendous time studying, predicting, trialling, experimenting and concluding the results of difference forces which we use in our everyday living. Here are just some of our experiments the students have been working towards as team.
ICT Committee Tech Spot

Kidspace/Student Portal
Please notify your child’s classroom teacher if they cannot access their Student Portal account. All students have access to an individual DEC email account.

Mathletics
If your child is having trouble accessing Mathletics on a PC, or other devices, I have included a link to some tech solutions which might help.
http://www.3plearning.com/tech/mathletics/

Social Media Rules of Engagement Policy
Please take the time to read the Rules of Engagement included on the school’s Facebook site regarding code of conduct for users of this facility. Social media can be a wonderful way of communicating, however as a community we need to maintain a level of respect whilst utilising such a tool. https://www.facebook.com/PadstowNorthPublicSchool. Awareness of safety is always a priority in lessons. Please make yourself aware of what your children have access to at home. The A-Z site has wonderful hints and resources regarding cybersafety:

Newsletter
The school’s newsletter is uploaded to the school website and the SKOOLBAG App in weeks 4 and 8 of the term.

iPad Apps
In Kindergarten this term, we are using ‘Spelling Bug’ during reading groups. Students are required to stretch the sounds in words and arrange the letters in the correct order to make words. It develops their awareness of letter/sound relationships and supports their reading and writing in the classroom.

Mrs G. Byrnes
ICT Committee Coordinator K-6

Library News

Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.

Napoleon

Many students have made good progress with their Premier’s Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Sophie F and Hannah B who has completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. It is not too late to register – K-2 students need to read (or be read) 30 books and students in Years 3-6 need to read 20 books by 21st August. If you are having any difficulties registering, I can be seen in the library before or after school.

Congratulations to the new Library Monitors for 2015 on receiving their badges – Chloe B, Ammarah C, Nathan F, Grace F, Kelly H, Jessica M and Antonia S.

S. Harris
Teacher Librarian

2015 School Cross Country Carnival

A cool, sunny day appeared for the annual Cross Country Carnival. A little bit of mud and excellent participation made for another successful carnival. It was wonderful to see all the supporters, the students really enjoy having you there. A huge thanks to the ‘ice block’ mums, they were enjoyed at the end of each race.

A team of 48 students will represent our school at the East Hills district carnival being help on Tuesday, 26th May, at Padstow North Public School. Volunteers are needed to help with the canteen on the day. Emus were crowned house champions.

Debating

Padstow North debating team versed Bankstown Public in the topic ‘There is no value to homework’ and equally won the debate.

Ms Savva
Debating Coach
Netball 2015

Well done to the 4 netball teams for 2015. What the girls lacked in knowledge of the game, they certainly made up for in determination, willingness and sportsmanship. The competition was strong and often the teams were experienced and played together on weekends. The girls never gave up and showed immense maturity and courage. Their behaviour was always exemplary and they should be proud of their efforts. Special mention to our supportive spectators who came to cheer us on (and offer some much needed positive sideline coaching). Well done to our feisty defence; Leyan, Hannah, Isabella, Zahra, Isabella, Antonia, Rayann, Jesse, Charm, Sophie, Amelia, Freya, Haneen, Bajj, Soraya. Well done to our fit and fast centres; Zoe, Monique, Mikayla, Annie, Amelia, Zeinab, Tadium, Abigail, Tiffany. Well done to our dynamic shooters; Heavenly, Layel, Amelia, Shanice, Layla, Brinly, Layla, Chloe. Winners in my eyes!

Newcombe Ball

Our Junior and Senior Newcombe ball teams, both Red and White, have performed extraordinarily well and will be competing in the semi-finals. Because of rained out games it eventuated that all four of our teams are undefeated Minor Premiers. It made a massive difference to our game that all of our teams took the opportunity throughout the season to train often and hard, with our various teams usually playing each other. I wish all of our teams the best of luck as they go into the finals. We are very proud of their efforts.

Competition Standings

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P&C Presidents Report

Canteen is in need of a fresh food person for every Friday for possibly the rest of term two. We still need 2 volunteers for each of the following days:
1. Wednesday 3rd June
2. Wednesday 24th June

The canteen is currently running a promotion. Students are able to purchase an Up and Go drink (1 per student per canteen day) and receive a ticket to go into the end of term draw to win a 8GB iPod touch. The canteen is now selling fresh air popped popcorn for $2.00

A big thank you to all who purchased Mother’s Day gifts and I hope you all have a wonderful Mother’s Day.

Faye Cazouris
P&C President 2015
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Fundraising News

Easter Raffle
Thank you to all the families who kindly donated an easter egg (or two or three) to our Easter raffle, we were able to make 35 prizes so lots of kids went home very happy after the hat parade!

Mother’s Day
This year, a total of 111 students pre-ordered personalised gifts and/or Mother’s Day stall gifts allowing us to be better organised and order gifts according to demand. For the first time in years, we sold just about all the gifts we purchased - amazing achievement. In total, we sold 79 personalised gifts and a staggering 361 Mother’s Day stall gifts, consequently, we will continue this trend of pre-ordering for the Father’s Day stall as well, so keep an eye out for the notes.

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who helped organise this year’s Mother’s Day stall - Alecia, Amy, Ayda, Kay, Lisa. Netta & Phill - without your support, time and hard work, the stall would not have been the success that it was!

For those families who ordered personalised gifts, hope you are happy with the end results. We will also be doing this again for Father’s Day.

The Mother’s Day raffle was drawn at school assembly last Thursday and the prize winners were:
- 4 x Gift Baskets won by Tiffany L (4B), M. Boatwright, Stephen F (KC) & Aaron L (4/5H)
- C&M Aquatic Centre gift basket won by Tahlia M (1M)
- 2 x Revesby Workers’ Club $50 vouchers was won by William T (1M) & Arash B (5/6K)
- Syd/Syd West entertainment book (valued at $65) was won by Ryley M (1M)
- Bankstown Sports Club $100 gift voucher was won by Michael L (5/6K)

Congratulations to all the winners, hope you enjoy your prizes!

**Entertainment Books**

Once again, each student will be receiving a copy of the Entertainment Book for 2015/2016. For those families who aren’t aware of what the entertainment book is, it is fundamentally a book of coupons. They have some fancy restaurants (for example Otto, Black by Ezard, Catalina all have 25% off your total bill up to the value of $50), cafe and bistro dining (Din Tai Fung, Chef’s Gallery, Oliver Brown all have 25% off total bill up to the value of $25), casual dining (Pancakes on the Rocks and Grill’d have receive one complimentary main course when one main course is purchased), Informal Dining (McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, Oporto), arts/sports/entertainment (AMF Bowling, Sydney Aquarium, Taronga Zoo) and then car rentals, accommodation and other services. Last year we took our children to Paradise Resort in Surfers Paradise for a week and saved 25% off room rate - saving us just under $300! If you are interested in purchasing a book, please pay for it using the envelope provided or going online. The school website has a link on the fundraising page. If you aren’t interested, please return the books in the envelope by Friday the 22nd May. The book costs $70, however for each book sold, the school will receive $14. Should you like to purchase more than 1 book, please let the office or the class teacher know and I can arrange for you to get multiple copies (they are great gifts for friends and family). Last year we managed to sell 50 books, raising an amazing $700, so lets try to better that this year!!

**Temporary Tattoos**

For the first time, the fundraising team will be selling temporary tattoos of the 4 house teams (Emu, Brolgas, Kookaburra & Hawks) at the School Athletics Carnival. The cost of each tattoo will be $1 and a volunteer parent will be able to help your child put the tattoo on a safe part of their body - example biceps or cheeks.

**Bookclub**

Thank you to the families who purchased books from Issue 3. It has now been closed and the school received $158 worth of vouchers to spend on library and school resources. Issue 4 will be sent home soon, all online and manual orders must be submitted by Friday 29th May.

We hope you continue to support the school’s fundraising efforts!

Jaime Wong
P&C Fundraising Coordinator
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Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday