



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 2 Term 3

31 July 2018

From the Principal

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3 AND TO OUR FIRST e-NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to another great term at Adamstown School. I hope all our students have had a wonderful, safe and refreshing holiday.

Among the activities planned for this term are: Zone Athletics Carnival, Gifted and Talented workshops and programs, School Parliament, Leadership programs, Debating and Public Speaking Competitions, Premier's Spelling Bee, Water Safety talks, Book Week Performance, Father's Day Brekky, Education Week and Book Week activities, Kindergarten Orientation sessions, SPinS program, Excursions and our School Performance "Cinderella and Rockerfella". A Term 3 calendar has been uploaded to our Skoolbag app and website.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our two intern teachers from University of Newcastle, Miss Jessica Carson and Miss Molly Harrington. Both preservice teachers are in their final year of Uni and are working towards their final accreditation practical experience. Miss Carson is working with KW and Miss Harrington is working with 5/6N.

A reminder that Assembly time has changed back to Friday at 12:00pm for the remainder of the year. We welcome parents to come along and be part of Assembly and see the high standard of student achievement.

This term our focus continues to be around explicit teaching across Literacy and Numeracy, as per our School Plan and the Premier's Priorities. We are ensuring that our students are always receiving rich and differentiation learning experiences as our teachers are in a cycle of constant quality improvement.

Our three strategic directions that give our school focus are:

1. Learning: Students who are engaged and creative learners.
2. Teaching: Teachers who are skilled in focused and collaborative practice.
3. Leading: Leaders who are strong, effective and inspiring.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Public Speaking Competition: The Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking Finals will commence in Week 4. Good luck to all our finalists.

Thank you to parents and family members who are transporting and supporting our students in these finals. Without your assistance we would not be able to participate.

Early Stage 1 finalists: Huon, Myles

Stockton PS beginning at 9.30 on Monday 13th August

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Adamstown PS beginning at 9.30 on Wednesday 15th August

Stage 2 finalists: Lani, Ruby

Hamilton PS beginning at 9.30 on Tuesday 14th August

Stage 3 finalists: Duncan, Jessica

Belair PS beginning at 9.30 on Friday 17th August

Tibetan Community celebrations: During the school holidays the local Tibetan community celebrated the birthday of the Dalia Lama. Three of our students, Tenzin, Tsekyi and Tashi were invited to perform through dance, music and song. Tenzin was also able to showcase his talents playing the Tibetan guitar. Mrs Mahony was fortunate enough to attend the celebrations and was so impressed with our students' performances. Congratulations Tenzin, Tsekyi and Tashi!



Premier's Reading Challenge 2018: 148 students have now completed the challenge. 4 weeks to go everyone!!

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

This week class newsletters are being published by individual teachers and distributed to all families. These will provide parents with a general overview of what skills and content will be covered over the coming term in your child's class. I am sure that you will find this information both informative and useful. All class newsletters will also be uploaded on our website over the coming week. Please contact the office if your copy didn't find its way home.



SPinS (Speech Pathology in Schools):

Adamstown Public School is the place to be, even the SPinS team loves working at our school! We have been successful once again in securing this program for Terms 3 and 4. The aim of the SPinS program is to provide speech pathology services to the students of APS. This will include speech and language assessments, individualised therapy where needed, specific group and class programs and teacher professional learning. This program will enable us to have speech pathologist staff on site each Thursday for the remainder of the year. Information and permission slips are available from the office. If you would like to know more please contact me or Miss Smith, our Learning and Support Teacher (L.A.S.T.).

LOOK OUT, HERE COMES YEAR 5!

Where has the year gone? It is that time of year already where we start to prepare Year 5 students for the many leadership opportunities on offer for their final year of schooling at APS.

Last term, our year 5 students were invited to participate in a leadership program to demonstrate their leadership skills in readiness for 2019. And so from this week, our aspiring year 5 leaders will take on the role of "Playground Buddy" to support students in the playground as well as organise and oversee structured running games and activities for our younger students. Have fun Year 5!



SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

Time to break open those piggy banks or have a dig behind the lounge cushions!

For the next two weeks each class will be collecting silver coins. The class raising the most money will be thrown a pizza party. All \$\$ raised will be used by the P&C to support an upgrade of our School Canteen.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

An information session has been organised for parents on the evening of **Tuesday 7 August from 6-7pm**. This session is to provide up to date information on School Readiness and How to prepare your child for "Big School".

We have also been busy preparing for the Kindergarten Orientation and School Information session which will be held on **Tuesday, 21 August at 9:30** am in the School Hall. Many teachers, students and a number of parents are also busy preparing to showcase our school and its wonderful achievements on this day. There will also be a fashion parade, performances, public speaking and student work on display.

Please contact the office if you would like more information.

A.P.S. IS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

We are now in full rehearsal mode for our bi-annual musical extravaganza;

and this year's is proving to be bigger and better than anything we have produced before.

"Cinderella and Rockerfella", the musical will be coming to a school hall near you on

Wednesday, 26 September and Thursday, 27 September so please note this in your diary.

Tickets will go on sale on 10 September.



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Vacancies are limited at "The Greatest School Around".

Have a great week everyone!

Kym Ross – PRINCIPAL

School News

NAIDOC DAY



We have children enrolled at our school with life threatening anaphylactic allergic reactions to shellfish, nuts and peanut products. We would like to encourage families not to send these products to school with their children. Nut products include peanut butter, Nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, nut or chocolate bars.

Library News

During Semester 2, classes will borrow and return books on the following days:

Monday: 3/4C, 3/4G, 4/5D

Tuesday: 5/6A, 5/6N, KL, KW

Wednesday: 2N, 2J, K1D, 1/2M

Borrowed books are to be returned each week so new books can be borrowed. This system greatly reduces the chance for resources to become lost.

Library Bags

We encourage all students to carry their books in our School library bag as they help to protect our books from getting lost and keep them clean and dry from other items in the school bag.

Adamstown School Library bags can be purchased from the school.

Lost and Damaged Books

Students are responsible for the books they borrow and due care must be taken when they are in their care. However, we understand that accidents do occur. We appreciate your support and trust you understand that if books are lost or damaged then a replacement book or monetary donation paid to the office would be greatly appreciated.

This will assist us to maintain a quality literature selection for all students. Occasionally we may send home an overdue notice if a book has not been returned to the library after the due date. We also look for the missing items on a regular basis on library shelves.

“Find Your Treasure” and Book Fair

Once again Adamstown PS will be holding a Book Fair and Book Parade in Term 3. This will occur on the Wednesday, 29th August 2018.

The Book Parade is a fun way to celebrate literacy and books and reading. All students are asked to dress as a book character for this occasion. Costumes need not be expensive and a simple design is fine. The parade will occur in the afternoon.

Also on this day all parents and families are invited to support our love of books and reading by purchasing books in the library. All profits from the Book Fair will go to purchasing new books for our school library. Books will be available for purchase in the morning, Lunchtime and straight after the book Parade until 4pm.

Thank You

Darren Howell
Teacher Librarian

Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: INTEGRITY



Toby

An honest, considerate and trustworthy student at all times.



Georgia

A student who always does what she says she is going to do, works tough and always considerate of others.

CORE VALUE: DEMOCRACY



Toby

A young man who is always fair to his peers and displays a caring attitude at all times.



Desana

A patient kind and respectful student who is always fair to others.

CORE VALUE: CARE



Bradley

A great support during NAIDOC celebrations. – kind, helpful, engaged and supportive of his peers and teachers.



Noah

Noah is a considerate and caring young man who always respects others and their right to learn.

Important Dates

THIS WEEK	THIS MONTH	THIS TERM
31 July ■ UNSW English Comp.	7 Aug ■ School Readiness 6 - 7:00pm	7 Sept ■ Trivia Night
31 July ■ GATS Camp begins	10 Aug ■ Zone Athletics Carnival	13 Sept ■ Kindergarten Orientation
	14 Aug ■ UNSW Maths Comp.	Teddy Bear's Picnic
	21 Aug ■ Kindergarten Orientation	24 Sept ■ P&C meeting 6:30 – 8:00pm
	Information session	26 Sept ■ Musical concert
	22 Aug ■ Newcastle Perm. Maths Comp	
	23 Aug ■ Life Education begins	
	27 Aug ■ P&C meeting 6:30 – 8:00pm	
	29 Aug ■ Book Week Parade & Fair	
	30 Aug ■ Father's Day Stall	
	31 Aug ■ Father's Day Breakfast	



Collecting Now

- Silver Coin Donations
- Canberra Excursion fees
- Band fees
- Zone Athletics
- Life Education

APS P&C Newsletter

Supporting the 'Greatest School Around'

EMAIL: adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

NEXT P&C MEETING – Monday 27 August, 6.30pm in the Staffroom

P&C MEETING – MONDAY JULY 23

The P&C met on MONDAY 23 JUNE at 6.30pm in the Staffroom.

We discussed planning for our upcoming Trivia Night fundraiser and voted on a new fundraising idea for 2019!

We also discussed some new volunteer opportunities.

The P&C meet on the fourth Monday of each month during school terms. We'd love to see you there.

Our next meeting will be Monday 27 August at 6.30pm in the Staffroom.

TRIVIA NIGHT



Calling all smarty-pants and trivia masters! Join us for a night of useless facts, games and laughter on **FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**.

Trivia Night tickets will cost \$10 per person with tables of 8, and you'll also be able to pre-order a delicious cheese platter for your table.

There will also be a major LUCKY DRAW drawn on the night. Our Fundraising Committee have secured some amazing prizes!

More details on purchasing tickets, pre-orders and lucky draw tickets will be sent home soon. Tables are limited, so make sure you have your ready to purchase your table.

We are also looking for generous local businesses to sponsor or donate prizes. Send us an email if you can help.

SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

The SILVER COIN CHALLENGE has started and it is time to bring in your silver coins for the P&C!

Each class has started filling their jars with a pizza party on offer for the class which raises the most money by Week 3.

SO MUCH FUN IN STORE FOR TERM 3!



SILVER COIN CHALLENGE: 23 July – 10 August

FATHER'S DAY STALL – Thursday 30 August

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – Friday 31 August

SHADE SAIL OPENING – Friday 31 August

APS TRIVIA NIGHT – Friday 7 September

SCHOOL DISCO – Thursday 15 November

COLOUR RUN EVENT – Friday 30 November

We'll need volunteers to help at these events, including planning and helpers on the day. Volunteers will need to complete the Helper Induction. If you would like to provide assistance for any of these events, please contact us via email or Facebook.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS

Did you know that you can donate second-hand uniform items to the Uniform Shop? The Uniform Shop needs your outgrown winter uniform pieces – including jumpers! Please leave your clean items at the Uniform Shop on Tuesday mornings or anytime at the school office.



ARE YOU OUR NEW GRANTS OFFICER?

Do you want to help our school but have limited time? Do you enjoy researching, have excellent written skills and internet access? You could be our new GRANTS OFFICER! We are looking for a volunteer to support us in finding and applying for grants. You'll be responsible for sourcing, applying and completing grant applications and co-operating with the P&C Executive, sub-committees and school to gather the required information you need.

This is a great opportunity for someone who is unable to attend regular meetings or events during school hours.

If you are interested in this role please send us an email to express your interest.

UNIFORM SHOP HELPERS NEEDED

Are you available to help in the Uniform Shop on Tuesday morning? We need a couple of wonderful helpers to support our Uniform Shop Convener with stocktake, counting the takings and helping out during busy periods. You can volunteer as often as you like and you'll be working alongside our amazing Uniform Shop Convener, Kate.

This will suit those that can help for an hour or so after dropping the kids at school. If you are interested in this role please send us an email to express your interest.

FATHER'S DAY

We are collecting donations for the Father's Day stall and LUCKY DRAW now! Please leave your donations at the Office.

Lucky Draw tickets will be available to purchase soon!

CANTEEN NEWS

We still need your help! We have insufficient volunteers to fill our canteen roster.

The canteen cannot function without the support of volunteers. Volunteer helpers will still be required when a paid supervisor starts. Please email us ASAP if you can help.

The CANTEEN MENU has been updated to remove some items that are no longer available and review some serving sizes. Please use the updated menu when placing your child's order.

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 3, WEEK 2

WED 1/8	THUR 2/8	FRI 3/8
Melinda J Kristy N	Ashley B Naomi W *VACANT*	Melanie B Margie B Andrew B

Roster correct as at 23 July.

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR UPDATE



Applications for our paid CANTEEN SUPERVISOR position have closed and the P&C have been busy making preparations for a new Canteen structure. This will be a massive change for our school community and the P&C are very excited about what this change will mean for our school.

The Canteen Supervisor will be central to all operations in the Canteen including but not limited to food preparation, cooking, menu planning with the support of our team of volunteer canteen workers.

We would like to thank the school community and Mrs Ross for their support as we implement this change. We look forward to making a formal announcement soon!