



# MINDABOOKA

## Adamstown Public School



Education  
Public Schools



Week 10 Term 2

*"Always Aim Higher"*

3rd July, 2018

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**Winter Winds:** Superb performances by our band members who attended the Winter Winds concert at Newcastle Conservatorium last Friday evening. The concert was amazing! This was a great opportunity for our band to be challenged musically as well as work alongside other musicians from local schools. Thank you to parents for your support and to Miss Bennett and Ms Gleeson who worked with and supported our students on the night. Very proud! Well done Zara, Tessa, Kian, Lili, Olive, Lacey, Oliver, Nikita, Grace, Chloe, Owen, Eamon, Duncan, Jasper, Lani, Thomas, Patrick, Cooper, Noah, Jess, Evie, Karen, Shenal, Levi & Lachlan.



**Wangaan Woonanjar and Bingay Dancers:** A performance not to be missed! Congratulations to our troupe of dancers who have been very busy over the past few weeks performing at Kotara High, Kotara South Public School, New Lambton Public School and various pre-schools within the local community. Our dancers consisting of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students from Kindergarten to Year 6 learn to tell local stories through dance using the Katang language. Well done Kayla, Jarrah, Lacey, Edward, Isobel, Ava, Rosie, Hope, Ruby G, Audrey, Chris, Kian, Ella, Abby, Kyah, Jemma, Josie, Heidi, Lili, Kaylirah & Charlotte.

**Go the Blues!** A big shout out to our very own Rebecca Young, (Jarrah's mum) who was part of the NSW Women's State of Origin team that was victorious against the Queensland Maroons last Friday evening. Congratulations Bec!

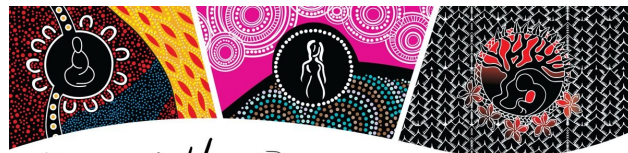
**Winning!** On behalf of the school community, thank you Jenny Reschow (Jess's grandma) for attending a recent training day on Healthy Canteen initiatives. Not only did Jenny come back with some great ideas for our canteen but she was also fortunate enough to win the lucky door prize of a \$500 shopping spree at the 'Good Guys' for our school. Our canteen can certainly put this to good use. Well done, Jenny!

### SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Teachers have now completed assessments and comments for Semester One reports. These reports should have found their way home to you today. These reports are an assessment of learning progress for your child for the last two terms. At any time if you wish to further discuss the content of these reports - please make contact with your child's class teacher to organise a mutually convenient appointment time. Learning discussions with Kinder students and their parents take place this week.

### NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS....

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians. NAIDOC week falls in the school holidays. We have a number of fabulous events planned in Week 1 next term for all students to gain further appreciation of our indigenous culture. Our thanks to Mrs Wenham and team, and our indigenous community for organising these special events for us.



*Because of Her We Can!* NAIDOC WEEK 2018

### OLD NEWS

Our environmental push to help save the planet gains momentum next term as we see our fortnightly Newsletter go completely digital! This is our **LAST** hard copy of Mindabooka as we look to save a small forest every second Tuesday. In order to ensure you receive your digital copy, please update your email addresses if need be on the tear off slip located in this Newsletter. If you would like grandparents or other family members to also receive the Newsletter, please also provide their email addresses on the same slip.



Mindabooka will still be available through Skoolbag and of course our website.

### NO GO ZONE

I would like to remind students and parents that classrooms are out of bounds prior to 8.45am, recess and lunch times. APS is committed to providing a safe learning environment for staff, students, parents and community members. OH&S requirements states that appropriate level of care and supervision are required at all times. Please help us to adhere to OH&S requirements by not entering classrooms outside school class times.

## SAFETY FIRST!

In light of recent events in our local community, it is a timely reminder about safety. I have spoken with classes, year levels, stages and at assembly about the need for all of us to 'be smart- be safe'. Being smart about safety can mean different things to different families. Being aware, talking to trusted adults, and walking with a friend are some simple ways to help stay safe. I strongly support parents in the discussion safety with their children remembering that we want to encourage children to still take part in appropriate child related activities. Please talk with your child's teacher, our counsellor or myself if you feel your child needs further support.

A new message system has also been introduced to notify parents if their child is absent from school on any one day. This is sent via SMS and requires parents to respond to confirm non-attendance. Feedback from parents last week was very positive and appreciative of the efforts the school has made to ensure all our kids are safe.



## ATTENDANCE

I have noticed of late that we have an increasing number of students arriving at school after the start of school at 9am. Whilst this may be unavoidable in some



instances due to appointments etc, it is important for students to be on time to class as this reduces student anxiety and minimises disruptions to their teachers and classmates who have already settled for the day's learning. It also sets a good pattern for their future learning, including the building and maintenance of friendships. It is expected that all students must be signed in by an accompanying parent or caregiver with absences satisfactorily explained to the school.

Schools, in line with Departmental policy and in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular and timely attendance of students. Attendance data is included in each student's Semester 1 Progress Report for your information. Your support regarding this matter would be most appreciated.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Our picnic rugs that we use on a regular basis are in need of some TLC. A volunteer or two who could take these home for the holidays and give them a bath would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office or Ms Wenham if you can help out.



## TERM DATES

The last day of Term 2 will be **Friday 6 July (Week 10)**.



All students K-6 will return to school for Term 3 on **Tuesday 24 July**.

## LAST DAY IS FUN DAY!

The last day of term here at Adamstown School will be an **Out of Uniform / Gold Coin day** to raise funds for Year 6 farewell gift to the school.

## HOLIDAY READING

Looking for holiday reading? If you are unsure of an appropriate book for your child, why not try something from the Premier's Reading Challenge list? Great lists of books in various categories sorted in age groups can be found at: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>



The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge will close for all A.P.S. students in Week 7 of next term.

## TERM 3 STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Staff will return to school on Monday 23 July for our usual Professional Development Day. On this day, teaching staff will be involved in stage based collaborative planning sessions to extend and enrich differentiated learning experiences for our students in literacy and numeracy, working with the new Learning Progressions and whole school planning.

## ENROLMENTS AT 'THE GREATEST SCHOOL AROUND' FOR 2019

We have started the process of 2019 Kinder enrolments. Should you know of any family who is looking to possibly enrol their child, whether it is Kindergarten or any other grade, please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible to enable their details to be included in our 2019 database.

Our school's enrolment policy is located on our school website <http://www.adamstown-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> under parents' information. This policy outlines how APS can accept enrolments in 2019 and beyond. For all new enrolments, you will need to complete the DoE enrolment form.

They are available on line at <https://bit.ly/2lgXwMT> or from the school office.

## ANOTHER BUSY TERM COMES TO AN END

It has been a very busy semester for Adamstown Public School; the staff have worked hard providing not only engaging classroom learning experiences but also the many extra-curricular activities (academic, sporting and cultural) that give every student the opportunity to shine.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and community members who give our school so much support.

I hope all our students have an enjoyable holiday and return refreshed ready for an equally busy second semester.



**KYM ROSS**  
Principal



We have children enrolled 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<sup>®</sup>, sesame seeds, loose nuts, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts.**

# Principal Awards

Core Value: Respect



**Nikolaos**

Always follows school rules,  
is polite and respectful to staff and his peers.



**Emily**

Always respectful to her teachers and peers.  
Emily is able to express her own opinions  
yet still be respectful of other's points of view.

## COMING UP

### TERM 3

#### **Tuesday 3rd July**

Semester 1 reports distributed

#### **Wednesday 4th July**

KW & KD Learning Discussions

Learning & Support Learning Discussions

#### **Thursday 5th July**

KL Learning Discussions

Bandlink

#### **Friday 6th July**

Last day Term 2

*Out of Uniform Day/ Gold Coin Donation*

Bandlink

#### **Monday 23rd July**

Staff Development Day - Teachers only

P&C Meeting 6:30pm

#### **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th July**

NAIDOC Celebrations

#### **Tuesday 24th July**

All Students Return

Jollybops Science Show K-6

#### **Tuesday 31st July**

UNSW English Competition

#### **Tuesday 7th August**

Kinder 2019 Orientation  
School Readiness Session

#### **Friday 10th August**

Zone Athletics Carnival

### DIGITAL NEWSLETTER DETAILS

Please complete the following details so you will receive Mindabooka by email commencing Term 3. If you do not wish to receive emails, the newsletter will be added to the APS website and Skoolbag app each fortnight.  
Please return this to the office.

Name:

.....

Eldest Student's name:

.....

Email: .....

.....

Additional family members

Name:

.....

Email: .....