



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 4 Term 4

6 November 2018

From the Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Bandfest: Our band students were spectacular and certainly enjoyed the experience of performing in front of other schools and a larger audience on the morning of Wednesday 24 October at Bandfest. Their performance was fantastic and can be attributed to the amount of work our musicians, Ms Gleeson and Miss Bennett put into every rehearsal and every performance. We are very proud of our musicians and every year I can't help but think, these are primary school children and they sound just amazing! Congratulations Evie, Caren, Tilly, Zara, Sophia, Amy, Alex, Jess, Tessa, Josie, Evie G, Shenal, Levi K, Lachlan, Grace, RubyG, Nikita, Lacee, Oliver, Owen, Lili, Olive, Cooper M, Abby, Kian, Kai, Patrick,

Thomas L, Clare, Lani, Jasper, Duncan, & Noah V

Student Leader Elections: Best wishes to all nominees as they prepare their voting posters and pre-election speeches. Voting will take place for Years 1 to 6 on 13 and 14 November. Good luck everyone!

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

We are so very fortunate to have such a caring, hardworking and professional group of teachers at Adamstown.

Thank you on behalf of the staff at APS for taking the opportunity on Friday 26 October to say thanks for a job well done.

It was greatly appreciated.



THEY'RE BACK!



Today 53 brand new Kinders for 2019 returned to A.P.S. for another taste of 'Big School'. Mrs Wenham co-ordinated a technology afternoon for our little ones whilst Ms Littlewood conducted an Early Numeracy information session for our parents. Our uniform shop was also open from 1:30 till 3:00pm for our new Kinder parents.

WE'RE SNAPPY DRESSERS AT APS

Community feedback over the past few terms have indicated that a refresh to our current school uniform was in order. After much research and discussion, a new unisex school shirt will be introduced to replace the current yellow polo. Our new polo is green and yellow in colour, is made of a lighter fabric with a high UV rating. Our broad brimmed hat will also be replaced by a brimmed bucket hat that can be easily stored in a school bag, made of a cooler fabric, easily washed and more comfortable to wear. Both items are now in stock and available from the School Uniform shop.



YEAR 5 and 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION



Tomorrow Mrs Neilands, Miss Anderson, Mr Downing and Years 5 and 6 will be heading off on their 3 day excursion to Canberra. Our teachers are looking forward to a rewarding and fun time with our senior students. Our students have over the years developed an envious reputation for excellent behaviour on excursions and I have no doubt that this will be the case once again. Remember to be at school and ready to leave by 6:00am!

SCHOOL BAND



Our next School Band meeting will be held at 3:45pm on Thursday 8 November in the staffroom. Any parents who are thinking of enrolling their child in band for next year are more than welcome to come along. We will also be planning upcoming band performances and taking a peek at our new Band uniform for 2019. I look forward to seeing you there.

SWIM SCHOOL IS COMING

All students in Year 2 will be involved in this year's Swim School as part of their Term 4 Sporting Program. Over 50% of our stage 2 and 3 students were classified as non or weak swimmers at our swimming carnival earlier on this year. This program was a huge success last year and proved to be a great opportunity to prepare our students to be water-confident for the next swimming carnival but more importantly for the summer months to come. Swim School begins on Monday 12 November (Term 4, Week 5).



REMEMBRANCE DAY



This year Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday. Our school has been invited to attend a Remembrance Day service from 10:30 am on Sunday 11 November at Adamstown Cenotaph. Students attending should wear their full school uniform and be accompanied by an adult. Guide or Scout members may wear their uniform for the service on this day.

WORLD KINDNESS WEEK

The World Kindness Week initiative is a campaign celebrating students, teachers, parents and citizens, as a community in action. The message to our students is that it's "Cool To Be Kind".

Next week, as part of our school's continuous anti-bullying message, our students will be involved in a variety of teaching and learning activities with a focus on bystander behaviour and how students can intervene safely to support others.



Bullying is often a difficult problem that only gets worse when it is ignored. Research has demonstrated that bystanders play a significant role in bullying situations:

- bystanders are present most of the time (85%);
- most young people feel uncomfortable watching bullying, but few know what to do to stop the bullying happening;
- bullying behaviour is reinforced where people watch but do nothing;
- when bystanders do intervene, the bullying is more likely to stop quickly most of the time.

Schools are one of the safest places for children and young people, so let's work together to keep it that way.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco is scheduled for next Thursday evening (15 November).

The Disco times are Yrs K-2, 6pm till 7pm and Yrs 3-6, 7pm till 8.30pm. Unless supervised by a parent, no primary students should be attending the junior disco.

Students should be picked up promptly after the disco with no child permitted to leave the School Hall area unattended.

The only gate open will be the front gate near the OOSH car park.

The disco will cost \$5 per person and will include a drink and a packet of chips. A sausage sizzle and additional snacks will also be available.

KOTARA HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS

Parent Information Evening for students entering Year 7 in 2018 will take place on Thursday 22 November at 6.30pm in the KHS Multi Purpose Centre.

FUTURE ENROLMENT

If you foresee any changes to your child's enrolment in 2019, and you not already done so, could you please advise the school as soon as possible? This will assist us in our planning and enrolment enquiries for students in each year level.

Thank you for making our school the 'Greatest School Around'.

Kym Ross – PRINCIPAL

School News

Grandparents Day

Kindergarten honoured their grandparents by hosting Grandparents Day on Friday 2nd November. It was a day where we could witness the beautiful connection between grandparents and their grandchildren.

Over 50 grandparents enjoyed morning tea, concert performances, photo booth, ball games, and fingernail painting.

Thank you to all our wonderful grandparents who made it such a great day.

Ms Wenham



Cans for the Kids

Recently Mrs Holt has been sharing with students about her trip to the Philippines to support a program that feeds 130 children each week, these children were left homeless after a typhoon and tsunami devastated their tiny Island in 2013. Neve and Leila were so touched by what they learnt they asked our student parliament if we could hold a fundraiser to support the feeding program.

Week 5 the 13th to the 16th of November please bring in empty drink bottles and cans, no glass or alcohol products, Mrs Holt will take them to the recycle centre and all money raised will be sent to the SPEAKS program. 40c is all it takes to feed 1 child, each bottle is worth 10c, how many children are you able to feed?

If you have any questions about the program please see Mrs Holt.



Library News

Well done to the new Library assistants for Term 4: Ava D, Bella F, Jemma Y.

They are doing a great job and are helping our students enthusiastically.

New Books just in!

Bad Guys 8

2019 Guinness Book of Records

Kid Normal (New series)

Ella Diaries Diary Disaster

Diary of a Minecraft Zombie 16

Keep on reading!

Mr Howell

Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: EXCELLENCE



Liam

Diligent student, strives to do his best.



Evie

Commitment to achieving excellence in everything she does.

CORE VALUE: FAIRNESS



Phoenix

Is kind, honest and fair.
He treats everyone equally
and with respect.



Emolly

Is always looking out for others &
treats her peers equally & with
respect.

Important Dates

THIS WEEK	THIS MONTH	THIS TERM
6 Nov ■ Kinder Orientation visit	11 Nov ■ Remembrance Day service, at Adamstown Cenotaph	3 Dec P&C Meeting
7 Nov ■ St 3 Canberra excursion	12 Nov ■ Swim School begins	5 Dec ■ Parent Volunteer Thankyou
■ ES1 Blackbutt excursion	13 Nov ■ 2019 School Leader (Girls) speeches and student voting	7 Dec ■ Special awards Assembly
	14 Nov ■ 2019 School Leader (Boys) speeches and student voting	11 Dec ■ Reports distributed
	15 Nov ■ School Disco	13 Dec ■ School Parliament
	15 Nov ■ BYOD Parent Information session (7:00pm)	14 Dec ■ Presentation Day
	22 Nov ■ Kotara HS Parent Information evening for Year 7	17 Dec ■ Year 6 Farewell
	23 Nov ■ School Parliament	18 Dec ■ Class parties
	27 Nov ■ Year 6 Mini-fete	19 Dec ■ Year 6 Clap out and last day of Term 4.
	28 Nov ■ Year 6 to Kotara HS	
	29 Nov ■ Kinder Orientation visit	
	30 Nov ■ Colour Run	



Collecting Now

- Swim School
- ES1 Blackbutt Excursion
- Band fees
- Voluntary Contributions



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.

We are committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality opportunities for every child.
In our school every child is known, valued and cared for.

APS P&C Newsletter

Supporting the 'Greatest School Around'

EMAIL: adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

NEXT P&C MEETING – Monday 3 December, 6.30pm

YOU'RE INVITED – MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend our final P&C meeting for 2018. **Please join us MONDAY 3 DECEMBER at 6.30pm** to recap all our achievements and look ahead to 2019.

As we wind up the year it is more important than ever for new members to attend. We have long-term members who are moving on (as their children are leaving APS for high school), so there are roles that will need to be filled by new faces in 2019.

This final meeting is an opportunity for those interested in being involved next year to meet current members and see what happens.

All current members will receive a copy of the agenda prior to the meeting by email.

Please send us an email if you have any questions, issues to be raised, or would like a copy of the agenda. We can't wait to see you!

SCHOOL DISCO – THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Everybody dance now!

- Kinder - Yr 2 session from 6.00 – 7.00pm
- Yr 3 – Yr 6 session from 7.00 – 8.30pm

Purchase your ticket at the door on the night.

Cost is \$5 per child and includes entry to the disco, a drink, glow band and a packet of chips. School disco tickets are **not** available to purchase from the School Office.

There will be extra drinks, chips and sausage sizzle available to purchase during the evening. Sausage sizzle will be \$2.50 available from 5.30 – 8.00pm (no pre-order required).

HELPERS NEEDED!

WE  OUR VOLUNTEERS!

School disco Thursday 15/11 Tasks: collecting money, handing out glow bands and snacks or running the BBQ.
Commitment: 1-2 hrs between 5.30 – 8.30pm

Colour Run Friday 30/11 Tasks: helping with set up, packing away and on colour or water stations.
Commitment: TBC

If you are available to help please email lindakolevski@hotmail.com or send us a FB message and we will send you more info.

P&C MEETING 22 OCTOBER 2018

The October P&C meeting was held on 22 OCTOBER 2018 in the Staffroom.

A small group attended and discussed changes to the school hat, planning for 2019, handover arrangements for new office bearers and Myer Lane traffic safety. Mrs Neilands provided a Principal's report in Mrs Ross' absence.

If you would like a copy of the minutes, please send us an email.

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COLOUR FUN RUN – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30

The first ever APS COLOUR FUN RUN will be held on FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30 to raise money for our canteen kitchen fund.

Runners will complete a fun and colourful course featuring clouds of colour and water – it is sure to be a whole lot of messy fun!

You can set up a sponsorship page to collect online donations or collect cash donations using the brochure provided.

Stay tuned for more information.

MEET THE P&C PRESIDENT

The P&C President is responsible for leadership of P&C and is a vital link between parents and the school.

The President's duties include:

- Chairing all meetings and ensuring meetings are successful and productive
- P&C spokesperson at internal and external events
- Supporting P&C members and volunteers
- Fostering communication between school, P&C and community

Members can nominate for Executive and sub-committee positions at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in early 2019. If you would like more information about this role (or any of our Executive positions), or opportunities to get involved now, please come along to a P&C meeting.

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS



Top five tips for making the most of your canteen order:

1. Make sure to use the **current menu** when placing your child's order. The current menu is on SKOOLBAG, outside the Canteen and on the P&C Facebook page.
2. Please don't use **envelopes and ziplock bags** for your order – they create waste and are not big enough to fit the order inside. There are paper bags and pens next to the lunch order box at the Canteen or you can buy extra paper bags for at home, or ...
3. ... purchase a Sticky Beaks insulated lunch bag from the Canteen or Uniform Shop! They are better for the environment, look great and keep your child's lunch hot or cold.
4. Be sure to include your child's class on their order. Lunch orders are distributed by class, so if your child's class is missing (or if it is included with their sibling's order) our helpers may have trouble finding them right away.
5. Get your order in **before 9am**. Our canteen helpers are busy bees prepping up to 100 orders from 8.30am right up until 10.45am. If an order is received after 9am, it may mean that we can't accommodate their order and need to ask them to pick something else.

There are big changes ahead for the Canteen in 2019, including transitioning to the NSW Healthy School Canteen strategy. This will mean changes to the menu and portion sizes.

Canteen suggestions, feedback or questions are gratefully received and can be emailed to the P&C or left at the Office to be passed on.

Thank you for your co-operation and continuing support of our Canteen.