



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 2 Term 4

23 October 2018

From the Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Cinderella and Rockerfella:

Congratulations and my appreciation to all involved in last term's incredible performances. I was lucky enough to see the full show and was so impressed by the amazing talent of our students. Well done to every child who played a part in bringing this incredible production together. The students were able to demonstrate excellence in all aspects of the Performing Arts and thoroughly enjoyed their experience as performers.

Thank you to all staff for their hard work and commitment in fostering a love of theatre and our families for their ongoing support at home. I would like to acknowledge our Creative and Performing Arts Teacher Miss Megan Bennett. Miss Bennett does a remarkable job coordinating everything to make performances like this possible, using her extensive skills and knowledge of music, dance and drama to support our students.

A special thank you to all parents who purchased tickets and for those families who sent emails and cards in recognition of our efforts. Your generosity and appreciation meant a great deal.

Thank You.

Mathematics Competition: Last term we ran the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition which was undertaken by a record number of students from Adamstown Public School.

At last Friday's assembly these students were awarded with their certificates:

Distinction: Evie G, Arabella R, Jack G, Clare S

Credit: Tom H, Alexandra L, Jessica K, Riley D, Kai S, Shenal R, Lacey R, Isaac O, Eamon J

Merit: Tara S, Emily C, Patrick B, Josie A

Participation: Jack v-Z, Georgia K, Xavier H, Larna D, Caitlin D, Duncan B, Laura B, Jasper S, Jack S, Nelson M, Amy B, Caren W, Lachlan S, Sean R, Aidan P, Neve M, Zara M, Tessa M, Myles L, Levi k, Toby U, Olive M, Evie L, Eve L, Simone L-R, Rosie L, Henry G, Sarah D, Finn C, Saxon B, Grace V, Noah V, Samara R, Leila M, Tilly M, Hayden M, Evan M, Nikita K, Nikolaos B-L, Shona B, Luke C



Congratulations are in order to all students who participated in this quite challenging Mathematics Competition.

From Mrs Neilands

Thank you to everyone for their welcome back messages after my leave at the end of last term, it is certainly great to be back at the greatest school around. I am currently relieving for Mrs Ross who is on leave. Mrs Ross will be returning next week.

To all of you, welcome back to another wonderful term at Adamstown Public School. It is great to see everyone back happy and rested after a break and ready to take on term 4. It is certainly going to be an amazing term with a full calendar with some incredible adventures. Among the activities planned for this term are: Swim School, Bandfest, continuation of the SPinS program, Kindergarten and Year 6 Orientation program, Year 5 to Kotara High School Art Day, School Parliament, School Disco, Yarning Circle, Remembrance Day ceremony, Semester 2 Reports, Year 6 farewell, Special Awards assembly, Stage 3 Canberra excursion, Mini-fete, Presentation Day, end of year class parties and much more.

For more information, a Term 4 calendar can be accessed through our Skoolbag app or school website.

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

We have a continuous and comprehensive program of student assessment at A.P.S. From the commencement of this term, classes will begin formal and structured assessment tasks and testing in preparation for reporting to parents and determining the structure of classes and programs for next year. This will continue for the next five weeks. To assist teachers in this process, I ask you to ensure your child is at school on time and absences are kept to an absolute minimum.

ALL TUNED UP AND READY TO GO

Our Concert Band will appear at this year's week long Bandfest Competition at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 24 October (tomorrow). Our Concert Band from beginners to 'old hands' will compete in the Larger Developing Primary Bands Section of Bandfest.

Parents wishing to attend Bandfest are most welcome to attend for a small admission fee payable at the door. Thank you to Miss Bennett and Ms Gleeson for providing this wonderful opportunity for our band.

CUPPA TIME

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents who visit us for our Friday assemblies to join me in the Staff Room for a cuppa after assembly each week. This is an opportunity to have an informal chat over a cup of tea, coffee or cool drink before you leave us for the afternoon. Penny Holt our DSTA will also be there.

GRANDPARENT'S WEEK

Grandparent's Week is next week and is an opportunity for us to celebrate the vital role that grandparents play in our society, as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. This week all classes will take time to appreciate the special role that grandparents and "grand-friends" play in the lives of the students at A.P.S. Grandparents have also been extended a warm invitation to join Kindergarten for a special picnic on Friday 2nd November. A special invitation will be sent home with all Kinder students.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2019

It's that time already! We have begun the process of planning our 2019 classes and are keen to finalise anticipated student numbers as soon as possible. Please contact the school directly (through the office, by phone, letter or email) if you know of any new students who may enrol for next year; or if there are any students currently in Kindergarten to Year 5 who may be leaving. Your kind assistance will help us ascertain the number of classes and class structures for 2019 and alert families that are currently waiting patiently on our reserve list for placement.

Have a fantastic week!

Important Information for YEAR 5

Selective High School Year 7 2020

Applications for selective high schools are now open. Students interested in applying to a selective high school (such as Merewether) for 2020 (our current year 5 students) must lodge their application before Monday 12th November. Critical dates have been included below.

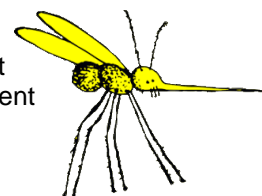
- **Applications for Selective High Schools Year 7 entry 2019 will OPEN on 9 October, 2018.**
- **Applications for Selective High Schools Year 7 entry 2019 will CLOSE on 12 November, 2018.**
- **Selective High School Placement Test for Year 7 2020 will be held on Thursday 14th March, 2019.**

Megan Neilands

Relieving Principal

MOZZIE ALERT

At present we are experiencing a lot of mosquitos due to the warm weather and rain over the past couple of weeks. Please make sure your child comes to school with repellent on and/or a roll on repellent in their bags. (No aerosol or pump spray).



HEAD LICE ALERT

Please check your child's hair thoroughly as we have been advised of some cases of children with head lice. Please treat accordingly if they are present.

ETHICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2019

Our current ethics coordinator is moving on at the end of this year and we are seeking a volunteer to take on the role. The ethics coordinator communicates with school staff, supports ethics teachers and liaises with Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the program.

This role provides a great opportunity for a working parent who might be unable to volunteer during school hours. Times are flexible, typically requiring less than one hour per week. Online training is provided.

We are also looking for volunteers to teach ethics next year. Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available on Wednesday afternoons each week.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

If you would like more information please visit: primaryethics.com.au or contact Danielle Lang (0412 275 016; ethicsAPS@gmail.com).

Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: Co-operation



Jayden

Jayden has been a welcoming and kind friend to all students.



Wade

Wade has been a welcoming and kind friend.



- **Lachlan**
- Lachlan has been an inclusive friend and has been showing great leadership.

Catholics Preparing for the Sacraments

Parents and guardians of Catholic children who are presently in Year 3 or above, are informed that a Reconciliation (Confession) preparation programme begins in all Saints Parish, in October 2018. After School – hours sessions will be available in Cardiff, Adamstown and Kotara.



If you are interested please ring 4954 0977 or 495957 5949.



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.

<u>This Week</u>	8 Nov - Kindergarten excursion	7 Dec - Special Awards Assembly
24 Oct - Kinder Orientation Library	12 Nov -Swim School starts	13 Dec - School Parliament
25 Oct - Yr 5 Art Workshop at KHS	13 Nov -World Kindness Day	14 Dec -Presentation Day
26 Oct - World Teachers Day	15 Nov -Disco	17 Dec -Year 6 Farewell
	22 Nov -School Parliament	18 Dec -Class Parties
<u>Next Week</u>	26 Nov -Year 6 CPR Training	19 Dec -Last day for students
1 Nov - School Parliament	27 Nov - Mini Fete	Year Six Clap Out
Band Meeting	PJ' CP days	
2 Nov - Grandparents Day	29 Nov - Kinder Orientation- Craft	
	30 Nov - ANZAC Excursion	
<u>This Term</u>	Colour Run	
6 Nov - Kinder Orientation Technology		
7 Nov - Stage 3 Canberra	5 Dec -Volunteers Day	

Collecting Now

-  Canberra Excursion fees
-  Kindergarten excursion
- Band fees
- Dance 2bfit
- Swim School

Adamstown Public School Term 4 Disco

Thursday 15th November 2018

Years K-2 - Disco from 6pm -7pm.

Years 3-6 - Disco from 7pm - 8.30pm.

\$5 entry per student

To be paid on the night at the door.

Includes popper, chips & glow band.

CASH ONLY

APS P&C Newsletter

Supporting the 'Greatest School Around'

EMAIL: adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

NEXT P&C MEETING – Monday 26 November, 6.30pm

P&C MEETINGS IN TERM 4

There are only two more P&C meetings scheduled this year – which means two more chances to join come along and be part of the 'Greatest P&C Around' in 2018. Save these dates in your calendar:

- **Monday 26 November 2018**

All meetings are held at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. To raise a question or receive a copy of the Agenda, please send us an email

P&C meetings are your opportunity to find out what's happening behind the scenes, and to lend your voice to the decisions that impact students at APS.

We are always looking for ways to encourage new members and to improve attendance at our meetings. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please email us.

DISCO FEVER – THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Let's Dance!

The Term 4 school disco will be held on **Thursday 15 November** over two sessions – 6.00pm – 7.00pm (Kinder, Yr 1 and Yr 2) and 7.00pm – 8.30pm (Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr6).

Stay tuned for more details soon!

We'll be holding a BBQ during the disco and we need your help to cook and serve. If you are able to help during the evening, please send us an email or contact us via Facebook.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY



On **Friday 26 October** we celebrate World Teachers' Day (WTD). WTD offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks.

Every day our teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring kids. This WTD you can help celebrate by encouraging your child to write a note of thanks to show their appreciation. There are some cut-out cards attached to the newsletter - you can drop these in at the office and these will be sorted and delivered to our wonderful APS staff this WTD.

Being thankful can happen anywhere and everywhere - a note of thanks is just one way you can demonstrate appreciation for others. Learning about gratitude has a positive effect on everyone. What do you like best about your teacher? How does your teacher help you? Tell them and make them smile this World Teachers' Day!

In order for us to arrange delivery please return all thank you cards by 8.45am Friday 26 Oct.



thank you

APS FUN COLOUR RUN!



Friday 30 November is going to be a colourful day – it's the APS FUN COLOUR RUN!

Your child can start collecting sponsorship – it's easy to set up an online Student Profile at

schoolfundraising.com.au and there are some amazing prizes available. Cash donations can also be collected. Please refer to the sponsorship brochure for more information, or send us an email if you have any questions.

All money raised will go to our Canteen renovation fund which will be used to upgrade our canteen kitchen. More information will be sent home soon.

CANTEEN HELPERS!

WE  OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The canteen roster for Term 4 has been emailed to all volunteers. Thank you to all of our helpers for your continued commitment.

Please email Jenny at jreschow@bigpond.com ASAP if you are unavailable for your shift.

Can you help at the canteen? We love new helpers!

Helping in the canteen is a great way to get involved at school and to meet other parents. Why not volunteer for a trial shift - you can even bring a friend!

Please send us an email to express your interest.

- preparing financial statements, annual audit and the annual budget

Would you be interesting in nominating for this role in 2019? Members can nominate for Executive and sub-committee positions at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held at the start of the year.

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.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK



The APS P&C are on FACEBOOK!

Search 'Adamstown Public School P&C' to keep up to date with P&C events and information. Our page is run by members of the P&C and includes information about P&C-related happenings around APS.

Like us on FB to keep up to date with P&C events and information.

MEET THE P&C TREASURER!

What does the P&C Treasurer do?

Well, we are so glad you asked!

The Treasurer is responsible and accountable to the P&C for all money held in P&C accounts, for keeping clear and proper records and providing reports to the P&C on their financial position. This includes:

- Paying bills, invoices and wages from P&C funds
- Preparing cheques and/or electronic transfers on behalf of the P&C
- Presenting Treasurer's report at P&C meetings