



# MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School

Skoolbag

Week 10 Term 4

17 December 2018

## From the Principal

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who attended our Presentation Day at Merewether High School last Friday.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Our Dux for 2018 is **Clare Shearman**.

Our 2019 Prefects are **Sam Caldwell, Tara Stewart, Aaleyah Tolar** and **Harry Townsend**.

Our 2019 School Captains are **Jessica Kelly** and **Nelson Moore**.



2018 at APS has been nothing short of amazing! Our students have once again excelled themselves in all cultural, sporting and academic pursuits.

Our staff have worked hard for the benefit of our students and have enjoyed seeing them grow and learn.

I would like to thank everyone who has been associated with our school this year for the efforts they have made in helping to make Adamstown Public School a very special place to be. I look forward to working with you all again in 2019.

A safe and happy Christmas and a secure and prosperous New Year to all our families.

### GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas Giving Tree this year. The donations will be picked up later this week and will add to the Christmas cheer for many less fortunate Hunter families.

### END OF YEAR PARTY DAY

Tomorrow, Tuesday will be 'End of Year Party Day' here at school.

All students may come out of school uniform. Please dress in sensible clothes, no singlet tops and no thongs or sandals.

Don't forget your school hats!

Separate Stage / Year notes were sent home last week.

**KW, KL, K/1D:** Decorated lunch box & teacher organised activities

**1/2M, 2N:** Decorated lunch box, Board games allowed

**2J:** Decorated lunch box, Healthy treats to share, lawn bowls

**3/4C, 3/4G, 4/5D:** Decorated lunch box, Board games allowed

**5/6A, 5/6N:** Decorated lunch box, Healthy treats to share, Board games allowed

**School uniform must be worn by all students on Wednesday.**

### DO WE HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE?



As the year comes to a close we will bid a sad farewell to Miss Bennett who is off on new adventures both professionally and personally. I am sure that you will agree that Miss Bennett has done an outstanding job over the past three years fostering the growth of our school band, providing new and exciting opportunities for our musicians, teaching music across all years and producing two fabulous musicals, "Alice!" and "Cinderella and Rockerfella".

On behalf of staff, students and parents, thank you Megan for all your efforts. You will be greatly missed.

We also officially say farewell to our amazing Year 6 students of 2018. They will gather in the School Hall with their parents, their Year 5 mates and our staff to celebrate and reflect upon the past 7 years of schooling. It is with genuine sadness that we wave them goodbye and wish them well for their high schooling years ahead. They have been an inspiring bunch who have embraced their leadership roles and the mandate to support and be role models for all younger students at APS. We look forward to them visiting us often and keeping us informed of their high schooling experiences and successes. I will definitely miss them all and remember them with a smile.

### SCHOOL'S OUT!

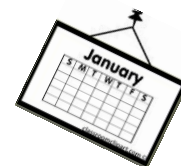


School finishes for all students at 3:00pm on Wednesday 19 December with our Final Roll Call for Year 6 and Clap Out. Prior to this, we will be having a brief assembly at 2:45pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

APS will not be open on Thursday and Friday for Staff Development Days unlike a few other schools across the area, as we have already completed the required 12 hours of professional learning throughout Term 3 and 4. These were completed in four evening sessions over the past semester which included sessions with Health professionals, CPR instructors and our own teachers with specific expertise in a variety of educational areas.

### 2019 CLASS FORMATION - IMPORTANT – DAY 1

To assist with the formation of classes for 2019, if you are aware your child will be absent on Day 1 of next year (Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January) or even for the first week back – please email the school ASAP. This helps us to know your child is coming back to us in 2019. If you know your child will be moving schools next year, please advise the school office as soon as possible. Classes will not be formed for 2019 until we know numbers have settled.



### HOLIDAY SECURITY

Should you notice any unsociable activity around the school during the holiday period, please ring Waratah police or School Security on 1300 880 021.



**KYM ROSS**  
Principal

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

Kym Ross – PRINCIPAL



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.

# School News

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## CANTEEN Counter sales only on Wednesday

### YR 6 MINI FETE

Our year 6 mini-fete is happening tomorrow from 12:15-1:30 and we cannot wait! This year's mini-fete marks the second last day of primary school for Year 6. Our showbags are all ready to go home tomorrow with students who paid their money earlier in the term.

Even if this has slipped your mind amidst the Christmas flurry, it is NOT too late to join in the fun. You can attend mini-fete by paying \$5 to the office tomorrow morning. This will give you unlimited entry and participation in a range of games and activities and is a great way to spend time playing outside on party day!

We look forward to sharing this Adamstown Public School tradition with everyone tomorrow.

**Mrs Neilands**

### BAND

Congratulations to our school band for another fantastic year. We were looking and sounding fantastic at Special Awards presentation in our brand new band shirts, and performed brilliantly at Presentation Day last Friday.

Those who have put in an expression of interest for band next year and have asked for holiday instruments will be receiving them tomorrow.

Finally, to our Year 6 students Alex, Clare and Duncan. You have been such an asset to our band over the years. I hope you all continue with music and band as you journey into High School next year!.

**Miss Bennett**

## Library News

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### Library News

The Library is busy currently undertaking its yearly stocktake to ensure all resources are accounted for and in good condition. Thank you to everyone who returned books for this to take place.

We do still have some books to be returned and I ask that all students ensure that all library books are being returned as soon as possible. This helps to avoid books being lost or forgotten.

Remember the Adamstown Public Library is a great place to continue to find reading materials over summer. Sign up is free.

### Remember!

Keep on reading! (even in the holidays)

**Mr Howell**

## Important Dates

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### THIS WEEK

- 17 Dec ■ Year 6 Farewell
- 18 Dec ■ OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
  - Class parties & Mini fete
- 19 Dec ■ Year 6 Clap out
  - Last day of Term 4 for students



### NEXT YEAR in 2019

- 29 Jan ■ Staff Development Day
  - Uniform Shop Open 9-11am
- 30 Jan ■ Yrs 1-6 start of school year
- 30 Jan& ■ Best Start Assessments
- 31 Jan
- 31 Jan ■ Uniform Shop Open 8-10am
- 1 Feb ■ Kindergarten's First day
  - Kinder parent's Morning Tea
- 20 Feb & ■ 'Meet my Teacher' sessions
- 21 Feb

# APS P&C Newsletter

*Supporting the 'Greatest School Around'*

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The P&C President, Mark Townsend, wrapped up our year in his Presentation Day speech.

"It's great to be here to celebrate the achievements of our children. Well done everyone – including teachers and parents for making it to the end of 2018!

I would like to recognise the contribution of a few volunteers that are leaving us this year, and thank them on behalf of the P&C for their significant contribution over the years- DANIELLE LANG (Ethics co-ordinator, former P&C Vice President and current Treasurer), MEL JORDAN (Canteen volunteer) and SUE BRAGGETT (Canteen volunteer, school banking and Canteen purchasing officer).

Thank you to MRS ROSS and her team for their support, the other members of the P&C Executive ROB BERRY, ELISSA FLETCHER and KIM UPTON, the fundraising team LINDA KOLEVSKI and AMY FERNANCE, KATE GAGGIN in the Uniform Shop and JENNY RESCHOW our recently appointed Canteen Supervisor ... and to YOU, the school community for all of the support and donations this year.

Have a safe and happy Christmas holiday. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on **MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY**".



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## GET READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2019

The Uniform Shop will be open in week 1, Term 1 to help you get ready for 2019:

**TUESDAY 29 JANUARY:** 9.00 – 11.00am (Please note: This is a Staff Development Day) **THURSDAY 31 JANUARY:** 8.00 – 10.00am.

## CANTEEN ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 canteen menu has been certified by the NSW Department of Health as a **HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN**! We can't wait to share it next year!



This is the culmination of a huge amount of work by our Canteen Supervisor Jenny and would not have been possible without the encouragement and support from the P&C, Mrs Ross and the school staff, and all of the wonderful canteen volunteers. **THANK YOU!**

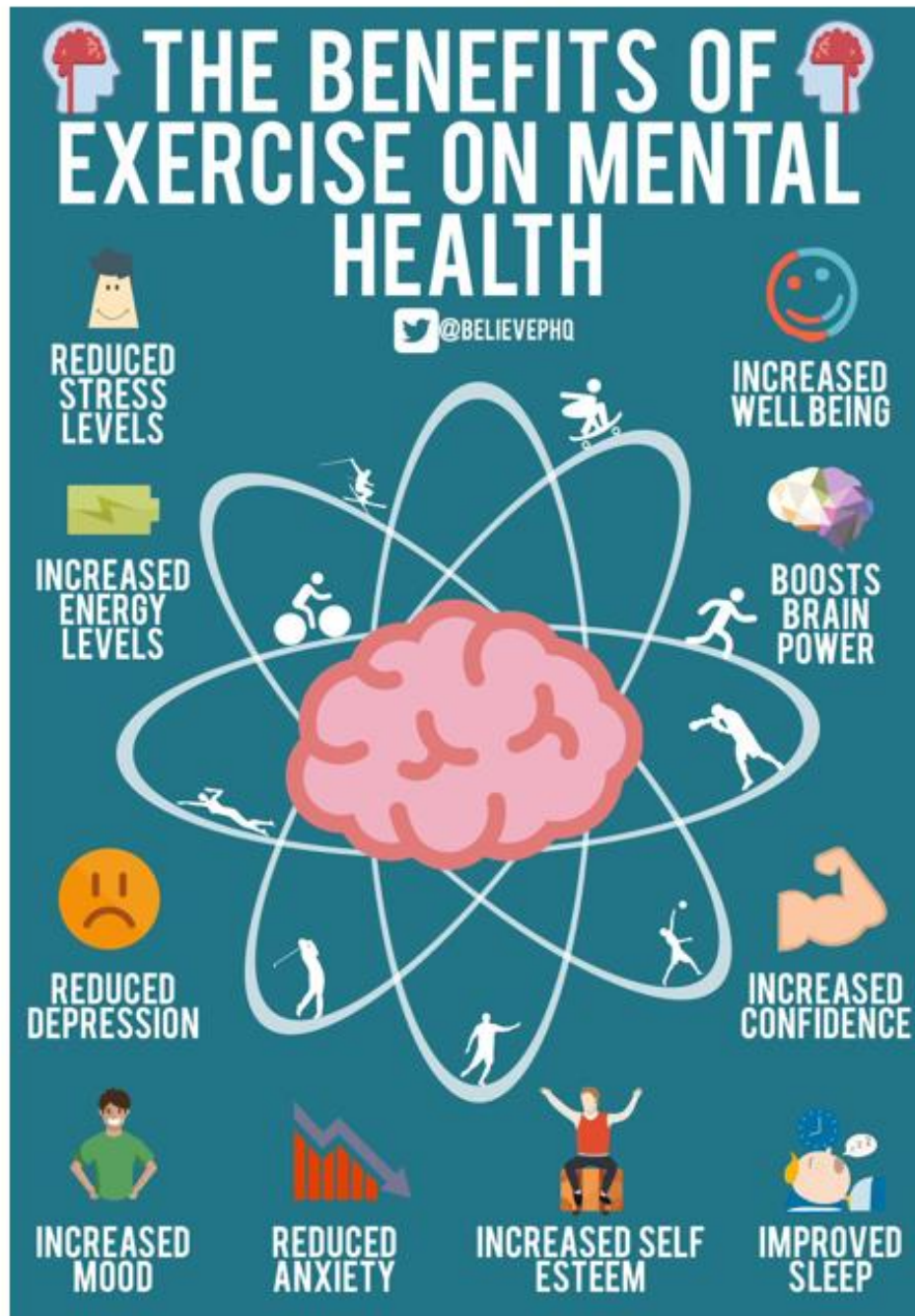
## P&C SUPPORT

Thanks to your support, in 2018 the P&C funded the playground shade (\$20,000), Starstruck (\$400), student sport and academic grants (\$800), Life Education (\$1,000), swim school (\$1,000), Presentation Day awards (\$800) and rep sport uniforms (\$2310).

**Please join us at our first meeting to be held on MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019 for an informal get together to see what we do!**



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