



# MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 4 Term 8

4 December 2018

## From the Principal

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**Swim School:** Swim School was once again a resounding success with 62 students involved in the Swim School program this year. My sincere thanks to those parents and carers who were able to support this worthwhile program once again. The students were keen to show off their new found swimming and water safety skills by the end of the second week. They have all done so well and once again, I was very pleased to have received such positive comments from all swim staff at Lambton pool on our students' good manners, willingness to learn and their persistence when the tasks became a little more challenging for them. Thanks must go to Mr Cook, Miss Judge and Miss Jordan who also assisted with swimming instruction and our wonderful P&C for subsidising this important initiative for our community. Well done to all our participants!

**ANZAC Commemorative:** Stage 3 students had a fantastic day at the War Memorial in Sydney, last Friday learning about the importance of Courage, Endurance and Sacrifice. We were invited to partake in a guided tour around the War Memorial, watch a ANZAC War Horse performance and see our school's soil sample from where our Lone Pine now stands at the front of our school.

Thank you to Mrs Holt for organising the excursion for us! The students were respectful representatives of Adamstown PS. Thank you Jack, Alex & Jade for representing our school at this important event.

**King of the Colour Run:** Congratulations Eddy!

Eddy from 1/2M raised \$500 for our school through Colour Run sponsorship.

This was the highest individual amount raised.

Thank you Eddy.



### KOTARA COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS

Last Wednesday evening we had our final Kotara Community of Schools combined P&C dinner at Kotara High School. This biannual event brings together our P & C's across our community of schools to share, discuss and celebrate all the great things our P&C's do in schools. A big thank you to Ms Danielle Lang for representing our P&C and Mr Snedden and KHS for hosting this very special event.

### BANDING TOGETHER

It is that time of year when we ask parents and students to consider their involvement in our school Concert Band for 2019. An expression of interest has been distributed to Year 1 and 2 students who would like to be considered for Band starting next year. Once notes are returned, Ms Bennett and Ms Gleeson will audition students to ascertain which instrument best fits them according to lip shape, lung capacity, finger length etc!

A very complex process!

Please start thinking about this option for your child as we head toward the New Year.



### THANK YOU PARENT and COMMUNITY HELPERS



In recognition of this great work and continued support, our staff will provide a morning tea for our family and community helpers on **Wednesday 5 December at 11 am**. I understand that it is not always possible for everyone to join us on this day so I would like to take this opportunity to express by thanks and gratitude to you all on behalf of our staff and students. Your work in our school during 2018 has been invaluable.

## OUR GIVING TREE



Christmas is a time of giving and so this year our school will be supporting the Samaritans Christmas Appeal with donations of toys and food to assist needy families in our community that find it financially and emotionally difficult to provide their families with a Christmas celebration as we know it. The Samaritans would be grateful for donations of small unwrapped toys for the needy families of Newcastle and the Hunter.

Donations can be brought to school and placed under the Christmas tree in the foyer. Thank you for your kind assistance.

## EXIT SURVEYS

We are at present in School Evaluation mode. Exit Surveys are being distributed to those families who have a Year 6 student or who will be leaving our school at the end of 2018. The feedback gained from these surveys will provide valuable information to help us to continue to deliver the best educational opportunities we can to our students and parents at Adamstown Public School. Your completion and return of this survey would be greatly appreciated.



## SEMESTER REPORTS



Semester 2 reports are now being checked and double checked. Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 11 December via your child. A detailed report from Mrs Smith will also be attached to semester reports for any student that has been involved in support programs this semester.

Please contact the office now if a copy of your child's report is required for both parents. Should you wish to discuss your child's report with me or your child's class teacher, please contact the office for a mutually convenient appointment time.

## BIKE SAFETY

Mums, dads and carers, please ensure you speak to your children re riding to school, about helmet wearing and bike and scooter road safety. Last week at assembly I spoke with the children about a near miss with a number of our students who rode straight across the road and the club's carpark driveway without looking or stopping. This had been reported to me by a very concerned member of the public.



Children in years 3-6 may ride to school unaccompanied; however children in Kinder to Y2 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a guide set out by the Roads and Maritime Services, which has been adopted by schools to ensure the safe arrival of your child to and from school. Please help us keep them safe.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES ARE ALMOST UPON US



Class Christmas parties have been set down for Thursday 14 December. Yummy party food doesn't always need to be junk food so our focus will be on healthy eating and wrapper free food at our class parties. Class party plans will be sent home over the coming weeks.

## SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On **Friday 7 December** at 12:00pm a Special Awards assembly will be held in our school hall to recognise and celebrate every child's achievements in 2018. Presentations will be made to:

- Premier's Reading and Sporting Challenge participants
- Band Students
- Students with 100% attendance for Semester 2 and
- Kindergarten as they complete their first year of schooling
- Kindergarten, our band and the flute ensemble will be performing. How could you miss this one?



## PRESENTATION DAY

**Friday 14 December** is Presentation Day. Our program will commence at 10:00 am in the School Hall at Merewether High School.

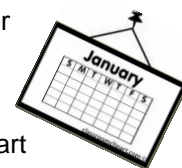
Full school uniform (including Band) is expected of all students. Students will be travelling by bus to and from the venue.

If you need to know if your child is receiving an award on Presentation Day due to work commitments, please contact the office on 49 571114. We look forward to having you with us on this special day to celebrate all that we have achieved this year as a school community.

All parents are most welcome to attend both presentations, so please remember to add these important dates to your calendar.

## 2019 CLASS FORMATION

We are now in the third last week of the school year and busy completing this year's work and planning for 2019. I am anticipating well over 40 Kindergarten students as well as many other new students enrolling in years 1 to 6. Classes will be finalised at the commencement of next year. In 2019 teachers and staff resume on Tuesday 29 January for a Professional Development Day (Pupil Free Day). Years 1 to 6 will return on Wednesday 30 January and Kindergarten on Friday 1 February at 9:00am after Best Start appointments on the Wednesday and Thursday.



### STAFFING 2019

As usual our student numbers are borderline for 2019. My staffing calculator indicates we have an entitlement of 10.92 classes at the moment. This will fluctuate every time someone leaves or arrives between now and the final day. For this reason students will most likely line up with their 2018 class during Week 1, 2019. We are currently planning for an 11 and 12 class model. Assistant Principals are already playing with possible class scenarios.

### END OF TERM

All students are expected to attend school until the last day of term. School finishes for students at 3:00pm on Wednesday 19 December with our Year 6 Clap Out. Clap Out will begin at approximately 2:45pm from the School Hall. Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

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

Kym Ross – PRINCIPAL

## School News

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### Colour Run



### Mini Fete News

Thanks so much to everyone who has helped us to make our mini fete an exciting and fun event. This event will be held on Tuesday 18th December to coincide with party day. If you would still like to join it is not too late! the showbags have not been ordered but for \$5 you can still come out and enjoy some time paying games and activities run by our year 6 students. We have penalty sahootout, the popular haunted house makes a return, temporary tattoos and a host of other games and activities. Once you pay your money there is no more to pay, and you can play as much as you want!

Our year 6 gift this year is very special and we cannot wait to share it with you all!

**Megan Neilands**

**Stage 3 Teacher**

## Library News

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We have had another great year in the library.

Thank you to parents and students for supporting our library and the continued effort in improving our reading skills.

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.

Final overdue notes will be sent home this week so books we can have all books on our shelves for the upcoming Stocktake.

### Remember

Keep on reading! (even in the holidays)

**Mr Howell**

**Librarian**

# Principal Awards

## CORE VALUE: INTEGRITY



**Toby**

A wonderful student who consistently demonstrates our school rules and values.



**Cooper**

A great leader who consistently makes good choices and acts in the interest of others.

## CORE VALUE: DEMOCRACY



**Colette**

A young lady who is sensitive to others needs and treats others with respect and fairness.



**Rosie**

A student who always listens, acts fairly and always includes others.

## Important Dates

### THIS WEEK

- 4 Dec ▪ Stage 2 excursion
- 5 Dec ▪ Parent Volunteer  
Thankyou
- 6 Dec ▪ Leadership day at Kotara  
High School
- Xmas Yarning Circle
- 7 Dec ▪ Special Awards Assembly



### THIS MONTH

- 11 Dec ▪ Reports distributed
- Merewether HS Orientation  
Day
- Newcastle HS Orientation  
Day
- 12 Dec ▪ Scripture Concert
- 13 Dec ▪ Talent Show
- School Parliament
- 14 Dec ▪ Presentation Day
- CANTEEN CLOSED
- 17 Dec ▪ Year 6 Farewell
- 18 Dec ▪ Class parties & Mini fete
- 19 Dec ▪ Year 6 Clap out and last day  
of Term 4 for students

### COLLECTING NOW

- Expression of Interest in Band 2019
- Permission notes for bus travel to Merewether High School for Presentation 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.



# Good for Kids good for life

## INCREASING VEGETABLE INTAKE

### Did you know?

Only 5% of children in NSW consume the recommended daily serves of vegetables? Kids aged 5-13 should be eating 4.5 to 5.5 serves of vegetables each day.

### What is a serve?



Source: [www.eatforhealth.gov.au](http://www.eatforhealth.gov.au)

### How can I get my kids to eat more vegetables?

- Involve your children in grocery shopping and meal preparation.
- Add easy to eat vegetables to the lunchbox.



- Make it fun! Try making vegetable skewers or create funny faces out of vegetables.
- Keep trying, serve vegetables in different ways to see how they like to eat them.
- Be a good role model and eat plenty of vegetables in front of your kids.



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# APS P&C Newsletter

*Supporting the 'Greatest School Around'*

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## P&C MEETING – MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

Our final P&C meeting was held last night.

We discussed governance, Centrelink volunteers, Canteen menu updates and plans for 2019. We also celebrated the amazing successes of the P&C in 2018, which included:

- Researching, recruiting and employing paid Canteen Supervisor
- Introducing P&C Newsletter and Facebook page to improve communication and engagement
- Purchase of Square Reader - improving service in the Uniform Shop
- Fundraising activities raising over \$16,000
- Holding the first APS COLOUR FUN RUN

Thank you to Mrs Ross for attending our meeting and for your continued support.

## CANTEEN CLOSURE – FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER



The Canteen will be CLOSED on FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER so Canteen helpers can attend PRESENTATION DAY.

There will be no lunch orders or counter sales on this day.



## RAINBOWS OF FUN!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our first ever COLOUR FUN RUN on Friday. This event raised over **\$5500** for the Canteen!

Runners completed a fun and colourful course featuring clouds of colour, water obstacles and bubbles. Everyone kept cool thanks to our friends at Lambton Fire Station.

A huge thank you and congratulations to our amazing Fundraising Committee Linda Kolevski and Amy Fernance for organising this event. Linda and Amy have been working hard behind the scenes planning since the start of the year. We really appreciate all of your hard work and effort. Thanks guys!

Thanks to everyone who supported this event including Mr Downing and Mrs Ross, Michael O'Farrell and the Lambton Fire Station, and to all of the volunteers who helped on the day and donated super soakers and other items.

We hope your children enjoyed this event – who thinks we should hold a COLOUR FUN RUN next year? Let us know!

## MEET THE SECRETARY

The P&C Secretary is responsible for administration and record keeping, including:

- Preparing and circulating all meeting Agendas and Minutes
- Manage the P&C email account, including preparing responses as needed
- Communicate information to the community via P&C Newsletter and P&C Facebook page
- Prepare the P&C Newsletter each fortnight

Are you interested in nominating for this role in 2019?  
Nominate for positions at our AGM.

## JOIN US IN 2019



Please join us at our first meeting to be held on **MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019**. This will be an informal opportunity to get to meet each other and welcome new members!

## UNIFORM SHOP – OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 11 December and Tuesday 18 December from 8.30 – 9.30am.

The Uniform Shop will reopen on **Tuesday 29 January 2019 from 9.00 – 11.00 am** for purchases prior to school returning. Please note: This is a Staff Development Day.

We would like to thank our Uniform Shop Convener, Kate Gaggin for her hard work particularly with the introduction of the credit card sales and new uniform items.

Thanks also all of the volunteers who have helped out and to Lisa Firli for managing the Uniform Shop for a number of years prior to stepping down earlier this year.

## DO YOU HAVE UNWANTED BOOKS?

The P&C are planning a second-hand BOOK SALE as a fundraiser in 2019. We will start collecting donations early next year.

If you are doing a clean-up over the holidays and find any books in good condition that you no longer need, please consider popping them aside for us until we are able to accept and store donations in early 2019. Stay tuned for more details next year.



## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Search 'Adamstown Public School P&C' on FB to keep up to date with P&C events and news. Don't forget to invite your family and friends to 'like' our page.

## CANTEEN NEWS

On behalf of the P&C and our Supervisor, Jenny, we would like to thank those who worked behind the counter and behind the scenes to ensure the Canteen remained open during the last couple of years as a volunteer-run service. Particularly those Canteen Committee members who worked tirelessly ordering stock, rostering and managing accounts.

Thank you also to everyone who has volunteered to help this year. Jenny has sent an email with a survey requesting your availability next year and details about a catch up for Christmas. Please complete the survey and return to Jenny via email as soon as possible.

We will need new faces to help in the Canteen in 2019. If you are interested Jenny in the Canteen (Wed-Fri) or send an email to the P&C to arrange a time to come in and have a look. Jenny is happy to chat to you about what is involved and answer any questions you may have about helping out.