



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 2 Term 4

22 October 2019

From the Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Art Show: Congratulations and my appreciation to all involved in last term's Art Show. The students were able to demonstrate excellence in all aspects of Visual Arts and thoroughly enjoyed exhibiting their masterpieces for all to appreciate.

Thank you to Ms Gibson for her hard work and commitment in fostering a love of art and guiding our students to create a diverse and skillful array of masterpieces that I am sure now have pride of place at home.

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

Thank You.

Congratulations to Tara who was the winner of our Lucy Draw Art Prize. This box of goodies will keep you busy for a while, Tara!

Principal for a Day: Oliver Farr was selected from over 60 applicants as 'Principal for a Day' last term. Oliver took his role very seriously and undertook his duties with enthusiasm and great confidence.

I feel secure in knowing if there is a time when I am called away from school this term, I know all will be well with Principal Farr at the helm. Great job Ollie!



TERM 4 IS GOING TO BE A BUMPER TERM!



Welcome back to another great term at Adamstown School. I hope all our students had a wonderful and refreshing holiday.

Once again our calendar is jammed packed full of "adventures" involving the whole school community. Among the activities planned for this term are: Colour Run, Swim School, Bandfest, excursions, Kindergarten and Year 6 Orientation programs, Writing Enrichment Day, Gifted and Talented sessions in Virtual Reality, filmmaking and coding, Grandparents Day, School Parliament, School Disco, Yarning Circle, Remembrance Day ceremony, Semester 2 Reports, Year 6 farewell, Special Awards assembly, Presentation Day, end of year class parties, Clap Out and much more. For more information, a Term 4 calendar can be accessed through our Skoolbag app or school website.

FAREWELL ADAMSTOWN PS

I struggle to write this farewell to you. After eight wonderful years at Adamstown and 39 years in Public Education, I have decided to take extended leave next year and retire at the end of 2020. This decision was not an easy one because of my deep commitment to Adamstown, its students, its staff and community.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have served as an educator in such a vibrant and supportive community; a community where education is valued as a top priority by students, teachers and parents alike. I am blessed to have worked with an outstanding staff, a dedicated P&C and many, many parent helpers and volunteers sharing the goal of working together to support our beautiful students.

Please know that my dedication and commitment to our school will continue till the last student leaves on the last day of term. Mr Steve Harris, Director of Educational Leadership will work with the school to secure a temporary principal until a permanent appointment has been made in 2020.

To finish my career at the school where I was once a student is very special to me. Thank you for your kindness, support, encouragement and good times. It has been amazing!

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.



WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to Miss Walters who was married last weekend. We hope that Mr and Mrs Mackenzie have a wonderful, happy life together and that their special day last Sunday was one they will always remember with great joy. Miss Miceli will replace Mrs Mackenzie for the next two weeks as 2W's teacher. 2W can't wait to see the photos!

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 23 October (tomorrow). Our Concert Band from beginners to 'old hands' will compete in the Developing Larger Band 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 Mrs Mahony and Ms Gleeson for providing this wonderful opportunity for our band.

THEY'RE BACK!

On Thursday 55 brand new Kinders for 2020 return to A.P.S. for another taste of 'Big School'. Mr Howell will co-ordinate a morning Library session for our little ones whilst Ms Wenham will conduct an Early Literacy information session for our parents in the School Hall.

FASHION ACCESSORISING – PLEASE CONSIDER

Parents, please help us out in enforcing our school policy in regard to jewellery, nail polish and the like.

What's OK?? Studs and sleepers only for earrings and watches of course are on the list. Not on the OK list are bangles, necklaces, anklets, nail polish etc. These items can cause safety issues for the students as well as taking their focus off their work and onto their fashion items. Unfortunately we have had a few of these instances of late and do appreciate your assistance in partnering with us in maintaining the high uniform standards set by the APS community.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR 5 STUDENTS

Selective High School Applications for Year 7, 2021

Application is required by 11 November 2019 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at an academically selective high school in 2021.

Parents are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 8 October to 11 November 2019. Application information is available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

For more information about this process or if you would like to discuss this option for your child with me, please contact the office for a mutually convenient appointment time.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on 12 March 2020.

P & C MEETING

Our next meeting of the P & C will take place next Monday evening, **28 October at 6:30pm** in the staff room. This is the second last one for the year, so please come along and have a voice on how our school operates. Everyone is most welcome to attend. I would love to see you there.



SCHOOL BAND



Our next School Band meeting will be held at 3:45pm on Tuesday 5 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 the acquisition of more musical instruments. 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 11 November (Term 4 Week 5). My thanks to our P&C who have donated funds to reduce the costs for parents.



REMEMBRANCE DAY



Lest We Forget.

Our Remembrance Day service will begin at approximately 10:50am on Monday 11 November in the School Hall. All are very welcome to attend.

FUTURE ENROLMENT

If you foresee any changes to your child's enrolment in 2020, 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

Adamstown Public School Yarning Circle



You are warmly invited to have a yarn and afternoon tea with other Aboriginal parents, carers and children at Adamstown Public School. This will be a great opportunity for us to get to know each other and discuss how we can work together to improve Aboriginal Education at our school.

Venue: Adamstown Public School Staffroom

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Date: Thursday 24th October 2019

Kindest regards,

Sarah Wenham

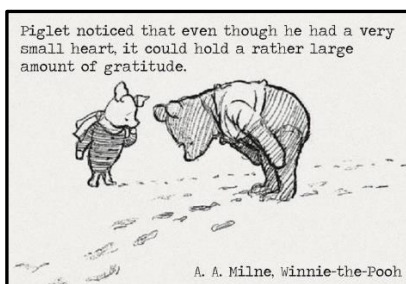
WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2019

Message from the APS P&C

On **Friday 25 October** help celebrate World Teachers' Day (WTD). WTD offers a chance to acknowledge the wonderful teachers at APS 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 will be some cut-out cards attached to the this newsletter or you can make your own. Drop your cards 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 and helps make our school the "Greatest School Around!" What do you like best about your teacher? How does your teacher help you? Tell them and make them smile this World Teachers' Day!

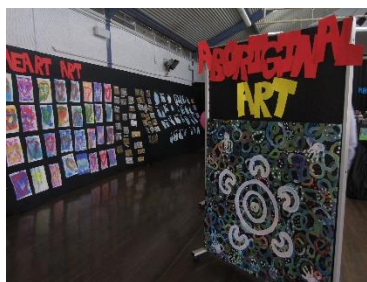
In order for us to arrange delivery please return all thank you cards by 8.45am Friday 25 Oct.



Visual Arts News

Art Show

Our Art Show was an enormous success! Thank you to everyone who attended and showed support to your children.



Art Show Lucky Draw

We drew the Art Show Lucky Draw at the whole school assembly last Friday. Indra Maytom was an excellent barrel girl and the winning ticket was drawn by the Principal for a Day winner, Oliver Farr.

The lucky winner was Tara Stewart from 5/6A. Congratulations Tara!

My Busy Box

This term the Visual Arts Unit for all classes K-6 is a unit called My Busy Box, written by Miss Gibson.

As part of this unit, students are being encouraged to start a Busy Box of their own at home. (Some children and families already have art and craft busy boxes, cupboards, drawers, trolleys, tables etc). Year 5 and 6 students had a lot of fun when they designed their Busy Boxes naming them.... "Alfredo, Bob, Harold, Beatrice, Gary, Barry, Arnold....etc".

We would love to receive photos of the Busy Boxes or art and craft areas you have at home! Maybe you could even include photos of some of the things you make at home for fun?! We would love to feature some photos in Mindabooka! If we get enough photos we will make a display for students, parents and carers to have a look at during drop off times.

In our unit 'My Busy Box' we shall be making wrapping paper, cards and gift tags, envelopes and gifts from clay, recycled material, items from the environment as well as the many bits and bobs which have been donated to The Art Room this year by our very generous school community. Students will learn how to wrap their gifts, add ribbon, bows, write a meaningful card/gift tag and add it to their gifts. These gifts will then come home to be given to loved ones or saved to be given on a special occasion.

Artie

Thank you for your ongoing support and well wishes for Artie. You may recall he suffered an 'artline fracture' last term, during a mishap in The Art Room. The great news is that he is now out of the full leg plaster and no longer requires crutches. He has two sessions of physiotherapy to go and then he should be back to his regular activities and sport.

Library News

Welcome back to a busy Term 4. Classes will continue to borrow and return books on the following days:

Monday: 34C, 34G, 1C, KL

Tuesday: 5/6A, 5/6D, KL, 2N

Wednesday: 2/3M, 1J

Thursday: 4/5N

Borrowed books are to be returned each week so new books can be borrowed. This system greatly reduces the chance for resources becoming lost. If by chance you forget your bag on your library day bring it in the next day at lunch time.

Lost and Damaged Books

Students are responsible for the books they borrow and due care must be taken when they are in their care. However, we understand that accidents do occur. We appreciate your support and trust you understand that if books are lost or damaged then a replacement book or monetary donation can be paid at the office.

This will assist us to maintain a quality literature selection for all students. Occasionally we may send home and overdue notice if a book has not been returned to the library after the due date. We also continue to look for the missing items in the library on a regular basis.

Library Bags

Please remember to bring library bags on library day. This helps to keep books safe and in good condition.

Keep on reading!

Mr Howell

Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: DEMOCRACY



Riley

Riley respects the rights of others and provides opportunities for individuals to voice their opinions.



Kou

Kou has a strong sense of democracy and advocates for others to ensure fairness.

CORE VALUE: CARE



Hayden


Hayden's acts of kindness and thoughtfulness with his class friends and other school buddies is inspiring to see.





Simone

A young lady who is consistently caring and kind and who always treats others with respect.

Important Dates

THIS WEEK	THIS MONTH	THIS TERM
21 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gymnastics continuesBuilding Blocks	28 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none">P&C meeting	5 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">Band meeting
23 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none">Band Festival	30 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leadership day at Kotara High	6 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kotara community P&C meeting
24 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kinder Orientation sessionYarning Circle	31 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none">School Parliament	8 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">Colour Run
25 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none">World Teacher's dayWriting Enrichment class at Kotara HighKinder excursion		11 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">Swim School begins
		12 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wrapper Free day
		13 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">World Kindness day
		19 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">KHS Orientation
		25 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">P&C meeting
		27 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stage 3 excursion
		28 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kinder Orientation session
		29 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none">Yr 3 excursion
		4 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grandparent's day
		5 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">School Disco
		6 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">Special Awards assembly
		9 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reports home
		11 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation day
		16 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">Yr 6 Farewell
		17 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">Class parties
		18 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clap Out
		19 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff Development day

Collecting Now

-  Swim School
-  Band fees