



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 4 Term 4

5 November 2019

From the Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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 20 and 21 November. Good luck everyone!

Year 5 and 6 Newcastle Permanent Math Competition: At last Friday's assembly these students were presented with their certificates:

Distinction: Riley D, Aidan P, Tyler C, Alex S

Merit: Eve L, Thomas C, Riley F, Patrick B, Giselle, Caren, Emily C, Sean R, Toby K, Levi K, Ruby G, Myles L, Jasper, Amy, Sam C, Tara, Noah W, Nate, Cooper Mc, Jade S

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

UNSW Spelling Bee: Our overall results were pleasing and indicated that all grades were on par or above state averages. At next Friday's assembly these students will be awarded with their certificates:

Distinction: Ray, Owen, Emily C

Credit: Louis, Pippa, Eamon, Isaac O, Patrick B, Lani

Merit: Simone

Participation: Colette, Jarvis, Josie, Shona, Edward B, Evie G, Jack G, Nikita, Tarisa, Lacey R, Shenal, Samara, Hayden T, Chloe W, Sophia-Rose, Henry, Rosie L, Kai S, Isla, Levi K, Caren W, Amy B, Jasper, Tara

Congratulations to the 34 students who took on this year's competition which involved schools all across Australasia.

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 25 October to say thanks for a job well done.

It was greatly appreciated.



THEY'RE BACK!




Yesterday 57 brand new Kinders for 2020 return 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.

FRESH IS BEST

Listening to Ms Wenham prepare for Kinder Orientation last week, I'm reminded how sometimes lunchboxes can take a magical transformation. In preschool and kinder the lunchboxes are full of fruit and 'fresh' and somehow over time they can turn 'plastic'? Just a reminder to keep vigilant mums and dads and let's keep our kids as healthy as we can. Just remember that if they're hungry enough, they'll eat it!

ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain positive friendships with other children. Even if you are late 5 minutes each day, these minutes add up to months of schooling.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

| When your child misses just... | that equals... | which is... | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... | This means that the best your child can achieve is... |
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| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 ½ a years of school | Equal to finishing Year 11 |
| 1 day a week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years of school | Equal to finishing Year 10 |
| 2 days a week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 7 |
| 3 days a week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 4 |

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



For more information on Compulsary School Attendance go to:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/media/documents/attendance-behaviour-engagement/attendance/attendance_parents.pdf

NEXT WEEK IS 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.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

I need to remind all parents and carers that there is no formal supervision of students before 8.30am of a morning or after school from 3:00pm. If this provides difficulty for working parents and families, perhaps arrangements can be made with other families for assistance or enquiries be made to 'OOSHC' for that additional supervision. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further – thanks. Our students' safety and wellbeing is our No.1 priority.

KOTARA HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS

Parent Information Evening for students entering Year 7 in 2020 will take place on Tuesday 19 November at 6.00pm in the KHS Multi Purpose Centre.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day service will begin at approximately 10:50am on Monday 11 November in the School Hall.

All are very welcome to attend.



WRAPPER FREE LUNCH DAY – 12 NOVEMBER

Wrapper Free Lunch day is going to be held on Tuesday the 12 November. The day aims to promote awareness of the importance of minimising waste, unnecessary packaging and single-use plastics.

Adamstown Public School are keen participants in this initiative and this term the event will be run by our extremely enthusiastic Early Stage One students.

In addition to the free canteen-lunch up for grabs, Kindergarten will be running a colouring-in competition with Kindergarten students as the judges.

We look forward to creating a new record for our school and hope everyone takes the opportunity to go wrapper-free on Tuesday 12 November.

News from Mary Carthew - Volunteer Co-ordinator for Primary Ethics:

Has your child been in a Special Education in Ethics class this term or are they on the wait-list and participating in other activities on Wednesday afternoons? Would you like to make sure that your child continues/starts to be taught SEE in the future?

If you answered "YES!" then it is time to join the team of volunteer teachers who work together with me to deliver the Primary Ethics program at Adamstown.

We need at least another 4 teachers to meet the demand of families/carers who have selected Special Education in Ethics for their child.

We currently have a large number of students patiently waiting for more Ethics teachers to start so that they can be added to a SEE class. Could this be you or someone from your extended family, friendship group or workplace?

The next new teacher workshop in Newcastle is being held on 9 & 10 November (weekend) so right now is a great time to join the Ethics' team.

Interested? Go to <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/> or call me on 0422229082 to find out more.

HOST A SURFER PROGRAM

Host a Surfer program is coming to Adamstown Public School, and we are super pumped to meet you guys! Our ambassadors Philippa Anderson and Alyssa Lock will visit the school on 12 November and talk to senior classes about our school mentoring program "Understanding the Ride" which talks about everything from life as a pro surfer, physical/mental wellbeing, resilience, commitments & goals and friendship & experiences they make along the way.

Our program is also designed to give children a unique in-home mentoring experience while providing elite athletes with a home like environment to stay during Women's Qualifying Series (WQS) events. Surfers will generally stay with families for around 5 to 7 nights during the events like Surfest here in Newcastle. What an amazing opportunity to have your child learn from a professional athlete staying in their home, showing them they too can make anything possible – to register your interest in being a host family and find out more information you can visit our website www.hostasurfer.com

See you guys soon!

The Host a Surfer Team!

OUR NEW SIGN



OUR NEW SANDPIT COVER



Library News

It's business as usual for our library borrowers this week.

As we get closer to the need of the year it's important to remember that books are to be returned each week so new books can be borrowed and helps to ensure that books don't get lost. If by chance you forget your library bag on your library day bring it in the next day at lunch time.

Reminder - 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.

Library Bags

Please remember to bring library bags on library day. This helps to keep books safe and in good condition. New green Library bags can be purchased from the school for \$7.

New Books In

Rhyme Stew – Roald Dahl

Babysitters Club – Ann M Martin

School Jokes – Michael Dahl

Keep on reading!

Mr Howell

Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: CO-OPERATION



Arabella

Arabella listens to her peers and is always ready to support others in need.



Corey

Corey is a talented artist who is co-operative in class, willing to share his skills and encourage others to be proud of their work.

CORE VALUE: EXCELLENCE



Kye

A hard working student who enjoys a challenge and will set himself learning goals to get there.



Henry

Commitment to excellence with all his learning.

Drop-off and Pick-up zones Safety tips

Safety tips for drivers using a Drop-off and Pick-up zones

- Always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the Drop-off and Pick-up zone.
- Make sure children use the Safety Door (the rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- Make sure the handbrake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Always park legally.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Safety tips for students

- Always get in and out of the vehicle through the Safety Door, the rear footpath-side door.
- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the Drop-off and pick-up area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, such as on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the vehicle with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.

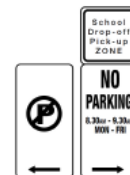
Safety tips for volunteers

- For easy identification, wear a safety item, such as a fluoro vest, sash or hat.
- Remain on the footpath when helping students to exit and enter each vehicle, in turn, in the Pick-up and Drop-off zone.
- Do not attempt to direct traffic and do not enter the road environment.

More information

[Keeping our kids safe around schools](#) has information for principals, parents and members of the school community.

Order Safety Door stickers from the Centre for Road Safety website [online catalogue](#).



Kids and Traffic Safety
Door sticker
RTA45091021K

roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

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Drop-off and pick-up Initiative | December 2016



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Important Dates

| THIS WEEK | | THIS MONTH | | THIS TERM | |
|---|--|------------|---|-----------|--|
| 4 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gymnastics Kinder Orientation session SWAN program - KHS | 11 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance Day service Swim School begins | 2 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Blocks |
| 5 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Blocks | 12 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWAN program - KHS Wrapper Free day | 3 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 Mini Fete |
| 8 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour Run | 13 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Kindness day | 4 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandparent's day |
|  | | 18 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Blocks SWAN program – KHS | 5 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Disco BYOD Parent Info session |
| | | 19 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KHS Orientation | 6 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Awards assembly |
| | | 20 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student leader elections - Girls | 9 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports distributed |
| | | 21 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student leader elections - Boys Yarning Circle @ 3:30 pm | 11 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation day @ 10:00 am |
| | | 22 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swim School concludes | 16 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 Farewell |
| | | 25 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWAN program – KHS P&C meeting @ 6:30 pm | 17 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class parties |
| | | 27 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 excursion | 18 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clap Out |
| | | 28 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinder Orientation session | 19 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development day |
| | | 29 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 3 excursion | | |

Collecting Now

- Swim School
- Band fees
- Excursion fees