



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 6 Term 4

19 November 2019

From the Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Soccer Champ: Our very own Levi Kolevski from Year 5 will be heading to Hawaii this week to represent Australia in Futsal. Levi is a dedicated and passionate soccer player who has also played in Europe in 2018. We all wish him the very best of success as he takes on this next opportunity. Well done Levi!

UNSW English: At last Friday's assembly these students will be awarded with their certificates:

High Distinction: Emily C

Distinction: Josie A, Shona, Kai S

Credit: Pippa, Owen, Isaac O, Lani, Tessa

Merit: Eamon

Participation: Collette, Ray, Jarvis, Edward B, Nikita, Tarisa, Lacey, Shenal, Samara, Hayden T, Chloe, Patrick, Henry, Rosie, Simone, Ella O, Toby U, Levi K, Zara M, Caren, Amy, Taylor F, Jasper, Tara

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

UNSW Mathematics: At last Friday's assembly these students will be awarded with their certificates:

Distinction: Pippa, Eamon, Noah S, Aidan P

Credit: Collette, Jack G, Shenal, Emily C,

Merit: Josie, Owen, Samara, Riley D

Participation: Louis, Ray, Jarvis, Shona, Nikolaos, Edward B, Evie G, Tarisa, Isaac O, Lacey, Nicole, Hayden T, Chloe W, Kian, Patrick, Thomas C, Sarah D, Henry, Rosie, Simone, Ella O, Toby U, Zara M, Charlotte R, Caren

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Colour Run: What an achievement! APS went all out and exceeded our target of raising \$10 000 for our school on Friday 8 November at our annual Colour Run. Congratulations to Thea in KW for being our top individual fundraisers and 2/3M for being the top fundraising class. Thea won for herself a bike and 2/3M a victory lap at the Colour Fun Run as well as a private soccer clinic session. Thank you to all parents who helped out on the day as well as Linda Kolevski and Amy Fernance for organising such a successful event once again, and Mr Downing for co-ordinating this school activity with staff and students. So much fun!!

BUSHFIRE ALERT

Thank you to parents who were supportive of school as we remained opened during the forecasted catastrophic fire conditions from the RFS NSW last week. Never before has an area of the state been so vulnerable to fire. We were very aware of the need to follow procedures very closely as we were briefed and consistently updated on local situations by the DoE and RFS NSW. Students were calm, relaxed and remained inside last Tuesday due to poor air quality. Staff were briefed in procedures and our Fire Plan to ensure that it was business as usual at APS.



WE HAVE 2020 VISION



Just a quick update on next year in terms of classes APS, for the first time in a few decades, APS will hit the 320 students mark thanks to the 57 new kindergarten students who will embark upon their educational journey in 2020. This will also mean that we will commence the new year at capacity with 13 classes and a number of additional teachers on staff.

The new year will also see many classrooms painted, our Hall repainted, outdoor eating areas revamped, carpets replaced in the Administration block and replacement of the roof in B block. I hope to oversee this project work to completion over the Summer holiday period.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Over the past two terms many students have had the opportunity to put themselves forward for leadership positions in preparation for 2020. The number of candidates who have taken the opportunity to step outside their comfort zone and share their ideas with their teachers and peers has been wonderful which proves that we are certainly fostering confident, ambitious and responsible young leaders at APS.

The Year 5 students will speak about their vision for APS as School Captain for 2020 on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. School Captain, Vice Captains and House team leaders (junior and senior) will be all announced at our Presentation Day assembly.

Next year's Year 6 students will also have the opportunity to take on a variety of other leadership roles including School Parliament Ministers. At APS our Year 6 Leadership team (all of them!) become responsible for many parts of the day to day functioning of our school. The Captain's badge is a nice honour to receive but Year 6 parents, please stress to your child just as we do at school, that it is only one of many leadership opportunities along the way during a student's Year 6 journey.

THEY'RE BACK FOR ONE LAST TIME!

On Thursday 28 November we will play host to our 2020 Kindergarten guests for one last time as they enjoy their first Kindergarten classroom experience with a fun craft session. KL and KW experts will also be there to assist. An information session will be provided for parents during this time re final administrative requirements and Kindergarten Best Start Assessments. Our Uniform Shop will also be open. My thanks to Miss Littlewood and Ms Wenham who have done a superb job over the past two terms preparing our new little ones (and their parents) for "big school".



THANK YOU PARENT and COMMUNITY HELPERS

Family support is always a vital part of a school community and this partnership helps in significant areas. The assistance given through committees, canteen services, support of our school band, Starstruck, Scripture, Ethics, Reading tutors, Working Bees, Fundraising as well as numerous educational programs benefits us all. This involvement is vital to the smooth running of each school year.

In recognition of this great work and continued support, our staff will provide a morning tea for our family and community helpers on **Thursday 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 2019 has been invaluable.

P&C PARTY TIME!



Our final meeting for the year is on Monday evening, **25 November at 6:30pm**. This is fantastic way to introduce yourself to our wonderful group of P&C parents so please come and join us for our low key final meeting for 2019 as we reflect upon the successful year that has been. And what a year it has been! Our P&C have helped to fund so many outstanding projects, such as financial support for our elite athletes competing at State level, subsidising Swim School, the acquisition of our canteen supervisor and ongoing canteen improvements. All of our children and community benefit greatly from the generosity and hard work of this hard working P&C team.

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 (see flyer attached). Donations can be brought to school and placed under the Christmas tree in the foyer from next week. Thank you for your kind assistance.



SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On **Friday 6 December** at 12:00pm a special awards assembly will be held in the school hall to acknowledge and present students with Premier's Reading and Sporting Challenge certificates, 100% Attendance awards, Band awards and Kindergarten celebration certificates. Our newly formed flute ensemble will also perform. Presentation Day will follow on the **Wednesday, 11 December** at 10:00am at Merewether High School. All parents are encouraged to attend both presentations, so please remember to add these important dates to your calendar.

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



The poster features the Samaritans logo at the top, with the tagline 'Compassion Integrity Justice'. Below this, the title 'CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS' is written in large, bold, red letters. A green holly leaf is to the right of the title. The main text reads: 'While many people enjoy giving the traditional soft fluffy toy at Christmas, the desperate need is for all types of gifts for all ages!'. In the center is a green silhouette of a Christmas tree. At the base of the tree are six gift bags of different colors, each with a list of gift ideas. A green banner at the bottom contains a reminder about battery-operated items and a note about wrapping.

Samaritans
Compassion Integrity Justice

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TEENAGE GIRLS
Gift voucher
(Target, Big W, cinemas, etc.),
toiletries, cosmetics, beach
towel, watch, backpack, purses
or bags, hat, fun socks, jewellery,
ear pods, board games, T-shirts,
thongs or sandals, skincare.

BOYS
Football, games,
cars, any active
sports items, action
figures.

GIRLS
Dress ups, watch,
dolls, doll pram,
books, games,
textas, craft items.

ADULTS
Toiletries (male and/
or female), towels,
hats, socks, vouchers,
backpacks, bags,
ornaments (picture frames;
candles), watch, thongs,
shorts, T-shirts.

TEENAGE BOYS
Gift voucher
(Target, Big W, cinemas, etc.),
cricket set or other sporting
equipment, beach towel,
watch, backpack, hat,
ear pods, fun mugs, board
games, toiletries.

WRAPPING PAPER

Please remember, many of our clients can not necessarily afford battery operated items.
PLEASE DON'T WRAP GIFTS. THE GIFTS ARE WRAPPED ONCE THE GIFT HAS BEEN CHOSEN.

ETHICS CLASSES AT ADAMSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Could you be an Ethics tutor at APS in 2020?

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.

Children discuss topics such as:

- Imagining how others feel
- How do we treat living things?
- What is laziness?
- How do we disagree in a respectful way?
- Fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/> or contact Mary Carthew on 0422229082 to find out more.

YARNING CIRCLE



Adamstown Public School Yarning Circle

Dear Friends,

You are warmly invited to have a yarn and afternoon tea with other Aboriginal parents, carers and children at Adamstown Public School. Sadly this will be Mrs Ross' last Yarning Circle. Mrs Ross has been our Principal and proud advocate of Aboriginal education since

Venue: Adamstown Public School Staffroom

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Date: Thursday 21st November 2019

Please let me know if you are able to make it along to this event by the 19th November 2019.

Kindest regards,

Sarah Wenham

COLOUR RUN



We are committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality opportunities for every child.
In our school every child is known, valued and cared for.

Library News

It's great to see the students gradually borrowing more difficult books to read as the year progresses. Practice does pay off.

Please 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. Week 7 will be our last day of borrowing so we can get the shelves ready for Stocktake.

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.

New Books In

Minecraft Woodsworth Chronicles - Mojang

Fergus at the Wheel – J W Noble

Blinky Bill A party – Five Mile Press

Keep on reading!

Mr Howell

Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: PARTICIPATION



Andrew

Andrew is an active learner, has a positive attitude to change and is courageous when taking on new tasks.



Jack

Jack is a keen participant in all aspects of school life.

CORE VALUE: FAIRNESS



Atia

Atia is kind and is always willing to share with her peers and makes an effort to ensure all her friends are included.



Ethan

Ethan always treats others with respect and empathy.

Important Dates

THIS WEEK		THIS MONTH		THIS TERM	
18 Nov	▪ Building Blocks ▪ SWAN program – KHS	25 Nov	▪ SWAN program – KHS ▪ P&C meeting @ 6:30 pm	2 Dec	▪ Building Blocks
19 Nov	▪ KHS Orientation – Year 6	27 Nov	▪ Stage 3 Bathurst excursion	3 Dec	▪ MHS Orientation day
20 Nov	▪ Student leader elections – Boys @ 9:30 am	28 Nov	▪ Kinder Orientation session @ 10:00 am	4 Dec	▪ Grandparent's day
21 Nov	▪ Student leader elections – Girls @ 9:30 am ▪ Yarning Circle @ 3:30 pm	29 Nov	▪ Yr 3 excursion	5 Dec	▪ Parent Helpers Morning Tea ▪ School Disco ▪ BYOD Parent Info session
22 Nov	▪ Swim School concludes			6 Dec	▪ Special Awards assembly
				9 Dec	▪ Reports distributed
				11 Dec	▪ Presentation day @10:00 am
				12 Dec	▪ Year 6 Mini-fete
				16 Dec	▪ Yr 6 Farewell
				17 Dec	▪ Class parties
				18 Dec	▪ Clap Out
				19 Dec	▪ Staff Development Day

Collecting Now

- Presentation Day permission notes – no cost
- Band fees
- Stage 2 excursion fees
- Mini fete

Adamstown Public School Term 4 Disco

Thursday 5th December 2019



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

Extra drinks and chips on sale during the evening.

A \$2:50 Sausage sizzle will be available from 5:30 - 8pm.

(No pre orders required)

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information Session

I would like to invite parents of students who will be in year 5 in 2020 to a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) information session. The session will be held in the school's staff room on the 5th of December at 7:15pm (to coincide with the school disco). This session will provide parents with information about Adamstown Public School's BYOD:

- Rationale
- Learning Objectives
- School, Student and Parent Responsibilities
- Computer Specifications

Sincerely,
Adam Davidson
Assistant Principal