



# MINDABOOKA

## Adamstown Public School



Week 8 Term 1

19 March 2019

### From the Principal

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**StarStruck 2019:** We're in! Our auditions for both Aboriginal dance and movement were successful. Congratulations to both StarStruck audition teams for all your efforts. Miss Anderson (movement) and Ms Wenham (Aboriginal dance) now have the fun task of co-ordinating this great event for our school. Now the fun begins!



#### STARSTRUCK FEATURED DANCE ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

Students in our Star Struck groups have the opportunity to audition for a place within a featured dance ensemble for Star Struck 2019. If students are interested, they are to see Miss Anderson by Thursday 21st March to receive prepared pieces of choreography that students will need to learn for an audition. Auditions will be held on Sunday 24th March at The Forum, University Drive Callaghan from 10am to 12pm. Students are to arrive 30 minutes prior to the audition time. Parents are to drop students off and collect them at the end of their audition. Please be aware that students who are accepted for featured dance ensembles, will have additional participation and costuming fees.

#### DON'T LEAVE US YET!

Year 6 have received their enrolment application forms for high school. Planning for high school is an exciting time and is the next big step in each child's educational journey. It would be appreciated if these forms were completed and returned as soon as possible. All applications are now overdue. Please feel free to contact Mr Davidson or myself if there are any questions or issues.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION



March 15 is Harmony Day and National Day Against Bullying. This week our students from Year 3 to 6 will complete an Anti-Bullying survey that will kick start our school's review of our Anti-bullying plan. Adamstown Public School is a very fortunate school with a wonderful family atmosphere. It is a place where we seek to have every child, parent, teacher and visitor feel safe, secure and happy. It is a place in which we want every member of the school community to feel welcome, participate and enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

Our Primary survey is a wonderful opportunity for students, parents and teachers to engage in discussion around a topic that has been very much in the media over the past decade. It is a chance for us to openly speak about bullying and the impact it can have upon others and ourselves. An impact that surpasses just the physical, but also impacts greatly upon the emotional and mental wellbeing of a person. I encourage all to take the opportunity this week to have some deep discussions around the dinner table about what we can all do as individuals to demonstrate our stand against bullying.

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved. Likewise not all online issues are bullying. Online bullying is sometimes referred to as cyberbullying and refers to bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.

For great resources and more information for kids and parents go to: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

### WHO TURNED THE LIGHTS OUT?

We will be participating in Earth Hour on Friday 18 March from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Mrs Neilands and Miss Anderson and our newly appointed Minister for the Environment, Rose will be coordinating this event.



### CROSS COUNTRY



Our Cross Country event will take place on Friday morning, 5 April for students in Years 3 to 6. As the course is inside the school grounds, the cross country will go ahead unless the weather is very inclement or the marked course is unsafe. All competitors should wear their sports uniforms to school but will be able to change into running clothes for the race if they wish. Students in Kinder to Year 2 will have the opportunity to be involved in a "fun run" at the same time. All students should bring a water bottle and wear appropriate shoes for running.

### ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS



Our School ANZAC service will be held on Tuesday 9 April at 12:00pm in the school hall. We extend an invitation to all our parents, grandparents and friends to attend this service. Students are asked to bring flowers for floral tributes if possible. Donations of flowers can be left at the office on Monday 8 April so that they can be made into wreaths by parent volunteers early on Tuesday morning. Any parents who are available for the making of wreaths on Tuesday morning at 9:00am would be greatly appreciated. An Expression of Interest is included in this newsletter. Thank you in anticipation.

Full school uniform must be worn by all students; however, Guide or Scout members may wear their uniform for the service. Students may also wear medals belonging to passed family members. The Returned and Services League (RSL) encourages people to wear their forebears' medals on the right breast.

ANZAC Day falls on the last Thursday of the school holidays before the commencement of Term 2. I encourage all families to take the opportunity and attend a local service to commemorate this significant event. Adamstown Public School will participate in the ANZAC Day march along Brunner Road on ANZAC Day. Please see further information re this event in our next newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there.

### EASTER ACTIVITIES

**Decorated Egg Competition:** Students have been invited to design and create a character, scene, diorama or art work using a decorated egg or two. Works of art completed at home can be brought to school on Thursday 11 April or the morning of Friday 12 April. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and original designs. There will be no cost to enter. Categories include: Easter, Sport, Famous Personality, Futuristic, Sport, Entertainment, Yesteryear and Miscellaneous. All creations will be on display in the Library on the day of the Easter Hat Parade. Winners will be announced at the Parade. Good luck everyone!

**Easter Hat Parade:** This year Easter is in the middle of our end of Term 1 break so in keeping with Adamstown Public School's tradition, we will be having our Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term, Friday 12 April. Kindergarten through to Year 5 will be invited to participate in the hat parade with students in Year 6 supporting their Kinder buddies with their creations. Aside from Kinder, hats should be sent in on the morning of the parade. Recess will be from 11:00am - 11:25am. Lunch will be from 12:30pm - 1:10pm. Parade will commence at 1.30pm.



Parents are invited to pack their own lunch and join the children for a picnic lunch at 12:30pm.

**Easter Lucky Draw:** Tickets were sent home yesterday for the P & C Easter Lucky Draw.

The P & C are also seeking donations of Easter eggs, baskets, bunnies and wrapping paper. Please leave your kind donations at the office before Wednesday 10 April.

Additional sheets of tickets will be available at the school office.

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

Kym Ross – PRINCIPAL

## Principal Awards

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### CORE VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY



#### Addison

A mature student who is always willing to help others and strives for success in all that she does.



#### Keira

Outstanding support for her Kinder buddy. Keira is an active school citizen who is showing increased maturity socially and academically.

## School News

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### PARENT, STUDENT, TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

Our portal for parent, student and teacher discussions is now open. If you have not accessed Sentral Parent Portal previously then you will have received instructions for how to create an account and link your account to your child/children.

If you already have a Sentral Parent account then all you need to do is log in and select an interview time. An email will be sent automatically to your nominated email address to confirm your interview time.

Our schedule for each class is as follows:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 2/3M and 1J

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April - 3/4C, 3/4D and 2N

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - 5/6D and 4/5N

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April - 1C, 2N and 5/6A

Thank you to everyone for taking advantage of this option to organise parent teacher interviews. The teachers at Adamstown school look forward to meeting with you and talking to you about your child's learning.

Please note that Kindergarten parent interviews will be held in Term 2. You will be provided with more information regarding these interviews next term.

## **HARMONY DAY 2019**

Thursday 21st of March will mark Harmony Day for 2019. Adamstown Public School will be participating in the important nation-wide celebration. Students are encouraged to dress in orange or cultural dress that pertains to their cultural heritage.

Our diversity is what makes us strong, so let's celebrate the richness of the many cultures and groups that contribute to make Adamstown the fabulous school that it is.

Did you know?

- Over the last 70 years more than seven and a half million migrants have made Australia their home.
- Nearly half of Australians were born overseas or have a parent who was.
- People from over 200 countries make up our Australian community and over 300 languages are spoken in our homes

**Erin Littlewood**

**Co-ordinator**

## **REGIONAL & STATE SWIMMING**

Congratulations to Aaleyah, Tara and Olivia who participated in the regional swimming carnival at Lambton recently. All of these students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and swam extremely well on the day.

A special congratulations to Aaleyah who was selected in Hunter region swimming team and will participate in the state swimming carnival at the end of this term. She was selected in three events, which is an amazing achievement.

**Mr Cook**

**Sports Co-ordinator**

## **KEEP COUGHING KIDS HOME AND SEE YOUR GP**

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
3. Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough.

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the [NSW Health Website](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx)(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)

You can also find out about other important infectious disease alerts by visiting the [alerts page](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx)(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx>).

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In the table below is an overview of financial payments for 2019. School Contributions are capped at \$20 per family. Please note this is a guide only and other costs/charges may arise during the year.

KINDER	School Contributions - \$20 Book Pack - \$80 Oakvale Farm Excursion – Term 3 - \$25 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2	YEAR 1	School Contributions - \$20 Book Pack - \$65 Possum Magic Excursion – Term 3 - \$25 approx Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2
YEAR 2	School Contributions - \$20 Book Pack - \$60 Possum Magic Excursion – Term 3 - \$25 Intensive Swimming - \$50 approx. – Term 4 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2	YEAR 3	School Contributions - \$20 Book Pack - \$70 (including School magazine subscription) TBC Excursion – Term 3 Swim Carnival - \$10 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2
YEAR 4	School Contributions - \$20 Book Pack - \$70 (including School magazine subscription) Swim Carnival - \$10 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2 Roar n Snore Excursion – Term 3 - \$210	YEAR 5	School Contributions - \$20 Book Pack - \$60 (including School magazine subscription) Swim Carnival - \$10 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2 Bathurst Excursion – Term 4 - \$350
YEAR 6	School Contributions - \$20 Book Pack - \$60 (including School magazine subscription) Swim Carnival - \$10 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2 Year 6 T-Shirt - \$40 – Term 3 Year 6 Farewell - \$20 approx. – Term 4 Bathurst Excursion – Term 4 - \$350 Year 6 ANZAC Service, Civic - \$25 approx		

## Library News

Another busy week in the library. Kinder have started logging onto the computers. Happy to say much progress is being made. A new display on Australian Immigration is showing off the wonderful work from our Stage 3 students.

### Library Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts in our library sessions.

Ray  
Eve L  
Ella O

### Library Bags

Please remember to change the class on library bags for 2019. This helps with getting lost bags back to the correct class and students.

### Premiers Reading Challenge

K-2 are busy reading and listening. Primary students are recording their PRC books in the library and are now entering their book titles onto the PRC website. Parents wishing to enter PRC books at home may continue to do so.

### New Books in!

Dog Man - Brawl of the Wild  
Ninja Kid 3  
Roblox – Top Adventures  
Fing – David Walliams  
Keep on reading!

**Mr Howell**  
**Librarian**



The challenge begins!

Registration for the 2019 Challenge opened on the 4 March. A copy of the 2019 reading list for K-2, 3-4 or 5-6 can be downloaded from the school website from this date.

### Challenge Level Requirements

Challenge Level	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Books that have been read since September 2018 can be counted towards the 2019 Challenge. Last year all APS students completed the challenge. Our goal this year is 100% participation for the fifth year in a row. Have fun!

For more information go to: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

## Visual Art News

### In the Art Room this fortnight:

We have been working on portraits of our Mothers/Significant female in our lives. These will be on display and available for sale as a school fundraiser at the Mother's Day Breakfast in Week 2 of Term 2. Further details about this event will follow.

### Community Involvement:

A huge thank you to all students and their families who have donated business shirts to the Art Room for use as paint shirts.

Myles 5/6D

Riley D 5/6A

Shenal 2/3M

Harvie 2/3M

William 1J

Miss Gibson was also able to pick some free shirts up on Gumtree!

### Are you at all ARTY or CRAFTY?!?

We would like to put a call out to adult members of our school community who may be artists or have particular skill or talent in Visual Arts which they are happy to share with a small group of students in the form of a workshop (4-5 students with teacher supervision and assistance). Maybe you are a painter, knitter, crochet master, weaver, graffiti artist (no questions will be asked), the current trend of diamond art? etc. Please contact Miss Gibson for more information or to express an interest. We already have Takayo, mum of Kou and Rin Evans. Takayo is an exceptional sketch artist. We will be thrilled to have her working with our targeted sketchers very soon!

Thank you also to Mrs Ross's mother, who has donated lots of fabulous wadding/stuffing for an Art Show Project currently being planned.

### Donations:

We would love to receive the following items:

- \* Buttons of all shapes, sizes and colours
- \* Clean wadding and stuffing
- \* Long socks
- \* Small, coloured plastic lids of all kinds e.g. milk bottles, drink bottles, food bottles e.g. squirty pizza sauce!

Thank you so much for your continued support!

**MeGan Gibson**

**Visual Arts Teacher**

## Important Dates



### THIS WEEK

- 19 Mar ▪ Best Start interviews – KW
- 20 Mar ▪ Best Start interviews – KL
- Ab Dance excursion
- 21 Mar ▪ Harmony Day

*Out Of Uniform Day*

*Students can wear **orange**  
or cultural dress.*

### THIS MONTH

- 18, 25 Mar ▪ Basketball clinics
- 26 Mar ▪ Yarn Circle @ 3:30pm
- 28 Mar ▪ Band Meeting @ 3:30pm
- 29 Mar ▪ Earth Hour



### THIS TERM

- 3 April ▪ 2/3M and 1J Learning Discussions
- 5 April ▪ Cross Country event
- 8 April ▪ 3/4C, 3/4D and 2N Learning Discussions
- 9 April ▪ 4/5N and 5/6D Learning Discussions
- 10 April ▪ 1C, 2N and 5/6A Learning Discussions
- 9 April ▪ ANZAC Service
- 12 April ▪ Easter Hat parade
- 25 April ▪ ANZAC Day march & service  
Brunker Road, Adamstown

## Collecting Now

- Band fees
- Easter egg donations for P&C & Easter Draw tickets
- Roar n Snore Deposit
- Voluntary Contributions