



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 4 Term 2

21 May 2019

From Mrs Neilands

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

NAPLAN: Our Year 3 and Year 5 students joined their peers across Australia in participating in the National Testing Program (NAPLAN) over the past fortnight. This was the first year our school completed NAPLAN in the new online format. All students were well prepared and showed great confidence in the Literacy, Numeracy and Writing. Thank you to Mr Davidson and Mr Downing for co-ordinating this for us.

Results should be available to parents and schools next term.

SPORT

This term our PSSA and interschool soccer and netball teams are bigger than ever. We have over 100 students participating in these local sporting competitions. Our students have been reported to be exemplary in their behaviour and sportsmanship and compete with skill and pride for their school.

The following teachers are covering our senior sports:

- ✓ Mrs Neilands is taking boys PSSA soccer
- ✓ Miss Anderson is taking PSSA netball
- ✓ Mr Downing and Mr Davidson are taking Interschool Soccer
- ✓ Mrs Ross is taking Interschool Netball
- ✓ Mrs Brown and Mr Cook remain at school for school based sports



Wishing our competitors the very best in their sporting ventures as they continue to play hard but fair and enjoy their time participating in their competitions. We hope you enjoy the experience. Thank you to all of our mums and dads for their support both at school and at the games.

MUM'S THE WORD

We had such an amazing turnout on Friday 10th May for our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. We made over 350 bacon and egg rolls and were joined by so many people from our incredible school community. We have received such positive feedback and thank you emails since this event and it would seem that our Mother's Day Breakfast was once again a winner and very much appreciated by our school community.

My thanks to all staff who worked tirelessly from the early hours of the morning to ensure that everything ran smoothly and we were ready to serve hot food when people started arriving.

Thank you to our P&C who again coordinated a very successful Mother's Day Stall and raffle. There were so many amazing prizes and winners, with happy Mum's receiving an extra special something for Mother's Day. We are very grateful to all of our hardworking P&C, especially to our fundraising sub-committee Linda, Amy, Zoe, Helen and Kim. Also thank you to those people who completed their 'Just one Thing' form and came in to support our P&C and school with the Mother's Day Stall. If you haven't sent in your 'Just one Thing' form it is not too late, we will gratefully receive them at any time. Perhaps there is an opportunity coming up that you would enjoy being part of.

Thank you to Miss Gibson who coordinated the artistic side of our Mother's Day activities. The artwork were certainly amazing, and very popular. The display brightened up the school on a cool morning and amazing portraits were enthusiastically shared with students and Mum's.

We hope that all of our very special mums, aunties, grand mums and great grand mums had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend.

P & C MEETING

One of the best ways to keep abreast of the happenings and the future happenings at APS is to be part of our P&C Meetings. It is also a wonderful platform for ideas and futuristic thinking to happen as many of our parents contribute thoughts and ideas for possible programs and resources to enhance our school.

Recently we have changed the scheduled P&C Meetings to occur on Monday of Weeks 3 and 8 of each term. This will be easier to keep track of. Meetings are run at 6:30pm in the staff room. All parents are more than welcome to attend – the more the merrier. We would love to have you with us!

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Grounded in Truth: Walk Together with Courage

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

More info: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>

Students will be involved in a number of activities both in class and at a special Reconciliation assembly on 7th June at 10:00am to recognise the significance of this important part of our history. Parents are most welcome to join us for this occasion.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTING TO PARENTS

Preparation of these reports is going full steam ahead. Student reports will be distributed Tuesday 2nd July (Week 10).

Have a lovely week

Megan Neilands - Rel Principal

School News

Reconciliation Assembly

You are warmly invited to the Adamstown Public School's Reconciliation Assembly on Friday 7th June at 10am. We ask that you bring your family and friends to acknowledge that big changes take persistence and courage.

Following the assembly there will be morning tea in the staffroom.

Kindest regards,

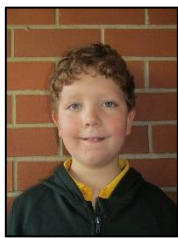
Sarah Wenham, Jack Downing

Aboriginal Education co-ordinators



Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: COOPERATION



Finn

A young man who has matured considerably this year by becoming more tolerant and inclusive of his peers.



Aaleyah

An honest and caring student leader who is always respectful and inclusive of others.

CORE VALUE: EXCELLENCE



Evie

Kind, thoughtful and caring. Evie gives her best on every occasion.



Ella

Striving for excellence in all that she does.

CORE VALUE: PARTICIPATION



Ava

Showing resilience and giving new experiences a red hot go.



Nelson

An excellent role model and school leader who participates enthusiastically in all school activities.



Alex

A kind and considerate young man who participates in all school activities and is always the first to volunteer to assist teachers.

CORE VALUE: FAIRNESS



Ella

Being a reliable student who always treats others with respect.



Nikoli

Always treats others with respect and empathy.

Library News

Big thank you for your patience during our disrupted library program while the Naplan was in progress. Students are now once again busy borrowing, returning and working on their research topics.

Congratulations to recent Library award winners. New awards are in for this week. Keep doing your best.

Research Topics

Kinder – Logging onto Websites

Stage 1 – Our Environment

Stage 2 – Papua New Guinea

Stage 3 – India's political environment

Library Bags

Please remember to change your child's class on library bags each year. This helps with getting lost bags back to the correct class and students.

New Books in!

Are you ready to play outside – Mo Willems series

What Ever After series – S Mlynowski

Slightly alarming tales of the whispering wars – J Moriarty

Keep on reading!

Mr Howell

Visual Arts News

Selfie Display

Students have expressed an interest in having a photo of their pet/s on display at the Art Show. We have decided to have a display called "A Selfie With My Pet/s"

Photos can be brought in to school and handed in at the Office. Please make sure the pet's name and breed as well as your child's name and class is clearly marked on the back. This photo must be taken by the student.

Mother's Day Portraits

Mother's Day Portraits are still on sale at the office for \$4.00 each. Some unsold portraits will be on display in Mrs Ross' office and as part of the Art Show. All student artworks at the Art Show will also be on sale.

Recycled Materials

A huge thank you to Mrs Mahony, 'Tilly Trotsky the Black Cocker Spaniel' and 'Molly the Apricot Boxer Kelpie' for donating large supplies of coloured plastic lids to the Art Room. The Randon Family, 'Stormy the Cat' and 'Tuppence the Poodle' continue to send in recycled material for us to use!

Kindest regards,

Miss Gibson and Basil the Black Cavoodle



Important Dates

THIS WEEK	THIS MONTH	THIS TERM
22 May ▪ Star Struck rehearsal	30 May ▪ Star Struck Major rehearsal	4 June ▪ Athletics Carnival
24 May ▪ PSSA Sport		6 June ▪ Band Meeting
		7 June ▪ Reconciliation Assembly
		▪ Yarning Circle
		12 June ▪ Star Struck Major rehearsal
		14/15 Jun ▪ Star Struck Performances
		21 June ▪ Kotara Network Aboriginal
		Culture Day
		25 June ▪ Mural Art Project with Kotara
		High
		28 June ▪ Kotara Network Aboriginal
		History excursion to Sydney
		2 July ▪ Reports go home
		3,4 July ▪ Kinder Teacher / Parent /
		Student Learning Conferences
		5 July ▪ Beanie Day
		▪ Last day of Term 2



Collecting Now

- Term 2 Band fees
- Year 4 Roar N Snore
- Athletics Carnival
- Voluntary Contributions