



# MINDABOOKA

## Adamstown Public School



Week 6 Term 2

4 June 2019

### From the Principal

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**Debating:** 3 out of 3 ain't bad!

Congratulations to both the Year 5 (Zara, Riley, Myles, Emily and Tess) and Year 6 (Jess, Tara, Jasper and Nelson) debating teams who both remain undefeated at this stage of the competition. Their teamwork, argument structure, delivery and rebuttals are outstanding. Keep up the great work teams!

#### SPORTS CARNIVAL POSTPONED

With high winds and heavy rain, our Sports Carnival was postponed in the interest of student safety and comfort. Our Sports Carnival has now been scheduled for the 8 August (Term 3). Apologies for any inconvenience that this may have caused.



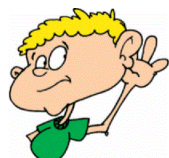
#### PARENT DISCUSSIONS for KINDERGARTEN and LEARNING SUPPORT

Parent/teacher discussions can sometimes be a little daunting, but these opportunities to touch base with your child's teachers are really important for all concerned and shouldn't be missed. As you are aware, teacher/parent discussions for Years 1 to 6 were conducted late last term. In the last week of this term (Week 10) it's Kindergarten's turn with online appointment instructions being sent home for Miss Littlewood (KL) and Ms Wenham next week.

Ms Smith is also offering an opportunity for parents to discuss with her the progress of those students included in the 'RIP IT UP' and other support programs.

To avoid disappointment, please log on and complete your booking as soon as possible.

#### WE ARE LISTENING



As we begin to plan our Orientation program for 2019, we would appreciate your feedback on your experiences as a new member of the Adamstown PS family. Entry Surveys will be distributed to those families who are new to our school. The information gained from this feedback will provide valuable information to help us to continue to deliver the best educational opportunities we can to our students and parents at Adamstown Public School. A prompt return would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

#### CRUNCH & SIP program

The 'Crunch & Sip' program has been implemented at APS for many years and is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy. Each class has a set break around 10:00 am to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in their classroom. Students 're-fuel' with fruit or vegetables during the morning – assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. Over the past few weeks, we have had a steady increase of students coming to the office and canteen requesting fruit during class time. Parents, please support this important program by providing a small serving of fruit or veggies in your child's lunch box each day.



Each student should also have a water bottle with them each day. At the present time, there are a large number of unclaimed water bottles in 'Lost Property'. For health reasons, these will be discarded at the end of term. Please ensure that your child's water bottle is a refillable plastic one - no glass bottles please!

#### JUNE P & C MEETING

The June P&C Meeting will be held on **Monday 17 June**, commencing at **6:30pm in the staffroom**. Come along and hear about school programs, new initiatives and student outcomes at Adamstown PS and help make a great school even greater.

#### SCHOOL BAND

Interested parents and students are most welcome to come along on Wednesday morning at 8:00am to find out more about joining our wonderful school band.

Our next School Band meeting will be held at 3:30pm on Thursday 6 June.



## PUBLIC SPEAKING

The time has come for all students K-6 to prepare their speeches for our annual Public Speaking competition. Speeches will be presented in classes during Week 8. We ask that you please support your child in selecting a suitable topic and preparing a speech. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to build skills and confidence in preparing a speech and presenting to an audience. All information regarding speeches is included in the note students received last week. See your child's teacher if you require further information. Each class teacher will select two speakers to compete in the APS stage finals and stage winners will then have the opportunity to compete at the local Zone level competition. We are amazed each year by the originality and creativity of our students' speeches and are looking forward to their efforts this year.

## SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

It is that time of year again when jumpers, jackets and hats are on and off seemingly every 5 minutes. A number of these items are often found wandering the playground aimlessly in search of their owner. Probably 50% of the time the homeless item of clothing remains that way due to not having a name inscribed upon them. Parents, would you mind double checking all jumpers, jackets and hats to see if names are still clearly marked so as we can return lost items to your child when necessary please? Our lost property basket is overflowing!

## POOCHES AND PARKING



Just a friendly reminder that due to health and safety reasons we must ask that all dogs great and small, however cute, remain outside the school grounds during drop off and pick up time. We do have students with allergies and genuine anxiety in relation to some animals so if you choose to walk your dog at school drop off and/or pick up times, it would be best to wait with your leashed dog near the school gate rather than entering the school grounds.

The staff car park is reserved for teachers, office staff, Department of Education personnel and deliveries.

Parents are to park in designated areas on Bryant, Mandalong, Gosford and Morgan Streets. A quick drop off car space is located to the immediate south of the staff car park. No parking is permitted in Myers Lane.

## ENROLMENTS AT 'THE GREATEST SCHOOL AROUND' FOR 2020

Yes, It's that time again!

Plans have begun in preparation for our 2020 Kinder Orientation program. Should you know of any family who is looking to possibly enrol their child, whether it is Kindergarten or any other grade, please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible to enable their details to be included in our 2020 database.

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

**Kym Ross – PRINCIPAL**

## Principal Awards

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### CORE VALUE: DEMOCRACY



#### Jade

Consistently displaying her belief in the equality of others by treating people with kindness and fairness.

#### Finn

Finn quietly treats all of his peers as equals. He respects the rights of individuals to voice their roles in shared decision making.





We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school and stay tuned to our P&C Facebook page for updates.

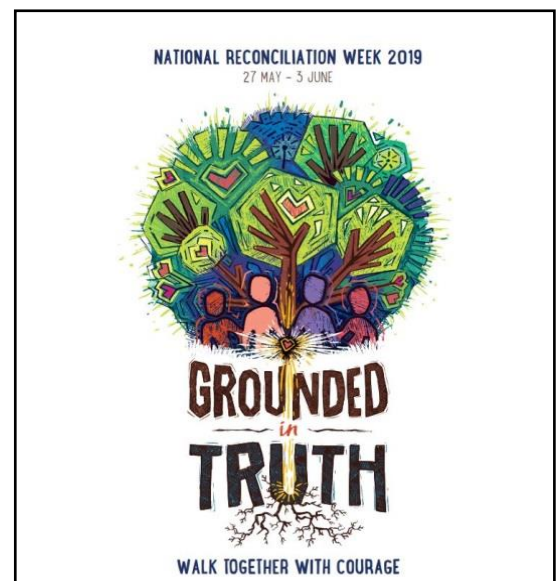
### RECONCILIATION WEEK ASSEMBLY – Friday 7 June

National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. We will be acknowledging this day on Friday 7 June with a whole school assembly starting at 10:00 am.

We warmly invite all members of our community to attend our Reconciliation assembly and morning tea. Our Reconciliation assembly will include:

- Guest speaker Nathan Towney, Principal of Newcastle High
  - Guest Speak Dr. Micheal Wenham
  - Rob Russell, CEO of Awabakal Land Council
  - Acknowledgment of Country
  - Performances by the Aboriginal dance troupe and Didgeridoo players
- Following the assembly, morning tea will be held in the hall.

**Sarah Wenham**



### BEANIE DAY

It's almost time!



On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, APS will be supporting the Mark Hughes Foundation by raising awareness and funds for Brain Cancer research. Students are encouraged to wear their own beanie and bring a gold coin donation on the day or purchase a Mark Hughes beanie for \$25 weeks prior to our Beanie Day. We have limited stock of these beanies so you will need to be quick! This year's beanies feature a dusty pink cable knit beanie with a soft pink pompom and a rose gold metallic MHF insignia, as well as a charcoal grey cable knit with a silver MHF insignia. Beanies will go on sale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Mark Hughes will be visiting us on our Beanie Day and will speak at our Friday assembly.

All parents are welcome to attend (with your beanie, of course!)

**Tyler Anderson**



## Library News

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Students are busy borrowing, returning and working on their research topics.  
Congratulations to recent Library award winners.

Rawa B  
Samantha B  
Harvie W  
Toby U

### Chess Competition

The Chess competition is starting next week. Please come to the library to enter. There is a Junior and senior division.

### 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 the class on library bags. This helps with getting lost bags back to the correct class and students.

### New Books in!

Mum For Sale – Zannie Louise  
The Frooties series - H Rogers  
Hello Neighbour series – Carly Anne West  
Keep on reading!

**Mr Howell**

## Visual Arts News

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### Selfies with Pets!

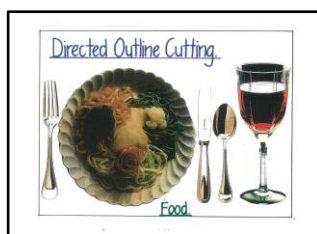
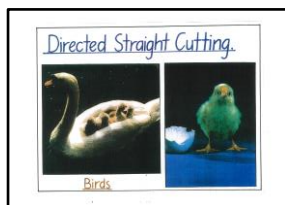
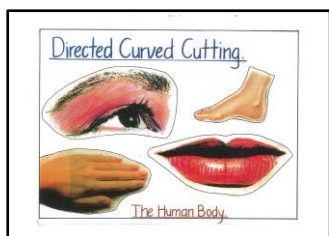
Selfies are coming in for our Art Show 'Selfie with My Pet' Display. Selfies can be with any kind of pet: snakes, cats, dogs, bunnies, guinea pigs, ant farms, chickens, roosters, lizards, fish (but please do not take your fish out of the water to take the selfie). Please write your name, class and details about your pet/s on the back. Teachers and school staff have also been invited to bring in their selfies with their pets too! ALL SELFIES MUST BE TAKEN BY ENTRANTS.

### Calling all wool!

We would LOVE to receive any unwanted wool for use with a weaving project as well as any offcuts of very thick cardboard (produced with pulp and not corrugated cardboard).

### Cutting Skills

We are working on the quality of student's cutting skills K-6. Feel free to ask your child to show you how they are progressing. Students are taught to point the scissors away from his/her body and simply open and close the scissors (we call this the lazy hand because that is all this hand does). The other hand is very busy maneuvering the item being cut. If you Google 'cutting practise' you will find lots of great activities you can try at home. Alternatively old magazines and catalogues provide great opportunities for practising cutting skills. Here are some of the examples of the different types of cutting we do in The Art Room.



### Handy Hint from The Art Room

Use a catalogue or unwanted magazine as a 'gluing magazine'. By simply opening the pages and placing down your item to be glued you can glue right up to and even over the edge of the item and keep your table top nice and clean. Once you have finished, close the magazine and trap the messy residual glue inside! This magazine can be kept on your child's desk or Homework Station for easy access.

**Kindest regards,  
Miss Gibson**

# Important Dates

THIS WEEK		THIS MONTH		THIS TERM	
6 June	▪ Band Meeting	12 - 15	▪ Star Struck	2 July	▪ Reports go home
7 June	▪ Reconciliation assembly	June		3 July	▪ KW 3-way Learning
		17 June	▪ P&C meeting	4 July	Conferences
					▪ KL 3-way Learning
		21 June	▪ Trivia Night		Conferences
		22 June	▪ Kotara Network Aboriginal culture Day		
		25 June	▪ Mural Art Project with Kotara High	5 July	▪ Beanie Day
		28 June	▪ Kotara Network Aboriginal History excursion to Sydney		▪ Last day of Term 2



# Collecting Now

- Band fees
- Stage 3 Bathurst excursion
- Year 4 Roar N Snore excursion



We have children enrolled at our school with life threatening anaphylactic allergic reactions to shellfish, nuts and peanut products. We would like to encourage families not to send these products to school with their children. Nut products include peanut butter, Nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, nut or chocolate bars.