



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 2 Term 3

30 July 2019

From the Principal

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

Welcome back to another great term at Adamstown School. I hope all our students have had a wonderful, safe and refreshing holiday.

Among the activities planned for this term are: Athletic Carnivals, School Parliament, Leadership programs, Debating and Public Speaking Competitions, Premier's Spelling Bee, Book Week Performance, Father's Day Brekky, Education Week and Book Week activities, Kindergarten Orientation sessions, SPinS program, Excursions and our bi annual Art Show. A Term 3 calendar has been uploaded to our Skoolbag app and website.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our two intern teachers from University of Newcastle, Miss Maddy and Miss Cassandra. Both preservice teachers are in their final year of Uni and are working towards their final accreditation practical experience. Miss is working with KL and Miss is working with KW.

This term our focus continues to be around explicit teaching across Literacy and Numeracy, as per our School Plan and the Premier's Priorities. We are ensuring that our students are always receiving rich and differentiation learning experiences as our teachers are in a cycle of constant quality improvement.

Our three strategic directions that give our school focus are:

1. Learning: Students who are engaged and creative learners.
2. Teaching: Teachers who are skilled in focused and collaborative practice.
3. Leading: Leaders who are strong, effective and inspiring.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

100% Attendance in Semester 1: Congratulations to the following students who just couldn't bare to be away from school for one day! Well done Fraser, Andrew, William, Jordy, Boshko, Chelsea, Evie, Grace V, Lili J & Nikoli. What an achievement!



Beanie Day: Congratulations and thank you to all parents and students who supported our Beanie for Brain Cancer Day last term. We managed to raise over \$4000 for the Mark Hughes Foundation which was a phenomenal effort.



Premier's Reading Challenge 2019: 145 students have now completed the challenge. 5 weeks to go everyone!!

Public Speaking Competition: The Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking Finals will commence in Week 4. Good luck to all our finalists.

Thank you to parents and family members who are transporting and supporting our students in these finals. Without your assistance we would not be able to participate.

Early Stage 1 finalists: Blake W & Harry

Stockton PS beginning at 9.30 on Friday 16th August

Stage 1 finalists: Pippa & Liam B

Adamstown PS beginning at 9.30 on Wednesday 14th August

Stage 2 finalists: Liam B-B & Lili J
Belair PS beginning at 9.30 on Monday 12th August
Stage 3 finalists: Indra & Lani
Kotara South PS beginning at 9.00 on Thursday 15th August

CLASS NEWSLETTERS



This week class newsletters are being published by individual teachers and distributed to all families. These will provide parents with a general overview of what skills and content will be covered over the coming term in your child's class. I am sure that you will find this information both informative and useful. All class newsletters will also be uploaded on our website over the coming week. Please contact the office if your copy didn't find its way home.

LOOK OUT, HERE COMES YEAR 5!

Where has the year gone? It is that time of year already where we start to prepare Year 5 students for the many leadership opportunities on offer for their final year of schooling at APS.

Last term, our year 5 students were invited to participate in a leadership program to demonstrate their leadership skills in readiness for 2020. And so from next week, our aspiring year 5 leaders will take on the role of "Playground Buddy" to support students in the playground as well as organise and oversee structured running games and activities for our younger students. Have fun Year 5!



SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

Time to break open those piggy banks or have a dig behind the lounge cushions!

For the next three weeks each class will be collecting silver coins. The class raising the most money will be thrown a pizza party. All \$\$ raised will be used by the P&C to support an upgrade of our School Canteen.

AUGUST P & C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on **Monday 5 August**, 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.

EDUCATION WEEK 2019

Each year the DoE celebrates learning and achieving across Education Week. This is an opportunity to showcase the outstanding learning that happens in our schools everyday.

This year APS will open classrooms to parents and friends on **Wednesday 7 August**.

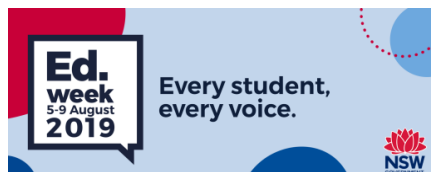
KL, KW: 10:30am – 11:00am "Hands-On Maths & Sing-a-long"

1C, 1J, 2W: 10:30am – 11:00am "Constructive Critics"

2/3M, 3/4C, 3/4D: 10:30am – 11:00am "Hands-On Maths"

4/5N: 10:00am – 11:00am "Robotics"

5/6A, 5/6D: 10:00am – 11:00am "Digital Escape Rooms"



Other Activities:

Monday: 6:30pm P&C meeting

Tuesday: Debating Gala Day and at 6:00pm School Readiness Parent Information session

Wednesday: Adamstown PS hosting Aboriginal dance workshop

Thursday: Athletics Carnival

Friday: 10:00am Whole School assembly

We look forward to you being with us in Education Week.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



An information session has been organised for parents on the evening of **Tuesday 6 August from 6-7pm**. This session is to provide up to date information on School Readiness and How to prepare your child for "Big School".

We have also been busy preparing for the Kindergarten Orientation and School Information session which will be held on **Thursday, 22 August at 9:30 am** in the School Hall. Many teachers, students and a number of parents are also busy preparing to showcase our school and its wonderful achievements on this day. There will also be a fashion parade, performances, public speaking and student work on display. Please contact the office if you would like more information.

WELCOME MR THOMAS

Mrs McIntyre has taken leave this term and so I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mr Gavin Thomas who will be relieving for "Mrs Mac" during Term 3. Mr Thomas will be with us each Tuesday and can be contacted directly through the school office.



ENROLMENTS AT 'THE GREATEST SCHOOL AROUND' FOR 2020

Thank you to everyone who reminded neighbours and friends about the need to enrol their kinder kids for 2020. We have had an influx this term and have 47 local kindergarten enrolments lodged already for 2020.

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

School News

100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

Last Monday, Kindergarten students celebrated 100 days of school. They have been counting the days since their very first day of school back in January, and so it was certainly a much-anticipated day!

Students took part in special activities to celebrate the 100 days, including 100 fitness exercises, making 100s and 1000s fairy bread, counting to 100 games and eating fruit salad under the trees.

We are very proud of all they have achieved in just 100 days, and look forward to seeing what they'll do in the next 100!

Ms Wenham

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

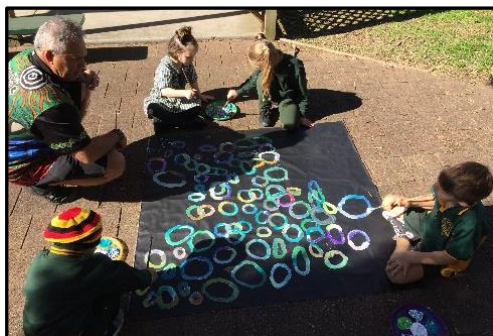
Last Wednesday, we celebrated NAIDOC week. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

At APS, we were fortunate enough to have Uncle Perry as our special guest to discuss the significance of the NAIDOC week theme, "Voice, Treaty, Truth"; share some knowledge about Aboriginal culture and complete an artwork with some of our Indigenous students.

We also, had special guest performers "Millabah" from Hunter School of Performing Arts who performed a number of traditional and contemporary dances in addition to running some great activities throughout the day for our students.

The day was a huge success with all students having a wonderful time. Keep an eye out for our completed Aboriginal Artwork which will be displayed in the school in the next few weeks.

Mr Downing



Library News

Students are once again busy borrowing, returning and beginning their new Semester 2 research projects.

Chess Competition

The Chess competition is nearing completion. Congratulations Phoenix in winning the junior section. The seniors will play their final this week.

2019 BOOK WEEK

Theme “Reading is my Secret Power”

Book Fair

On **Wednesday 21st August**, Adamstown Public School is once again hosting its annual Book Fair in the Library.

Students, parents and families are able to purchase books for their child’s home library. There will be a wide range of new and recently released books from which to choose. All commission made from sales will be used to buy new books for our students to borrow at school.

There will be a selection of books that will be available for donation to our library as well as a bookmark handed out to all who purchase a book.

Books can be purchased during the following times:

Tuesday:

Afternoon: **3pm to 3.30pm**

Wednesday:

Morning: **8.30am to 9am**

During lunch **11.10am to 11.45am**

After school **3pm to 3.30pm**



Book Parade

Also on **Wednesday 21st August at 2.15pm**, we will be holding our annual **Book Week Parade** for all grades. This year’s Book Week theme is **“Reading is my Secret Power”** and children are asked to dress up as their favourite book character. We have been discussing types of costumes that can be worn. Examples can be all types of sports, superheroes and nearly all movies are now books. Costumes can be simple or extravagant but safety is essential and students will need to be able to simply put on their costumes at school.

New Books in!

Secret Seven Series by Enid Blyton

I Love my New Toy by Mo Willems

Library Bags

Please remember to bring library bags on library day. This helps to keep books safe and in good condition.

Keep on reading!

Mr Howell

Visual Arts News

Thank you to our wonderful community for continuing to support Visual Arts at Adamstown Public School. Students are thoroughly enjoying learning techniques, working with different materials and learning about the elements of art: line, shape, space, value, form, texture and colour.

Students are very proud of their Art Room. It has been set up for them to be able to access what they need for lessons. Students are learning to look after this space and to treat it with care and to have respect for the investment made in these fabulous resources.

In the Art Room we follow the school values. Each week we look at the school value of the week and strive to uphold these qualities. We also imbed the 'You Can Do It' Program's areas of Confidence, Organisation, Getting Along, Resilience and Persistence.

Resources

We have been receiving lots of fabulous recycled and new art and craft materials from members of our school community (as well as Miss Gibson's obsession with free things on Gumtree). A huge thank you to Mrs Mahony and her family, Mrs Jenny Reschau and The LeRoux Family who have provided us with some amazing items to use for our creations.

We would also love to receive unwanted newspapers as these are a favourite with students.

Father's Day Portraits

We are about to begin working on the Father's Day Portraits. These will be paintings in the same style as our fabulous Mother's Day Portraits. This time around most students know the procedure for this style of portrait painting so it will be more of a student lead process this time. Obviously students who are new to APS will receive more detailed instruction. Students will also be able to paint a 'significant male' in their lives if this is more appropriate.

Art Show

Our Art Show will be held in the school hall during Week 11 this term, Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th September. Members of our school community will be invited in to view samples of our year's work in Visual Arts from all students at Adamstown Public School.

A Selfie With My Pet

We have received 5 entries for the Art Show, with no entries from girls yet.

WELL DONE BOYS!

Many students have expressed a desire to bring in a selfie they have taken with their pet/pets.

School staff will also be submitting photos. It should be a lot of fun!

Miss Gibson



Miss Carson & Zali

Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY



Quinn

An extremely trustworthy and reliable student who takes on all tasks and requests and then completes them to the highest standard.



Sonny

A responsible, helpful and inclusive young man who carries out tasks to the best of his abilities.

CORE VALUE: FAIRNESS



Harvie

A kind, generous and honest student with outstanding leadership skills.



Marcus

A conscientious student who is fair minded and always looking out for others.

CORE VALUE: RESPECT



William
William speaks clearly and politely and always uses his manners. A great role model for all students.




Samuel
Sam always displays good manners. He is extremely respectful in all interactions with staff and students.

Important Dates

THIS WEEK	NEXT MONTH	THIS TERM
29 July ■ Silver Coin Challenge begins	5 Aug ■ P&C meeting	2 Sept ■ P&C meeting
	6 Aug ■ Debating gala day	5 Sept ■ UNSW Science Comp.
	■ School Readiness parent information session	10 Sept ■ Yr 4 excursion
	8 Aug ■ Athletics Carnival	11 Sept ■ Teddy Bear's picnic
	12-16 Aug ■ Newcastle district Public Speaking Competition	12 Sept ■ UNSW Spelling Comp.
	21 Aug ■ Book Week parade and Book Fair	17 Sept ■ UNSW English Comp.
	■ Newcastle Perm Stage 3 Math Comp.	19 Sept ■ UNSW Math Comp.
	22 Aug ■ Kindergarten Orientation parent information session	24 Sept ■ Art Show
	29 Aug ■ Father's Day stall	25 Sept ■ Art Show
	30 Aug ■ Father's Day Brekky	■ Band Link
		26 Sept ■ Band Link
		27 Sept ■ Last day of Term 3



Collecting Now

-  Year 4 Roar N Snore excursion
-  Stage 3 Bathurst excursion
-  Band Link
-  Silver Coin Challenge
-  Band Fees
-  Book Club

Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone – two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one. But it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone – now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instil safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.

Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) – unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).

- Do not share your passwords with others – apart from parents.
- Do not share your real name (or full name), age and address when posting, talking to strangers or on sites where anyone can see it.
- Be kind to people – treat people on the phone as you would face-to-face.
- Do not take or share photos of others (including friends) without their permission.
- Tell a parent or another trusted adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable, or if a stranger contacts you online.
- Do not purchase or download an app or game without talking to a parent first—especially as these often have minimum age requirements.



Use technology tools to help set the boundaries to keep your child safe

Use parental controls to help manage your child's device and the types of content they can access. Most devices come with parental controls and offer a range of features:

- iPhone: Go to Settings > General > Restrictions. Here you can disable apps or features, prevent access to explicit content and specific webpages.
- Android (Google Play): Go to Play Store > Settings > Parental controls. Most Android phones use Google Play as the digital marketplace for purchasing apps and accessing content. Through Google Play you can restrict the content your child can download or purchase from Google Play.
- Google's Family Link is an app for parents to help manage their child's device and account and offers additional layers of protection. It enables parents to set screen time limits, review app permissions (such as their camera, location, contacts), block apps and approve downloads, block sites and filter content.
- You can also check with your mobile service provider if they offer any parental control tools.

Activate any privacy settings and safety features available on the device, in web browsers and apps. In some cases you can do this through parental controls or when installing apps on their phone. Carefully consider permissions and whether apps really need to access your child's location, contact list, messages and other features.

Help your child set up a pin or password to lock their phone. In addition to protecting their personal information, this will ensure that no one else can use their phone.

Help your child set up strong and unique passwords for their apps and websites. Even if the phone is locked, apps and websites can be accessed from other devices.



Communicate openly with your child, establish and maintain trust

Most importantly, communicate openly with your child about their phone and online use. It's not possible to supervise your child 24/7 and no technology tool is 100 percent effective in protecting them from online risks. So it's really important to establish and maintain trust.

- Talk openly and regularly with your child about their online activities. Show them that you are interested in how they connect with friends, who they talk with and the type of sites they visit.
- If you are using parental controls, be upfront about this and get them on board. Let them know that these can be reviewed and changed as they get older and they continue to demonstrate responsible behaviour.
- Talk about positive online behaviour and about respecting others online. Encourage your child to think carefully before they post, text or share comments or photos so they don't hurt or upset others. Remind them there is a real person at the end of the screen.
- Encourage your child to come to you (or another trusted adult) if they are upset because of an online experience, even if they think they are to blame.



 eSafety Commissioner

esafety.gov.au/parents

Want a Free Upcycling Workshop at Your School?

Vote for UnWaste: An Upcycle Newcastle community engagement project in Service NSW Community Project Funding Grants. We need your vote to get the funding to run workshops and other events to teach people how to reduce clothing waste.

HOW TO VOTE

You need a Service NSW account (you can create this in the process if you don't have one), your medicare card and be at least 16yrs old to vote. You can vote in person at Service NSW or online following the steps below:

1. click on this link <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/project?projectId=civ159gih1iom0799jvcax4gc> (or enter it into your browser)
2. Click shortlist me button
3. Log in to your Service NSW Account
4. Verify your identity with your medicare card
5. Type in your address to find your electorate
6. Upcycle Newcastle's Unwaste project should be now shortlisted 1st
7. Chose at least 2-4 other projects to shortlist
8. Click Vote now
9. Review your selections making sure Upcycle Newcastle is number 1
10. Tick boxes and click submit vote
11. Spread the word to others in your community.



**Please help us win a \$31,000 grant for
upcycling workshops in Newcastle**



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.