



MINDABOOKA

Adamstown Public School



Week 8 Term 3

10 September 2019

From the Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Premier's Reading Challenge 2019: WE DID IT AGAIN!

100% participation for the fifth year in a row. This has to be a world record! Congratulations everyone.

Stage 1 excursion: We just know we are the 'Greatest School Around' when we receive such wonderful emails as this after a recent excursion to Newcastle Art Gallery.

"I had a meeting with the Gallery Guides this morning and they asked me to pass on to the school how much they enjoyed touring your group. The classes were so well behaved and the Guides were very impressed. We hope you enjoyed the visit and will come again soon. Many thanks."

Zana Kobayashi, Audience Programs Officer



Congratulations to our Stage 1 students and teachers.

MATTER OF SECONDS

Last Thursday we had a visit from the lifeguards at Newcastle City Council and they delivered key messages about water safety. The students were educated about water safety at the beach, at the pool and around open bodies of water such as rivers, lakes and dams. The lifeguards actively engaged the students and empowered them with the knowledge to keep them safe around water. The program is presented at local schools during winter, in an attempt to ensure the safety of their patrons leading into the spring and summer swimming seasons.

ENROLMENT POLICY

At the commencement of Term 3, The Department of Education released a new enrolment policy.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>

In response, we have updated our enrolment procedures and protocols. This document was distributed and explained at our last P&C meeting and will be available on the school website by end of term. The link below explains the changes as compared to the previous policy.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/changes-to-the-enrolment-policy-for-parents.pdf>

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about these revised procedures.

SPRING WEATHER

The wonderfully warm Spring weather has arrived. Please ensure that your child is bringing their hat to school and that it is clearly labelled with their name. We also have a lost property box which is overflowing with jackets so please take a moment to collect any clothing before the holidays are upon us.

NAPLAN

For our Year 3 and 5 families eagerly awaiting results from the national testing conducted back in May, NAPLAN reports will be sent to schools and forwarded to families from 16 September. If you would like support understanding your child's report or to discuss any concerns about your child's learning, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

TERM DATES

The last day of Term 3 will be **Friday 27 September (Week 10)**. This is an out of uniform day for all students with gold coin donations going to Year 6's end of year gift to the school.

Teachers and all students will return to school for Term 4 on **Monday 14 October**. Please note that there is **No Staff Development Day** at the beginning of Term 4.

If during the school holidays you see or hear anyone causing damage to our school please contact School Security on 1300 880 021.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

Vacancies are limited.

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

Kym Ross – PRINCIPAL

School News

FATHER'S DAY BREKKY



TERM 3 WRAPPER FREE DAY

Congratulations to all students who successfully completed the Term 3, *Wrapper-Free Day*. Wrapper free lunches benefit the environment by reducing packaging, which in turn reduces energy and resource use. Our Environment Ministers, Jett and Markus, did a fine job at promoting the importance sustainability and awareness amongst students, resulting in 58% student participation. Although Wrapper Free day is over for this term, students can continue to be Eco-Warriors by choosing products that have less packaging, resulting in less waste to dispose of. Wrapper free lunches are often cheaper and in most cases a lot healthier too! Thank you to all students and parents who supported *Wrapper-Free Day*.

Miss Walters.

SWIM SCHOOL IS COMING

All students in Year 2 will be involved in this year's Swim School as part of their Term 4 Sporting Program. Over 60% of our stage 2 and 3 students were classified as non or weak swimmers at our swimming carnival earlier on this year. So with this in mind, we will have some positions available for Years 3 to 6. Please contact the office for further information. This program was a huge success last year and proved to be a great opportunity to prepare our students to be water-confident for the next swimming carnival but more importantly for the summer months to come. Please contact school ASAP should you have any questions. Permission notes will be sent home after the term break. Swim School begins on Monday 11 November (Term 4 Week 5).



Library News

Library Awards

Lucy G KW
Monique F KL
Nelson M 5/6D
Harry T 5/6A

New Books in!

Guinness Book of Records 2020
World's Wors Teachers – D Walliams
Ella Diaries – M Costain

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



Garden Art

Thank you so much for the donations of recycled material. We have been able to refurbish a much loved, award winning work of wall art made in 2016 by Mr Handley's Year One class. It can be seen hanging on the brick wall outside the office, under the COLA. We will be further adding donated recycled treasures to this art work. It shall be named "Waste Know, Want Knot."

Portraits

Mother's and Father's Day Portraits can still be purchased from the Office for \$4 each. Any unsold portraits will be part of our Art Show at the end of this term.



Kindest regards,

Megan Gibson



Principal Awards

CORE VALUE: PARTICIPATION



Kai

Kai has worked hard to achieve his learning goals.
He shows kindness to all and possesses outstanding sportsmanship skills.

CORE VALUE: FAIRNESS



Lachlan

A keen participant at school who is always inclusive of his classmates.



Lani

Lani always demonstrates care and compassion to others.

Important Dates

THIS WEEK

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| 10 Sept | ▪ Yr 4 Roar n Snore excursion |
| 11 Sept | ▪ Teddy Bear's picnic |
| 12 Sept | ▪ UNSW Spelling Comp. |
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| | ▪ Athletics ribbons presented at 10am Assembly |

THIS TERM

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| 19 Sept | ▪ UNSW English Comp. |
| 20 Sept | ▪ UNSW Math Comp. |
| 20 Sept | ▪ Spring Winds at 5pm. |
| 24 Sept | ▪ Art Show |
| 25 Sept | ▪ Art Show |
| 27 Sept | ▪ Last day of Term 3 |



Collecting Now

- Stage 3 Bathurst
- Book Club
- Year 6 Shirt
- Band Fees