



Crazy hair and sock day fun, meet Shelley, Alessandra, Willa, Oscar, Luis & Freddy.

MINDABOOKA Week 4 Term 4 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
Thank you for making our teacher's feel extra valued on World Teacher's Day last Friday and joining in on the fun of crazy sock and hair day. It is a privilege and an honour to teach the wonderful students at Adamstown Public School. I am certain that our staff would join me in saying that we are the lucky ones and value the supportive partnership we share in raising our talented, global citizens of the future.

2021 Preparation

Please find the 2021 resource list on page 7 in preparation for the new year. If you or someone you know is leaving or moving in to our area in the new year please remind them to contact the office. Plans are well underway for staffing and infrastructure. Our numbers are healthy and reflect the need of an additional class requiring a demountable to be delivered onsite over the holiday period. I appreciate your support in keeping our enrolment database as accurate as possible.

Tips for being safe around our school

Most schools experience heavy traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up times. However, it is still the responsibility of all parents and carers to ensure they follow the road rules around our school. Parking restrictions are in place to assist in the management of drop off and pick up of our children, and to increase all students' safety.

Always ensure your child enters and exits the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side and please obey the signs in the designated areas. Whilst we don't have a kiss and drop dedicated zone we have plenty of street parking within walking distance of our school gates. I thank everyone for playing their part as the

safety of all is the utmost of importance.

#MathsTrainsBrains

Parents and carers can now explore the importance of mathematical skills with the new Everyday Maths experience launched by the Department of Education. The **Everyday maths** website features activities, resources and explainers targeted to year groups. The digital launch is part of the NSW Mathematics Strategy 2025, which aims to strengthen mathematics teaching in NSW public schools, promote understanding of the usefulness of mathematics and build positive perceptions of mathematics.

The website can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics>



Primarily Active Dance

We have again secured grant funding through Sport in Schools to run an active program delivered by qualified instructors at our school this term. Last term we had basketball workshops and this term we have engaged a provider that combines dance and gymnastics. The children are thoroughly enjoying this program and I thank Mr Cook and Mrs Holland for their work in securing the funding again this term for the school.

Primary Principal's Conference

Last week I had the pleasure of attending a two day Zoom Primary Principal Conference. Principals around the state were able to hear from some incredible key note speakers. This year can most certainly be described as challenging and the stories shared at conference by Julia Baird, Stan Grant, Rhoni Kahn, Pasi Salberg and Rabia Siddique were of resilience, strength, changemaking and growing up digitally. I was intrigued by Julia Baird and her discussion on 'wonder', how we view the world around us and how we stay light when the world seemingly goes dark. I spoke to our students at assembly last Friday about the concept of wonder and I encouraged them to talk at home of those smaller things that occur every day that we quite often, in our busy schedules forget to notice. Things such as the way a wave rolls over in an ocean, the colourful feathers and markings on a native bird, the natural sounds we hear when we tune out the traffic or the spiral pattern that appears in a tiny shell or in the leaves of a plant. Such amazing features to enlighten our senses in the world and make us wonder. Julia Baird talked about these wonderings as a way to refocus ourselves to assist in building our resilience, reminding us that resilience is a collective thing, something we all play a part in developing in ourselves and in each other. I encourage you all to take some time to wonder and to inspire our changemakers of the future to do so as well. Have a lovely fortnight of wondering everyone!

Emma Stothard

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 Nov - Student leadership for 2021 nominations
5 Nov - Kinder Transition session 2
9 Nov - NAIDOC Week

11 Nov - Remembrance Day
16 Nov - KHS Student Orientation Day & Evening Parent Information Session

18 Nov - Leadership 2021 speeches & voting
19-20 Nov - Year 4 Camp
20 Nov - Kinder Oakvale Farm Excursion

Principal Awards

Core Value: Respect



Alessandra



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Always demonstrating kindness and respect towards her peers and staff.

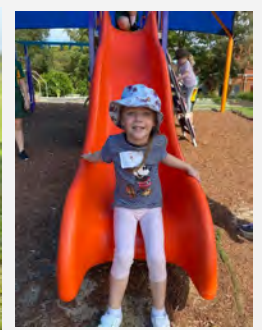
Demonstrating kindness, patience and respect to our new kinders, parents and staff.

Keeping our children safe online

In light of recent disturbing content on social media platforms, we hope that the below tips assist our families in limiting students' exposure to harmful content;

- Be aware of each different social media platform's minimum age requirements.
- Ensure that you monitor your child's online activities.
- Engage in your child's online activity and discuss the types of apps, websites and games they are viewing to ensure content is age-appropriate.
- Make use of parental control on devices to help limit your child's online exposure.
- Help your child report and block inappropriate content on social media or apps.
- Encourage your child to talk to you about anything upsetting they view online.
- Visit www.esafety.gov.au for further advice on apps, social media and online safety issues.

Kinder 2021 Transition - Teddy Bear's Picnic...



Check out more pics on our Facebook page and on our school website Gallery page

Our Facebook page is a place where we want to build our community and school culture, it is a celebration of our community and we are happy to see support for various posts via a Facebook comment or a 'like'. Follow or like our official page to stay connected!

Creative and Performing Arts News

This term for Creative and Performing Arts we are starting with the following Department of Education Units for Dance.

Early Stage One: Rain

This unit provides a sequence of learning opportunities where students make a class dance based on the idea of rain, developing their understanding of the natural environment. As inspiration we are using Gene Kelly's 1952 performance of Singing in the Rain. Students have loved watching this.

Stage One: We've Got Rhythm

The element of time in dance is introduced in this unit. It provides a series of learning experiences where students experience rhythm, duration and tempo through body movement in dance.

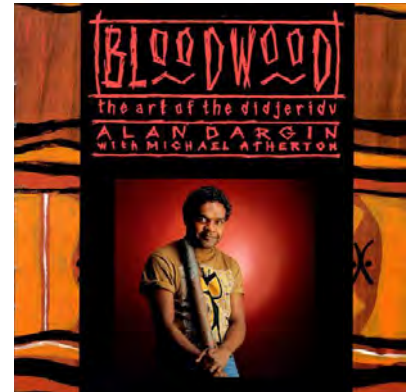
Stage Two: Making Connections

A sequence of learning activities have been designed to enhance student's knowledge and understanding of the two elements of dance - relationships and space. Through creative explorations, students investigate how the dancing body relates to other individuals, groups and an audience. Students learn to perform in unison with individual movements, and as part of a group. We have been studying the 1933 performance of The Marx Brothers in Duck's Soup's, 'The Mirror Scene', watching how these talented actors have to work together, using space very cleverly.

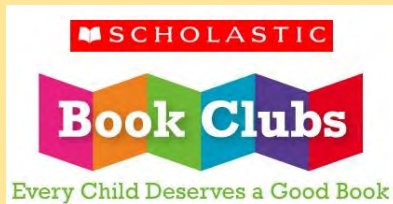
Stage Three: The Living Landscape

The focus of this unit is on students developing their own compositions based on contemporary Aboriginal music. We are studying the track 'Bloodwood Log' from the soundtrack, Bloodwood: The Art of Didjeridu. Group dance compositions are being used to create one whole class performance piece.

Ms Megan Gibson



**Book
Club
ORDERS**



Issue 7 Book Club orders close Wednesday 5th November.

https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5692/bc_720.pdf

#CreativityForKids

Each fortnight we are sharing two Apple Creativity tips in the newsletter. We hope you enjoy engaging with some of these ideas with the kids.

#CreativityForKids

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Make a simple book

Think of an imaginary story. Take photos or videos acting out different parts. Create a book with each photo or video scene, along with story captions. Then decorate it with drawings, shapes, or emoji images.

Get started: Add your photos and videos to a book template using the Pages app.

Explore more: apple.co/creativityforkids

#CreativityForKids

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Tell a story with shapes

Add a variety of shapes from the Shapes menu to a blank page, and rearrange them to create a story. Try rearranging the same shapes to create three different stories.

Get started: In the Pages app, tap the plus sign in the top-right to open the Shapes menu. Drag the shapes to rearrange them.

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Stay up to date with what's happening at our school by downloading the SkoolBag App

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Year 7 entry for Selective High School in 2022



High Performing Students Team

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry

in 2022

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2022?

You must apply online at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/
public-schools/selective-high-
schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key Dates

Application website opens:
13 October 2020

Application website closes:
16 November 2020
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice
released:
25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test:
11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released:
2 July 2021

**Please read this booklet carefully before
applying.**

**From this year, you will be able to log
into your application to send and
receive messages and notices.**

There may be changes to the procedures
in this document. Check the website at
education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for
updates throughout the application and
placement process.

Please check the website for information
before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Facebook:
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/
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Suggested Resource Lists for 2021

Adamstown Public School will no longer be using invoiced book packs as a means of resourcing our students in their classrooms for the school year. The school will provide each student with agreed upon school workbooks and supplementary resources as informed by our teachers, however we ask that our families/carers source the items detailed below from the appropriate resource list before commencing in 2021.

*(Targeting Handwriting Book, School Magazine, a P&C subsidised subscription fee to Athletics and for *kindergarten students, a school library bag will be invoiced at the commencement of the 2021 school year).*

Early Stage One (Kindergarten)	Stage One (Years One and Two)
Lunch box Raincoat Paint shirt A4 zipped document wallet for home readers 1 x packet of coloured 'jumbo' pencils 1 x scissors 4 x glue sticks (1 for each term) 4 x whiteboard markers 1 x box of tissues 1 x hand soap and/or hand sanitiser 1 x baby wipes <i>*Please note: Education Packs for Kindergarten students include a \$10 Adamstown Public School library bag.</i>	1 x pencil case 4 x glue sticks (1 for each term) 6 x whiteboard markers 2 x packets of coloured pencils 12 x HB or 2B pencils 1 x pencil sharpener 2 x pencil erasers 1 x 30cm ruler 1 x scissors A4 zipped document wallet for home readers 1 x box of tissues 1 x hand soap and/or hand sanitiser 1 x baby wipes
Stage Two (Years Three and Four)	Stage Three (Years Five and Six)
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Please ensure all resources are clearly labelled when they come to school.

If you wish to purchase other items that also contribute to this, please feel free to do so. Please do not hesitate to check with the classroom teacher regarding any of the resources listed. Some items may be ideal stocking fillers for Christmas time!



APS P&C NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORTING THE 'GREATEST SCHOOL AROUND'

WELCOME TO TERM 4, WEEK 4!

Hello to all in our wonderful APS community!

In this fortnight's newsletter you'll read about our latest **P&C MEETING VIA ZOOM**, our upcoming **SUSHI DAY** and **EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2021**.

You may notice that the P&C newsletter is now part of the school's Mindabooka – this change has been made to make it easier for parents and carers to read everything in one place.

Enjoy your week! Please feel free to have a chat with any of our P&C members at any time, or email us at adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Jessie (your P&C secretary)



ANOTHER PRODUCTIVE MEETING!

Last Monday we had a great turn out at our virtual P&C Zoom meeting. It's always lovely to get together with other parents and community members and work through things that make school life for our kids just a little bit more special.

A big thank you to Ms Stothard, Ms Wenham and Ms Anderson for joining us on the night!

For our next meeting – the last of 2020 – we're going to do things a little bit differently. At the end of such an unpredictable and tumultuous year, we've decided we're going to throw the formal agenda out the window and reflect on all the amazing things we've achieved. We'd love to have you along to help celebrate!

- WEEK 7 - 6:30pm, MON 23 NOV, 2020



SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

LAST DAY FOR SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

Thursday 5 November will be the last day of the silver coin challenge – so start gathering those final few coins and send them to school with your kids to put in their class containers!

Every cent raised will go towards new literacy readers for classrooms. And the class who raised the most gets a pizza party!



P&C VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NSW P&C VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Who has gone above and beyond in 2020? Would you like to nominate one of our members for the NSW P&C VOLUNTEER?

Please send your nomination back to us via email or Facebook Message by Sunday 22 November.

Please include:

- the name of the APS P&C member that you'd like to nominate
- a sentence or two about why you think they're our volunteer of the year!

Find out more about the award here:

www.pandc.org.au/nsw-pc-volunteer-of-the-year-2020-nomination-form



SUSHI DAY – WED 18 NOV

On Wednesday 18 November, Jenny in the canteen will be holding a SUSHI DAY! Available via pre-order in our [P&C Online Store](#) by midnight Fri 13 November.

Various options will be on offer including teriyaki chicken, chicken schnitzel, tuna and vegetarian.

Note: the canteen will still be open for usual lunch orders from the mini menu on the day, so there'll be something available for all tastes!



2021 EVENTS/ACTIVITIES ZOOM MEETING THU 12 NOV 7:30PM

We want to get in early for 2021 and chat to parents and community members about what events/activities they'd like to see in 2021.

THU 12 NOV at 7:30pm, the P&C will be hosting a Zoom meeting to find out what parents/kids enjoy most from the P&C and what's possible next year. Send us a FB message or email adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au for the Zoom details.



THANKING TEACHERS ON WORLD TEACHERS DAY

To celebrate World Teachers Day last Friday, the P&C arranged a grazing plate for the staffroom. Here's what our principal, Ms Stothard, had to say:

"You are all so very kind to us! We are the lucky ones to be entrusted with the beautiful APS children. Thank you - it's amazing!!!!"



Click the image above to join our P&C Facebook page or go to www.facebook.com/adamstownpublicschoolpandc/