



Meet Khalid and Liam from KD and Jack from KW

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 June - KHS 2021 Year 7 Enrichment Class Test Administered

5pm 19 June - 5pm 3 July
Sentral booking window for Parent Teacher Phone interviews open

3 July - Last day of Term 2

20 July - Term 3 Staff Development Day

21 July - Students return for Term 3

21-28 July - Parent Teacher Phone Conferences

27 July - Kindergarten 2021 School Readiness Parent Information Evening

3 Aug - P&C Meeting via Zoom

7 Aug - Semester 1 Reports distributed

20 Aug - Kinder O Expo

We would like to thank everyone for the positive feedback we have received in regards to the Mystery Teacher Readings. We are very excited to announce that we will continue to post



on Facebook the mystery photos and videos. You may wish to use these as bedtime stories or homework listening activities. Enjoy!

MINDABOOKA Week 8 Term 2 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
What a busy fortnight of learning we have had at our fabulous school.

Last week the Department issued new guidelines for parents and carers outlining the ongoing response to the COVID19 Pandemic, this advice is found on the following pages for your immediate reference.

Parent Teacher Telephone Conferences

A strong parent - teacher partnership is vital to a successful year at school for your child. This year, in line with Department guidelines this process will be conducted over the telephone, at your nominated booking time during weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3. This coming Friday at 5pm our Sentral system will be open for you to schedule your preferred 10 minute telephone conference time. The booking window will close on Friday July 3 at 5pm. Semester 1 reports will then be distributed on Friday Aug 7. A student self assessment reflecting learning dispositions will accompany reports. The term 'learning dispositions' refers to the way in which learners engage in and relate to the learning process, their learning habits so to speak.

Attendance

Attendance at school every day is incredibly important. As we return to school after the Learning from Home period, establishing routines that enable on time daily attendance will ensure the best learning opportunities for your child. Small amounts of time away from school add up quickly. We understand that children who are unwell need to stay home to recover. Please ensure absences are accounted for by sending a note to the classroom teacher, responding to the SMS notification, submitting an absent notification on the Skoolbag App or telephoning school.

Kindergarten 2021

Plans continue to unfold for our 2021 Kinder Orientation program. Should you know of any

families enrolling their child in Kindergarten for 2021, please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible to ensure their details are included in our database.

Our very popular 'Building Blocks' program will again be led by Ms Sarah Wenham, ensuring connections with our local partnering Early Learning Centres and Preschools provide our incoming students with the very best transition to 'big school' possible.

Excursions

At this stage we are hopeful that both our Year 4 and Stage 3 excursions will go ahead in Term 4 and a permission note requesting a deposit to secure numbers was sent home earlier this week. Should you have any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to be in contact.

Staffing News

Miss Shelby Matthews has been successful in securing a permanent merit selection position effective from Day 1 Term 3. Miss Matthews has been a fabulous addition to our teaching staff this year and we are all certainly going to miss her enthusiasm, expertise and joy for teaching and learning as she undertakes the next chapter in her career. We welcome Miss Shantelle Ingram as 1M's classroom teacher for the rest of 2020. Miss Ingram has relieved on several classes and will be making herself known to all of the wonderful students and families from 1M over the coming weeks. Miss Ingram is an experienced teacher who comes to us with high regard and we look forward to seeing the students in 1M continue to flourish with her guidance. Miss Matthews will be conducting her Parent Teacher phone calls for 1M during the last week of this term.

Our APS learning community loves to learn. Thanks for being part of our journey.

Emma Stothard

Principal (rel)

Principal Awards

Core Value: Fairness



For demonstrating the value of Fairness by accepting and celebrating others for their differences and always taking turns and sharing.

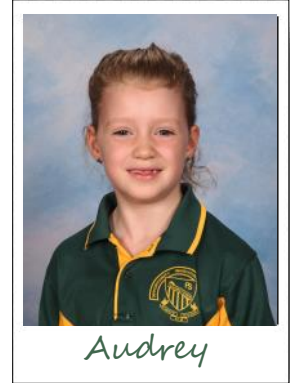


For demonstrating the value of Fairness by treating others the way he would like to be treated and always having empathy for his peers.

Core Value: Democracy



For demonstrating the value of Democracy by listening to and respecting the views and opinions of others and always being fair.



For demonstrating the value of Democracy by ensuring everyone has a say and is included in all we do at school.

Our Happy Place...

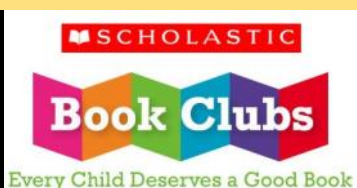
Periscopes, angles, robots, student voice, writing that rocks and even afternoon tea!



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!

Book Club ORDERS



Book Club orders have now closed, a new catalogue will be issued next Term.

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

Students at APS joined and participated in a live lunchtime Mini Master LEGO Challenge with Ryan 'The Brickman' McNaught. The LEGO challenge Ryan McNaught set for the students was to build the tallest tower. Students had lots of fun interacting, problem solving and communicating with friends as they planned and drafted a model of their tower with 'The Brickman'. The students were very excited that they were able to ask Ryan questions which he answered live online. Some students built additional LEGO masterpieces at home! Thanks Miss Pacey and Mrs Mahony for supporting this fun initiative!



Sport News from Mr Cook

Cancellation of PSSA sport and other sporting events

Unfortunately, due to the current health restrictions surrounding COVID-19 many sporting activities planned for the remainder of the year have been cancelled. Firstly, interschool PSSA sport for term 3 is cancelled. This includes various trials for individual sports as well as competitive and social interschool sports.

Athletics Carnival

The athletics carnival planned for this term has been postponed and we are hoping to have our school carnival next term. At this stage we are unsure if the Newcastle Zone athletics carnival will go ahead.

School Cross Country

Lastly our school cross country carnival has been postponed until at least the second half of Term 3 or early Term 4. Where possible we will be facilitating events on site and any news regarding this will be widely publicised to keep our community informed.

Unfortunately, the latest advice does not permit spectators at these planned carnivals and contact with the general public is to be avoided.

Learn to Swim Program

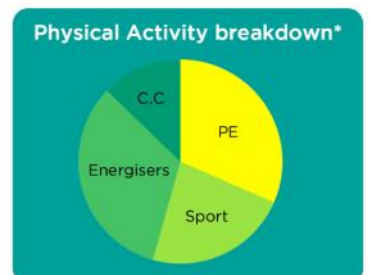
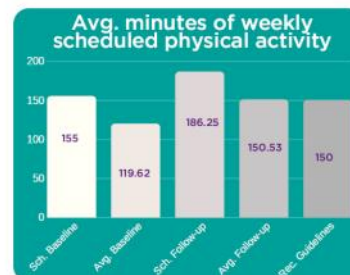
This program is currently on hold awaiting review.

The infographic to the right is our 'Good for kids - good for life' Physical Activity Report Card. Even with all of the restrictions currently in place it is important we continue to meet our requirements. APS are doing well!



Adamstown Public School

Type of Activity	Baseline (n=4)	End of program (n=4)	End of program - all classes (n=359)*
PE Lesson	92.50	58.75	49.39
Sport	53.75	42.50	51.89
Energisers	6.25	61.25	37.85
Cross-curricular lessons	2.50	23.75	11.39
Total scheduled PA	155	186.25	150.53



- Summary**
- Congratulations! Adamstown PS improved by 31mins and is meeting the recommended guidelines
 - A third of your school's weekly scheduled minutes of physical activity was from energisers
 - Try to maintain your current weekly scheduling of PA

After receiving the program, schools scheduled on average **31** more minutes of physical activity per week!

*Data from average scheduled minutes at the end of the program from 68 Hunter New England schools
*Data from average scheduled minutes at the end of the program for your school by type of activity

Our staff are lifelong learners

Each fortnight our staff meet to celebrate student achievement and to develop themselves professionally.

As part of Strategic Direction 2 - Focused and Collaborative Practice in our School Plan 2017-2020 our focus areas this year have been writing, spelling and Positive Behaviour for Learning.



NSW Department of Education



This guide is for parents and carers

A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

Information has been updated as at 11 June 2020, until further notice.

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In line with health advice, schools are operating full time, and many additional activities are now able to recommence

All schools have returned to full-time on-campus learning. With updated health advice and changes to state and national restrictions, schools are able to recommence the majority of school-based activities from either 15 June 2020 or the start of Term 3 (20 July 2020). Some activities are continuing to be considered.

The following principles underpin these guidelines:

- schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines
- existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff
- all activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

School activities/ school site usage

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, as long as the following measures are observed:

- all visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols
- principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if they are seen as contrary to the current health advice
- external providers and visitors are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms
- non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this **includes parents/carers** unless specifically approved by the principal.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing of children in schools is not required under the Australian HPPC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment.

All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents.

Schools should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff.



School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.



School activities return and timeline

Activities/site usage that can already take place:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at principal's discretion
- Year 11 and 12 students only may attend classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses is allowed

- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

Activities/site usage that can take place from Monday 15 June 2020

- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Choirs and performing arts at school, with safety protocols in place
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Hydrotherapy pools can be used
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).
- Community use activities used by students such as dance classes, and student sport skills development, outside of school hours with limited adult attendance)
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place
- Face to face TAFE attendance (see TAFE website for further information)
- School photos
- Department of Community and Justice services and programs.

Activities/site usage that can take place from beginning of Term 3

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)



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