



Meet Blake, Tully and Cayden from 2C.

MINDABOOKA Week 10 Term 3 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
As we approach the end of Term 3 I am absolutely delighted to advise that following a merit selection process I have been permanently appointed as your new Principal. Being a Principal is one of the best jobs in the world and I feel incredibly privileged to be given the opportunity to serve our growing learning community at Adamstown Public School. We are an inclusive inner city school with a big heart ready to embrace wonderful opportunities for our students today and in to the future. I look forward to developing our partnership in the many years ahead.

The Term Ahead - COVID restrictions

This year continues to be a remarkable one in history and we are all hoping that with Term 4 there will be a move to lighter restrictions. I will endeavour to keep you well informed as this information is provided by the Department. I have been meeting with Mr Davidson and our Year 6 leaders in preparation for the possibilities of what is usually a very busy, exciting and memory making term for them as they conclude their first chapter of their schooling career. Two major events are our year 4 /Stage 3 excursions and our Year 6 Farewell. At this stage our bookings are still active for these events and as soon as I am given notification from the Department we will move. As a school we have decided to hold on till the last hour to ensure that we can provide these experiences to our students and I am very grateful for your patience and understanding around these decisions.

Surveys for our School Improvement Plan

Thank you for your consideration and feedback on our Vision and Purpose Surveys. This week we are releasing our Communication Survey and would be very grateful for your input as we discover and understand ways of developing our school and serving our community more

effectively. Keep an eye out for the link which you will receive via SMS by the end of this week. The more responses we receive the stronger we are as a community. This survey will remain open till the end of week 1 Term 4.

Technology infrastructure upgrade

Over the vacation period our school will be undertaking a major upgrade to technology facilities in B Block. This much anticipated work will provide wifi connectivity to a failing system and also see the replacement of many failing interactive panels in our classrooms. This major investment in technology at our school is well overdue and I look forward to hearing of the positive learning outcomes for our students and staff with this investment for our future.

2021 Enrolments

Interest in our fabulous school continues grow and as mentioned in previous newsletters we want to prepared for the start of school next year with potentially a new class and a refurbished classroom but we need your help! If you are moving out of the area between now and next year and you are planning on moving schools - we would really like to know as soon as possible. Similarly if you know of any families who may be moving into our area or have a kindergarten child that is yet to enrol for next year - we would definitely like you to let them know to get in touch with us. For any enrolment enquiries please contact the office in the first instance.

2021 Staffing Process

As we start to firm up our student numbers we also commence the process of staffing our school. Our staffing structure is complex and ranges from staff employed permanently and on temporary contracts with various allocations. All of our temporary positions will be merit based ensuring we have the best mix of staffing to meet the dynamic needs of our students and

school. A great deal of consideration goes in to the creation of classes and our staff will commence this detailed process early in Term 4.

Holiday Spraying

As you would all be aware with Term 4 heat comes mosquitoes. Staff are currently seeking student input for activities that they would like to be engaged with during the hot term 4 months and are establishing a playground plan reflective of this need. Please note that over the first weekend break we will also be having the school sprayed to assist in the mosquito management in the months ahead.

Book Parade this Thursday

I am very much looking forward to our Book Week Parade this Thursday and seeing all of our students dressed in costume ready to celebrate the joy and love of literature! This year's theme certainly has opened many creative opportunities and I thank Mr Howell, Mrs Wenham and Miss Anderson for their organisation and preparation for the day ensuring our students have a wonderful celebration of 'Curious Creatures and Wild Minds'. Look out for our movie link following the event that will be published on our communication platforms for you to enjoy with your children over the break.

Take care

To our families, we are missing your involvement in our school on a daily basis and we are feeling for our families that are doing it tough in this current environment. Our staff want to let you know we are all here and you can contact us if need be. Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can support in any way. For the holidays ahead, please take care, stay safe and rest well. Term 4 teaching and learning for all recommences on Monday 12th October.

Emma Stothard

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 Sept - Book Week Celebrations

25 Sept - Last Day of Term 3

12 Oct - Term 4 begins for Staff & Students

19 -20 Oct - Year 4 Camp TBC

25 -27 Oct - Stage 3 Camp TBC

8 Dec - Presentation Day at MHS

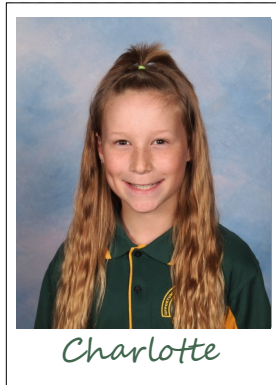
Principal Awards

Our PSC leader board has not changed!

Core Value: Integrity



Always behaving honestly and doing what you say you will do to benefit your learning.



Always behaving honestly and working through challenging learning opportunities with strength.

The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge continues with Years 3-6 recording their daily physical activity at school and at home. This challenge encourages students and staff over a 10 week period to participate in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits to develop their understanding of the importance of sport and physical activity. As of last week our Leader board looks like this!

3/4J	Silver
3/4L	Bronze
4/5P	Silver
4/5T	Gold
5/6D	Silver
5/6L	Silver

Our Happy Place...



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!

A new face to APS



Hi, my name is Ursula Nagel and I am the new Defence School Mentor (DSM) at Adamstown Public School. Whilst travelling in the Northern Territory I met my RAAF husband and we have been posted several times in the last 23 years, including an overseas posting to Seattle.

I am originally from Germany and have mostly been working in the Tourism industry, but after going back to University 10 years ago, my focus moved to working with children in various professional environments including education. For the past 2 years I ran Social Skills Programs for Primary kids in Adelaide and I very much look forward to supporting the social, emotional and academic wellbeing of your children here at Adamstown Public School.

My days at Adamstown Public School are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until the end of Term 4 2020.

Are you on our digital Mindabooka distribution list?

Please complete the following details if you would like to be added to our Mindabooka email list and return to school.

Name:

Email:

#Creativity For Kids

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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Calendar together

Use a calendar to track the days, month, seasons, weather—and even your mood! Download a template from the apple.co/creativityforkids PDF.

Get started: Open the document using the Keynote app. Copy the labels and paste them to the right spot on the calendar.

Explore more: apple.co/creativityforkids

#CreativityForKids

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Find shapes in nature

Take a photo outdoors, then use Markup to trace all the shapes you can find in the photo.

Get started: Open your photo, tap Edit, then tap the three dots in the top-right to use Markup.

Explore more: apple.co/creativityforkids



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- Who wants to spend **quality time** with their primary school aged daughter?
- Who wants to help improve their daughters' **social and emotional wellbeing**?
- Who wants to improve their daughters' **sport skills and fitness** through fun games and physical activities?
- Who wants to build **confidence, self-esteem and resilience** in their daughter?

The multi award-winning Daughters and Dads program is coming to Newcastle in Term 4, 2020
4 x programs running Monday-Thursday, 5:45-7:15pm

Register your interest TODAY:

www.daughtersanddads.com.au

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This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee. Approval No. H-2014-0330. Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research Office, The Chancellor, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia, telephone (02) 49216333, email Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au.



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