



1C love the opportunity to garden in the sunshine!

MINDABOOKA Week 4 Term 3 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
Welcome to a wet and windy week 4!

Lost Property

A timely reminder for ensuring all belongings are clearly labelled for school. We again have an abundance of hats, jackets, jumpers, drink bottles and lunch boxes in our lost property. Every effort is made to return items to students where a name is clearly visible.

Kinder O'Expo & Parent Technology Zoom

Given current conditions of operation we are finding more and more ways to be creative and connect with you all. It certainly is a lot of new learning for all staff including myself but it is such a fabulous opportunity to try something new. We ask our students everyday to take risks with their learning and to feel comfortable doing so, we follow this lead as a staff also. We have two informative events delivered via Zoom next week on our calendar. All of our current Kinder 2021 families that are listed on our enrolment books will receive an email invitation containing the Zoom link to access and attend our expo.

In addition, Ms Wenham and Mr Davidson are hosting a Zoom Parent Technology Information Session. If you haven't returned your note giving your email address as your RSVP please do so at your earliest convenience. This Zoom session will outline the use of Seesaw and Google Classroom.

Attendance

Attendance is one of the most important pieces of data in our school. It is closely monitored within the school and it is also monitored by Department of Education officials. While we have quite good attendance at our school we are

really lacking in the area of justifying leave. The easiest ways to justify the leave is to;

- send a text back when you receive an SMS from the school stating that your child is absent for the day with the reason for leave.
 - Send in a note to the class teacher.
 - Submit an absent notification via SkoolBag.
- The DoE is very serious around ensuring that we know where every child is every day in our system and justification is vital.

COVID-19 Update

Our School continues to be a happy and safe environment with cleaning occurring 3x daily. As a community advisory, I draw your attention to the following useful site for all citizens in NSW. The Service NSW website continuously updates the identified COVID-19 case locations across NSW. Make sure you regularly visit the website and follow the instructions if you have visited one of the locations listed within it. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw>

With the ever-changing nature of COVID-19 it is important that our school can contact all families quickly and efficiently when required. Our methods of communicating with families are SMS, Skoolbag and Facebook. Our school's COVID-19 Communication Response Plan will be shared in the coming days. Please take the time to read this information so that you have an understanding of our school's intended procedures and protocols and how we can all work together for the health and safety of our school community.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

It is required that all Australian schools participate in the NCCD on students with disability this time each year. Principals verify

data about students in their school receiving adjustments because of disability, based on evidences in the school. If your child receives ongoing adjustments due to disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (The DDA) then they will be included in the NCCD. This includes intellectual disabilities, learning difficulties, mental health and chronic health conditions. If you would like further information please see the link below.

https://www.nccd.edu.au/sites/default/files/2020_nccd_guidelines_accessible_final.pdf

Book Week Celebrations

We are inviting all of our children to come to school on Thursday 24 September (Week 10) dressed in costume of their favourite book character to celebrate 2020 Book Week. This year the Children's Book Council of Australia has announced the theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. Stay tuned for more information coming from Mr Howell our Teacher Librarian in the coming weeks. Whilst we are unable to have community on site to view our usual wonderful parade we will be adapting and sharing this day via various means.

Thank you!

Lastly, a very special thank from the bottom of my heart for the acknowledgment of Primary Principals Day last Friday. The kind words and beautiful flowers from the P&C were very humbling. It is truly my privilege to lead and serve our APS learning community. My joy is in seeing our children turn up everyday, smiling and ready to learn...I consider myself the lucky one.

Emma Stothard

Principal (Rel)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 Aug - Zoom Kinder O Expo

- Year 6 to Kotara HS
for taster lessons

24-28 Aug - Education Week, Science Week
and our Active Day all rolled in to one
tremendous week of celebration

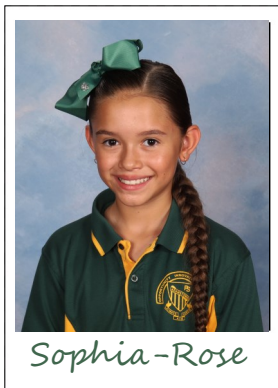
31 Aug - P&C Meeting via Zoom 6.30pm

1 Sept - P&C Father's Day Stall

28 Sept - Bookweek Celebrations

Principal Awards

Core Value: Care



Always showing care towards her peers and teachers.



Always looking out for our students and supporting others at APS.

Premier's Sport Challenge

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	Bronze
5/6L	Bronze

Our Happy Place...

*Learning together,
discovering new
things everyday.*



Check out the exciting announcement on our Facebook page and join in the fun of a Community Facebook Brain Teaser Challenge!

Time to strap yourselves in and put your thinking caps on because there is a new challenge on our Facebook page. Introducing Adamstown Public School's Brain Teaser Challenge, a great way to develop your problem-solving skills at home.

The next problem was released yesterday on our Facebook page. The names of students who have a go at solving the problems will go into a lottery which will be drawn in Weeks 5 and 10 of the term. These two lucky winners will get to enjoy a scrumptious lunch from the canteen on us! We can't wait to see what you come up with.



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!

Celebrating Education Week, Science Week and Active Day in Week 6!

A wonderful week of celebratory activities and events is occurring during week 6 for the students. As we are still restricted with having community onsite please check out our Facebook page to see all of the talented, inquisitive and active students learning together!



Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th August

Celebrating learning together in the classroom with various investigative Literacy and Numeracy challenges. Students will also be participating in a virtual literary festival, 'The Wonderful World of Words' hosted by the publishers of the school magazine.



Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August

Celebrating National Science week together in the classroom with various STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) challenges that will keep them creating, understanding, experimenting and thinking.



Friday 28th August

K-6 will be participating in a fun and active version of our usual Athletics Carnival! Staff have been undertaking preliminary events on a Friday during sport time. As there is no Zone/Regional Carnival this year, the focus is on having a go and having fun, there are no heats each race will be undertaken on times.

Throughout the Week...

Our band and dance group will be delighting the students and staff with impromptu performances!

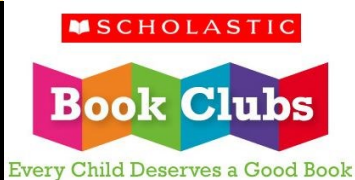
A few repeated reminders from the office...



EMERGENCY CONTACTS & Address Updates

- It is very important that all of your information, address, phone numbers and email addresses are up to date in our system. In particular phone numbers and emergency contacts. When any of the above information changes it would be most appreciated if you would give the school a ring, call into the office or send an email through with your change of details.
- At this stage we are still only accepting the initial holding deposit for both of these excursions. The Department still has excursions on hold and as soon as we receive notification either way we will be letting our community know. Please continue to budget at home with the expectation that the excursions will be going ahead. We will not be requesting any further payments at the office other than the initial holding deposit. Thank you for your understanding during these uncertain times.

**Book
Club
ORDERS**



Issue 5 Book Club orders close Friday 14th August.

https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc_520.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.

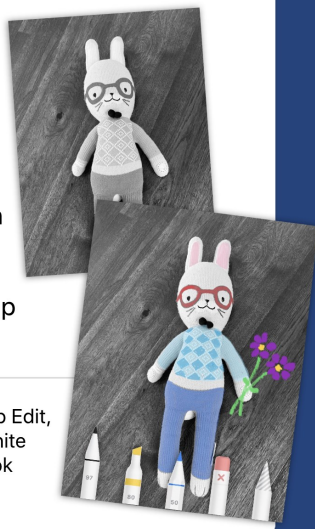
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Make coloring sheets

Take a few fun photos, then change them to black and white to create your own coloring sheets. Use Markup to add color.

Get started: Open each photo, tap Edit, and apply one of the black-and-white filters. Go further by creating a book using a template in the Pages app.



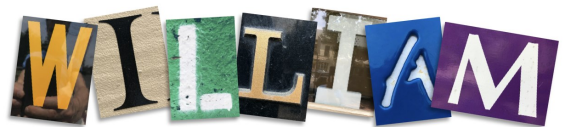
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Picture your name

Take a photo of each letter of your name by finding them in books or signs. Put them together to spell out your name in a colorful collage.



Get started: Crop the letters in the Photos app, then add each photo to a Keynote file in the right order.

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