



Some of the Class of 2020 looking spectacular in their Year 6 shirts!

MINDABOOKA Week 6 Term 3 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
We have a magnificent week of education celebration and acknowledgment ahead.

Learning Together

This week, APS will be very busy 'Learning Together' as we celebrate Education and Science Week, along with Cultural and Athletic areas of learning. Throughout the week, students will complete or perform a variety of literacy, numeracy, science, technology and physical activities. Unfortunately due to the ongoing COVID -19 restrictions we are unable to have family and community members at these events but we will make sure we have an abundance of imagery and videos uploaded to our school website and our Facebook page for you to be part of all we do and celebrate together.

School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS)

This week we recognise the outstanding work of our Office Administration Staff, School Learning and Support Officers, General Assistants and cleaning staff. This has been a year like no other and more than ever we have been reminded of how blessed we are to have the valuable support staff we have working in our school.

The gazetted week of appreciation is set aside to acknowledge and thank all of our non-teaching staff who work in the office, in the classrooms, in our library and maintain and care for our school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they are unwell and they are the first people you see when you enter our school. They help our students reach their learning potential inside and outside the classroom.

We are truly fortunate to have such amazing SAS staff as part of our APS learning community and our sincere thanks go to: Mrs Holland, Mrs

McGahan, Mrs Owens, Mrs Smith, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Baker, Mrs Tyrie, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Leggo, Mrs Harrison, Mr Maloney, Mr Gray, Mr Wirth, Mr Begnell, Scott and Sarah our cleaners and Mrs Reschow in the canteen. Our school would not function without the incredible commitment from you all.

Welcome Miss Kayla Perry

We are very excited to introduce our new K-6 Assistant Principal, Curriculum Leader Miss Kayla Perry. Miss Perry comes to us from Pelaw Main PS with extensive experience as an Assistant Principal. Miss Perry is thrilled to be joining our amazing learning community and is ready and enthusiastic about supporting the learning of our students and staff in her role as Curriculum Leader at APS.



Our School Improvement Journey 2021-2024

The best education happens when parents and schools work together. School improvement is a continuous process, based on maximising outcomes for all students, and sustaining this improvement over time. School improvement needs to 'touch every classroom', be the work of every teacher and impact every student. School improvement is grounded in rigorous self-assessment and analysis of our school's current situation with respect to student outcomes and teaching and leadership practices. At APS we are all working together towards improvement. The learning of our teachers and leaders is as important as student learning. A deliberate and purposeful focus on continuously developing the capabilities of our teachers and leaders in our school is fundamental to school improvement.

When we work towards being a great school that meets the needs of all of our students, together we are:

- ensuring our students learn through engaging teaching
- leading with a clear vision based on shared values
- partnering proactively with others, especially parents, carers and the local community
- engaging our learners, teachers and leaders in reflection and decision-making
- focusing our culture on student growth, attainment and wellbeing
- strategically targeting all our resources to achieve positive student growth, attainment, and wellbeing.

The NSW Department of Education has launched the new 2021-24 School Excellence in Action Cycle. There are four components and we are keen to have as many of our parents, carers and school community members work with us on our journey to whole school improvement. In the coming weeks, we are going to be asking you some questions to help us formulate our plans moving forward. We are going to be creative in how we capture your thoughts and opinions due to the current restrictions placed on visiting our school. We may catch you at the gate in the morning or afternoon, we may give you a phone call, send you an SMS or an email, and we will follow up with a quick online survey. I will keep you informed as to our analysis and planning progress over the coming weeks ahead.

I am very excited to be sharing our new school Vision and Purpose statement at our upcoming P&C meeting.

Emma Stothard
Principal (Rel.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

7 Sept - Public Speaking in class rounds

24 Sept - Book Week Celebrations

25 Sept - Last Day of Term 3

12 Oct - Term 4 begins for Staff & Students

Principal Awards

Core Value: Fairness



Blake

Always displaying sportsmanship on the playground and in class.



Olivia

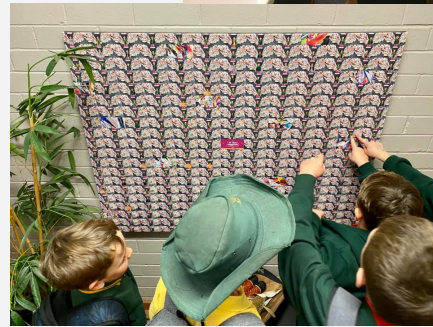
Always being a fair and caring member of our school community.

Premier's Sport Challenge Table

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...



Have a guess at our Community Facebook Brain Teaser Challenge on Facebook!

Introducing Adamstown Public School's Brain Teaser Challenge, a great way to develop your problem-solving skills at home. There is a new challenge published every Monday.

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!

Our Winner of the Week 5 lunch draw was Emerson from 3/4J, congratulations!



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 Minute with a Master

To help us celebrate our bumper week of learning together, we would like to invite our families or community members to learn with us by sending in a 1 minute video of you sharing your knowledge of a hobby or profession.

This video will then be available for classes to watch throughout the week to teach our students about interesting topics and opportunities in the world. If you are interested in participating, please email your video to adamstown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or alternatively send it to school with your child on a USB to pass on to their class teacher. We know our community is filled with experts in fields far and wide so we can't wait to learn from your interests, profession or passions!



Early Stage 1 Selected for Department Pilot Program

Adamstown Public School were selected to participate in the Exploring Spatial Thinking in ES1 pilot program with the Department of Education and the University of Canberra. The research project is a play-based digital learning program for Kindergarten students to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) practices and concepts. We are very excited to be working alongside the University of Canberra to provide our students with the opportunity to play, experiment and make sense of the world around them.



#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

#5 Go on a photo walk

Pick a color or letter of the day and take photos of things that are that color or start with that letter. Then put them together in a collage or video. Try to make a rainbow or complete the alphabet!

Get started: Add the photos of each color or letter to a slide in the Keynote app. Or add each photo to Clips and record your voice saying the colors or letters.

Explore more: apple.co/creativityforkids

#CreativityForKids

#6 See color in slo-mo

Record a video in slow-motion of drops of food coloring falling in water. Do primary colors first, then mix them together to create secondary colors.

Get started: Choose Slo-mo mode in your Camera app, then record.

Explore more: apple.co/creativityforkids

Celebrating Education Week, Science Week and Active Day this week!

A wonderful week of celebratory activities and events is occurring this week. 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. Students are encouraged to wear sporting house colours for the day.

Throughout the Week...

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

2020 BOOK WEEK***Theme "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"*****2020 Book Parade**

On Thursday 24th September (Week 10), Adamstown Public School will be celebrating Book Week. It's time to get the costumes organised!

The Book Week theme this year is ***"Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"*** and children are asked to dress up as their favourite book character. We have been discussing types of costumes that can be worn during our library sessions. Examples can be any favourite book characters, all types of sports, superheroes and lots of movie characters are now created from books. Costumes can be simple or extravagant, but safety is essential so therefore please ensure closed in shoes are part of your child's costume.

Unfortunately, due to NSW Department of Education and NSW Health restrictions relating to COVID-19, parents & carers are unable to attend this event. However, we will share plenty of photos and videos on our school website, school Facebook account and student's Seesaw accounts (as applicable).

The celebration of Book Week will continue to be memory making and Adamstown Public School staff will endeavour to share the joy and love of books on this day virtually with our families and community. We can't wait to see our student's arrive at school in their costumes!

Darren Howell
Teacher Librarian

Emma Stothard
Principal (Rel.)

