



Mett Luccia-Rose, Amelia and Tianni from 3/4.

## MINDABOOKA Week 8 Term 3 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,  
As we tackle Week 8 at the Greatest School Around we continue to have so much to celebrate in and outside our classrooms.

### Father's Day

I hope all of our APS Dads and significant males in our students lives shared a special day together on Sunday and that you were treated with something special from the P&C Father's Day stall. There is nothing more delightful than receiving a gift from a child that they have hand picked themselves! We are fortunate to have a willing group of volunteers in our P&C who continue to adapt with us during the difficult COVID-19 restrictions to ensure we can offer these special occasions to our students while continuing to keep everyone safe.

### Active & Athletic Day

I would like to congratulate all of our students for their participation in this fabulous day. The sun was shining and the sportsmanship was commendable. All of our students and staff demonstrated a strong sense of support for each other as we conducted this day under different circumstances to our usual carnival day. I would like to thank our amazing Canteen Supervisor Jenny and our supportive P&C in adding to the overall spirit of the day with our Sport House Hot Dog Meal deals. 275 hungry tummies were fed without a hitch. What a mammoth effort - thank you! I would also like to sincerely thank all of our staff for their involvement and in particular all the behind the scenes organisation of Ms Judge, Miss Taylor, Miss Pacey, Mr Cook and Mr Downing for organising a fun morning for our K-1 students as well. Our end of day staff versus year 6 students was a lot of fun and I'm sure the staff will be seeking to carry over the title next year! Check out just some of the great photos from the day further in.

### Defence School Mentor

Mrs Ursula Nagel will join our team next week in the role of Defence School Mentor (DSM). Ursula's DSM role involves providing information and support, including developing a range of activities for children of defence families. The DSM also supports families to ease the impact of mobility and service related parental absence. Defence families can expect to receive a phone call from Ursula over coming weeks to introduce herself and begin supporting our community. The DSM funding is shared between Adamstown Public School and Glendore Public School, with Adamstown having approximately twice the defence students enrolled as Glendore meaning that Ursula will spend approximately 2/3 days at APS with us each week, for the remainder of the year. We look forward to welcoming Ursula in to our APS family.

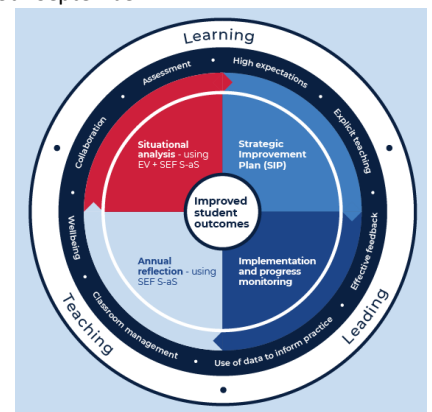
### Being Safe Around our School

Most schools experience heavy traffic and congestion at school drop off and pick up times. We are currently in discussions with NSW Transport and Newcastle City Council about the installation of flashing safety lights outside our school in addition to flashing lights on our linked major roads. Please be aware that parking directly outside our school and at the entrance to Myers Lane is not permitted during these busy times, please keep our children safe by following the parking restrictions around our school and always ensure your child enters and exits the car using the rear door on the footpath side. Parking Rangers regularly patrol schools during these times and the fines enforced are nothing in comparison to the safety of the children. I thank everyone for working together to follow these rules, safety is our priority.

### School Vision and Purpose 2021-2024

As mentioned in last fortnight's Mindabooka our

school has commenced the very rigorous and reflective process of planning for our next 4 year School Plan by implementing the School Improvement Cycle (see below graphic). This is an extremely exciting time for all involved with our school. We are currently in the red Situational Analysis Quadrant and seeking authentic input from everybody to inform the innovative future of our school. In order to share this process with you I will continue to inform you of the steps we will undertake collectively via our newsletter. After much consultation within our school, our School Vision and Purpose has been drafted and we are very keen to hear what you think. Please click on the below survey link to have your say. This survey should only take you a couple of minutes to complete and is greatly appreciated. The survey will close on the 13th September.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KS8SLKG>

Have a wonderful fortnight everyone, keep thinking about those **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds** costumes for our Book Week celebration in Week 10!

*Emma Stothard*

Principal (Rel.)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**9 Sept -** Yrs 4-6 e-safety webinar

**24 Sept -** Book Week Celebrations

**12 Oct -** Term 4 begins for Staff & Students

**10 Sept -** Kinder 2021 Virtual tour of APS

**25 Sept -** Last Day of Term 3



## Principal Awards

Core Value: Democracy



Kaelan

Always making sure everyone is included and celebrating others.



Cooper

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## 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	Silver
5/6L	Silver

## Our Happy Place...Education and Science Week fun at APS!



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!

## Active & Athletic Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020! What a day to remember! We kicked off our Active and Athletic day with our 100m age races. K-1 students started their day with activities including parachute, rob the nest and many more great games. Primary students had recess for a quick refuel and were ready to participate in a cross country run, shot put, long jump and ball games. Lunch was a welcoming time with the Hot Dog meal deal. To end the day the Sport House Captains and the Yr. 6 students challenged our staff to a game of dodge ball. Throughout the day all students earned house points for participating and receiving a place in all the events. It was a very tight race for all houses but there can only be one winning house and that goes to PHILLIP House. Congratulations!

*Jenny Judge*

## Public Speaking

Our Public Speaking Class competitions began yesterday and will continue through until next week. Two students from each class will then be selected to compete against other students from their Stage (via Zoom in Week 10).

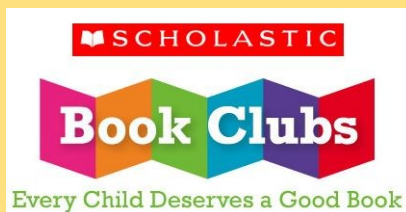
Two students from each Stage will then be selected to deliver their speeches to the Adamstown Public School Zoom Assembly in Term 4 Week 2.

*Erin Littlewood*

## Opportunity Class Placement Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test scheduled for 16 September has been rescheduled to 18 November 2020. Refer to the [Opportunity classes updates](#) for the latest information.

**Book  
Club  
ORDERS**



Issue 6 Book Club orders close Friday 11th September.

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5667/bc-620.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

#### #7 Emojify your mood



Draw a circle, then add silly eyes, a happy face, or eyebrows that show the mood you're in. You can also add shapes and images, then share it with your friends!



**Get started:** In the Keynote app, tap the plus sign to use the drawing tools. Draw your emoji, then add shapes or images to decorate your picture.

Explore more: [apple.co/creativityforkids](https://apple.co/creativityforkids)

### #CreativityForKids

#### #8 Storyboard your daily routine

Take a photo of something that represents each of your regular activities. Combine the photos and add a title, time, and checkbox for each activity. Mark it up daily!



**Get started:** Add your photos to a slide in Keynote, add text and checkboxes, then export it as an image you can use to check off your activities.

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# Active and Athletic Day...







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Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Emma Stothard  
Principal  
Adamstown Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

***Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form*****Please complete in English**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me*** student feedback survey.

Name of student

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carers .....

Signature of parent/carers .....

Date .....