



NAIDOC celebrations with Uncle John, Ishan, James and Elijah

MINDABOOKA Week 6 Term 4 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
I can't believe I am writing what will be our second last Mindabooka for the 2020 year. What a year it has been. We still have much to achieve and celebrate over the next four weeks as we approach the busiest time of the year.

COVID update and end of year activities

Whilst some COVID restrictions have been eased, the impact for our school community as we approach the end of the year may remain largely unchanged. This means that our end of year celebratory activities will continue to go ahead, but in a modified format for our school community. As restrictions and guidelines continue to change, so too will our approach, where feasible, regarding the many events we have scheduled.

Leadership 2021

Congratulations to our Year 5 students running for School Captain in 2021. I met with each of the nominees yesterday as they shared their leadership portfolios with me, demonstrating how they would help and guide others and how they would uphold our school's values of Opportunity, Innovation and Success. They will be having their speeches filmed at school today and they will be viewed on Wednesday by the students and staff before voting is conducted. The videos will be made available for parents and carers to view. The six student executive for 2021 will be announced as part of our modified Presentation Day celebrations. Families of recipients will be notified prior and a designated number of family members may be able to attend for a short presentation.

Presentation Day

We have examined spaces in our school that could be utilised for our celebrations whilst adhering to the COVID safe guidelines. Presentation Day will therefore be conducted in two groupings K-2 and 3-6, in our school hall with students and staff. Photography will be posted to Facebook and a recorded video link of the proceedings will be made available shortly after for our families to watch. This link will be sent by SMS to our school community. We are carefully examining the logistics and viability of ideas and appreciate your understanding and support of our school in finding equitable and manageable ways of acknowledging the exceptional achievements of our students this year.

Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 Farewell will continue to be for students in Year 5 and 6. The Year 6 Farewell will continue to be held on site at school adhering to COVID guidelines. We will be sharing photography and video of the celebrations for all families to enjoy via Facebook and our school YouTube. The link will be SMS messaged to all year 6 families. Mr Davidson has more information coming home soon and if you would like to be part of the committee decorating the hall for our year six students please leave a message for him at the school office.

Remembrance Day

The memorial garden was filled with a sea of red poppies last week as we commemorated Remembrance Day. Some photos have been shared further in and on our Facebook page. A spectacular video was created by students of our Defence Force families, Mrs Nagel and Mr

Ligtenberg, it can be viewed on our school YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/Xn4-46k0NuQ>

NAIDOC Week

Last Friday all students participated in our NAIDOC Day activities. Our Elder in Residence, Uncle John thoroughly enjoyed his welcome and spending time with the staff and students. Photos from the day are on our Facebook page and the video that was shared during our school zoom assembly along with a cute kinder Q&A with Uncle John can be viewed by clicking <https://youtu.be/UIN13D-5TC8> I thank Mrs Wenham for her organisation of the week and to all of the staff for ensuring the activities were engaging and culturally relevant. At APS it is a special week, but learning about our First Nation peoples isn't just something we do for NAIDOC Week - it is a theme, topic and discussion interwoven into our units of learning as we continue daily to broaden our knowledge of our Nation's origins.

Year 4 and Stage 3 Camp

Over the next 2 weeks our students are experiencing the joy of school camp. I wish all of the students a wonderful time away as they make many fond memories on their excursions. There will be many photos posted to keep everyone well informed of the adventures being had. Keep an eye on Facebook and the skoolbag App for arrival home announcements and times.

Have a magnificent fortnight everyone!

Emma Stothard

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 Nov - 2021 Speeches & Voting

19 Nov - Kinder Transition Session 3

19-20 Nov - Year 4 Camp

20 Nov - Kinder Oakvale Excursion

23 Nov - JNR/SNR House Captains speeches & voting

25-27 Nov - Stage 3 Camp

2-7 Dec - Life Education Visit

8 Dec - Presentation Day

9 Dec - Yr 6 Mini Fete

14 Dec - Yr 6 Farewell

16 Dec - Last day for students

Principal Awards

Core Value: Responsibility



Eloise



Charlotte

Always showing responsibility around the school with students, equipment and staff.

Always supporting her peers, staff and visitors to our school in a gentle, respectful manner.

NAIDOC WEEK 2020

Adamstown Public celebrated NAIDOC Week 2020 last week with the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. It's a time to reflect and celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of the First Nation peoples – recognising them as the traditional owners of the land. Each morning students and teachers interactively celebrated NAIDOC via video streams hosted by the Department of Education. Some of our students were involved in an online Q&A session with executive members from the Department of Education during the opening address.

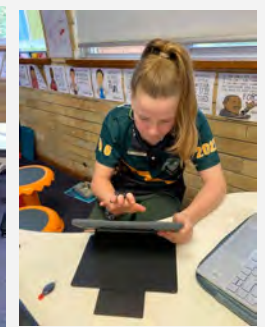
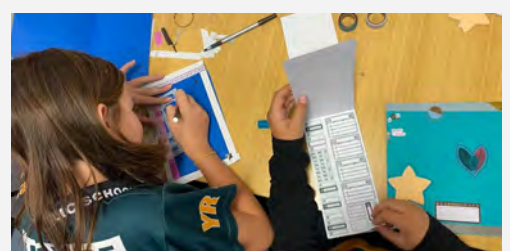


On Friday, we had a wonderful day with our Elder in Residence, Uncle John. The children, teachers, and Uncle John participated in several activities such as dancing, weaving, Awabakal lingo bingo, and Aboriginal sporting games.

Always Was, Always Will Be.

Ms Sarah Wenham

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!

Special Education in Ethics/Primary Ethics Co-ordinator and Teachers Needed

A new volunteer co-ordinator and new volunteer teachers are needed to ensure the future of the Primary Ethics program at Adamstown Public School. My daughter is in Year 6 so before we know it we will be leaving this wonderful school community.

It's time for a new volunteer co-ordinator as well as new volunteer program teachers. Either role will take a short amount of time to go through the application and training process. Training is free and online. You will need to go through a criminal history check (small fee) and a Working with Children Check (free). The weekly commitment is between 1-2 hours after that.

Why are Ethics classes important? Ethics classes aim to support each child to develop a life-long capacity for critical thinking and moral reasoning. Other benefits can include gains in confidence, concentration and social behaviours. Research demonstrates that there are flow-on effects from the style of education employed in ethics classes, including significant improvements on students' performance in mathematics, reading comprehension and writing tests. Volunteering is a stimulating way to contribute to our community and support the growth of our children.

What is an Ethics Teacher? Follow this link:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

What is an Ethics Coordinator Teacher? Follow this link:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-coordinator/>

Could this be you or someone you know?

Questions? Call Mary Carthew on 0422 229 082 or check out the Primary Ethics website: <https://primaryethics.com.au/>

Samaritans Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas is coming! If you're able to, please support the Samaritans Christmas Giving Trees via the following link:

<https://chuffed.org/fundraiser/adamstown>

Usually we (along with many other local organisations) would set up a Christmas tree at our school and collect gifts, toys, food and vouchers for Samaritans. But COVID-19 has meant we've had to adapt this plan for 2020 and so the Christmas Giving Trees campaign has moved online!

With your help, local families who are struggling, those who are experiencing homelessness, or those escaping domestic violence will be provided with gifts for their children in lead up to Christmas. Your donations will also help provide Christmas lunch hampers and gifts on Christmas Day in Newcastle and Singleton.

Adamstown Public School has supported this campaign for many years previously and we would love your help to ensure everyone has a reason to smile this Christmas. Just \$25 can provide a gift for a child to open on Christmas morning.



#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

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Record news interviews

Have fun recording yourself asking and answering questions. Use different sounds and voices, becoming an alien giving the weather in outer space or a squirrel covering nut collections outdoors.

Get started: Use the Audio Recorder in the GarageBand app.

Explore more: apple.co/creativityforkids

#CreativityForKids

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Create a comic strip

Take a picture of yourself and each of your favorite toys as the characters. Combine the photos in a video, transform them using the comic book filter, and record yourself telling a story.

Get started: Touch and hold the Record button in the Clips app to import each character's photo from Photos. Tap each clip to use the comic book filter effect.

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



Suggested Resource Lists for 2021

Adamstown Public School will no longer be using invoiced book packs as a means of resourcing our students in their classrooms for the school year. The school will provide each student with agreed upon school workbooks and supplementary resources as informed by our teachers, however we ask that our families/carers source the items detailed below from the appropriate resource list before commencing in 2021.

*(Targeting Handwriting Book, School Magazine, a P&C subsidised subscription fee to Athletics and for *kindergarten students, a school library bag will be invoiced at the commencement of the 2021 school year).*

Early Stage One (Kindergarten)	Stage One (Years One and Two)
Lunch box Raincoat Paint shirt A4 zipped document wallet for home readers 1 x packet of coloured 'jumbo' pencils 1 x scissors 4 x glue sticks (1 for each term) 4 x whiteboard markers 1 x box of tissues 1 x hand soap and/or hand sanitiser 1 x baby wipes <i>*Please note: Education Packs for Kindergarten students include a \$10 Adamstown Public School library bag.</i>	1 x pencil case 4 x glue sticks (1 for each term) 6 x whiteboard markers 2 x packets of coloured pencils 12 x HB or 2B pencils 1 x pencil sharpener 2 x pencil erasers 1 x 30cm ruler 1 x scissors A4 zipped document wallet for home readers 1 x box of tissues 1 x hand soap and/or hand sanitiser 1 x baby wipes
Stage Two (Years Three and Four)	Stage Three (Years Five and Six)
1 x pencil case 4 x glue sticks 6 x whiteboard markers 1 x packet of coloured pencils x 4-6 HB or 2B pencils 1 x pencil sharpener 1 x pencil eraser 1 x 30cm ruler 1 x scissors 2 x document wallet 1 x display folder 1 x scrapbook 4 x red pens 4 x blue pens 4 x black pens 1 x packet of highlighters 1 x box of tissues 1 x hand soap and/or hand sanitiser 1 x baby wipes	1 x pencil case 4 x glue sticks 6 x whiteboard markers 1 x packet of coloured pencils 1 x packet of coloured textas X 12-HB or 2B pencils 1 x pencil sharpener 1 x pencil eraser 1 x 30cm ruler 1 x scissors 2 x document wallet 6 x red pens 12 x blue pens 4 x black pens 1 x packet of highlighters 1 x box of tissues 1 x hand soap and/or hand sanitiser 1 x baby wipes

Please ensure all resources are clearly labelled when they come to school.

If you wish to purchase other items that also contribute to this, please feel free to do so. Please do not hesitate to check with the classroom teacher regarding any of the resources listed. Some items may be ideal stocking fillers for Christmas time!



APS P&C NEWSLETTER

adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au
SUPPORTING THE 'GREATEST SCHOOL AROUND'

WELCOME TO TERM 4, WEEK 6!

Hello again to all our parents, carers and community members!

Here we are, at the home stretch of an incredible year. In this fortnight's newsletter you'll read about our **END OF YEAR ZOOM CELEBRATION**, the **2021 EVENTS CHAT** and the results of the **SILVER COIN CHALLENGE**.

We also received **173** sushi roll orders online. We hope your kids love their sushi day!

Jessie (your P&C secretary)



2020 END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

It has been a huge year for the P&C and an even bigger year for our families and school community. For our final P&C Meeting of 2020, we are going to reflect and celebrate everything we have achieved.

We'd love you to join us via Zoom to celebrate – even if you haven't been along to a meeting this year, you are very welcome to come along!

- MON 23 November, 6:30PM, virtual via Zoom



Click the image above to join our P&C Facebook page or go to

www.facebook.com/adamstownpublicschoolpandc/



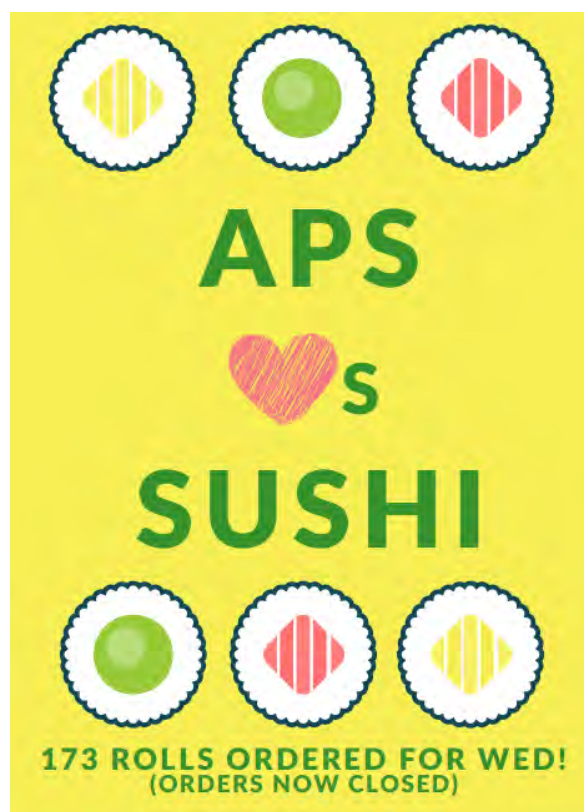
BRING ON 2021!

Our P&C Events and Activities discussion last week was very productive, with 11 enthusiastic parents and carers attending to talk about what the P&C can bring in 2021. Suggestions discussed were a Family Movie Night, a Trivia Night for parents, picture-plates and food drives such as pies and mangoes!

We will continue to be flexible next year and work within whatever limitations we are faced with. If you would like to help out with the planning or running of P&C events/activities next year, send us a FB message or email

adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

We love new faces and hear new ideas!





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**SILVER
COIN
CHALLENGE**

CONGRATULATIONS TO KD!

The Silver Coin Challenge was a huge success, with **\$1401.80** raised to go towards new literacy readers for our classrooms. Our kids are going to love having new stories in 2021 to keep engaged in the wonderful world of books. A big thank you to Linda and Blake for making it happen, and to our generous school community for donating all of your silver coins!

Our kindy kids in KD collected the most silver coins this year and will celebrate with a pizza party.

Well done KD!



**CANTEEN
NEWS**

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen continues its contact-free service in Term 4. It will be open for lunch orders (no counter sales) on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week.

Make it easy by ordering via the [P&C Online Store](https://adamstownpublicschoolpc.square.site) – with the full Mini Menu now available online (see menu below)! Cash orders can also be made by dropping your child's order and cash in the box in the office by 9am on the day. You can use anything you have on hand at home (like an envelope, paper bag or ziplock bag) or paper bags are available to use at the front office.

Cash orders must include your child's FULL NAME and CLASS. Please use as close to correct change as possible to help us limit cash handling.



ADAMSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN

MINI MENU

TERM 3 2020



Open Wednesday - Friday for lunch orders only (recess orders are delivered with lunch) – **NO COUNTER SALES**
Cash orders due by 9 am and can be placed in the box at the Canteen (students only) or box at the front office
Orders must include child's FULL NAME & CLASS. Please use correct change where possible.
Please order from this menu only – other items are not currently available

Sandwiches (GF available)

Vegemite (V)	\$1.80	GF
Vegemite & cheese (V)	\$2.00	GF
Cheese (V)	\$2.00	GF
Cheese & tomato (V)	\$2.20	GF
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$3.00	
Ham	\$2.50	
To make it a toastie, add	30c	

Wraps

Ham & salad	\$4.50	GF
(ham, tomato, lettuce, cucumber, grated carrot & cheese)		
Chicken tenderloin	\$4.00	
(chicken tenderloin, lettuce, tomato & mayonnaise)		

Snacks

Fruit (banana or apple)	60c	GF
Popcorn (GF) (per scoop)	20c	GF
Milo Bites (per scoop)	20c	GF
Red Rock Deli chips	\$1.00	
Grain waves	\$1.00	

Drinks

Fruit juice popper (tropical/apple)	\$1.50	GF
Chili J fruit drink (watermelon/grape/lemonade)	\$2.00	GF
Flavoured milk (strawberry/chocolate)	\$2.00	GF

Hot Foods

Spiral Bolognese (GF avail)	\$4.00	GF
Fried Rice (GF/V)	\$3.50	GF
Fried Rice with chicken (GF)	\$4.00	GF
Macaroni & Cheese (V)	\$4.00	GF
Hawaiian pizza	\$4.00	
Chicken pizza	\$4.00	
Beef burger (GF avail)	\$4.00	GF
Cheese burger (GF avail)	\$4.00	GF
Chicken burger (GF avail)	\$4.00	GF
Meatball sub (GF avail)	\$4.00	GF
Chicken tenderloin	\$1.60	
Chicken "Chippies"	5 for \$2.50	
Party Pie (lean)	\$2.20	
Sausage Roll (lean)	\$2.50	
Tomato or BBQ sauce	30c	

Gluten free (GF) | Vegetarian (V)
Everything from GF | Not all items are GF

The APS Canteen is managed by the Adamstown PS Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association.

To provide feedback, suggestions and for more information about how you can help, please email adamstownpublicschool@pandacaffiliate.org.au

SAVE TIME – ORDER ONLINE!

Selected items are available on our ONLINE MENU each week.

To order online go to:
<https://adamstownpublicschoolpc.square.site>

Online orders close TUESDAYS at 9pm