



## MINDABOOKA Week 8 Term 4 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,  
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...  
We have some very exciting events to celebrate in the weeks ahead. Please refer to the Week 6 edition of Mindabooka for more details regarding our end of year celebratory events such as our Presentation Day Assemblies and the Year 6 Farewell. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### Year 4 and Stage 3 Camps

It has been a very busy time for students in years 4 - 6. Year 4 students stayed overnight at Great Aussie Bush Camp where independence, team building and fun outside of the school environment was the focus. I had the pleasure of visiting the camp in the evening and I was met with some very excited children who had many stories to share from their day. They had stepped out of their comfort zones and stepped up to the many challenges offered. Last week our Stage 3 students travelled to Dubbo for 2 nights away, visiting the Cultural Centre, Royal Flying Doctors and Taronga Zoo. Despite some very warm weather the children shared many memories that they will cherish for years to come. I was most proud of all of the students, receiving glowing reports from the many places visited. As always our APS learners are proud of our school and demonstrate this in the respectful manner they conduct themselves not only at school but out in the wider community. You are all amazing! Thank you to all of the staff who have ensured that each of our students had the opportunity to participate in these excursions. There is an immense load of administration and organisation behind the scenes in bringing these experiences to fruition and I thank everyone for their support in what was a short

turn around of payment and notes. Thank you also to the teaching staff; Mr Davidson, Miss Taylor, Miss Pacey who attended both camps and Mr Ligtenberg who also accompanied Stage 3. These staff members don't receive additional pay to be away from their own families, they do it so the children can have this time together, to learn and grow. Thank you teachers, your time and commitment is greatly appreciated by all.

### 2021 Preparation

Throughout this week and next, students will be participating in transition sessions. The students will participate in activities focusing on team building, collaboration and creative thinking with peers from their class, year or stage. They will be getting to meet different teachers and experience different learning environments across the school. After the first session this afternoon the students finished the day with a buzz of excitement. Our aim throughout 2021 is for our student year groups to spend time connecting in a similar project based learning structure with all of the students from their year. Stay tuned for further details about this as our new year of learning commences.

### What Works Best

In March this year, the Department of Education released some significant research into effective teaching. This report is called 'What works best: 2020 update.' Throughout the year our staff have been undertaking professional learning and reflection based on the eight evidenced based themes in the research, supporting improved student learning every day. There is a supplementary parent and carer resource now available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and->



[carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update](#)

and I encourage everyone to review the check in questions with your child(ren). Together we are committed to ensuring that how we teach is based on what we know makes the biggest difference to a child's learning. This document has also guided our 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan and will sit alongside team teaching, peer observations and quality teaching rounds next year ensuring we uphold our commitment to our new school vision... "Acknowledged as a learning community that excels and prepares all for a complex and ever changing society." Our little school is full of opportunity, our students and staff are all ready to embrace it!

### Staffing News 2021

On the following page I have outlined our proposed teaching structure for 2021. Please note this is subject to change as there are many considerations that can impact staffing over the holiday period.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2-7 Dec** - Life Education Visit

**8 Dec** - Presentation Day

**9 Dec** - Year 6 Mini Fete

**11 Dec** - Semester 2 Reports home

**11 Dec** - Kinder Graduation

**14 Dec** - Yr 6 Farewell

**16 Dec** - Class Parties

**16 Dec** - Last day for students

**2021**

**29 Jan** - All students commence

**5 Feb** - School Swimming Carnival

# From Mrs Stothard continued....

We welcome some new teachers to our school in 2021, Miss Hannah Davies, Mrs Salli Gilmour and Mrs Lucy Bertso, who have introduced themselves below. Our new demountable will arrive over the holiday period and our 14th class, a K/1 will call this new learning space home. Mrs Megan Neilands will be continuing in her Instructional Leader role at Irrawang Public School throughout 2021 and we welcome the continuation of Miss Kayla Perry relieving as Assistant Principal/Curriculum Leader. Mrs Danika Dixon has accepted a temporary role within the Department's Teacher Performance Team and Mrs Sarah Wenham will continue relieving in her Assistant Principal capacity.

Our next Mindabooka in week 10 will be a very brief school farewell to 2020. As the year is drawing to a close, words can not describe the gratitude and thanks I have for the patience, support and kindness our APS community have shown one another in this most unforgettable of times. As COVID restrictions slowly ease across the Department of Education and NSW, I know that with calmness and common sense the health and wellbeing of all people in our wonderful learning community will be the ultimate winner in the days ahead.

Have a fabulous fortnight everyone!

Emma Stothard Principal

## Adamstown Public School 2021

### Proposed Staffing Structure

**Principal:** Mrs Emma Stothard

**Assistant Principals:** Mrs Sarah Wenham  
Miss Kayla Perry  
Mr Adam Davidson

### Classes and Teachers

**Kindergarten:** Mrs Sarah Wenham  
Mr Jack Downing  
Miss Gemma Madeley

**Kindergarten/Year 1:** Mrs Colleen Mahony (Mon-Thurs)  
and Mrs Lucy Bertso (Fri)

**Year 1:** Miss Hannah Davies  
Miss Kayla Perry (Mon-Wed)  
and Miss Megan Gibson (Wed-Fri)

**Year 2:** Mr Sam Cook  
Miss Tyler Anderson

**Year 3:** Miss Shantelle Ingram

**Year 3/4:** Ms Jennifer Judge

**Year 4/5:** Miss Annabelle Taylor

**Year 5/6:** Mrs Salli Gilmour  
Miss Erin Littlewood  
Mr Adam Davidson

**Release from face to face teacher of Digital Technologies:**

Mr Kain Ligtenberg

**Teacher Librarians:** Mr Darren Howell (Mon-Wed) and  
Mrs Lucy Bertso (Thurs)

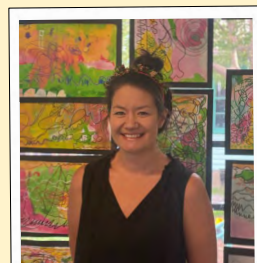
**Learning and Support:** Mrs Monica Smith

*Please be aware that class organisation may change as numbers fluctuate and circumstances may then impact the structure at the commencement of the 2021 year.*



Miss Hannah Davies

Hi my name is Miss Davies and I am thrilled to be joining Adamstown Public School in 2021. I've been teaching for 7 years and have been fortunate enough to be working as a K-2 teacher mentor for the last 6 months. In the classroom, I love using technology as a way to explore the curriculum and believe a classroom should be a place filled with smiles and laughter. During break times, I enjoy having a friendly game of football. When I'm not at school, I love relaxing with a great book or watching the whales cruise by our beautiful coastline.



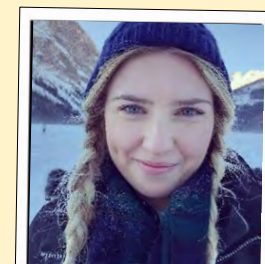
Mrs Salli Gilmour

My name is Salli Gilmour and I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the staff of Adamstown PS in 2021.

I have been teaching for the past 13 years in a myriad of schools ranging from Southern Sydney, to the Mid North Coast and the UK before settling in Newcastle. These experiences have continually reaffirmed my commitment to being a classroom teacher. It is such a gift to be afforded the opportunity to inspire, challenge and guide students into becoming strong, empowered problem solvers and creative thinkers- ultimately lovers of learning.

Outside of school, you will often find me playing games, camping by the beach or exploring with my three young, energetic children and kelpie pup (Ziggy). As a family we really do love a good adventure, particularly if it involves surfing, bushwalking and places unseen.

I cannot wait to join you all on the amazing adventure that will be Adamstown PS in 2021!



Mrs Lucy Bertso

My name is Lucy Bertso and I have been teaching for almost 6 years. I am currently completing a Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship) and am very passionate about engaging students in Literacy and fostering a love of reading in all students! I also love using technology and finding new and interesting ways to incorporate these into teaching and learning. I look forward to meeting the students and families of APS in 2021!



## Principal Awards

Core Value: Cooperation



Louis

Always working as part of a team, willing to assist and support everyone.



Reid

Always working as part of a team, willing to assist and support everyone.

## Library News from Mr Howell

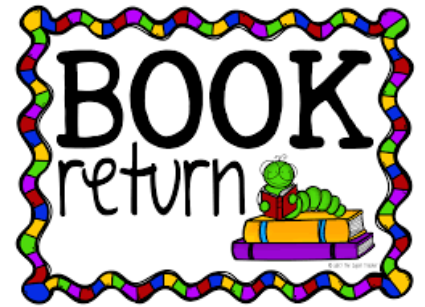
Thank you to students and families for your borrowing and returning 1000s of books this year.

A reminder that all borrowing has finished for the year and it's time to return any Adamstown Public

School books back to the library for our yearly Stocktake.

Keep on reading!

Thank You!



## 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!

## 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



## #CreativityForKids

This fortnight we are sharing four Apple Creativity tips in the newsletter. We hope you enjoy engaging with some of these ideas with the kids.

#CreativityForKids

**#15**

### Get your questions answered

Have a question? Like, why is the sky blue? Or, how much does an elephant weigh? Let Siri find the answer.



**Get started:** Say "Hey Siri" into your iPad.

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

#CreativityForKids

**#16**

### Go back in time

Find an old photo. Re-create the scene, take a picture, then use a black-and-white filter to make it look like it was from the past.



**Get started:** Open your photo, tap Edit, then tap the three circles at the bottom to use filters.

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

#CreativityForKids

**#17**

### Write a love letter to the planet

Take, find, or draw a picture of your favorite place. Add text boxes or a voice recording of why you love it and how you'll take care of it.



**Get started:** Add your photo to the Pages or Keynote app. Tap the plus sign to choose Record Audio, or choose Shapes and add a text box.

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

#CreativityForKids

**#18**

### Make skip counting fun

Record yourself skip counting by 2s, 5s, or 10s. Use the fun voice effects to give yourself a monster or robot voice.



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

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



# ES1 Oakvale Farm, Yr 4 Great Aussie, Stage 3 Dubbo Excursions...



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

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SUPPORTING THE 'GREATEST SCHOOL AROUND'

## WELCOME TO TERM 4, WEEK 8!

Hi everyone in our Adamstown Public School community!

This fortnight has been a time of reflection, as we look back on our extraordinary year and celebrate everything we've achieved together. In this newsletter you'll hear about our **UNIFORM SHOP OPENING DAYS**, how to **GET INVOLVED IN 2021** and our **KINDER 2020 TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER**.

Only two more weeks to go!

Jessie (your P&C secretary)



## REMEMBERING OUR 2020

At our final P&C Meeting of 2020 last week around 25 parents and community members got together to chat about all the amazing things we've done this year. It was agreed all round that necessity and innovation combined resulted in things we never thought were possible!

We also approved the spending of our Next Big Thing: The resurfacing of the basketball courts! Work will commence in 2021 to create a safer, brighter space for our kids to come together and be active.

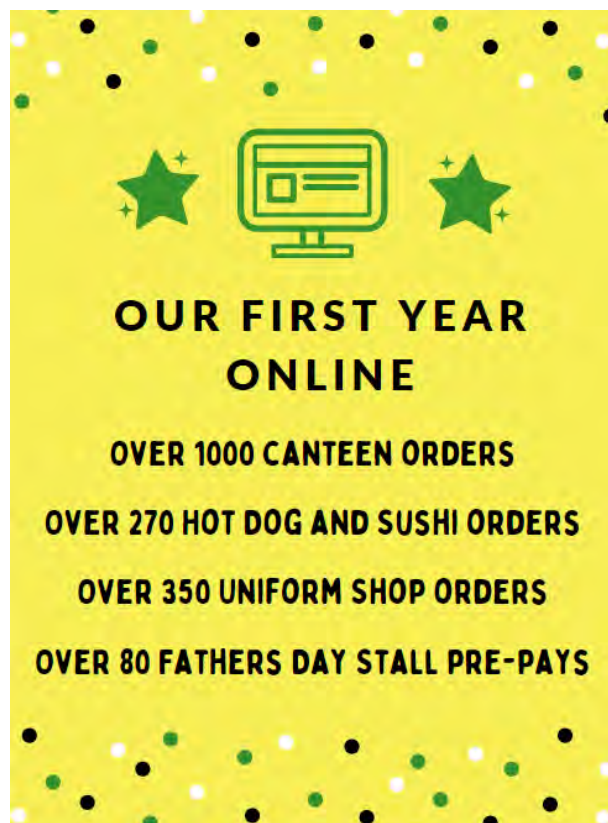


## UNIFORM SHOP SUMMER OPENING DAYS

Kate will be opening Uniform Shop for Kindergarten 2021 parents on FRI 11 DEC from 9am-11am and TUE 15 December from 9am-11am. This is great news for the new starters!

It will also be open in the new year for all parents and carers on WED 27 January from 2:30-4:30pm and THU 28 January from 2:30-4:30pm.

The Uniform Shop is located in the school grounds next door to the canteen.



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

[www.facebook.com/adamstownpublicschoolpandc/](https://www.facebook.com/adamstownpublicschoolpandc/)



### OUR CREATIVE KINDER KIDS!

The Kindergarten Tea Towels have arrived! To remember their very first year at school, each of the kindy kids drew a self-portrait to be printed on the tea towels. They were sent home on Monday to all families who ordered, as a keepsake to remember a first year of school that no one could have imagined! Orders have now closed.

We're pleased to announce that over \$400 was raised for the P&C as part of this activity. A big thanks to Blake for coordinating... we may see more of these in future years so watch this space!



**JOIN THE  
P&C!**

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN 2021?

We're always looking out for new parents and carers to join our lovely P&C group. If you want to be more involved in your child's education, want to learn about the behind-the-scenes of school, or want a greater connection to the fun things your child does at school – please come and try it out in 2021!

Meetings are easy, relaxed and pressure-free. Look out for the details of our first meeting in February 2021 by following us on Facebook.



**WE LOVE  
SUSHI**

### SUSHI SUCCESS!

Sushi Day on WED 18 November was extremely popular, with almost 200 orders in one day going out to our kids! Our canteen supervisor and volunteers Kristy W and Helen W had an epic day behind the counter, and Belinda R, Marie S and Jessie D managed the lead up and online store. Check out the photo below of all the orders ready to leave the canteen on the day!

If you didn't know, the Canteen is managed by the P&C, with one paid employee and a whole bunch of awesome volunteers behind the counter and behind the scenes. So every time you order you are helping the P&C continue this service for our kids.

Next year, we plan to have many more awesome events like these. If you're interested in helping out either on the day or behind the scenes there will be lots of opportunities in 2021, so watch this space!

