



### Our 2021-2024 Vision:

An inclusive learning ecosystem that excels in a complex and evolving world.



Meet Elaine and Shelly.

## MINDABOOKA Week 4 Term 1 2021

Parents, Carers and Community, Welcome to Week 4 at 'The Greatest School Around'. The start of the school year has certainly been a very busy one. It has been delightful to see our students so settled and already dedicated to their learning routines.

### Meet the Teacher Sessions

I was very fortunate to join the Kindergarten session yesterday. It was pleasing to see so many families in person and also logged in via zoom. Conducting these simultaneous sessions in person and via zoom is a new approach for us. Thank you for partnering in this innovative way and for your patience as we continue to adapt new ways of delivering information to our families. A brief evaluative survey will be sent to all families towards the end of the week, we want to ensure these sessions are exactly what our families need to know, therefore your time in completing the survey is greatly appreciated. The zoom links for the remainder of the sessions can be found on SkoolBag.

### Kindergarten and Year 6 Buddies

A big thank you goes out to our year 6 buddies for helping our new kinder students navigate their way around the school over the last 3 weeks. A very special friendship is created between year 6 and their buddies that both parties share for many years to come.

Well done also to our Kinder mums, dads, carers and grandparents! It's not always the case that Kindies start their year with such confidence and enthusiasm. A friendly reminder that from the 1st of March, Kinder will finish at 2.50pm.

### Swimming Carnival and Aquatic Day

Congratulations to our new Sporting House leaders. For 2021 our Junior and Senior House Captains are:

Hunter: Ava, Evelyn, Harry T  
Parkes: Sarah, Patrick, Blake W  
Phillip: Rin, Abby, Ruby R  
Macquarie: Sophia-Rose, Johnny, Jesse G  
Last week our leaders took on their first official leadership role when they assisted with the running of our 2021 Swimming Carnival. What a great day we had for our carnival and our aquatic theme day for those at school. I was very proud of the behaviour and sportsmanship exhibited throughout the day by our students and the effort made by all. The team spirit was alive and fabulous. Not only on the carnival day but also in the lead up with playground rehearsals of cheer squads and their house mantra's. Please join us on Friday the 26th February for a special swimming carnival assembly! K-1 will be 12-12.30 and 2-6 12.30-1.30. Year 2 will join us just for this special assembly as we acknowledge our talented swimmers and announce the winning sport house. Our thanks go to Mr Ligtenberg for his overall organisation of the carnival and to all of my staff who also assisted in the running of the carnival and water day back at school – thank you for your support.

### P&C AGM and General Meeting

Becoming involved in your child's education is proven to enhance educational outcomes. Joining your incredibly friendly, welcoming, hardworking school P&C is the perfect way to learn about what is happening in your school and contributing to making a difference to

your child's education. Our sincere thanks and best wishes go to any of our outgoing 2020 P&C members for all of their commitment and my congratulations and welcome to our incoming and ongoing 2021 P&C Executive members elected at last week's AGM;

- President Kim Upton,
- Vice Presidents Marie Strick and Jane Hartcher,
- Treasurer Frances Agelavu,
- Secretary Jessie Dorian,
- Uniform Shop Kate Gaggin,
- Online Store Belinda Randon.

Our next P&C meeting will be Monday 8 March at 6:30pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome, especially our new families and Kinder parents, we would love to see you there.

### Teacher Collaborative Planning Days

All of our teachers are afforded one day a term off class to collaboratively plan together at school. This is scheduled during Week 4 each term to assist with teaching and learning consistency across classrooms. Class teachers prepare and leave a detailed program for relieving staff to ensure quality learning continues.

### International Women's Day

Our assembly on 26th March acknowledges the above day. Please contact me at the school if you would be willing to give up an hour to share with the students any careers that our Mum's, Nan's or Aunt's have been involved in that have traditionally been seen to be undertaken predominately by males.

Have a fabulous fortnight APS family!

*Emma Stothard*

Principal

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**15 Feb - 18 Feb** Stage Meet the Teacher Sessions

**22 Feb**—Upcycle Newcastle working with Stage 3

**24 Feb** - Zone Swimming

**26 Feb** - Assembly K-1 12noon

**26 Feb** - Special Sports Assembly 2-6 12.30-1pm

**1 Mar** - Kinder finish at 2.50pm

**2 Mar** - WHS & Volunteer Induction

**15 Mar - 19 Mar** - Harmony Day Celebrations & Anti Bullying Week

**18 Mar** - PLP Afternoon Tea with community

**26 Mar** - International Women's Day Assembly Focus

# Attendance Matters

Whole school attendance continues to be tracked daily by the Department of Education. The best way to ensure children are accessing all of the wonderful opportunities at school is ensuring they are at school everyday and ready to learn at 9am. We understand the impact of the COVID19 requirements of your child staying home if they are unwell which makes it even more important that when they are well, they attend. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the staff at the school if we can assist in any way with matters regarding attendance. Below is the Term One 2021 Attendance table that shows our school attendance and how we are tracking. It's pleasing to note we have improved our attendance from last year and collectively we are keeping above an overall school average of 95% - let's work together to keep it there!

Term 1:	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10
2021 %	^96.42	^97.23	^96.98							
2020 %	95.51	94.87	94.13	94.18	94.08	93.89	94.16	93.34	93.71	94.32

## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

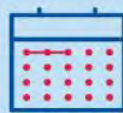
they miss days per year

5 mins  
per day



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3 days

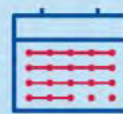


30 mins  
per day



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18 days



Patterns of lateness  
can have a serious  
impact on your child's  
education.

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## General Reminders...

### Bikes and Scooters

Children in Years 3 to 6 may ride to school unaccompanied; however children in Kinder to Year 2 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a guide set out by the Roads and Maritime Services, which has been adopted by schools to ensure the safe arrival and departure of your child to and from school. Please respect that we are only considering safety when we ask for your co-operation. Children riding bikes and scooters are required to wear a helmet (by law). Any child without a helmet will not be permitted to ride.

### Lost Property

Please note there is an abundance of student property being found on site without names. If items are labelled we can ensure their safe return to their owner. We have a Lost Property storage cupboard in our canteen area, please feel free to access this to retrieve displaced items. Due to health and safety reasons containers without names that are not collected after a week will be disposed of accordingly.

### Updated Contact Details

Please ensure you keep the office informed of any changes to home address, phone numbers, emergency contacts or email addresses. You can do this by contacting the office via telephone. sending an

email to Adamstown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or using the 'Change of Details' tab in the SkoolBag App.

### Always be COVID Safe when onsite

- Whenever you visit our school please Check In using the QR Code on our school gates.
- Visit the office to sign our visitor register
- Obtain a Visitor Lanyard
- Sanitise hands and socially distance from other adults
- When leaving sign out on the visitor register and return your lanyard to the office.

### Parent Volunteers

Thank you for the fabulous response to our Parent volunteer and WHS session in the library yesterday afternoon. As soon as your documentation is returned to the office and routines have been established, our classroom teachers will be in touch to enlist your support for many of the varied ways. Our staff and the children love seeing you help out, thank you in advance for sharing any of your available time with us. Please note that myself and Jenny Reschow will be running a repeat session on Tuesday 2nd March at 9am in the staffroom.



# School Banking is back!

Our School Banking Day is every Wednesday starting next Wednesday 24th February 2021.

## Getting started

If you'd like your child to take part in School Banking, they'll need a Youthsaver account. Designed for anyone under 18 years of age, this account has no monthly fees or withdrawal fees. They'll also earn bonus interest when they grow their balance each month\* on balances up to and including \$50,000.

There are three easy ways to get an account:



Apply online at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



Log on to your CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank). From the menu in the bottom left corner, select 'Products and offers', then 'Bank accounts' and 'Student and youth accounts', scroll down to Kids and tap 'Open account'.



Visit any CommBank branch.

## What you'll need

Personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, driver's licence or citizenship certificate\*. If applying in branch, please bring your child's birth certificate and/or an applicable Court Order to help us identify you as the parent or legal guardian.

When you open a Youthsaver account, your child will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet in branch, or we'll mail it to you if you opened the account online.

## Smiles and Goldy's...



**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 Sports Assembly Announcement!

On the Friday of Week 2 Term 1, Adamstown Public School students cheered and swam their hearts out while engaging in our annual Swimming Carnival. All students were given the opportunity to participate in the carnival by either competing in competitive swimming events, having fun at our novelty carnival or supporting their peers by chanting as part of their APS house groups. We saw Hunter, Phillip, Macquarie and Parkes House focussed to gain house points by demonstrating participation, sportsmanship and the APS School Values throughout the day.

Here at Adamstown Public School, we strongly believe that it is important to celebrate the achievements of our students by coming together and recognising these in a formal manner. We would like to invite parents and carers to come our Special Swimming Assembly on the **26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 12:30pm**. This assembly, this week only will be held for students in **years 2-6**. We will be awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons for student that placed in each heat that was run on the day. An announcement will also made to reveal the total house points for each house group. The students and teachers are very excited and wait in anticipation for this special celebration of achievement. Please follow COVID Safe procedures when you arrive at the school to attend the assembly. The Newcastle PSSA City Zone Swimming Carnival information will be given to those students who have qualified to race over the next day or so. Please note the Zone Carnival is on Wednesday 24th February at Lambton Swimming Pool.

*Mr Ligtenberg*

## Swimming Carnival & Aquatic Day





# News from Goldy about the APS Wellbeing Framework!

## We aim to implement an award system which:

- Emphasises appropriate student behaviour and actions
- Recognises achievement and improvement in academic, social and behavioural areas.
- Promotes the development of self-esteem of students within a nurturing school environment.
- Uses a consistent approach that utilises a standard language related to the school's core values.

## How the Reward Systems Works

Students are expected to act according to the school's values of opportunity, innovation and success, as outlined in the Positive Behaviour Matrix (we will share this next fortnight).

## The reward system has three levels and includes:


**Fast and Frequent** – Students who display PBL values will be rewarded with Goldy's Gold.

**Now and Then** – Goldy's gold is collected daily to fill Goldy's jar for a whole school reward. Goldy's raffle is held every fortnight with a \$2 canteen voucher for an Infants and Primary student.

**Long and strong** – Classroom behaviour and work habits will be rewarded through the use of long and strong awards called Goldy Pins.

APS Wellbeing Team



Fast and Frequent	Now and Then	Long and Strong
<p>When you display any of our school values you are given a piece of <b>Goldy's Gold</b>.</p>  <p>Put it in the K-2 or 3-6 <b>Goldy Box</b>, with your name on it.</p>  <p>At the Friday assembly we draw a piece of gold from each <b>Goldy Box</b>.</p>  <p>Collect your canteen voucher from the office after the assembly.</p>	<p>School leaders tip Goldy's Gold into the school <b>Goldy Barrel</b> after the assembly</p>  <p>When the <b>Goldy Barrel</b> is full of gold, the student body will decide on the whole school reward.</p>  <p><b>Let's Celebrate!</b> All students get to participate in the whole school reward. The <b>Goldy Barrel</b> is emptied and we start filling it again.</p> 	<p>Collect Opportunity, Innovation and Success Achievement Awards and trade them in for a <b>Goldy Pin of Excellence</b>. Keep your merit awards safe at home and hand them in to your teacher when you have enough for a <b>Goldy Pin</b>.</p> <p>Every 10 merits (4 merits are handed out to each class every fortnight during assembly) = a <b>Goldy Pin of Excellence</b></p>  <p><b>Goldy Pins of Excellence</b> will be handed out at the last assembly of each term.</p>   <p>Goldy Citizenship Award will be given to a student from K-2 and 3-6 who have displayed consistent outstanding behaviour throughout the year.</p>



# Adamstown PS - Term 1 2021



Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	25 January	26 January Australia Day Holiday	27 January Staff Development Day	28 January Staff Development Day	29 January All Students Return	30 31 Feb
2	1 February Band Meet 8am	2 February Kinder/Buddy Photos	3 February	4 February	5 February Swimming Carnival	6 7 Feb
3	8 February Band Meet 8am P&C AGM & Meeting Zoom	9 February School Photos	10 February	11 February	12 February	13 14 Feb
4	15 February Band Meet 8am WH&S Induction session ES1 Meet the Teacher	16 February Stage 1 Meet the Teacher 5-6pm	17 February Stage 2 Meet the Teacher 5-6pm	18 February Stage 3 Meet the Teacher 5-6pm	19 February	20 21 Feb
5	22 February Band Meet 8am	23 February	24 February Zone Swimming Carnival	25 February	26 February K-1 Assembly 12-12:30 2-6 Swimming Awards Assembly 12:30 - 1	27 28 Feb
6	1 March Band Meet 8am Kinder finish at 2:50pm	2 March WH&S Induction session 9-9:30am	3 March	4 March	5 March	6 7 Mar
7	8 March Band Meet 8am P&C AGM & Meeting at School	9 March	10 March	12 March	12 March	13 14 Mar
8	15 March Band Meet 8am Harmony Week & Anti Bullying Week	16 March	17 March	18 March Personalised Learning Pathways (PLP) Community Afternoon Tea	19 March	20 21 Mar
9	22 March Band Meet 8am	23 March	24 March	25 March	26 March International Women's Day Assembly Focus	27 28 Mar
10	29 March Band Meet 8am	30 March	31 March	1 April Easter Hat Parade Last Day Term 1	2 April Good Friday	3 4 Apr



# APS P&C NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORTING THE 'GREATEST SCHOOL AROUND'

## WELCOME TO TERM 1, WEEK 4!

The P&C has started the new school year with a bang, with a couple of fun activities to get our kids engaged and excited to start 2021.

In this newsletter you'll read about our **NEW P&C TEAM**, our canteen **BIRTHDAY BUCKETS**, and the **BASKETBALL RESURFACING**.

We're also thrilled to have 32 paid P&C members already – which could be our biggest start to the year yet! If you are interested in joining our group of amazing parents and carers, please [sign up online here](#).

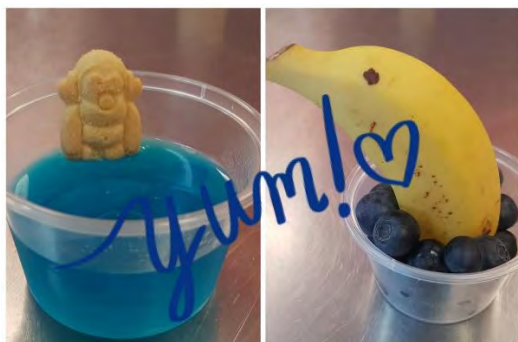
On a personal note, thank you for entrusting me with the role of P&C Secretary once again this year. I can't wait to see what 2021 brings!

Jessie Dorian  
(your P&C Secretary)



## 50+ JELLY AND FRUIT CUPS!

On Friday 5 February when the older kids were at the swimming carnival, the K-2 children enjoyed some limited edition water-themed treats, courtesy of our canteen supervisor Jenny Reschow. Over 50 jellies and fruit cups were sold on the day and reports say there were a lot of happy kids as a result. A big thank you to volunteer Helen W for helping on the day!



### 2021 P&C TEAM

<b>President</b> Kim Upton	<b>Treasurer</b> Frances Agelavu
<b>Vice Presidents</b> Marie Strick & Jane Hartcher	
<b>Secretary</b> Jessie Dorian	<b>Uniform Shop</b> Kate Gaggin
<b>Online Store</b>	Belinda Randon

**BRING ON 2021!**

## MEET THE 2021 TEAM!

At our Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Monday, we voted in our P&C Executive and Coordinators for this year. A special welcome to Jane Hartcher, who is our new Vice President – Events.

We would also like to thank Linda Kolevski, who has been our Fundraising Coordinator for the past few years and worked tirelessly to give our kids so many events and activities, while at the same time raised thousands of dollars to see some significant improvements to our school (in particular the canteen upgrades and the recent basketball court resurfacing).

### MARCH BIRTHDAY BUCKET!

ORDERS CLOSE  
WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Celebrate their special day with a bucket of ice-blocks for the whole class  
(Plus a special gift for the birthday child!)

AVAILABLE BY ONLINE PREORDER ONLY

**\$15**





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



**CANTEEN  
NEWS**

### **BIRTHDAY BUCKETS ARE HERE!**

Want to do something special for your child's birthday this year? Orders for March and April birthday buckets are currently open. For just \$15 you can shout the whole class a bucket of ice-blocks, and your child will get a little gift to keep for themselves too.

Available online via pre-order only [by clicking here](#).



**BASKETBALL  
COURTS**

### **OUR 2019-20 FUNDRAISING DOLLARS WELL SPENT**

Over the summer school holidays, the resurfacing of the basketball courts was completed. This was entirely funded by the P&C, using money raised at events and activities from the last two years... and it looks amazing! See before and after shots below.



PIC-COLLAGE



**UNIFORM  
SHOP NEWS**

### **HUNDREDS OF ITEMS SOLD ALREADY IN 2021!**

We'd like to thank Uniform Shop Coordinator Kate, and our helpers Margie, Ester and Maree who have worked incredibly hard through January and February to have our kids looking great for the new year!



**OOSH  
NEWS**

### **CANTEEN LUNCH ORDER DROP-BOX**

Want to put in a paper lunch order on a morning your child has OOSH (outside of school hours care)? OOSH now has a handy drop-box for canteen orders, school notes and money that needs to get to the office/canteen. This is great for when you want to get an order to the canteen but are worried it may get lost in transit. Remember to include your child's name and class when writing out your order.



**HELP  
WANTED**

### **ARE YOU A BOOKKEEPER OR ACCOUNTANT?**

Are you an accountant or bookkeeper who'd like to help us for a couple of hours at the end of 2021? The P&C requires an auditor to check our finances and sign off our reports. If this is you, let us know! Our treasurer will guide you through everything you need to know. Email us at [adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:adamstownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) or message us on Facebook for more info.