

Paddington Public School



Newsletter
Term 1, Week 11
12 April 2024

Message from Mrs Larkin

As our school term comes to an end, we would like to express our gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Your involvement and dedication play an important role in creating a positive school community, and for that, we are truly thankful.

A highlight for us this week was a visit from the Deputy Premier, The Hon. Prue Car and The Department of Education Secretary, Murat Dizdar.

I was fortunate enough to be able to convey the range of learning experiences on offer at our wonderful school. I also communicated the concerns I have regarding challenges with enrolments and our ongoing issues with building works.



Communication

As a parent or carer, you are an important part of our school community. We know that you play a crucial role in helping your child become a motivated learner. Communication between our school and our community is critical for us to partner together.

To give our teachers the opportunity to recharge, spend time with their families and bring their best creative selves to work, we are setting clear expectations for when and how they respond to communication outside school operating hours.

Please use the school's email address for non-emergencies in the first instance or contact the school on 9361 6730. This is the school's preferred form of contact. Our staff will respond to your queries within 2 school days under normal circumstances. For longer discussions or complex matters, we ask parents and carers to make an appointment to speak to teachers directly, at a time that works best for everyone.

Our staff will always stay in touch because open communication is what's best for your child and their education. We don't want you to stop communicating with your teachers. We still want to hear from you if you have any questions or need to discuss a matter about your child. We know it's often easier to send emails or messages after work. We will make sure we read and respond in school operating hours. Our dedicated staff want to help our students achieve their best – we're on the same team. For any further information please refer to our communications policy.

Thank you for treating our staff with kindness and respect.

Year 5 Entry in 2025 to an Opportunity Class

Opportunity Class applications open online on 4 April and close on 20 May 2024. Opportunity classes (Year 5 – 6). www.education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. The classes help students learn by

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Opportunity classes are not zoned. There are 86 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 54 schools are in metropolitan Sydney
- 31 schools are in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class for rural and remote students is available in over 600 authorised host schools.

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class. If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5.

The Equity Placement Model helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to support an increase in their participation. Students from these groups may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school. Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at Opportunity classes (Year 5 – 6). www.education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Messages from the office



ANZAC DAY

Paddington Public School has been invited by the Paddington Woollahra Sub-Branch to commemorate Anzac Day on the 21 April by attending their service at Paddington Cenotaph – Oxford St, Paddington (opposite the Paddington RSL club and outside the Victoria Barracks). The service commences at 11am.

All students and their families are invited to join them to honour and acknowledge our Australian servicemen and women. The students are encouraged to wear their school uniform to represent our school. We are proud to support the ANZAC Day message that aims to connect all Australians to the ANZAC Spirit and encourages everyone to participate and pay their respects in their own unique way.

Michael

I have received quite a few queries in regards to Michael our favourite crossing person. Michael is employed by NSW Transport, not the Department of Education and they have let me know that they are unable to share any information about Michael's absence. I have tried on a few occasions to make contact by sending emails and making phone calls, but sadly I received a very blanket response of 'it's confidential'. I will continue to try, if any one has any updates or hears anything please let me know so I can update the community. I have asked them to let Michael know that we miss him and hope to see him back soon.

Contact information for the school crossing service is 1800 427 677 Select option 2 or email - scssouth@transport.nsw.gov.au

Staff Development Day 29 April 2024

All staff at Paddington Public School will be participating in professional learning on Monday 29 April at the Novotel Brighton-le-sands. The school and office will be closed on this day. All students return to school on Tuesday 30 April.

School Uniforms

All K-6 students return to school on Tuesday 30 April for the beginning of Term 2. Students are required to wear their winter uniform with flexibility between winter and summer uniforms depending on weather conditions for the first few weeks.

Uniform Shop – School Holidays open time.

The uniform Shop will be open Thursday 18 April 9.30am – 11am.
There will be a sale on second uniforms, prices from \$3-\$10

1F Pizza Party



Calendar dates for 2024

Monday 29 April	Staff Development Day – School Closed
Tuesday 30 April	Students return for the Start of Term 2.
Thursday 2 May	School Cross Country – all students in Year 2 to 6
Friday 10 May	Winter PSSA commences
Wednesday 22 May	Zone Cross Country event



PADDINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

A tradition of empowering all learners



IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2025?

We welcome you to join us for a tour of our school, meet our Principal, Assistant Principal and Kindergarten teachers.

The tours are a chance to have a look at our classrooms and school facilities.

At Paddington Public School every child is known, valued, understood and cared for with their individual potential realised.

Walk and Talk Tour

Wednesday 15 May at 4pm

please book into a tour using this web address
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/zczqx>
(code for the event is zczqx)

or scanning this
QR code



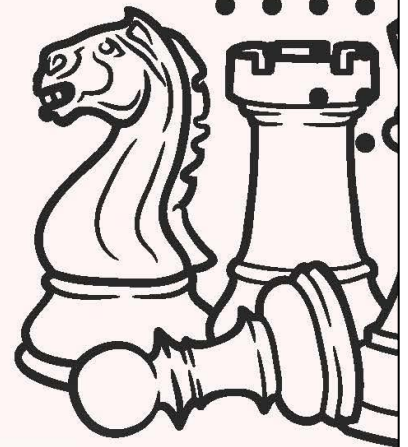
Virtual Walk and Talk Tour

Access to the virtual tour is via our website
<https://paddington-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

On Tuesday 2nd of April, three students from Paddington attended the Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Chess Challenge at Rose Bay Secondary College.

Isaac, Tiger and Xavier from Year 4 put in a fantastic effort and managed to place 4th despite being a small group. Isaac placed second in the whole tournament.

Congratulations, team!



Roosters Tag Gala Day!



On Tuesday the 9th of April, we had a number of students from Stage 2 and 3 represent Paddo at the 2024 Roosters Tag League Gala Day held at Queens Park. The day was a roaring success, providing students with an opportunity to develop new skills and collaborate with students from different schools throughout the Eastern Suburbs.



LUNCHTIME DANCE CLASSES

Get ready for more great dance classes at Paddington Public School!

THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES | SENIOR HIP HOP

FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES | JUNIOR HIP HOP

Children work towards various exciting projects throughout the year including school performances and dance videos!



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RANDWICK HIGH SCHOOL

2025 YEAR 7 HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM



Randwick High is pleased to advise that applications for the 2025 High Potential and Gifted Education Program for Year 7 students will be available soon.

This is an exciting opportunity for academically gifted students to be part of a specialised learning program. The program offers a stimulating educational experience designed to extend students' skills and talents across all curriculum areas.

Key dates

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Information Session held in the Randwick Boys' High School Library at 5pm
Applications open

Friday 24th May 2024

Applications close

Saturday 1st June

Entrance test held in Randwick Boys' High School Hall

Students who wish to gain a position in this exclusive class are required to sit an academic placement test and present a portfolio.

Register your interest for the Information Session with the Front Office

Tel: (02) 9399 3122

Email: randwickb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

For further information, please contact Mr Samuel Jackson, Relieving Deputy Principal, or download the information package from our website via this QR code.



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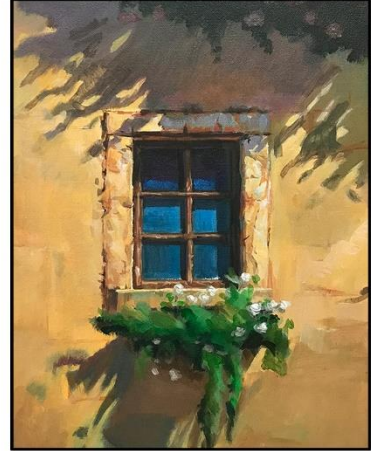
Fax: (02) 9399 9546

Cnr Avoca and Rainbow Streets, Randwick

<https://randwickb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Email: randwickb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

School Holiday Art Workshops!



Come along and join our fun, creative holiday workshops in Ultimo!

Age: 5-13 years old

15-19th April 2024

More details can be found at:

www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com



Sydney Visual Arts Academy



APRIL HOLIDAYS 15-19 APRIL 9am-12pm

RED BALL & ORANGE BALL HOTSHOTS & PERFORMANCE CAMPS

TENNIS CAMPS



WHITE CITY
TENNIS



book via the website
whitecitytennis.com.au

15th -29th APRIL
8:30AM - 5:30PM

VACATION CARE

AT PADDINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL THESE
AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



MONDAY
15th APRIL



LEGO Robotics Coding \$90

LEGO Robotics Coding Class! Kids will dive into the world of engineering, programming, and teamwork as they craft and code robots. Tailored to diverse abilities, younger children build robotic creations, while older children explore coding with LEGO.

Morning session:
STEM Activities

Middle session:
LEGO Robotics Incursion

Afternoon session:
Construction & imagination play

*Today's theme is based on:
Intentional Teaching*

TUESDAY
16th APRIL



Arcade & Bowling Alley \$90

Experience ultimate fun at Strike Bowling and B. Lucky and Sons Arcade in the Entertainment Quarter. Enjoy bowling, arcade games, and prizes for an unforgettable day of excitement and thrills with your friends!

Morning session:
Strike Bowling

Middle session:
B. Lucky and Sons Arcade

Afternoon session:
Group and playground games

*Today's theme is based on:
Child's Suggestion*

WEDNESDAY
17th APRIL



Allianz Stadium Tour \$85

Embark on an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Allianz Stadium, the iconic arena where sporting legends make history! Join us for this unforgettable experience, followed by group sports at Moore Park.

Morning session:
Allianz Stadium Tour

Middle session:
Structured group games

Afternoon session:
Soccer & cricket at Moore Park

*Today's theme is based on:
Reflection on Experience*

THURSDAY
18th APRIL



Circus Skills Day \$95

Embark on a whimsical journey as we run away to the circus in our thrilling incursion! Learn circus skills like juggling, enjoy acrobatics, and mesmerising performances, immersing in the magic of the big top!

Morning session:
Face Painting

Middle session:
Circus Incursion

Afternoon session:
Talent Show

*Today's theme is based on:
Intentional Teaching*

FRIDAY
19th APRIL



Cartooning Workshop \$95

Mark 'World Creativity and Innovation Day' by igniting creativity in our dynamic cartoon drawing class! Discover the art of sketching lively characters and crafting imaginative worlds on this enriching artistic adventure

Morning session:
Colouring Competition

Middle session:
Cartoon Drawing Incursion

Afternoon session:
Comic Strip Making

*Today's theme is based on:
Educational Calendar*

MONDAY
22nd APRIL



Meet Marine Animals \$90

Celebrate 'Earth Day' with an immersive journey into the wonders of the ocean! Join us for a unique incursion experience where you can touch, hold, and marvel at fascinating marine wildlife up close

Morning session:
Marine Craft

Middle session:
Marine Life Incursion

Afternoon session:
Sand castle building competition

*Today's theme is based on:
Educational Calendar*

TUESDAY
23rd APRIL



Ninja Warrior Course \$95

Test your skills and strength at the Ninja Warrior course at the PCYC Woolloomooloo. Followed by lunch and some fun in the sun at Hyde Park, as well as a stroll around the ANZAC memorial

A private bus has been chartered and spaces are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment

Morning session:
Ninja Warrior

Middle session:
Structure games at Hyde Park

Afternoon session:
ANZAC day art

*Today's theme is based on:
Child's Suggestion & Cultural Calendar*

WEDNESDAY
24th APRIL



Go Kart Racing \$95

Get ready for an action-packed day at Paddington! Start with exhilarating Go Karting to determine the ultimate champion. Bring your own bikes and scooters for even more afternoon adventure with obstacle courses and challenges!

Morning session:
Riding Obstacle Course

Middle session:
Go Kart Racing

Afternoon session:
Build your own mini race car

*Today's theme is based on:
Child's Suggestion*

THURSDAY
25th APRIL



CLOSED

We will be closed for the ANZAC Day Public Holiday but reopening Friday 26th April for more vacation care fun!



FRIDAY
26th APRIL



BBQ Park Fiesta \$75

Join us for a sizzling BBQ adventure at Centennial Park! Feast on juicy sausage sandwiches, munch on scrumptious snacks, and dive into thrilling group games and friendly competition and lots of laughs

Morning session:
Minute to win it games

Middle session:
BBQ Picnic Lunch

Afternoon session:
Structured group games

*Today's theme is based on:
Community Engagement*

MONDAY
29th APRIL



Cinema Day \$90

Sit back and relax with your friends and some sweet treats, in our own personal cinema. Climb, slide & swing at the brand new playground at the EQ

Morning session:
POOSC Candy Shop

Middle session:
Cinema Experience

Afternoon session:
EQ Playground

*Today's theme is based on:
Child's Suggestion*

Childcare subsidy available on all activities for all eligible families

15th -29th APRIL
8:30AM - 5:30PM

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HOW TO BOOK

Already enrolled at POOSC?
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CHILDREN SHOULD BRING:

- Morning tea and lunch. Afternoon tea will be provided
- A wide brim hat and water bottle
- Comfortable, sun safe clothing that cover the shoulders
- Enclosed shoes
- Please ensure belongings are labelled
- Please arrive no later than 9:30am on excursion days
- Children will be back no later than 3.30pm on excursion days
- Risk assessments are available for each excursion, including transportation

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY APPLIES FOR ALL VACATION CARE ACTIVITIES

Most of our families are eligible for discounted Vacation Care fees through childcare subsidy

Subsidy discount is also included on all incursion, excursions & extra activities

For more info and T&C's please see our website
www.poosc.com.au
admin@poosc.com.au

Families out of pocket cost after subsidy is applied to the Vacation Care maximum daily fee of \$95

A families Childcare Subsidy Percentage	Families out of pocket cost after subsidy is applied
90%	\$9.50
75%	\$23.75
50%	\$47.50
30%	\$66.50
15%	\$80.75