

Paddington Public School



Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2

25 October 2024

Message from Mrs Larkin

World Teachers' Day

A very special thank you to our P&C for providing us with a surprise morning tea today. We would also like to thank the families that sent in special treats, bought us coffees, baked goods for us this morning and came in to wish us a very happy day. We all felt highly valued and appreciated by our community. THANK YOU!

The staff at Paddington are a talented and dedicated group of teachers. I am so lucky to be leading teachers who value their position, have high expectations, enjoy their job and go above and beyond for their classes. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) shared their social media video this morning featuring Mr Kardasis, Miss Curry and Mr Shepherd. Please follow the link to see the post https://www.instagram.com/p/DBhW2bHPL_y/

We are very aware that it takes a village to raise a child, therefore on this special day, would like to thank the Paddington Community for your continued support of our programs and initiatives. Together we are successful!



NSW Teachers Federation Meeting

On Monday 28 October, the NSW Teachers Federation will be holding a special morning meeting for members to vote on a recommendation relating to a new Teachers Award. There will be no disruption to classes at Paddington. The day will run as per normal times with all teachers in attendance at school.

Before School Arrival Time

A reminder to all families that no child should be on the school grounds prior to 8:40am unless they are attending an organised activity such as PSSA training, chess or attending POOSC.

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving or being dropped at school very early. Playground supervision does not begin until 8:40am so for safety reasons students are not to be on site. POOSC provides a wonderful before school care service should you need to drop your child earlier than 8:40am.

Attendance Matters

Everyday Counts Attendance at school is a routine that must be encouraged. It is important that children attend school every day. It is a requirement that any child that has three consecutive days or more from school is required to provide a medical certificate on their return to school. If a certificate is not provided, our office staff will contact you. Attendance is reviewed at the Learning Support Meetings and students whose attendance is a concern are identified and parents are contacted. A day away from school here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up.

If your child misses as little as one day each week, they will miss 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in just one year. Over an entire school journey, this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning. Our expected target is for our students to attend school more than 95% of the time. If your child is absent, please register the absence and the reason for the absence using the School Bytes Parent Portal.

Messages from the office

Sun Safety and Hats

Very important message from Alison – Skin Cancer/Melanoma is very real for me as most of you know. Whilst I am doing really well at the moment, the battle which started in 2019, got bad in 2023, but has improved dramatically in 2024 is something I will battle with forever, as I didn't do the right thing in the sun!

I strongly encourage all parents to ensure your child has their school hat with them every day. If every child is wearing their hat while in the playground then my job of skin cancer awareness is done and I am proud that I shared my story to educate the community that being in the sun is ok with the correct protection.

All students at Paddington PS are required to wear their hat whenever they are outside. If they don't have their hat they will be asked to play in the shade. We also have sunscreen available in playground duty bags and the office.

School hats are bucket hats for students in Kindergarten to Year 5 and a cap for Year 6. If your child does not have a school hat, they are available for sale from the office or the uniform shop.

2025 School Photos

Thank you to the 64 parents that emailed their vote through yesterday for style of school photos. We really value your feedback and taking the time to reply. We will go with traditional style photos for 2025 and personality style in 2026.

School Fees

Reminder School Fees are to be paid by Thursday 31 October 2024.

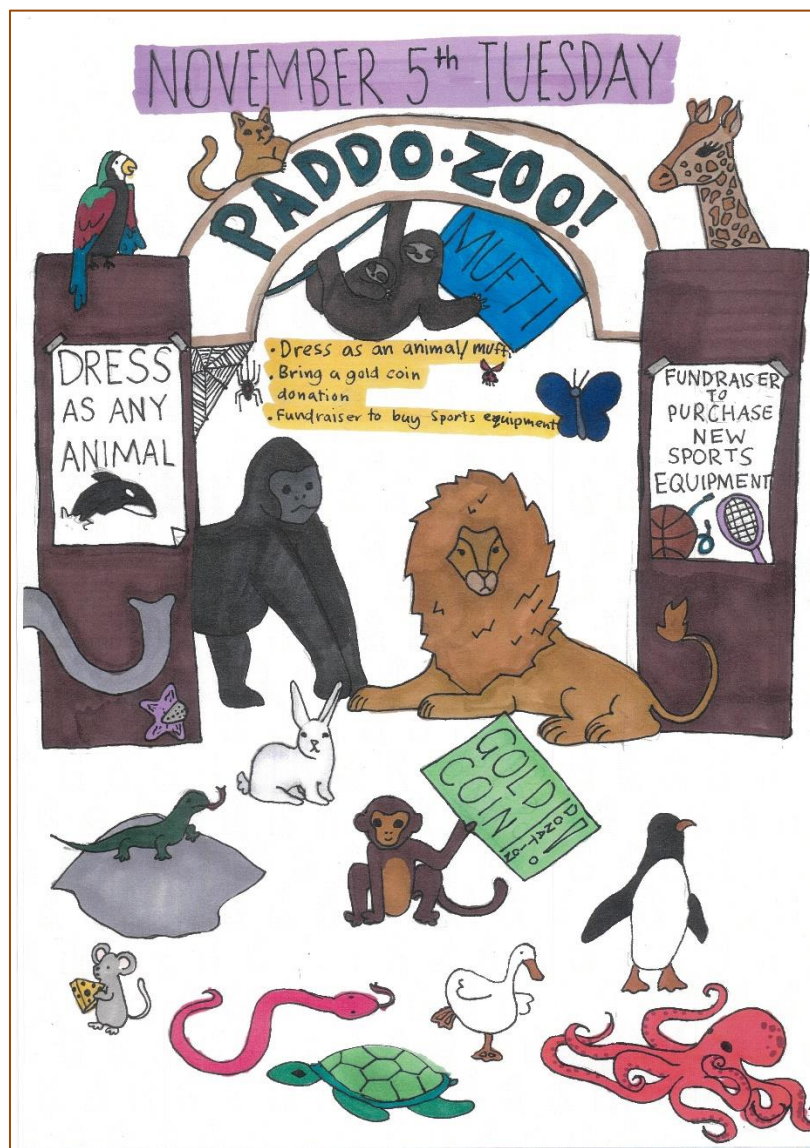
Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open each Thursday morning for face-to-face sales from 8.40am-9.10am. Alternatively, you can place an order in the office or email one through.

School Bags are now back in stock, thanks for those that have patiently been waiting for a new one.

Calendar dates for 2024

Monday 28 October	Amazing Me (All about Puberty) – Yr 5 & 6
Thursday 31 October	P&C & POOSC Halloween Disco
Tuesday 5 November	Yr 6 Fundraiser – Paddo Zoo
Wednesday 13 November	P&C Parent Night Out – <i>Paddo Social</i>
Monday 18 November	PPS Chess Competition
Wednesday 20 November	Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information Session & Playdate
Wednesday 27 November	Big Day at School for Kindergarten 2025 students
Tuesday 3 December	Paddo Performs at Paddo RSL(1pm-3pm)
Friday 6 December	Last day for Summer PSSA
Thursday 12 December	Recognition Day at Paddington Town Hall (9.45am – 11am please note this time may be subject to change)
Wednesday 18 December	Last day of 2024 for Students and Staff





5/6S HALLOWEEN STORIES

The moon hung low in the sky, casting an eerie, silver glow over the spooky neighbourhood. On the night when pumpkins light up like bright lanterns, the street transformed into a realm of whispers and shadows.

Joanna

As I start my trick-or-treat night, I saw the dentist giving out lollies. I go over and feel like it's ironic for the dentist to give out lollies but as I get closer I see that he's just handing out toothbrushes.

Nicholas K

The moon shone into my room as it was midnight and there was no power. The room was so dusty it was giving me allergies. In the moonlight, I saw a mouse darting across the room.

Lucas R

At the end of the street stood the Old Waverley house, long abandoned and cloaked in tales of ghosts and goblins. It was rumoured, the house would come alive every Halloween, inviting brave trick-or-treaters to its creaking doors.

Hannah L

An endless, suffocating dark enveloped me in the universe, excluding the glittering magic that speckled it. White noise was black noise in an incomprehensible pounding, that resounded like a nightmarish gong through my ears. Dark, dark, dark. My heart beat to the song of death.

Scarlett J

I stared at the ominous cloud as it cradled the dark house that lay below. I thought I should go, my heart was racing and adrenaline was rushing through me.

Emma

As we wandered through the abandoned house, we smelt old milk. The air was dry and the lights were dim. They all gave me that look, we knew it was a bad idea but we wouldn't regret it, we had to keep wandering.

Ezra



Paddington Public School Parents and Citizens' Association

News Flash!



Today Australia celebrates World Teachers' Day.

World Teachers' Day honours the dedication, hard work, and passion of teachers who play a crucial role in shaping the minds and futures of our children.

On behalf of the Paddington Public School families, we would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PPS teachers. We feel truly lucky to have such committed, passionate and talented professionals teach our children throughout the year. We hope you have an amazing day.

Events in Term 4, 2024

Dear PPS Families,

We hope to see you next week for our Halloween BBQ and disco. Join us from 4.30pm for a sausage sizzle, games and prizes. Drop by after your early trick or treating to let the kids dance off their sugar rush at the disco. Don't forget to wear your best Halloween outfits! Volunteers for the BBQ are welcome and greatly appreciated.



Paddington Public School Chess Championship 2024



Monday 18th November, 2024
9:00am - 12:30pm
in the C Block spare rooms
Cost: \$20



This tournament will be run as a Swiss, with approximately 7 games.

This means that all children play in all the rounds and no one is knocked out.

There will be **trophies** awarded for the highest 3 scorers, and **medals** presented as age prizes.

Each child playing will also receive a participation certificate.

There will also be encouragement awards, depending on the number of entries.

Entries close on **Monday 11th November**.

To enter please go to

www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

and pay online with your credit card using

the code **9F8RCNZA8F** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.



OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery) <i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>		
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YEAR 1 - YEAR 2**

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TERM 4

starts

22 OCTOBER



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REGISTRATION - WhatsApp Steph 0407 235 914



Kids Karate at Paddington PS

Wednesday afternoons in the hall
Beginners: 4pm to 4:45pm



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The program works towards fun school performances and cool dance videos which gives every child the chance to shine like the star they are.

Our hip hop groups have now also been invited to perform at the school's annual Paddo Performs show!

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