

# Paddington Public School



## Newsletter

Term 4, Week 4

8 November 2024

### *Message from Mrs Larkin*

#### **Celebrating School Counsellor and Psychologist Recognition Day**

Today, Friday 8 November, we celebrate School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day. This day recognises and celebrates the unique role our school counselling service staff play in supporting students, families and schools.

The theme for 2024 is 'Little Moments, Lasting Change'. We are fortunate to have Mr Dallas Ward at our school. He provides moments of listening, understanding and connecting that have supported students, families and staff to notice their needs and strengths, persevere and grow. Thank you, Mr Ward.

We also have Mrs Roula Poretsanos who is the Senior Psychologist, Education. Roula coordinates and supervises a team of school counsellors and school psychologists. We are lucky to have Roula on hand each day for any support that our school may need. Thank you, Roula.

#### **Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2025**

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2026 open on 7 November 2024 and close on 21 February 2025 at the Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes Year 7 website. All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Friday 2 May to Sunday 4 May 2025.

Parents/Carers must go online to complete the application entry by the due date.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

#### **Paddo Zoo Fundraiser**

On Tuesday Paddington Public School turned into Paddo Zoo, it was so great to see everyone dressed up as their favourite animals. Year 6 raised \$150 to go towards new sports equipment to buy for lunchtime play. Below is our youngest in the zoo from Kindergarten.



## **Messages from the office**

### **Recognition Day**

This year our recognition day will be held on Thursday 12 December at the Paddington Town Hall, commencing at 9.45am. This event celebrates the achievements of our students. All families are invited to attend. Parents will be notified in the lead up to the event if their child is receiving an award.

### **Statement of Accounts**

Statement of Accounts were emailed on Wednesday to all families who have outstanding school fees. These fees are now overdue, prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

### **New Lunchtime Program**

I would like to introduce Nina from Grounded Yoga for Kids who will be commencing lunchtime yoga classes on Thursdays at Paddington Public School. Nina will be joining us from 2025, but has offered to do some casual classes on 21 November, 28 November and 5 December.

Below is a flyer which you can scan the QR code to find an enrolment form.

For more information please visit Nina's website: <https://www.groundedyogaforkids.au/>

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GROUNDED YOGA FOR KIDS



LUNCH TIME YOGA  
EVERY THURSDAY

SCAN QR CODE  
TO ENROL YOUR CHILD

WWW.GROUNDEDYOGAFORKIDS.AU

## Calendar dates for 2024

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
Monday 9 December	Excursion Day – all classes participating in an end of year fun day
Thursday 12 December	Recognition Day at Paddington Town Hall (9.45am – 11am please note this time may be subject to change)
Monday 16 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Tuesday 17 December	Year 6 Fun Day
Wednesday 18 December	Last day of 2024 for Students and Staff



# 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](http://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.



<b>OPTIONAL EXTRAS</b> (prices exclude delivery) <i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>		
<b>Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25</b> [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	<b>Workbook 2 – Cost: \$25</b> [For Intermediate Players]	<b>Workbook 1 &amp; 2 – Cost: \$40</b> [SPECIAL OFFER]
<b>Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33</b> [For Advanced Players]	<b>Chess Set &amp; Roll-up Board – Cost: \$25</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	<b>Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55</b> [Recommended for All Ages]



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# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

**1** day per **fortnight** = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per **week** = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed