

### Message from Mrs Larkin

It's always such a delight visiting classrooms to witness the wonderful learning our students experience at PPS. This week in Kindergarten they were working inside and out, solving multiplication problems, sorting 'k', 'c' and 'ck' words. They also read the *'Big Book of Bugs'* and went looking for bugs in the school grounds with their torches.







wear it  
yellow

for Children's Ground

27 May - 3 June 2024

### Thursday 30 May

Students can wear a yellow t-shirt or add a touch of yellow to their uniforms. Students will participate in class activities around this year's theme for National Reconciliation Week of "Now More Than Ever"

### Wear it Yellow Day

Join a movement of change for the next generation! The money we raise will help fund education and wellbeing programs for children and families, on Country and in community.

Please send a gold coin with your child as donation to Children's Ground  
<https://childrensground.org.au>

## Messages from the office

### Athletics Carnival

This year our Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 17 June 2024 at Trumper all students in Kindergarten to Year 6 participate. More details will be sent home via School Bytes. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Sibling Enrolments for Kindergarten 2025

If you have a sibling child who will be eligible for Kindergarten 2025, the school office is now taking enrolment applications online. The '**Application to enrol in a NSW Government school**' can be found by clicking on this link: <https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=7432>

# Walk and Talk Tours for Kindergarten 2025 Prospective Families

We are pleased to announce that we will be commencing walk and talk tours for prospective families. The first tour will be on Wednesday 12 June at 9.30am. Please book into a tour by clicking on this link. <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/zczqx>

Please spread the word if you know anyone enrolling in 2025!

## SPORT REPORTS

### PSSA Soccer

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> May, PSSA soccer players travelled to Queens Park for our very first soccer match of 2024. We arrived at Field 5 to play against Kensington Public School. The senior team bravely walked onto the field, a united team of eleven, ready for the first twenty-minute half.

We performed well and our skill level was very good, considering we had only had one training session together. The seniors unfortunately lost the game 5-0, but it didn't really matter about the score, because we were focusing on having fun and how to collaborate as a team. The juniors lost 3-1, however everyone agreed that we did really well, as it was some people's first-time playing soccer.

We were all proud of each other and the feedback that we got from the coaches was really helpful. We look forward to our next game!

By Samantha, Felix and Lucas Ribas

### PSSA Netball

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> May, our netball teams competed in our first PSSA game of 2024 at Waverley netball courts, against Bondi Public School.

The Seniors were triumphant with a score of 11-8 and the Junior team won 2-1. Both teams used their learning powers of collaboration, perseverance and celebration. We shared the ball with all players and at the end of the game, we celebrated in a kind and respectful way. We had loads of fun and are really proud of ourselves and the other team for giving us a good challenge and a good game.

We know PADDO cannot wait for our next game.

By Emma, Liv and Joanna

**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 12 June at 9.30am

please book into a tour using this web address  
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/ccf8>  
(code for the event is ccf8)

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>



# 2024 ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



On Wednesday the 22nd of May, we had 24 students from Paddo attend the 2024 Zone Cross Country Carnival at Centennial Park. With students running distances from 2-3km, many steps and smiles were had. A huge thank you to all of the parent support on the day that enabled the carnival to run smoothly.

## Calendar dates for 2024

Wednesday 29 May	Debating Team go to Kensington Public School
Thursday 30 May	Wear It Yellow Day – for National Reconciliation Week
Monday 10 June	Public Holiday – King’s Birthday long weekend (school closed)
Tuesday 11 June	Debating online debate against Randwick Public School
Wednesday 12 June	Walk and Talk at 9.30am (K2025 for new families)
Monday 17 June	Athletics Carnival – Kindergarten to Year 6 at Trumper Park
Friday 21 June	P&C and POOSC BBQ 4pm – 6pm (all families welcome)
Friday 28 June	Last day for PSSA for Term 2
Wednesday 3 July	BMX incursion K-6
Friday 5 July	100 Days of Kindergarten
Friday 5 July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 22 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 23 July	Students return to school for Term 3
Friday 26 July	NAIDOC Week Performance K-6
Wednesday 31 July	School Photos



**2W have been learning about figurative language and poetry in English lessons. We used adjectives and similes to write our own riddles. See if you can solve them.**

I look like a grey cloud floating.  
I sound like a police car sliding.  
I have two flippers on my body.  
I feel like a slippery slide.  
You find me in the Antarctic.

By Nick

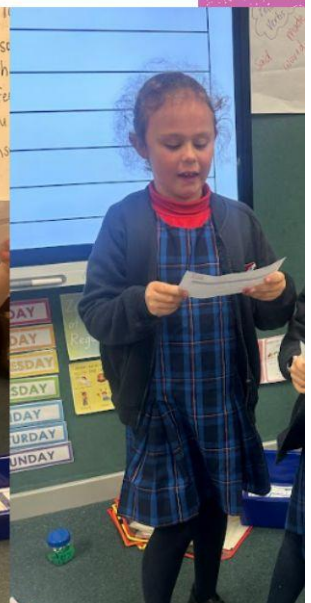
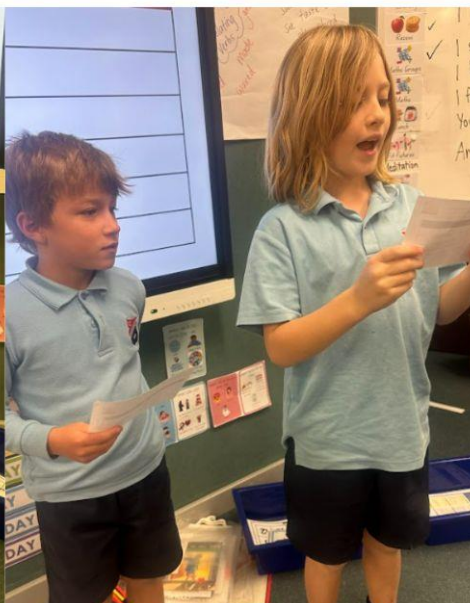
I look like something flat with  
bumps.

I sound like clicking.  
I have cars and pieces.  
I feel hard.  
You find me at a store.

By Archer

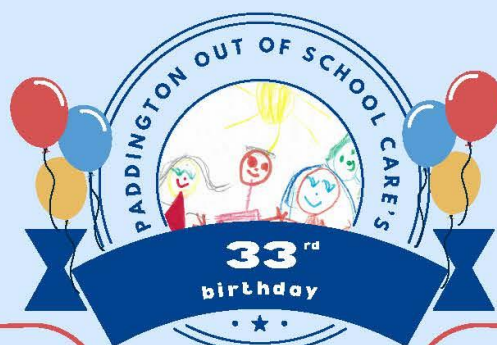
I look like a white fluffy pillow.  
I sound like a whisper.  
I have big, pointy ears.  
I feel like a cuddly toy.  
You find me near a soft bed.

By Polina



COME JOIN THE  
**Paddington Public School  
P&C Association**  
AND  
**POOSC**

AS WE CELEBRATE



On the grounds of  
Paddington Public School  
Friday 21st June  
4pm-6pm



Sausage  
Sizzle



Fairy Floss  
Machine



Raffle Tickets  
and Prizes



Free Face  
Painting

All PPS, POOSC and  
local families  
welcome!

All fundraising to go  
towards the new PPS  
**Maker Space**



# JOIN THE READING CHOIR! YEARS 2-6



When: Wednesday Lunchtimes  
Where: Miss Currys Classroom





**Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Book Club Catalogues with a selection of books for all ages will be sent home throughout the year.**

## **How to order:**

**The Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay online. Your child's order is submitted directly to the school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order and pay at **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.





# Compulsory school attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)



Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

### My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

# 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

## More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.





