

# Paddington Public School



## Newsletter

Term 3, Week 6

30 August 2024

### ***Message from Mrs Larkin***

As we head into Week 7, the remaining 4 weeks of term will be an important time for students to further expand and consolidate their learning, with staff focusing on the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy.

Our annual Book Week Parade and Grandparents Day is always a favourite on the school calendar. It was so wonderful to see the *Paddo Sing Group* entertain the crowd at their first public performance. It was a fantastic turn out with over 230 parents, grandparents and carers taking time out of their busy schedules to celebrate grandparents and the love of reading with us. Thank you to our families that took the time to write emails, make phones or pop into the office to let me know how grateful they were to be part of such a lovely day. We have been overwhelmed with their appreciation and positivity.

At Paddo we are so fortunate to have many wonderful experiences offered to our students which they benefit greatly from, and this would not be possible without the commitment from the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you to all of them.

Today marks the conclusion of the PSSA Winter season. Throughout this season, our students have not only exhibited their skills on the field but also embraced invaluable lessons of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship. The organisation of sport is a huge task, and I would like to thank Mr Shepherd, Miss Baker, Miss Ono and Mr Kardasis for facilitating the training sessions and supporting the students each week at their games. Our senior netball team didn't win the grand final today, but had a very close game with Vaucluse, we are proud of them.

This also means morning training sessions for have ceased for soccer and netball.

### **Sydney Coastal PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival**

We are excited to share the fantastic news from the Sydney Coastal PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival, where our school proudly had twenty-one talented students participating in a wide range of events. It was a day filled with fierce competition, determination, and incredible achievements.

Our students showcased their athleticism, sportsmanship, and dedication in various track and field events, and we couldn't be prouder of their performance. The Sydney Coastal PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival provided a platform for our young athletes to shine and demonstrate their skills on the track and on the field.

A special congratulations goes to Luke S (4/5B), who came second overall in the 200m and to Miley (4/5B) for placing third in Long Jump. Their outstanding performance earned them a well-deserved spot at the Sydney East Regional Athletics Carnival. We wish them very best of luck for this carnival on Wednesday 18 September.



I am very much looking forward to *Illuminate Paddo* and Art Show on Thursday 12 September, let's hope the weather stays kind to us.

**ILLUMINATE  
PADDO  
&  
Art Show**

**12 SEPTEMBER 24  
FROM 6PM - 8.30PM**

*Building Illumination  
Student Artworks on display  
Food trucks  
Paddo Sing Group performing*

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### **Check In Assessment**

Our Years 3-6 students have completed the Check-in assessment testing this week. The Check-in assessment is an annual online assessment for students in Years 3-9 across NSW Public Schools. Students completed a reading and numeracy test, Year 6 complete a writing test. The Check-in assessment results will be used to support the identification of students' performance in literacy and numeracy and to inform our next steps when supporting each student.

### **Leaving PPS at the end of 2024?**

As you are aware significant organisation and preparation occurs to make the transition to the following school year a positive and smooth experience for families and the school. If you have alternative plans for your child (excluding Year 6 moving to high school) in 2025 please let us know by emailing the school at [paddington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:paddington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

This will assist the school in making plans for class structures and staffing in 2025.

### **Warmer weather uniform**

As the weather has become warmer, students can move into their summer uniform if they would like to. All Students are expected to wear summer uniform from the beginning of Term 4.

### **Wonder Cards**

We would prefer that Wonder Cards stay at home.

## Attendance

Regular attendance at school helps students to

- develop a sense of belonging.
- develop and maintain friendships with other children.
- be more engaged at school.
- progress with their learning

Improving student attendance is a key focus of the Department of Education and schools have been asked to raise parent awareness about the importance of regular attendance at school. Parents or carers of children of compulsory school age are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier

Student attendance is reviewed and discussed regularly in our Learning Support Team meetings. Students whose attendance is less than 85% throughout the term are flagged and parents are informed so that we can work together to improve the student's attendance and satisfy attendance requirements.

A key focus this term has been on addressing unexplained absences. It is very important that we are notified when a student is absent and an explanation for the absence is given. Please use the School Bytes Parent portal to register an absence if your child is absent from school.

NSW Department of Education

# 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

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## Messages from the office

### Uniform Shop

School Bags are currently out of stock, they are due to arrive mid-October.

Uniform shop is open each Thursday morning from 8.45am – 9.15am. If you can't make it to the shop, please send an order via email and we will send home with your child.

### 2025 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2025. If you have a child or know of a child commencing school in 2025, now is the time to enrol. Families that have enrolled have received their invitations to attend the Kindergarten Familiarisation Program during Term 4.

All enrolments are now online please using this link to enrol your child: [PPS Enrolment](#)

### School Fees

School Fees for Term 3 and 4 will be charged to student accounts in Week 10 of Term 3, these are to be paid by Thursday 31 October 2024.

This week statement of accounts were sent to all families for outstanding Term 1 and Term 2 fees, please pay these fees promptly. If you are experiencing financial hardships please contact Alison to discuss options.

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**Congratulations to Michael father of Nicholas & George 5/6S for winning the Father's Day Raffle Prize.  
We hope you enjoy your voucher for a family lunch at SkyFeast at Sydney Tower**

**A very Happy Father's Day to all the Paddo Dads and Grandads**



## Calendar dates for 2024

Thursday 12 September	<i>Illuminate Paddo</i> and Art Show
Friday 13 September	Sport Photos
Monday 16 September to Wednesday 18 September	Year 5 & 6 Camp - Canberra
Thursday 26 September	Year 1 & 2 Excursion to Opera House
Thursday 26 September	Year 4 & 5 Leadership Program
Friday 27 September	Last day for Term 3
Monday 14 October	First day for Term 4 – Staff and Students
Friday 18 October	PSSA Summer Sport commences
Wednesday 20 November	Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information Session & Playdate
Wednesday 27 November	Big Day at School for Kindergarten 2025 students
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





# BOOK WEEK 2024 'READING IS MAGIC' & GRANDPARENTS DAY



On Thursday August 22nd, we held our annual book week parade and Grandparents Day celebration. What a wonderful turn out we had!

To kick off the morning, teachers and students welcomed families into their classrooms to showcase student work and learning spaces.

Once seated for the parade, and after greetings from our leaders and Mrs Larkin, we were treated to a poem reading and vibrant performance by the school singing group. Our book character parade followed with students and teachers getting into the festive spirit to affirm that reading really is **MAGIC!**

Grandparents and families enjoyed morning tea together to round off the event. Thank you to all that were able to join us!



# KINDERGARTEN'S VISIT TO CALMSLEY HILL FARM

On Tuesday, August 20th, our Kindergarten students embarked on a adventure to Calmsley Hill Farm, providing an opportunity for our young learners to explore the wonders of farm life, interact with animals, and understand where our food comes from, all within a fun and educational setting.

One of the highlights of the day was the tractor ride around the farm. The children eagerly hopped aboard and enjoyed a bumpy but fun-filled ride through the paddocks, where they could see the animals grazing in their natural environment. Read below to see what some students wrote in their recounts about their visit to the farm the following day in their writing books.

Ducks and geese have webbed feet to  
swim in ponds and lakes.

- Berry

The tractor was a dusty ride.  
- Harper

I met Kenny the calf, who is a baby cow. Their poo is a  
fertiliser, which is helpful for the garden.

I saw my second favourite animal, the  
snake. It had scales.

- Hunter

- Isabelle

I went to the farm and I saw my favourite animal, the  
snake. Pythons are not venomous but can still bite.

- Orlando

I met a goat. It's milk can be used to make cheese and soap.

Camels have a humpback, which is how they keep food.

- Sienna







30th Sept - 11th Oct

8:30am - 5:30pm

# VACATION CARE

AT PADDINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL THESE  
SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



**MONDAY**  
30th Sept



**JUMP'D \$115**  
**Trampoline Park**

Hop on the bus to Jump'd Trampoline Park for a thrilling day of bouncing fun! Flip through the air, soar on trampolines, and unleash your inner acrobat. Then head to the POOSC smoothy bar and mix up your own tasty treat for afternoon tea

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

**Morning session:**

Dress Ups & Scissor, Paper, Rock Challenge game

**Middle session:**

Trampoline park excursion

**Afternoon session:**

Making Smoothies

*Today's theme is based on:  
Children's Suggestions*

**TUESDAY**  
1st Oct



**Junior Architects \$90**

Are you ready to be a Junior Architect these school holidays? Come and work with your friends in this fun and interactive incursion where you will work together to create your own city. Enjoy the challenge of designing buildings, bridges and high-rises while you shape your own mini community

**Morning session:**

STEM Activity

**Middle session:**

Junior Architects Incursion

**Afternoon session:**

Design Your Own City

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
2nd Oct



**Spring BBQ \$75**  
**& Scavenger Hunt**

Join us in celebrating Spring with an excursion to Centennial Park for a sunny BBQ Picnic together. Enjoy group games, join in soccer on the grass and use your logic and problem solving skills to complete the Paddo Explorers scavenger hunt

*BBQ lunch will be provided. Children will need to bring morning tea and a water bottle*

**Morning session:**

Structured Group Games

**Middle session:**

Scavenger Hunt

**Afternoon session:**

Handball Competition

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

**THURSDAY**  
3rd Oct



**Sydney Zoo \$110**

Join us on a wild ride to the brand-new Sydney Zoo for a roaring good time. Explore the diverse exhibits, get up close with the animals, and enjoy engaging talks with the Zoo Keepers. Come say hi to the Koalas, Bull Sharks and Chimpanzees! It's going to be a zoo-nique experience!

*A private bus has been chartered & spaces are very limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment!*

**Morning session:**

Animal Drawing

**Middle session:**

Exploring Sydney Zoo

**Afternoon session:**

Animal Bingo

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

**FRIDAY**  
4th Oct



**Chemistry \$80**  
**Cook Up**

Experience an Unforgettable Science show with Ranger Jamie! Watch astonishing experiments unfold before your eyes. Following that, delve into the realm of kitchen science as we whip up edible slime and sherbet, all while uncovering the wonders of chemistry.

**Morning session:**

Science Cooking Activity

**Middle session:**

Ranger Jamie Experience

**Afternoon session:**

Minute To Win It Games

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

**MONDAY**  
7th Oct



**CLOSED**

We will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday. We reopen Tuesday 8th October for more vacation care fun!

Childcare subsidy available on all activities for all eligible families

**TUESDAY**  
8th Oct



**Backyard Bugs \$90**

The Backyard Bugs incursion is scurrying to Paddo! Investigate the incredible world of insects with a hands-on bug experience. From stick insects and tarantulas to giant cockroaches and scorpions, we have all the creepy crawlies! Engage in bug-themed activities and learn about their habitats and conservation.

**Morning session:**

Drawing lessons

**Middle session:**

Backyard Bugs Incursion

**Afternoon session:**

Make your own keyring

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
9th Oct



**Soccer World Cup \$85**

Are you ready to kick it at the Soccer World Cup? We are heading to Centennial Park for a jam-packed soccer day. Get in on the action with fun games, cool challenges, and a chance to level up your game. Wear your favourite teams colours and dive into a soccer adventure with us. Cap it off with yummy fairy bread and artsy face painting in the park!

**Morning session:**

Soccer World Cup Excursion

**Middle session:**

Group Games at Centennial Park

**Afternoon session:**

Penalty Shoot Out Challenge

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

**THURSDAY**  
10th Oct



**Parkcor \$110**  
**Obstacle Course**

Think you've got the skills? Get ready for an exhilarating excursion to Moving Bodies Indoor Parkour Centre! You'll be climbing, crawling, jumping, and swinging through a super cool course with your friends. It's going to be a high-energy adventure!

*A private bus has been chartered & spaces are very limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment!*

**Morning session:**

Structured Group Games

**Middle session:**

Parkour Obstacle Course

**Afternoon session:**

Bubble play

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

**FRIDAY**  
11th Oct



**Hoys \$90**  
**Cinema**

It isn't a trip to the cinemas without a visit to the candy bar! Come create your own lolly bag at the POOSC Candy shop before heading to Hoys EQ. Sit back and relax with your friends in our own private cinema as we watch 'Harold and the Purple Crayon'. The perfect way to finish off the school holidays.

**Morning session:**

Lolly bag making

**Middle session:**

Movie Time

**Afternoon session:**

Jelly Bean Baseball

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



# poosc HOMEWORK CLUB



**Every Tuesday afternoon  
during After School Care**

**For all kids  
in years  
2 - 6**

Giving children the opportunity to complete their homework alongside their peers

**Free**

for all children with a Tuesday After School Care booking

**Keen for your  
child to join in?**

If you already have a Tuesday booking, just fill in the permission form on your Owna app

1. Open your Owna app
2. Select the three lines in the top left
3. Select 'Forms'
4. Select 'Homework Club'
5. Complete the form

Need care on a Tuesday?

Just email us at

**admin@poosc.com.au**

**3:20pm - 3:40pm**

A 20 minute homework focus session in the Community room. Following this, children are welcome to continue doing homework or quiet reading for as long as they wish or join in regular afternoon activities and playtime



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- Get great race practice weekly
- Make new friends
- Focus on Fun and Teamwork
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## COOK4GOOD MEGA MARATHON

Cook For a Cause, Cook for Fun!



Bring the family to help create a record 2,000 nutritious meals in one day to be donated to vulnerable communities!

🕒 2 sessions: 9:00am - 11:30am or 1:30pm - 4:00pm

📅 22nd September 2024

📍 Kids Giving Back Hub  
L1, 220 Oxford St,  
Paddington, 2021



**SIGN UP!**

Join us for fun activities and prizes to be won!