



Message from Mrs Larkin

It is with great pleasure that I share a remarkable achievement with the community, about an ex Paddo student, Johnson Shen. We are so proud of Johnson and wish all the best for his future endeavours.

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

PADDINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL 2018 GRADUATE ACHIEVES 95.6 ATAR AT SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL 2024

Johnson Shen's educational journey and academic success is the collaborative result of comprehensive educational opportunities that started at Paddington Primary School.

Paddington Primary, nurtured Johnson to adopt strong foundational skills, that equipped him to be selected and flourish at Sydney Technical High School.

Sydney Technical High School offered Johnson exceptional academic opportunities, delivered through dynamic acceleration programs and innovative teaching practices cumulating in his phenomenal academic success.

Sydney Technical High School

<https://sydneytech-h.schools.nsw.gov.au> CONTACT US sydneytech-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

From Alison

THANK
YOU
SO MUCH

As you are all aware my world has been turned upside down with the loss of my darling husband Phil and I am starting to navigate my new path. Returning to work this week has truly showed what a wonderful community that I am part of each and every day. From the staff to the parents to the students I am truly overwhelmed and thankful to everyone. Thank you for the kind words, the hugs and allowing me to have tears that appear from nowhere. Coming back to my 'other' family has been something I knew I could do, as I have always valued Paddo as a place of comfort and support and in times like I am experiencing shows exactly why I have.

A very very big thank for the lovely gift (completely lost for words), the cards, the emails, the flowers, and the yummy treats we are humbled and whilst I cried when reading all your messages they were with happy tears and I look forward to many many more years at Paddo.

Class Interruptions

There has been an increasing number of students needing to be picked up early. Please limit this as much as possible. Each time a student needs to leave school early a phone call is made to the classroom. This means the class teaching and learning program is interrupted. Learning time is valuable and when interrupted the lesson is compromised. Some classrooms are being interrupted 4 and 5 times a day. This is not something we can sustain.

In addition, when a student arrives late to school, the teacher must restate the learning that has just occurred and stop the flow of the lesson. We ask all parents to be mindful of class disturbances and support our uninterrupted learning time. If you must pick up your child early or if they are late to school due to an appointment, please arrange drop off and pick up 5 mins before our recess and lunch break times wherever possible. Recess begins at 10:45am and lunch time begins at 12:40pm

Attendance

We review our attendance data at twice a term. There is a strong push by the Department of Education to improve school attendance. The “Every Day Matters campaign aims to raise parent, carer, and community awareness on the importance of attendance. Our expected target is for all our students to attend school more than 95% of the time. As is recommended in the early intervention or intensive tiers of the Everyday Counts model of support, students with attendance rates that are less than 85% are identified and parents are informed so that we can work together to promote the importance of regular attendance.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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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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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day 	= 3 days
30 mins per day 	= 18 days

Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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HARMONY DAY

Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity



This week students from years 3-6 were lucky to have a visit from two Australian Federal Police officers for an engaging session on online safety.

Students learned how to stay safe online, recognise risks, and make responsible choices in the digital world. We thank the AFP for their time and commitment to educating our students!



School Photos

School photos are on Wednesday 30th April, all students took home a how to order flyer on Tuesday, if you missed it, please see below. All students are to wear their summer uniform for the photo day.



THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER
Alliance

School Photo Time!

SCAN TO ORDER

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

Paddington Public School
VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE
X1197EL54P

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

Staff Development Day 28 & 29 April 2025

All staff at Paddington Public School will be participating in professional learning on Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April. The school and office will be closed on both of these days. All students return to school on Wednesday 30 April.

School Contributions

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting school contributions, they will be available to pay in Term 2 via the school bytes portal. A notification will be sent when the fees have been applied to your child's account.

High Standards of Uniform – School Hats

We are very proud of our school uniform. Staff have noticed that several students, are not wearing their school hat. Please remind your child that all students are to wear their school hat before school, at recess and at lunchtime every day. School hats are available to order from the uniform shop or the office. If your child is unable to wear the school hat, please email the school and let us know. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support to ensure that our students are always dressed in full school uniform.

Dogs on School Grounds

We understand that many of our families are dog lovers, and we share your appreciation for our furry friends. Dogs have a special place in our hearts, offering us companionship, loyalty, and unconditional love. However, we must remind you that under the **Companion Animals Act 1998 (NSW, Section 14)**, dogs are prohibited on school grounds unless the principal grants permission.

Reasons why the principal may grant permission for a dog to be in a school include:

- assistance or service dogs
- farm working dogs
- visits by organised groups or programs for school incursions
- school support dogs

While it may seem like a tough rule, we want to assure you that it's in place for the safety and well-being of all members of our school community, including our students, staff, and visitors. This rule is not a reflection of our love for dogs but rather a necessary precaution to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone who comes to our school.

Here are a few reasons why this policy is in place:

- **Allergies:** Some members of our school community have allergies to pet fur or hair, which can trigger allergic reactions, ranging from mild discomfort to severe health issues.
- **Safety:** Even the most well-behaved dogs can sometimes become unpredictable, especially in a new environment with many people and distractions. We must prioritise the safety of our students and avoid any potential incidents.
- **Hygiene:** Dogs can inadvertently create hygiene concerns on school grounds, including the possibility of accidents that may pose health risks.
- **Concentration:** Dogs, as adorable as they are, can be a source of distraction for students, which can impact their ability to focus.

What Do I Do if Walking My Dog at Drop Off or Pick Up Time?

If you have your dog on a leash when delivering or picking up your child, please either drop off or meet your child outside the school grounds or secure your dog outside at the fence to wait there, **at least 10 metres from the school gate**. You may then enter the school grounds without your dog. This applies before, during and after school hours, including when at POOSC.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this regulation. We encourage you to enjoy quality time with your dogs outside of school grounds, in designated areas where they can run and play freely.

Calendar dates for 2025

Tuesday 1 April	Walk & Talk Tour 4pm
Thursday 3 April	P&C Hop & Sizzle Family Event 5pm – 6.30pm
Friday 4 April	Last day for PSSA Sport for Term 1
Wednesday 9 April	Stage 2 & 3 Excursion to Bundeena
Friday 11 April	Last day for Term 1, school holidays commence
Monday 28 April	Staff Development Day – School Closed
Tuesday 29 April	Staff Development Day – School Closed
Wednesday 30 April	Students return for the Start of Term 2
Wednesday 30 April	Whole School Photos – students to wear summer uniform
Monday 5 May	School Cross County – Centennial Park
Wednesday 7 May	Year 1 & 2 Bushland Excursion
Friday 9 May	Mother’s Day event – details to come soon
Wednesday 21 May	Zone Cross Country
Monday 26 May	Athletics Carnival – Hensley Sport Field, Pagewood





Padde P&C host:

HOP 'N' SIZZLE!

Grab your bunny besties and hop to it!

There'll be cracking entertainment, a choc-load of treats, and a BBQ that's simply egg-ceptional!

Thursday 3rd April

5 - 6.30pm

Paddington Public School
Entry via Jordan Street





New Menu Items Coming in Term 2- Don't Miss Out

Dear Parents and Students,
Starting from term 2, lunch orders will need to be in by 8.30am for same day delivery. No changes have been made to cancelling an order. Please call 0296661799 to speak to one of our staff members who will cancel your order for you.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused but we hope you enjoy the food that we are creating for you.

Thank you,

The Botany Bites Team



PADDINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

A tradition of empowering all learners



IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2026?

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

Monday 17 March at 11.15am

Tuesday 1 April at 4pm

please book into a tour using this web address
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/jan4v>
(code for the event is jan4v)

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>

14th April - 29th April
8:30am - 5:30pm

PADDINGTON VACATION CARE

THESE AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



MONDAY
14th April
Smash the Stumps
\$88

TUESDAY
15th April
Colmsley Hill Farm
\$115

WEDNESDAY
16th April
Easter Eggstravaganza
\$78

THURSDAY
17th April
Junior & Senior Day
\$118

FRIDAY
18th April
Sorry We're Closed

Smash the Stumps
Get ready to hit it out of the park with our awesome cricket workshop! Come and master batting, bowling, fielding, game strategy and teamwork while having a blast with your mates. Once you are cricket superstars we will enjoy Centennial Park while testing the new skills you've gathered with Cricket themed games.
Highlights:
Hit The Wicket Camp
Nail Painting
Stop, Drop and Numbers

Colmsley Hill Farm
Come enjoy a unique and interactive farm day at Colmsley Hill! Hand-feed, pet and learn about a variety of native and farmyard animals. Come watch exciting shows and demonstrations and get a hands-on feel for life on the farm!
Private bus, limited spaces—book early to avoid disappointment
Highlights:
Lego Construction
Owasp Games
Making Mincepie

Easter Eggstravaganza
Get ready to celebrate Easter with our Eggstravaganza Easter Party at Vacation Care!
It's a day full of party games, Easter themed activities, prizes, party food and the most epic easter egg hunt!
Grab your bunny ears and get ready for an Easter party you won't want to miss!
Highlights:
Face Painting
Hockey Match
Yummy Easter Treats

Junior & Senior Day
We're shaking things up for our first-ever split age group excursion day! Dividing into Juniors and Seniors groups has allowed us to tailor activities to suit each group's interests and abilities, making the day more exciting and fun for everyone!
Juniors
Kids in KiDy to year 3
We're heading to Lollipop Play centre! The kids will be climbing, sliding and exploring to their heart's content. Having a blast on the foam ball cannons, inflatable jumping castles, super high walk-bridge and speed slide!
Seniors
Kids in years 4 - 6
The seniors will put their balance and coordination to the test at Peak Pursuit! They'll take on an epic rope climbing course, challenging themselves to reach new heights and push their limits, all while safely secured with a rope belay system.
Both groups will be travelling to & from POOSC on the same bus. After our activities are done, we'll meet up and head to Somerby Play Park for a well-deserved lunch break and play.
Please note, your groups for these activities are fixed & cannot be changed

CLOSED
WE ARE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY
We will reopen Tuesday 22nd April for more holiday fun!

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY
Reduced care fees on all activities
Available for all eligible families

Subsidy is applied to every single incursion, excursions and extra activity

ALL WELCOME!
We have children from Paddington, Woolahra, St Francis, Darlinghurst, Crown Street, Double Bay & many other primary schools join us each holidays!
Bring your Friends!

MONDAY
21st April
Sorry We're Closed
CLOSED
WE ARE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY
We will reopen Tuesday 22nd April for more holiday fun!

TUESDAY
22nd April
Journey Through The Cosmos
\$78
Blast off into a journey through the cosmos! Explore the mysteries of space while we build rockets, discover planets, and map stars. With games, challenges, and plenty of space themed fun, it's the perfect adventure to inspire the next generation of space explorers.
Highlights:
Starry Night Jars
Lego Rocket Challenge
Cooking Pancakes

WEDNESDAY
23rd April
TimeZone
\$120
Get ready for high-tech entertainment and hands on fun at TimeZone this Vacation Care! Play your favourite arcade games, race cars and challenge your friends. After you have tested your skills, we will head over to Milloughy Park to rock on the flying fox and compete in marble races on the inbuilt track.
Private bus, limited spaces—book early to avoid disappointment
Highlights:
Giant Park Swing
Bubble Play
Chalk Mosaics

THURSDAY
24th April
Our Big Kitchen
\$115
Join us for a rewarding day of cooking, learning, and giving back to our community! At Our Big Kitchen in Bondi, we'll learn about healthy eating and help prepare nutritious meals for those in need. Afterward, we'll explore the giant hamster wheel and rocket at Waverly Park.
Private bus, limited spaces—book early to avoid disappointment
Morning tea and lunch will be provided on this day.
Highlights:
ANZAC Day Art
Coloured Hair Spray
Afternoon Movie

FRIDAY
25th April
Sorry We're Closed
CLOSED
WE ARE CLOSED FOR ANZAC DAY
We will reopen Monday 28th April for more holiday fun!

MONDAY
28th April
DogMan at the Cinema
\$95
Join your mates as we head down the Entertainment Quarter to see the DogMan movie at Hoyts. Sit back and relax in our very own private cinema while you enjoy popcorn, a drink and some sweet treats. Run and race in team sports games on the grass and then get creative in our cartoon drawing lesson to make your own DogMan comic strip!
Highlights:
Bug Hunting
Bingo
Ninja Warrior Camp

TUESDAY
29th April
Laser Quest
\$120
Test your speed, agility, and precision as you compete in an action-packed laser tag showdown! Join us at 560 Action Park and put your strategy, teamwork, and reflexes to the test! The fun doesn't stop there—bounce, jump, and flip your way through their trampoline park & then enjoy lunch in the sun at Urry's Place Playground.
Private bus, limited spaces—book early to avoid disappointment
Highlights:
Handball Competition
Reading
Board Games

PADDINGTON VACATION CARE

14th April - 29th April
8:30am - 5:30pm

THESE AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



POOSC- YOUR PLACE FOR EXCURSIONS AND BIG DAYS OUT!

"The educators and carers are full of love and fun and energy and the programme of activities are next level" - Parent Feedback

"Thank you to all the wonderful educators that put together an array of activities throughout the holidays. He had the best time and you all helped him to have new experiences." - Parent Feedback

HOW TO BOOK

Already enrolled at POOSC?
Book through your OWNA app

New to POOSC?
Simply enroll via our website
www.poosc.com.au OR
Scan the QR Code



CHILDREN SHOULD BRING

- Morning tea and lunch. Afternoon tea will be provided
- A wide brim hat
- A water bottle
- Comfortable clothing with both hot or cooler weather options
- Sun safe clothing - No singlets/tank tops or crop tops
- Enclosed shoes. **No Crocs or thongs**
- Please ensure belongings are labelled
- Please arrive no later than 9am on excursion days
- Children will be back no later than 4pm on excursion days
- Risk assessments are available for each excursion, including transportation method

EXCURSION COST BREAKDOWN

Standard Vacation Care Fee
\$78
+
Bus Hire
+
Activity Cost

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY
Reduced care fees on all activities
Available for all eligible families

SUBSIDY IS APPLIED TO EVERY SINGLE INCURSION, EXCURSIONS AND EXTRA ACTIVITY

Miss Delias Ballet Academy



"Dance is the hidden language of the soul"

Exciting news for Paddington Public School!

Miss Delia's Ballet Academy is now offering co-curricular after-school dance programs Monday to Friday as well as Saturday Ballet, Jazz, and Contemporary Dance classes at the EJ Ward Community Centre, Underwood St, Paddington.

Miss Delia, a former professional ballerina with The Australian Ballet and the Royal Ballet Covent Garden, brings over 20 years of teaching experience to the academy. She is also a qualified Pilates instructor, ensuring students receive expert guidance.

In addition to the children's programs, the academy offers Adult Ballet classes, private lessons, pre-pointe and pointe classes and Pilates Reformer sessions.

For more details call Miss Delia on 0413 535 720 or visit missdeliasballetacademy.dance.

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EJ Ward Community Centre, 189 Underwood St, Paddington 2025

Parliament of
New South Wales

FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

Tuesday
15 April
9.30am – 3pm



**Free activities
for children up
to 12 years
at the
Parliament
of NSW**

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament, learn about democracy in NSW, step inside history with guided tours and get creative in workshops and role plays.

- **Make** craft animals and objects
- **Visit** our heritage rooms
- **Learn** how to vote and make a law
- **Participate** in a committee role play
- **Enjoy** live music and more...



FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

Enquiries P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**



The public café
will be open.

FREE