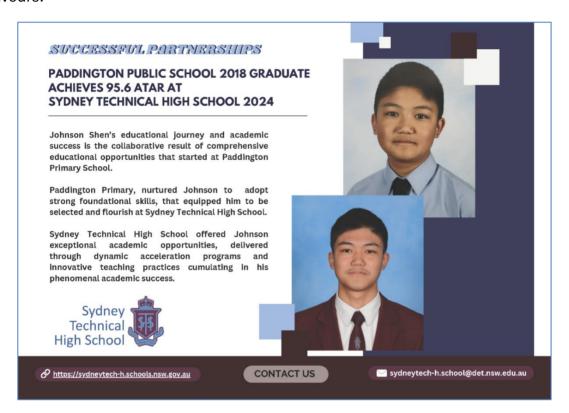
Paddington Public School

Newsletter Term 1, Week 7 28 March 2025



Message from Mrs Larkín

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.



From Alison



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

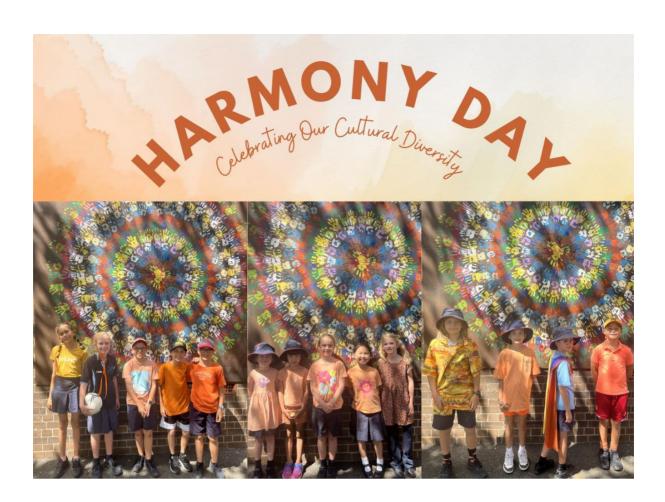
Attendance

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.









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.



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







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



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.ou/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



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WELCOME!

We have children from

Paddington, Woollahra, St Francis, Darlinghurst, Crown Street, Double

Bay & many other primary schools join us each holidays!

Bring your Friends!



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Easter

Eggstravaganza Get ready to celebrate Easter with our Eggstravagansa Easter Party at Vacation Carel It's a day full of party games, Easter themed

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Our Big Kitch

Join us for a rewarding day of cooking, learning, and giving back to our community! At Our Bia

ANZAC Day Art



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

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THESE AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

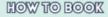




POOSC- YOUR PLACE FOR **EXCURSIONS AND BIG DAYS OUT!**

"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



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



Cost



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.

Contact: 0413 535 720 Email: delia.harrington@hotmail.com

Bookings: missdeliasballetacademy.dance Instagram: miss.delias.boutique.ballet.academy

EJ Ward Community Centre, 189 Underwood St, Paddington 2025



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.

