



Messages from Mrs Larkin

Athletics Carnival

Our annual whole school Athletics Carnival is next Monday 26 May at Hensley Athletic Field, Eastgardens. All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 participate. Parents/families are welcome to come along and enjoy the day. We also have the traditional parent race, so don't forget your running shoes!

For any reason the carnival is cancelled, parents will be notified by SMS, 8am Monday morning.

The school office will be closed Monday 26 May.

Attendance

Student attendance is reviewed regularly. Our expected target is for all our students to attend school more than 95% of the time. If your child is absent from school, you will receive a text message at 11.30am please reply to this message with the reason for your child's absence. If it a planned absence please email the school - paddington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or via school bytes app.

Everyday Counts

Going to school every day gives your child the opportunity to experience success with learning, to build positive relationships with other students and to engage in social experiences. It is important that students arrive at school on time as it allows children to be part of the daily school routines, not miss out on important information presented at the beginning of the lesson and settle into the school routine a lot better.

The Department of Education encourages all families to take their vacations during the school breaks. The school does not approve leave for holiday purposes unless it is under exceptional circumstances. If there are exceptional circumstances, then parents are required to complete an application for extended leave – travel, if the leave is for 5 or more school days. The form can be obtained by emailing the school or requesting a hard copy from the school office. The form must be submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to travel. Please note that travel documentation also needs to be attached to the application form upon submission.

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

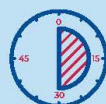


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3 days

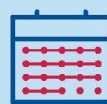


30 mins
per day



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18 days



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

Debating

On Thursday May 22, our two Paddo debating teams travelled to Kensington Public School to compete in Round 1 of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

The first debate featured Xanthe, George, Dylan and Oliver. They were assigned the negative role, debating 'That Years 5 and 6 kids should learn a new language each term'. They put forward strong arguments and rebuttals, thinking well on their feet. The independent adjudicator declared them the winning team!

The second debate featured Scarlett, Ben, Nicholas and Lucas. They were assigned the affirmative role, debating 'That every class in primary school should adopt a dog or a cat as a class pet'. They effectively argued the topic and worked collaboratively to rebut their opponents' arguments. The adjudicator praised them highly and also declared them the winning team!

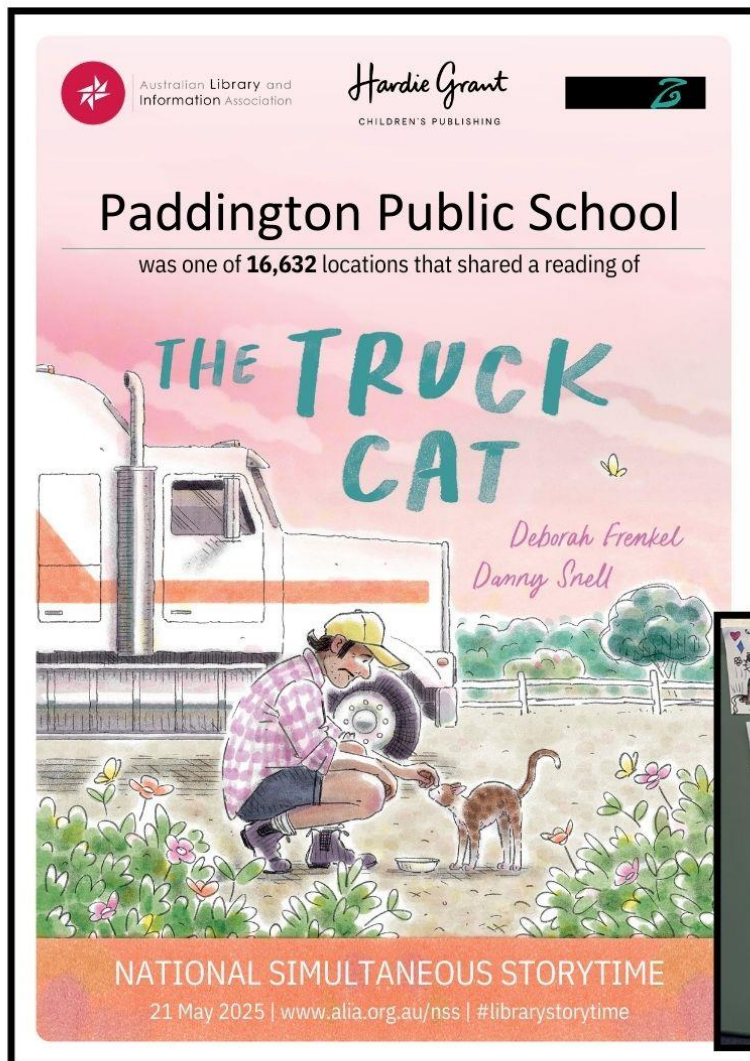
The adjudicator provided the debaters valuable feedback after each debate, allowing our debaters the opportunity to further develop their skills.

A double win for Paddington is a great way to commence the competition. Their hard work preparing at school certainly paid off. Well done debaters!



Calendar dates for 2025

Monday 26 May	Athletics Carnival – Hensley Sport Field, Pagewood
Tuesday 27 May	Rehearsal Day for Port Jackson Festival (Paddo Sing Group Yr2-6)
Tuesday 3 June	Debating against Rainbow St PS at PPS (Year 6)
Friday 27 June	Last day for PSSA (Term 2)
Tuesday 1 July	Debating against Randwick PS at PPS (Year 6)
Friday 4 July	Last day for Term 2
Monday 21 July	Staff Development Day – school closed
Tuesday 22 July	Students return to school for Term 3
Tuesday 19 August	Grandparents Day and Book Week Parade



On Wednesday 21st May, Paddington students were part of 2,204,658 participants that shared a reading of the picture book *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell for National Simultaneous Storytime. This event promotes the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book.

2025 Zone Cross Country Carnival

On Wednesday, we had a number of runners from Y2-Y6 represent Paddington Public School at the 2025 Zone Cross Country Carnival at Centennial Park. Our students gave it their all, tackling the course with grit and determination. More importantly, they cheered each other on every step of the way, showing true sportsmanship and school spirit. We are so proud of their efforts and the way they represented Paddington with pride and positivity!



Maker Space is now accepting recycling donations.

Please ensure they are clean

Cardboard

Aluminium Cans

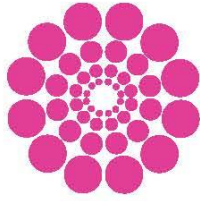
Egg Cartons

Plastic Containers

Plastic Bottles

Toilet paper or hand towel rolls





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