

Paddington Public School



Newsletter
Term 2, Week 8
20 June 2025

Message from Mrs Larkin

As we continue to celebrate the achievements of our students, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible teaching staff who go above and beyond by facilitating extracurricular activities for all our K-6 students.

These dedicated educators invest their time and talent into a variety of programs that enrich our students' educational experiences. From sports teams, wellbeing initiatives, public speaking opportunities, chess club, creative art performances, spelling bees and news club. Their efforts foster a sense of belonging and help our children explore their passions.

These activities not only enhance our students' learning but also teach valuable life skills such as teamwork, resilience, and creativity. I am proud to have such committed professionals in our school community who truly make a difference in the lives of our young learners.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Together, we are nurturing the next generation of leaders and innovators!

NSW Public Speaking

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition regional final was held on Tuesday June 17, at Randwick Public School. The students representing Stage 2 and Stage 3 from Paddington were Aerin 3B, Daniel 4/5P, Scarlet 6S and Torsten 6S. These four students were the finalists from our in-school competition.

Each student delivered their speech from the original competition, as well as an impromptu speech. The impromptu topic was 'Getting Better'. The Paddington students enjoyed listening to other speeches and meeting students from other schools.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality
- differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.
- The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>). Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Calendar dates for 2025

Tuesday 24 June	Rehearsal for Paddo Sing Group (Yr2-6) for Port Jackson Festival
Friday 27 June	Last day for PSSA (Term 2)
Monday 30 June	Hip Hop Dance Performance in the school hall at 1.45pm, parents of dance students welcome to attend.
Monday 30 June	RAWart Incursion K-6
Tuesday 1 July	RAWart Incursion K-6
Tuesday 1 July	Debating against Randwick PS at PPS (Year 6)
Thursday 3 July	NAIDOC Week Incursion
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



NSW PREMIER'S S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G BEE



Congratulations to all students who participated in our school final for the Premier's Spelling Bee. We were so impressed by the enthusiasm, confidence and incredible spelling on display.

A special congratulations to Roger (Year 4) and Maya (Year 5) who will represent Paddington at the Regional Finals.

We're so proud of you and wish you the best of luck!



6S Poetry



Spaghetti

The hot steam
Rising up like a plane
As hot as an oven
Looking like
Fog in the air

My fork twisting my pasta
Like a windmill
Rising to my mouth
Melting like
A warm cloud

I taste the exquisite
Astonishing flavour exploding
In my mouth like a bomb
Going off
In the room

The appetizing
Creamy cheese pasta
Waits to be gobbled
Up by my mouth
Like a grinder shredding it

Charlie (a poem about my favourite food)



All That Glitters

Ice upon branches
Snow upon plains
Wind among the evergreens
So cold, the distant sounds
A veil of wonder weaved in light
Crystallised waterways
In a cloak of white.

Snow blankets my window
Turning present into past
Sunlight, midnight, never last
A stillness calms the view
Towards the everlasting biomes anew
Frosted cheeks, cracked hands
Warmth and daylight will never understand.

Miley (a poem about winter)



The Rumbling, Cackling Witch

It is an army of a thousand
Footsteps echoing and bouncing off buildings
That seem like ants
Compared to the deadly monster towering
above
Casting a shadow
Over the earth.

Powerless victims
Innocently, yet stupidly, stand around
Unaware of the danger
Cast by the rumbling, cackling monster
Who is shredding the city
In a gloomy darkness.

It's thrusting spears of light
From its smouldering, smoky arms
Electricity burning in its arms
Hungry, stormy, grey eyes
Glare at the earth
As it shakes violently.

It's cackling like a witch
Oozing power as people press
Their foot flat on the accelerator
It blocks the streaming sunlight
With its muscly figure
Blackness from above.

Ava (a poem about a thunderstorm)



Her

Her soft black velvet skin
Is as delicate as glass
Her gentle, sapphire, ebony eyes
Are irresistibly magnetic
What lurks beneath her inky, black
chest
Is a cold, cruel, stone heart.

Her tempting, charismatic face
Is so beautiful, as if she was not
human
Her long navy blue hair is shining
Silk flowing in the wind
Her slim, dainty fingers were so cold
That one touch makes you feel as if
you were dunked under ice

As your memories have disappeared
All you feel is deep sadness and
melancholy
In her presence you feel as if you
must impress her
Her voice is silent yet soothing
She devotes herself to the stars
But despises the sun

Evelyn (a poem about the night)

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards 2025

Students are invited to participate in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards, Australia's largest and oldest poetry competition for young people.

This is a wonderful opportunity to express creativity, imagination, and personal voice through poetry.

While entries can be on any topic, this year's optional theme is: "All the Beautiful Things" – encouraging students to reflect on the people, places, moments, and memories that bring beauty to their lives.

Poems can be written in any poetic form.

Please submit entries to the office by Wednesday 25th June.
We can't wait to read our students' inspiring work!



Go to the website for more information:
<https://dorothea.com.au/entry-information/>

LOOK WHO WAS ENJOYING A GOOD BOOK IN THE LIBRARY



Joshua & Finn



Gideon



Nate & Elsie



Oli & Archer



Edward, Sam & Freddie



Ella & Zoe

This week, a number of students were reading in the library — tucked into corners, curled up on cushions, and totally absorbed in their books! It's been wonderful to see the library buzzing with quiet readers during break times. Keep turning those pages, Paddington bookworms! 📖💛



PSSA & SCHOOL SPORT INDIGENOUS ROUND



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION

TERM 2, WEEK 9 – FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025

WET WEATHER DATE: TERM 3, WEEK 1 – FRIDAY 25TH JULY

PSSA LOCATIONS

- Girls Soccer – Centennial Park
- Mixed Soccer – Queens Park
- Rugby – Centennial Park
- AFL – Moore Park
- Netball – Moore Park & Waverley Courts

**PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND PSSA GAMES TO
CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK.**

**We recognise that we play on the lands of the
Bidjigal & Gadigal clans of the Eora Nation.**

**A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY WILL BE
PRESENTED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH PSSA GAME OR
SCHOOL SPORT SESSION, CREATED IN CONSULTATION WITH
OUR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION LEADERS.**



**STUDENTS CAN WEAR RED, BLACK, YELLOW OR GREEN, WHITE
AND BLUE RIBBONS, SOCKS OR TAPE TO CELEBRATE.**



7th July - 21st July
8:30am - 5:30pm

PADDINGTON VACATION CARE

THESE WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



MONDAY
7th July



**Vacation Care's
2nd Birthday Party**

POOSC Vacation Care is turning 2! And to celebrate, we are having a Pyjama Party! Come and join us for a day full of fun and exciting activities. With lots of prizes to be won, pyjama themed games, cupcake decorating and more! This will definitely be a party you won't want to miss!

Highlights:

**Doughnut Game
Coloured Hairpray**

TUESDAY
8th July



Koala Park

Come and join us for a fun full filled day at Koala Park! Enjoy a special behind-the-scenes meet and greet with some of Australia's favourite native creatures. Special educational presentations, with the park rangers, and a hands-on experience feeding and potting the animals.

Private bus, limited spaces—book early to avoid disappointment

Highlights:

**Reptile Exhibit
Puzzles**

WEDNESDAY
9th July



Junior & Senior Day

After the success of last holidays split day, we are dividing into Juniors and Seniors groups again! This allows us to tailor activities to each group's interests & abilities, making the day more exciting and fun for everyone!

Juniors

Kids in Kindy to year 3

We're heading to Miniversal play centre! Embark on an intergalactic adventure where imagination knows no bounds. From rocket ship slides to the star-dust pit, enjoy dedicated lego and imagination playrooms and get ready for an out-of-this-world experience!

Seniors

Kids in years 4 - 6

The seniors will be heading to VR. Freak for a virtual reality day. Seniors will have a great time immersing themselves in the world of virtual reality with mesmerising games and challenges to test their skills, as they move from one reality to the next.

Both groups will travel to and from POOSC on the same bus. After our activities, the Seniors will walk to Waverley Park Playground for lunch and free play, while the Juniors will take the bus to Sydney Park for their lunch & playtime. Once the Juniors are picked up, the bus will walk the Seniors, and everyone will head back to POOSC together.

Please note, year groups for these activity are fixed & cannot be changed

THURSDAY
10th July



Berry Island

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, we're heading to Berry Island for a special guided tour of the Gadyan Track, rich in Aboriginal history. Come learn about ancient rock carving, discover bush tucker, and experience traditional ochre face painting. After the tour, we'll enjoy exploring the play space and climbing trees on beautiful Berry Island.

Private bus, limited spaces—book early to avoid disappointment

Highlights:

**Pac Man Group Game
Car Track Challenge**

FRIDAY
11th July



**Game On:
Invasion Edition**

Get ready to dodge, chase, and outsmart your opponents in a thrilling day of invasion and evasion games! With teamwork, strategy, and plenty of action, it's non-stop fun from start to finish. After all the excitement, we'll wind down with rainbow pancakes for afternoon tea and relax with a movie—chosen by you!

Highlights:

**Origami
Temporary Tattoos**

ALL WELCOME!

We have children from Paddington, Woollahra, St Francis, Darlinghurst, Crown Street, Double Bay & so many other primary schools join us each holidays!

Bring your Friends!



Tuff Nutterz

Are you ready to take on Australia's biggest inflatable obstacle course? Jump, dive, slide and climb your way through this huge 500 metre challenge. Race your friends, do time trials and tackle the giant inflatable slide. Enjoy lunch in the sun at Centennial Park, giant games of 44 home in the She Oak groves and frisbee with your mates.

Highlights:

**Hama Bead Craft
Afternoon Movie**



Urban Makers

Come along and discover what it takes to build and light up a city! Work together to construct a mini city while learning the fundamentals of electricity and how power circuits work through coding. In the afternoon, put your new skills to the test in a lego building competition and create your own personalised cloud playdough to take home!

Highlights:

**STEAM Activities
Chalk Mosaics**



Elio e the Cinema

Join your mates as we head down to the Entertainment Quarter to see the alien sci-fi adventure movie, Elio 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 with group alien designs

Highlights:

**Paper Airplanes
Tennis**



**Theatre: Wolfgang
in the Stars**

We are heading to Riverside Theatre to be dazzled by the live stage show, Wolfgang in the Stars. With sparkling acrobatics, side-splitting gags & stunning projections transporting us to a world of music and imagination. Then we'll head to Parramatta Park for lunch and flying fox races at Domain Creek Playground.

Private bus, limited spaces—book early to avoid disappointment

Highlights:

**Loom Bands
Marble Tracks**



Petals and Pedals

We're teaming up with our neighbours at Paddo Uniting Church for an exciting community project —redeveloping a shared garden space! Get ready for a day of digging, planting, and hands-on fun as we help bring the garden back to life. Then, it's time to switch gears as we race and zoom around with our friends on our bikes, scooters and skateboards.

Lunch will be provided on this day

Highlights:

**Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Match Stick Art**



Frenzy Park

Wrap up the final day of the school holidays at Sydney's newest indoor play park! Jump and climb your way through the Ninja course and climbing walls, then soar through the air on to the massive airbags. Take on exciting challenges in the basketball and dodgeball arenas before we head to Stratfield Park Playground to explore the giant pipe slides.

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Highlights:

**Trampoline
Card Games**

7th July - 21st July
8:30am - 5:30pm

PADDINGTON VACATION CARE

THESE WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



POOSC— YOUR PLACE FOR EXCURSIONS AND BIG DAYS OUT!

"It was our first time sending our kids who don't go to school at Paddo but went to PCC so knew a lot of kids. They loved it and I could not fault the care. The girls were all so lovely and engaged as carers. Bravo to you guys bc I know it is not easy." - 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 enrol 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
+



+ Activity
Cost



**SUBSIDY IS APPLIED TO
EVERY SINGLE INCURSION, EXCURSION
AND EXTRA ACTIVITY**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 9am-12pm

AWARD WINNING HOTSHOTS TENNIS CAMPS

TENNIS CAMPS



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TENNIS



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Paddington
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program information

It's all about the kids having the most fun possible and seeing them smiling all throughout every single of our sessions :)

DATES **Fridays** 3.00 - 4.00pm
9 weeks
starting August 1st

AGES **Kindy - Year 6**

PRICE **\$156**

[link to register](#)

<https://sports-x.com.au/sydney/basketball-x-school-programs/>



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PROGRAMS



**LOWER
PRIMARY**
(5-7 years)



**UPPER
PRIMARY**
(8-11 years)








SECONDARY
(12-15 years)



Sydney Adoption and Education Centre
201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

Sessions include:

-  Walk through the shelter and see our work in action
-  Fun and interactive activities focused on animals
-  Creating animal enrichment toys
-  Animal Welfare focused encounters
-  Learn how to be an animal advocate in your community!

SCAN ME



RSPCA NSW Education Team

 02 9782 4478  education@rspcansw.org.au
 <https://events.humanitix.com/host/rspca-nsw>

WELLNESS AT THE CHURCH

2025

Drop in
\$15

OPEN LEVEL YOGA

With Cynthia Casal
Wednesday 6pm / Saturday 9am

BREATHWORK (monthly) MEDITATION (weekly)

with Geoff Rupp

Book
Online

Book
Online

SOUND BATH

Fortnightly Thursday Evenings With Harry French

CONSCIOUS DANCE

Monthly Sunday Mornings with Harry French

Drop in

Book
Online

PARENT- INFANT, TODDLER RIE INSPIRED PLAYGROUP

Thursday Mornings with EduCare Nannies

MUM & BABY YOGA

with We Are Mothers Club
10am Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings

Book
Online

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