



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Fundraising News

Over the holidays there will be landscapers at the school working on the front gardens of the school. A big thank you to the parents and fundraising committee for all your hard work in helping to make this happen.

### School Hall

A nomination has been put forward to have a school hall built. After surveying local schools within a 10km radius of Mount Druitt Public School, we found that we are the only school without a school hall. A school hall would assist the school greatly, but also provide the local community with places to hold meetings and run activities.

### Staffing Update

Congratulations to Miss Pedano for gaining the permanent position of Assistant Principal at Mount Druitt Public School. Also we are very lucky to have Miss O'Kelly and Mr Fitzgerald as permanent members of staff at the school.

### Creative Kids Voucher

Parents, guardians and carers can claim a \$100 voucher per year to put towards the cost of lessons and fees with registered providers.

It's a great opportunity to let kids find their passion and learn new skills.

Vouchers can be used to contribute to registration, participation and tuition costs for performing arts, visual arts, coding, languages, literature, music and other creative and cultural activities with an approved list of activity providers. Please use the link below to apply for your child's creative kids voucher.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

### Preschool Enhancement Program

The school is currently looking at improving the outdoor area of the preschool. In term 4 there will be lots of new equipment and upgrades that will make it an exciting and adventurous place for our children.

*Dianne Uthmeyer*

Deputy Principal

Term 3 Week 6 2019

## CALENDAR DATES

### WHAT'S ON

**Please note: event dates may change**



AUGUST Week 6	
Monday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book fair</li> </ul>
Tuesday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 ACT for Kids</li> <li>Father's Day stall</li> </ul>
Wednesday 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patch 9-11</li> <li>Early Stage 1 gymnastics</li> <li>Stage 3 AFL</li> </ul>
Thursday 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Stage 1 AFL</li> <li>AFL training</li> <li>Scripture</li> <li>Halinda Leadership Program</li> <li>Learning Centre</li> </ul>
Friday 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Assembly Item: 1/2T</b></li> <li>PSSA grand finals</li> <li>Father's Day stall</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER Week 7	
Monday 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone athletics</li> <li>Startsmart workshops</li> </ul>
Tuesday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 ACT for Kids</li> <li>Startsmart workshops</li> <li>ICAS digital technology</li> </ul>
Wednesday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patch 9-11</li> <li>Early Stage 1 gymnastics</li> <li>Stage 3 AFL</li> <li>Startsmart workshops</li> <li>Stage 2 geography excursion</li> <li>Stage 3 UWS excursion</li> </ul>
Thursday 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Stage 1 AFL</li> <li>AFL training</li> <li>Stage 3 UWS excursion</li> <li>Startsmart workshops</li> <li>Scripture</li> <li>Halinda Leadership Program</li> <li>Learning Centre</li> </ul>
Friday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Assembly Item: 5/6F</b></li> <li>Startsmart workshops</li> </ul>



SEPTEMBER Week 8	
Monday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Tuesday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 ACT for Kids</li> <li>Premiers spelling bee</li> <li>ICAS writing</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 3 AFL</li> </ul>
Thursday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Stage 1 AFL</li> <li>AFL training</li> <li>ICAS spelling</li> <li>Scripture</li> <li>Halinda Leadership Program</li> <li>Learning Centre</li> </ul>
Friday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Gala Day</b></li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER Week 9	
Monday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Tuesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 ACT for Kids</li> <li>ICAS English</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 3 AFL</li> </ul>
Thursday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Stage 1 AFL</li> <li>AFL training</li> <li>ICAS mathematics</li> <li>Scripture</li> <li>Halinda Leadership Program</li> <li>Learning Centre</li> </ul>
Friday 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Assembly Item 3/4H</b></li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER Week 10	
Monday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Tuesday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 ACT for Kids</li> </ul>
Wednesday 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Thursday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFL training</li> <li>Halinda Leadership Program</li> <li>Learning Centre</li> </ul>
Friday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>International Day</b></li> <li><b>Last Day of Term</b></li> </ul>

## FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

### Medication

Please be advised if you require office staff to give your child prescribed medication for a short term period we will need the following:

- ✓ A signed and written letter from the parent.
- ✓ The letter must clearly state the amount of medication eg: 5 ml of liquid or 1 tablet.
- ✓ The letter must also state the required time the child is to take the medication.

If your child needs on going medication then we will need a healthcare plan from your GP. Please see office staff if you require more information.

### MDPS ART COMPETITION

**THEME:** My culture

**DUE:** Friday 20/9/19



The winning artworks will be displayed in the staffroom and front foyer. A winner from Kindy, stage 1, stage 2 and stage 3 will be announced at assembly and their artworks on display in the school newsletter.



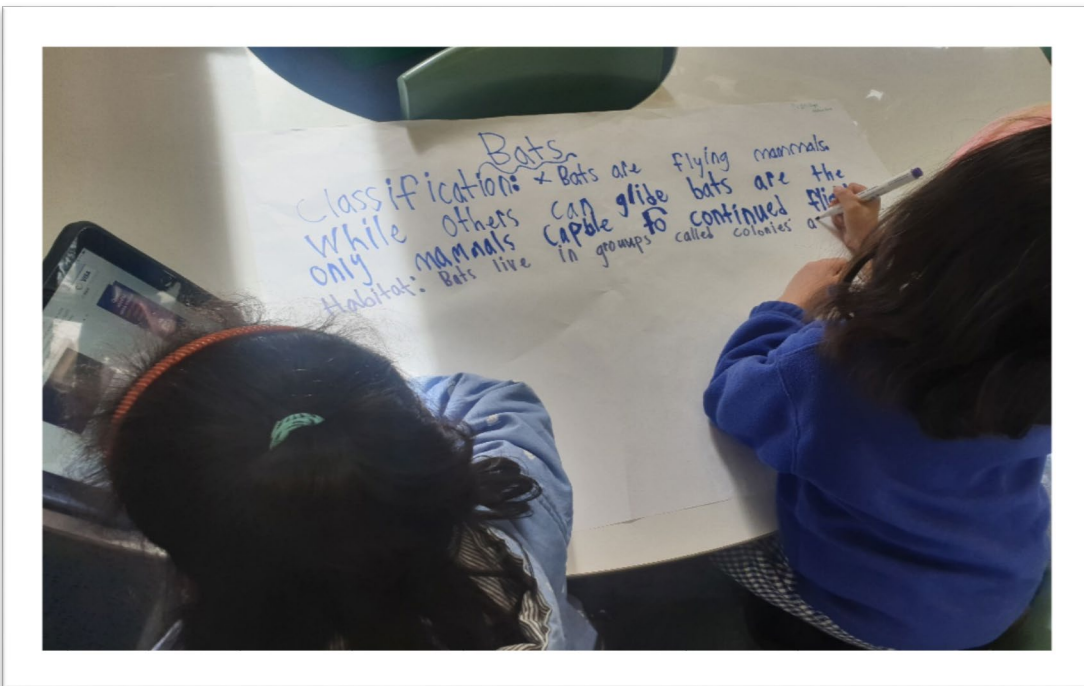
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## A photograph showing three children in school uniforms sitting around a table. They are working on a project. A tablet on the table displays a website about bats. The children are writing on a large sheet of paper titled 'Bats'. The paper has sections for 'Classification', 'Habitat', and 'Diet'. The children are using markers to write and draw. A yellow basket with supplies is on the table.



This term we were excited to implement inquiry based learning into our classroom by taking part in S.O.L.E sessions (Self -Organised Learning Environments). As part of our quality literacy unit we have been focusing on the book 'Stellaluna' by Janell Cannon which has a focus on bats. Stage One students were given the task to write an information report on bats using their i-Pads to research all the information necessary. Students organised themselves in groups of three and had to allocate a role for themselves – researcher, scribe or reader. Students had to answer questions on bats. They all worked together as a team and came up with some great information for their research projects. Well done 1/2N!

## P-2 ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, students from preschool to year 2 participated in a fun filled athletics carnival on the back oval. Thank you to all the students for trying their best and to all the parents that came to watch. There were a range of activities such as captain ball, parachutes, relays and the egg and spoon race. The big races at the end of the day seemed to be the favourite!





## PSSA REPORT

What a term of sport! This term, we had Rugby League with Mr. Fitzgerald, NRL Tag with Mrs. Carr, Netball with Ms. O'Kelly and Ms. Fenech, and soccer with Mr. Johnny.

In all teams, we saw massive improvement in skills and confidence in themselves. All our players showed team spirit and resilience in the face of challenge and represented Mount Druitt Public School with pride.

### Rugby League Tag

Both teams improved over the weeks and played with great enthusiasm. All players were great sports and respectful to other teams and referees.

#### Juniors

Most valuable - Selupe  
Most improved - Yusria  
Fairest - Ulata

#### Seniors

Most valuable - Alicia  
Most improved - Ayesha  
Fairest - Henrietta

Mrs. Kathryn Carr  
PSSA Netball Coach

### Soccer

The Seniors and Junior A's and B's have settled in well in the Blacktown PSSA Soccer competition. They have faced tough competition and but have taken every game as a welcomed challenge. All players have grown in skill and confidence on the pitch and it has been a privilege to watch them develop throughout the season. While all three teams have taken losses throughout the season, they have all learned from every game resulting in some wins for the Seniors and Junior A's and very close efforts from Junior B's.

#### Junior A's

Most valuable player- Makael  
Most improved – Hannah  
Sportsmanship – Arin

#### Junior B's

Most valuable player – Daawud  
Most improved – Ethan  
Sportsmanship – Faith

#### Seniors

Most valuable player – Yousif  
Most improved player– Haider  
Sportsmanship – Ben

Mr. Kenneth Johnny  
PSSA Soccer Coach



## PSSA REPORT

### Rugby League

The Rugby League teams have played very well against some tough opposition in their competition. Most games have been very closely fought and included great sportsmanship from all players. The Juniors have had 5 wins and 1 loss. They are currently equal 2nd with two other teams. The Seniors are in 5th position on the ladder with 2 wins and 4 losses, however, they have a positive for and against total as all their losses have been extremely close. Both teams are a chance to make the semi finals.

Mr. James Fitzgerald  
PSSA Rugby League Coach

### Netball

Both junior and senior teams have been working hard and improving each week. We have been scoring more goals each week, edging closer to getting the win. Juniors have been focusing on using the whole court to space out and move the ball towards the goal end. Seniors have ramped up their defence and been able to mark their opposition out of the game.

Special mention to Cassidy from Senior A and Ellaison from Senior B for consistently working hard each week and running for every ball until the final whistle.

Special mention to Iva from Junior A and Alexis from Junior B for always showing great enthusiasm when taking the court as well as progressively improving over the weeks.

Miss Elise O'Kelly & Miss Marlene Fenech  
PSSA Netball Coaches



## PRESCHOOL NEWS



### Bugs

We have been very busy down at the preschool. The children's current interest includes bugs and finding them around the garden has been a daily activity amongst the children. They are very gentle and have been trying to take good care of them by building them a home and feeding them plants.

### Gardening

Another interest that the children have really shown is in gardening. Thank you to our wonderful grandparent, Doris, who has helped the children pull out the weeds, clear the garden and get it ready for planting.

We have brainstormed as a group what we would like to plant in the garden and the children shared some wonderful ideas.



### Food Allergies

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about not packing Nutella and peanut butter sandwiches due to children with high allergies. Please refer to the parent preschool handbook for further information. These were handed out at the beginning of the year.

### Extra Clothing

Parents/Carers, if you can please ensure that you are packing extra clothing in your child's school bag. We have had numerous toileting accidents where children have had no spare clothing to change into. Please also check and restock their bag with spare clothing if they have had toileting accidents.

### Contact Numbers

Parents/Carers, if you or any of your emergency contacts have changed their contact numbers, please ensure that you inform your child's educator and the front office. It is very important that you are contactable during an emergency.

### Fire Safety Visit

On week 9, Tuesday and Thursday (17th & 19th of Sept), the Fire Brigade from Mount Druitt Fire Station will be visiting the Preschool to conduct a Fire Safety lesson. This will give children the opportunity to learn about Safe and Unsafe Fires and what to do in a fire situation.



## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE FORTNIGHT

Every fortnight, there will be a maths problem for the students to solve. There is a box in the front office for students to submit their responses. Encouragement awards will be handed out to two students from each stage during the school assembly.



**Kindergarten (Early Stage 1):**

Draw some interesting patterns.

**Year 1 and 2 (Stage 1):**

Draw things in the house that are longer and shorter than one metre.

**Year 3 and 4 (Stage 2):**

$? + 8 = ? - 6$  What could the missing numbers be?

**Year 5 and 6 (Stage 3):**

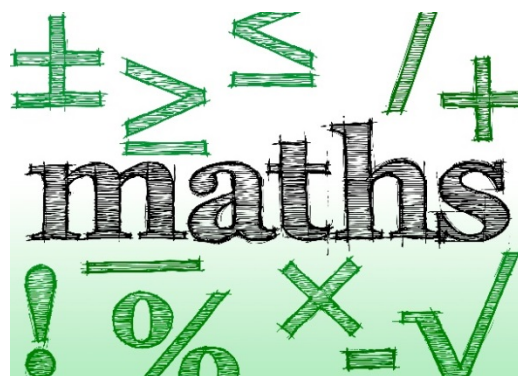
Draw 4 different shapes that have the same area. Calculate the perimeter of each shape. Find the sum of the perimeters.

**NOTE:** Please remember to write your name and class on your work. The entries should be in the office by Wednesday Week 7 (4th September)

Maninder Kaur

Instructional Leader

(On behalf of the Maths Committee)



## KP STUDENT & TEACHER SHOUT OUT



- What is your name?  
Aarib M
- What is your ethnicity? (country your family is from)  
Pakistan
- What is your favourite subject at school?  
Maths
- What was your favourite memory at school?  
Colour Run
- What is your favourite sport?  
Frisbee
- What is your favourite food?  
Chocolate
- What are your hobbies?  
Drawing, colouring and playing with my friends

- What is your full name?  
Jess Pedano
- What do you like about M.D.P.S?  
All our beautiful students
- What is your favourite year/grade to teach?  
All of them ☺
- How long have you been teaching for?  
8 years
- What do you like about teaching?  
Making a difference to students
- What career were you thinking of having when you were a kid?  
Archaeologist
- What is your favourite food?  
Frangos
- What is your favourite animal?  
All animals
- What is your hobby?  
Travelling



## 5/6G STUDENT & TEACHER SHOUT OUT



- What is your name?

Yousif A

- What is your ethnicity? (country your family is from)

Iraq

- What is your favourite subject at school?

Maths

- What was your favourite memory at school?

Seeing the people

- What is your favourite sport?

Soccer

- What is your favourite food?

Chicken

- What are your hobbies?

Playing soccer and games

- What is your full name?

Raashika Ali

- What do you like about M.D.P.S?

The diversity of students, staff and families

- What is your favourite year/grade to teach?

I don't have a favourite but I'm enjoying Stage 3 right now

- How long have you been teaching for?

11 years

- What do you like about teaching?

My interactions with students and watching them learn new things

- What career were you thinking of having when you were a kid?

Teacher

- What is your favourite food?

I love eating pretty much anything and everything edible

- What is your favourite animal?

Elephant

- What is your hobby?

Road trips, travelling, going to the beach and eating good food





## Home Reading and the Breakfast Club

**Where: In the HUB**

**When: Every morning 8:30am-8:55am**



Each morning the Breakfast Club is open in the HUB for students that need some breakfast before class begins.

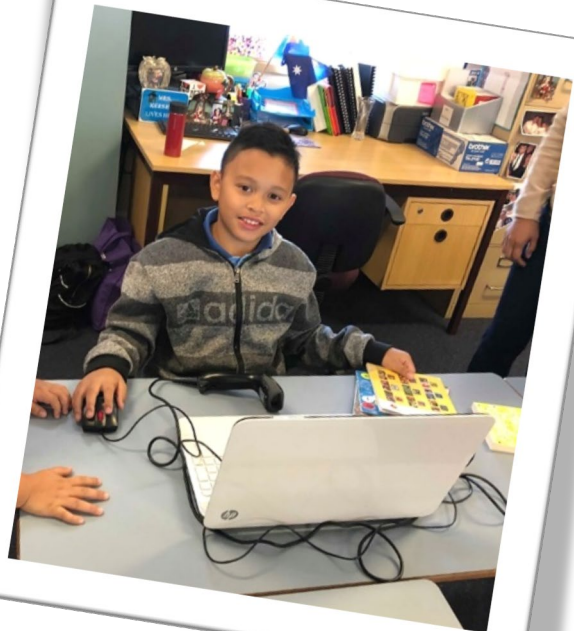


Home Reading is also open for students to borrow books that they can read at home.

### Student shout outs!

Mrs Zheng is always busy in the HUB each morning. Thank you to Vladmihr C of 3/4O and Cezar R of 3/4W for their wonderful help!

They helped with returning Home Reading books, scanning new books for students to borrow as well as give out breakfast to students.



# Experience

Kids school  
holidays @ Saints



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ALL TICKETS \$9  
DOORS OPEN 1.30PM  
FOR 2PM START

INCLUDES CHIPS, LOLLIES & DRINK,  
BINGO TEXTA & BINGO BOOK

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Thursday 10th October

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Dessert Pizza  
Making Sessions\*  
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