#### **Paddington Public School**

Newsletter Term 4, Week 2 24 October 2025



#### Message from Mrs Larkin

Welcome to Term 4! As we enter this busy and exciting term, we hope all students had a relaxing break and are prepared for the many fantastic learning opportunities and activities scheduled for Term 4 at our wonderful school.

#### **Attendance Matters**

Everyday Counts Attendance at school is a routine that must be encouraged. It is important that children attend school every day. It is a requirement that any child that has three consecutive days or more from school is required to provide a medical certificate on their return to school. If a certificate is not provided, our office staff will contact you. Attendance is reviewed at the Learning Support Meetings and students whose attendance is a concern are identified and parents are contacted. A day away from school here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up.

If your child misses as little as one day each week, they will miss 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in just one year. Over an entire school journey, this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning. Our expected target is for our students to attend school more than 95% of the time. If your child is absent, please register the absence and the reason for the absence using the School Bytes Parent Portal.



#### **Before School Arrival Time**

A reminder to all families that no child should be on the school grounds prior to 8:40am unless they are attending an organised activity such as PSSA training, chess or attending POOSC.

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving or being dropped at school very early. Playground supervision does not begin until 8:40am so for safety reasons students are not to be on site unsupervised. POOSC provides a wonderful before school care service should you need to drop your child earlier that 8:40am.

#### Sun Safety - school hats

All students at Paddington PS are required to wear their school hat whenever they are outside. If they don't have their hat they will be asked to sit for quiet play in the shade. We also have sunscreen available in playground duty bags and the office.

School hats are bucket hats for students in Kindergarten to Year 5 and a cap for Year 6. If your child does not have a school hat, they are available for sale from the office or the uniform shop.

#### **School Uniform**

Wearing the school uniform is an important part of our school community. It helps create a sense of belonging and pride among students, promoting equality and reducing distractions. Uniforms encourage students to focus on learning and foster a collective identity that unites us all.

Recently, we have noticed that some students are not wearing the correct uniform. If your family is experiencing any financial difficulties related to purchasing school uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to provide support and assistance to ensure every student can wear their uniform with pride.

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining a positive and respectful learning environment for everyone.

#### Summer uniform is as follows:

Girls – Monday to Thursday	Boys – Monday to Thursday		
Summer tunic or navy culottes with sky blue polo	Navy school shorts with sky blue polo		
Yr 6 have the option to wear the Yr 6 polo with navy culottes or navy shorts			
Navy socks and black shoes	Navy socks and black shoes		
Fridays - Sport uniform is red polo with navy sport short option with joggers/runner			

#### Calendar dates for Term 4,2025

October	
Monday 27 October to Wednesday 29 October	Stage 3 Camp
Friday 31 October	P&C & POOSC Halloween BBQ from 4.30pm
November	
Tuesday 4 November	Amazing Me (All about Puberty) – Yr 5 & 6
Tuesday 11 November	Stage 1 & 2 Excursion to Botanic Gardens, Sydney
Tuesday 11 November	Amazing Me (All about Puberty) – Yr 5 & 6
Tuesday 11 November	P&C Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 19 November	Kindergarten 2026 Parent Information Session and Playdate from 9.30am
Wednesday 26 November	Kindergarten 2026 Big Day at School 9.30am - 2pm
Thursday 27 November	School Chess Competition hosted by Sydney Academy of Chess
Friday 28 November	Last day for PSSA
December	
Tuesday 9 December	2025 Recognition Day at Paddington Town Hall
Friday 19 December	Last day of school for 2025





## Paddington Public School Chess Championship 2025



Thursday 27th November, 2025 9:00am - 12:30pm in the C Block spare rooms Cost: \$22



This tournament will be run as a Swiss, with approximately 7 games.

This means that all children play in all the rounds and no one is knocked out.

There will be **trophies** awarded for the highest 3 scorers, and **medals** presented as age prizes.

Each child playing will also receive a participation certificate.

There will also be encouragement awards, depending on the number of entries.

Entries close on Friday 21st November.

To enter please go to

#### www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

and pay online with your credit card using

the code ZOA4V0U71P and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.



OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery) To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment			
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]		Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$40 [SPECIAL OFFER]	
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$2 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]	



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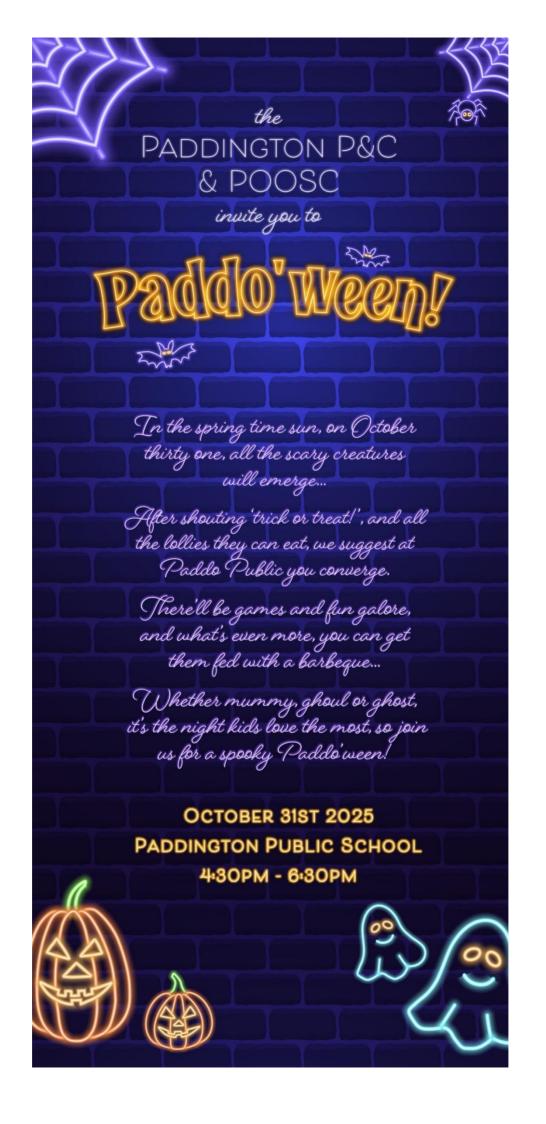
Photo prices are:

\$20.00 each, 2 for \$36.00, 3 for \$48.00, 4 for \$60.00 or 5 for \$72.00

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

Photos will be available to view and purchase ONLINE ONLY





# MIKAYLA, MIA & AVAS (YR 6) GARAGE SALE

Sat. 8 Nov 9-1pm

KidsBoard games & Books

Lego and Barbies

Our Generation Dolls, clothes and furniture

Sylvanian families

Soft toys & Squishmellows

Arts and crafts items

Kids clothes

Money raised goes to Unicef

3 Bent St, Paddington



# Effective parenting strategies for teen & family wellbeing

When: Tuesday 28 October, 6–7.30 pm Where: Level 1 Theatrette, Waverley Library

Free | Bookings at Eventbrite

This seminar is for parents and carers of tweens and teens (aged 10–17) who want practical information and strategies for effective communication, healthy relationships, and to better understand and manage challenging adolescent behaviour.

The session will be led by WAYS Youth & Family adolescent psychologist Luke Cox and

Clinical psychologist Dr Terri Said, CEO WAYS Youth & Family, and WAYS Secondary Principal, who will cover additional topics:

- Understanding the adolescent brain
- How to gain your child's trust and get them to confide in you
- Effective strategies to manage emotions when there is parent/ child conflict



Scan QR code to book Further information Ph: 9083 8936









