From the Acting Principal

Congratulations...

to Tyrone, Lisa and Ruby on the safe birth of Remy John Stapleton last Monday 29th March. We are told he weighed in at a healthy 3+kg (for those of us who visualise babies the old way, we are told this is about 6lb 13oz). Tyrone has been getting to know his new son and addition to the family over the last week and will be back on deck at the school this Wednesday 6th April.

Come Out Activities

Meanwhile the routine of school has been ticking along smoothly with the efforts of all the staff, who have maintained their normal routines as well as including an afternoon focus on the Come Out Festival activities. We chose to become involved in the Message Stick Project, understanding where we live. This fitted very nicely with the Belonging theme that all the classes have focused on throughout the term.

Last Tuesday we began by singing the Come Out theme song Something to Say and in multi age groups the children completed a plan and came up with some very innovative designs to represent the different aspects of Padthaway and its history. These plans have been transformed into the nearly completed Message Stick poles which are going to have pride of place in the gardens at the front of the school.

I have been really impressed by the leadership shown by the older children and their willingness to encourage and include the younger children in the work. It has been a great experience for all involved and I hope they are all feeling the same sense of pride in their achievements that we teachers felt watching their work develop.

The JP class has also picked up on the theme song Something to Say and have created their own version, which include the things they really want to say! Ashlea has matched the music, photographs and the children’s own words. It is a fantastic effort and is very entertaining and gives a voice to the JP class to get their ideas heard by the wider school community.

Assembly

Our next whole school Assembly is on Thursday 14th April at 9.15 am. Each class will be presenting some of their learning from Term 1 and we will be highlighting a sample of the children’s achievements in our Literacy and Numeracy awards and their community and social skills with the Aussie of the Month. At the assembly SRC certificates will be presented by Mr David Edwards, manager of Treasury Wine Estates at Padthaway. All are welcome to attend in the Upper Primary area.

Council Works

In the next few weeks you may notice some activity from the Council outside the school. They will be sending their line markers to repaint the No Parking lines outside the school front gate and designated parking spaces further down the hill which we would encourage you to use. The teaching staff will move further down. We need to keep the exit the children use clear so that passing cars and the children have a clear view before they walk to their cars. We ask for your cooperation by parking in the areas that will soon be clearly marked.

CPC Reorganisation

While I am writing the column this week, I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the dedicated group of CPC parents who came to my assistance at the end of last year and gave both their time and funds to sort and reorganise the CPC compactus. Cheryl Merrett kindly donated about 50 storage containers and was assisted by Khy Browne in this generous donation. Once armed with all these containers, both Cheryl and Khy were joined by Tanya Frick, Elaine Mackereth, Bron Longbottom and myself who over one Saturday morning whipped the compactus into a very workable unit with new shelves and labels. The final step was recently completed by Basil Hicks who made us a suspension rod to hang all our Literacy Packs. Thank you on behalf of myself and all the school community.
Masters Champions
Congratulations to all the parents and staff who flexed their muscles on the weekend in Naracoorte, dusting off uniforms and guernseys and firing up that old competitive spirit. We hear the cricketers, including Gavin Read and Andrew Frick, came home with a gold medal; Michele Moyle-Read picked up gold in the Netball and the rest of us came home stiffer and sorrier but very grateful we can still enjoy our chosen sports occasionally!

Louise Johnson

For All Your SAPSASA Information
including district selections, state carnivals and state selections, go to www.usesapsasa.org.au or www.decs.sa.gov.au/sport/

SAPSASA Softball
Last week Alex McCarthy went to Adelaide and played in the Upper South East SAPSASA softball team.

Alex played 10 games of softball during the week. The Upper South East team won some games. The coach was Kerry Foulds. Throughout the week Alex had lots of fun and improved lots.

On Friday a softball expert came – it was Mr Long! Mr Long was very happy to have seen Alex and Alex hit a home run for him.

Mr Long wanted to say ‘Hello’ to everyone at Padthaway.
Alex McCarthy, Year 6

Bordertown Mural
On the cloudy, cold day of the 22nd March the Year 3/4/5/6/7s went on an excursion to Bordertown and Wolseley. At Bordertown the students went to the Bordertown mural.

The Bordertown mural is a big irregular shape. The mural has many different things on it. These are some of the things on the mural that the students wrote down: Clayton farm, Wolseley tanks, Bordertown Institute and the Post Office. The seven different chapters were life under the sea, prehistoric animals, Tatiara dreaming, the land, agriculture, historic buildings and changes of transport.

At Bordertown the students also went to Tolmer Park. At Tolmer Park the students had lunch and there were information posts. The information was about the history including the gold escort that are special about Bordertown. Bordertown is also famous for its white kangaroos. The white kangaroos were not on the mural but they are visited by many people passing through.

On display at the Clayton farm there were old tractors and old farm buildings. The Wolseley World War II fuel tanks were big, old fashioned fuel tanks that were protected by people who were armed with guns. These are just some of the things the students of Padthaway Primary School did on their excursion.

Kelsie Moyle-Read, Year 5

CPSW Spot
Imagine having to tell the story of your life story in pictures, incorporating family, work and your landscape. Well our students have been doing just this over the past week as part of the Come Out festival. Using message sticks inspired by the indigenous people of Australia the students have painted a

3-7 Tatiara Excursion
On Wednesday 16th March the big Year 3-7 class, along with the teachers, drove along in a yellow bus on their excursion around Padthaway as part of their Tatiara project. The class visited the Padthaway Estate.

The Padthaway Homestead was built in 1882 and is still standing. Padthaway Estate now provides a wonderful place for tourists to stay in. The woolshed, which was built in 1901, is now used for making sparkling wine. The class was even lucky enough to look inside the big homestead. The class saw the kitchen, lounge room and the dining room. All of the children enjoyed seeing Padthaway Estate but the end of the excursion soon came and the class had to get back to school.

Jess Pretlove, Year 5

Padthaway Estate has a two storey mansion and an old cottage standing in its beautiful grounds.

Eliza Lawson’s cottage that she lived in before the big house was built
After much planning, along with drawing outlines, painting has taken place. Just this past weekend Heather and I as part of a training course took part in learning to be “active listeners”. The key is to hear the other person’s story without interrupting and over talking. A third person watches your body language and tests your listening skills with seeing what you remember. Often we fail to hear the other person’s story because we are intent on telling our own. Come and hear the students’ stories through their message sticks at the assembly next Thursday 14th April at 9.15 am. The SRC will be inducted at this assembly as well.

Everyone has a story to tell. An exciting story is the birth of Remy Stapleton to proud parents Lisa and Tyrone. Families, especially grandparents, always have stories to share. Ask them about their stories before it is too late.

The one story that grounds my Christian faith is the Easter story. For Christians it is the “Main Event”. Without the Easter story we have no basis for our faith. Local churches will celebrate Easter with services over the weekend. A special sunrise service will be held at the Golf Club at 6.30 am for 6.45 am start, coffee and tea to wake you up and eggs and bacon breakfast to follow. Everyone is most welcome.

Enjoy the Easter break and school holidays.

Cheers, Stephen

**Tuck Day**

Reminder:

**12th April** (Week 11)

Pasta

**Helper**

Mary Stevens

[Tara McCarthy supply muffins]

Deb Brown

Tuck Day Coordinator

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**Fundraising**

The Fundraising Committee catered for Mrs Anne Emerson’s Clearing Sale on Thursday 24th March 2011. Over $400 was raised towards school funds.

Tanya Frick

Fundraising Coordinator

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**Community News**

**Jumpin’ Joeys**

Jumpin’ Joeys will be held in the Uniting Church Hall this Friday 8th April 2011 at 10.00 am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Cost is $2.00 per family.

Beth Orlepp, phone 8765 5299

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**National Youth Week**

Australia’s largest celebration of youth is about to start with National Youth Week. Tatiara District Council – along with some other kind sponsors – are once again holding a FREE event for the Tatiara youth on Sunday, April 10th at Memorial Park. Please refer to the enclosed flyer.

Naomi Fallon

Arts and Community Development Officer

Tatiara District Council & Country Arts SA

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**Easter Church Activities**

**Thursday 21st April**

7.00 pm Uniting Church

Tenerbreae service

**Good Friday 22nd April**

11.00 am Lutheran Church

**Easter Sunday 24th April**

6.40 am Golf Club

sunrise service including breakfast

8.00 am Anglican Church

9.00 am Lutheran Church

Stephen Edwards
Come Out 2011  
Message Sticks

teamwork  sharing ideas

patience  cooperation

pride  creativity

taking turns