From The Principal

Week Six and the School has already reached midterm! What a fast and furious start to the School year once again. With the exception of a few days the weather has been temperate. The weather certainly cooperated during what was a successful School Swimming Program at the Bordertown Swimming Pool with students most happy to participate in a full range of swimming activities.

Student Resilience

Staff has been most impressed with the positivity around the School, both in the classroom and in the schoolyard. While student resiliency is always tested in Term One and particularly after the completion of the School Swimming Program I would like to commend both teachers and students for their continued positive approach to teaching and learning. The School Swimming Program always presents a dilemma for teachers in that class routines by Week Four (and swimming) are becoming established. With the Swimming Program completed these routines invariably take time to re-establish, particularly in the junior classes. However, positive attitudes on the part of both teachers and students make for positive learning experiences and there is much to commend regarding both within our School. Naturally, I am proud of everyone’s contribution to this persuasive attitude.

SAPSASA

Our School has long had a proud tradition of strong representative sporting success. Several of our Upper Primary students have been involved with SAPSASA trials recently. Softball and swimming have featured with athletics trials around the corner.

Congratulations to Maddi Bryson, William Charlick, Patrick Fraser, Karla McCarthy and Poppy Moyle-Read who have been named as members of the district SAPSASA swimming team. Softball team selection is to be finalised this Friday with six of our students having attended try-out practices in this sport.

SAPSASA District Athletics team inclusion will start next Wednesday afternoon (after school) with Kieron Hicks appointed skills coach for our student athletes in a wide range of athletic and field disciplines. District athletics trials are scheduled for 30th March at Keith Area School.

SRC Induction

Our School Student Representative Council (SRC) Induction Ceremony will be conducted as part of our scheduled School Assembly on 14th April at 9.00 am. Our SRC members – Maddi, Brad, Patrick, Tom, Bailey, Alex and Anna – received their name badges this week from Mr Eddy and Mr Long. The annual Henry’s Drive luncheon for SRC members will be held on 31st March with Phil Brown and Rosie Hayes as special guests. As well, our traditional SRC Pancake Day is coming soon! This will be the new SRC’s first fundraiser for the year. This event is always well supported by our entire community and this year will be no exception. I am sure the SRC will soon have wide smiles on their faces as they announce the amount of money raised.

Preschool Development

Last week, relevant School Staff and Governing Council Chairperson, Sam Ward, met with Will Franklin, our DTEI Facilities Manager, to discuss a proposed plan for the Preschool development. Governing Council and School Staff gave in principle support for the plan to be forwarded to the National Quality Standards team for consideration from a compliance point of view. This too, has now been completed and the plan has been put to tender. Members of the School community are welcome to view the plan kept at our DTEI Facilities Manager, to discuss a proposed plan for the Preschool Development. Governing Council and School Staff gave in principle support for the plan to be forwarded to the National Quality Standards team for consideration from a compliance point of view. This too, has now been completed and the plan has been put to tender. Members of the School community are welcome to view the plan kept at the school. Please contact Kirilie to view the draft when next at the school.

School Bore/s

After the Preschool meeting, both Sam and I discussed at length with Will the ongoing issues regarding the school bore. These issues are well-known to Will. He announced that work on a new bore to replace both school bores is in an advanced
stage of planning and should commence within a fortnight. I will keep you posted on this process. Apparently, our school is the only school in the state with two bores. It is unfortunate that neither work well!

**Stand Like Stone**
For many years our School community has been fortunate to receive support from the Stand Like Stone Foundation. Recently, Stand Like Stone Regional Director, Lucy Ryan, visited our School to present this year’s vouchers. These vouchers assist some of our students and their families to access school-related items. Our community thanks the Stand Like Stone Foundation for their ongoing support to our School through this program.

**Hot Weather/Drink Bottles**
In discussion with School Staff I can announce that students will be encouraged to bring to school a drink bottle filled with chilled water. This is particularly relevant on days of extreme weather. Students will be able to access these bottles in the classroom and the schoolyard.

**Old Scholars in the News**
Congratulations to Naracoorte High School students, William Brown and Stacey Hayes. William has been appointed Captain of Murdoch House while Stacey has earned selection as a Year 8 representative for the Carter House Council. As well, Saskia Peck, who moved with her family to Mundulla last year, was named a vice-captain of her new school. Well done, Saskia! All are former students of Padthaway Primary School.

_Harry_

**Student Resilience**
We often hear the word resilience being used when discussing positive attributes in behaviour, but what does the word resilience actually mean? Resilience is the capacity to cope with life’s positives and negatives. A young person’s resilience can be enhanced when they:
- are loved unconditionally
- are praised for doing things on their own and trying to achieve
- can count on their family being there when needed
- know someone they want to be like
- believe things will turn out all right
- are willing to attempt new things
- feel what they do makes a difference
- like themselves
- can focus and stay on task
- have a sense of humour
- make plans, set goals for both short and long term.

Young people develop these skills and qualities over time, initially through their experiences in coping with small stresses with assistance from supportive adults. When larger stresses occur, children can draw on the successful strategies each has learned to cope with and feel better. Looking to others for support continues to be an effective way of coping with stress. This development enables young people to develop:
- Trust – that the world is safe and that people care enough to assist them
- Belief – in their ability to do things for themselves and achieve their goals
- Feeling Good – about themselves and feeling valued for who they are by their parents
- Optimism – that things will turn out all right
- Ability to Manage – their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

Adapted from the *International Resilience Project* and included in a 2015 Naracoorte South Primary School newsletter.

**Head Lice**
The recent spate of hot, humid weather is conducive to infestations of head lice. May I request that parents regularly check their child/ren for head lice and contact the School should evidence of these pests be found.

_With thanks_
_Harry_

**SRC News**

**Tuck Day**
Pancake Day has now been changed to **Thursday 24th March** due to Young Leaders’ Day in Adelaide on the Tuesday.
A flyer will be sent home with details.
_Maddi Bryson_
_SRC President_

**School Cricket**
This term Padthaway Primary School’s cricket team has won every cricket match that we have played with games against Sunrise-Naracoorte South, Naracoorte Blue and Penola Blue.
We have good numbers at trainings with younger and older kids.
_Will, Ben and Brad_

**PSW Spot**
Two weeks tramping through mountains, gushing streams, rain and low cloud may not be everyone’s ideal holiday but it is for me despite badly rolling an ankle on the fourth day. Along with four other men I tramped the Dusky Track in New Zealand’s Fiordland. It is good to be back home though.
School was an exciting place to return to with much happening. The Student Representative Council met for the first time and already has a vision for how they plan to make an impact in their school. Planning is underway for their first major event being the annual Pancake Day. All SRC members are involved in
preparation and soon posters and colouring in sheets will be displayed around the school.
That word ‘planning’; it is something that many don’t do that well. At church on Sunday we had three speakers from Mount Gambier. Obviously with three speaking there had to be some planning involved otherwise we would have been there for much longer than planned! The first speaker, a music teacher and former South African, made the point that she planned in pencil. That is, she could erase her work until she was happy with it. When I do woodwork with students I tell them to measure twice and cut once – that is, be sure before you charge ahead.
The second speaker was Ben Hood who helped create the children’s book George the Farmer and is the illustrator. The other speaker (who was quite a character) was Dave Sigley. Who, you might well ask, is Dave? Well he might get some of his laconic nature from his father Ernie, a TV host of several variety shows in the 60s, 70s and 80s.
Last Saturday night some very tired leaders and children from Padthaway crashed into bed after a full-on day of ‘Amazing Saturday’. It was indeed quite an amazing day topped off with the performance of Squirt the Clown all the way from Melbourne. Lachlan Hayes did tell some very good jokes on the day but we think Squirt may just have finished in front!
Cheers, Stephen

Tuck Day Reminder
15th March (Week 7)
Chicken Nuggets and Salad Helper
Tanya Frick
Hannah Orton – muffins

Community News

Lucindale Field Days
The Balharry Memorial Children’s Centre and Child and Family Health Services will have a Children’s Activity Tent available at the Lucindale Field Days on Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th March, where you can “have a rest while your children have fun!”

Thursday (note change of day)
24th March (Week 8)
Pancake Day
Helpers
SRC
Kim Doecke, Tuck Day Coordinator
Ph 0488 190 972

Padthaway Playgroup
Dates for Term 1 2016:
Friday Week 6 (11th March)
Friday Week 10 (8th April).
For more information contact Kylie Pethybridge on 0417 862 861.

Padthaway Medical Clinic
The Padthaway Medical Clinic will be open every Tuesday from 8th March from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm or until the last appointment.
Please contact Keith Surgery on 8755 1766 to make appointments.
Immunisation and all Health checks are available.

Keep your kids smiling

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.
Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.
Please call now for an appointment.
Naracoorte Dental Clinic
Phone: 08 8792 2614

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