

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Eddie Brooksby

I am proud of myself for getting faster at writing because now I can do my work fast and do another activity.

My favourite subject is Maths because I really like adding things like $4+4=8$. I like to learn Maths songs too.

I look forward to doing Maths at school because it's my favorite subject and I like it when Felix helps me learn.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write neat work all the time because I like my work better when I try really hard to be neat.

A skill I would like to develop is staying focused at the end of Work on Writing because then I'll have good stamina the whole time.

A goal for myself this term is to write the alphabet by myself and without checking the chart because then I can write words on my own.

So far this year I have loved Choice Learning because I can build different things out of Lego. I also really like doing reading because it helps me practise.

Eddie, Reception



Lachlan Hayes

I am proud of myself for always helping others and being polite. I am proud because this is a goal I have been trying to achieve for a while now. I earned Star Citizen last term and I'm hoping for the next Aussie

of the Month.

My favourite subject is Geography. I like researching information and cool facts about countries and states. I can name at least 10 countries on the African and South American continents.

I look forward to doing the Global Cardboard Challenge in Technology with Toby and Harry (Team LTH) because it will challenge us. We are going to build the Wild Robot and work hard as a team.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to master my times tables and name all the countries on the 2 continents we are studying in Geography.

A skill I would like to develop is my running in different sports because when I get older I want to be able to run for a long time.

A goal for myself this term is to focus on my work in class because sometimes I can get a little distracted. I will ignore others around me and try my best to stay on task.

So far this year I have loved doing Maths because we have looked at measurement, division and lots of other things. It is always challenging and will help me in the future.

Lachie, Year 4



Brodie Heym

I am proud of myself for making new friends at school because it's nice to have friends who you can trust.

My favourite subject at school is Dance because I like learning new moves and forms of dance. In Dance we are learning different dances from different eras.

I'm looking forward to doing Chemistry with Mr Exton this term because I like doing experiments. We have already done one experiment involving a candle and water. We placed a glass over the lit candle and it went out. I thought the candle went out because it had no oxygen and fire needs oxygen to be alight.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to learn how to tell the time in Indonesian and memorise the days of the week. To practise this I will use the day of the week in Indonesian.

A skill I would like to develop is to try and beat 1.35m in High Jump.

So far this year I have loved doing hand table tennis down in the Lunch Shed because it is fun to play.

Brodie, Year 7



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Act Responsibly*

Strive for Excellence

From the Principal



"Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection."
Mark Twain

Welcome back to school! I can't believe it is nearly November and we are in Week 2 of Term 4. Everyone I have spoken to has

commented on how quickly time has been flying this year. I was listening to a podcast on the plane last week while returning from the Circle of Security Parenting Training which discussed time. The podcast spoke about how when we are younger time seems to go forever. As children, time passes slowly due to most experiences being new. Through these new experiences children learn about their place in the world, their relationships with others and their understanding of self and who they want to be. These form a range of children's skills and values for life.

Sharing in these experiences with your children and discussing your views and thoughts in the context of developing empathetic, compassionate and resilient children helps to ensure your children can make positive choices when faced with challenge or unknown situations.

At school this term we are continuing to develop our students' Growth Mindset. This term builds on student learning from Term 3 when exploring goal setting and resilience strategies. Students will further explore the 'Power of Yet' in the context of their learning. Students will also address the difference between criticism and feedback and how to be constructive when providing feedback to others.

Through sharing in your child's experience and helping them reflect on their learning at school, our Padthaway students are being exposed to wonderful opportunities to develop themselves as active community

members and future learners. Our 2018 NAPLAN and PAT results show that the students at Padthaway have consistent, high quality academic opportunities and we pride ourselves on not only developing students' academic skills but their social and emotional skills to be well balanced and engaged citizens.

NAPLAN

The School received students' NAPLAN results last term. After analysis of the data it appears that the results continue to improve for the site. Results show that Year 3 Numeracy at Padthaway is above the state and national average. For Year 5 Padthaway has achieved above the state and national average in all domains—reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. In Year 7 reading, writing, grammar and punctuation and numeracy Padthaway has achieved about the state and national average.

Working Bee

Friday 26 October (tomorrow) is our Term 4 Working Bee. The day starts at 1:30pm. Please bring any tools or cleaning products you can to help us prepare our school for Athletics Day. Thank you to Hannah and Johnny Orton and Lissy and Elsie Orton who are unable to attend on Friday so have been gardening and improving our Bush Tucker Garden throughout this week. We really appreciate your donation of straw as mulch for the gardens.

I hope to see you tomorrow to help us beautify our school.

Athletics Day

Our annual Athletics Day is Friday November 3 (Friday of Week 3). Students are looking forward to the day with many spending before school and lunchtimes practising their skills to break the School records. If any parents have a free lunchtime we would love some help with lunchtime practice. Please contact Corinne Brookes at

school to organise the day and time.

Thank you to those families who are donating their time to help set up, prepare food or support students in their training. I look forward to seeing you all next Friday.

Outdoor Ed Day

On Thursday November 2, students will be participating in Outdoor Education Day. On this day students will be participating in learning connected with the exterior environment and seeing how their learning can be applied to the world around them. The day will also include 2 *Ninja Warrior* courses, a Junior and Senior course, designed by the Upper Primary Class, for students to compete in.

Block Next Door

We are very fortunate to be able to use the block next door for staff parking. As of Week 3, the block (on the East of the school) will not be able to be used as a drop off space for children. This means families currently parking here to take their children into school will need to park at the front of the school.

On days of high vehicle activity, such as assemblies and special events, this carpark can be used by visitors to park their cars. Once again, this carpark will not be able to be used by parents to drop off their children, even if parking and getting out of the car to bring your child in.

New Students

We welcome new student Nirvana O'Farrell to Padthaway School. Nirvana has joined us this term and is in Year 4. She has two older sisters who will be attending school at Naracoorte High School. If you see Nirvana and her family around Padthaway please say 'hello'.

I hope everyone had a restful holiday and has settled back into routine for Term 4. I hope to see our families at our upcoming Working Bee and Athletics Day.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

29 October
6.15 pm Governing Council

30 October
YELP

31 October
Yr 7 Transition Visit: Naracoorte HS

1 November
Outdoor Education Day

2 November
Athletics Day

20 November
School Photos

Tuck Day

30th October (Week 3)

Hot Dogs

Helper

Fi Ward

*Muffins—Lissy Orton

6th November (Week 4)

SRC

Helpers

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

This week our silkworms arrived at Preschool and we have started to learn about their lifecycle. We were amazed at how small they are when they hatch. We continue to work on beautifying our outdoor learning space. Mr Exton and some of his Class and Mr Eddy helped us put up some hessian and bamboo screens to transform the shelter shed wall. Thank you all very much – it looks fantastic! Last Friday the children visited Miss Brookes' Class and they are looking forward to formal transition visits later in the term.

Libby, Preschool Teacher



Buses on Athletics Day

The buses on Athletics Day (Week 3, Friday – 2nd Nov) will only be running in the mornings. The afternoon run has been suspended for the day. Please organise alternate transport for you child in the afternoon on November 2.

SRC News

Games Day in Week 10, Term 3 went really well. Good job to Eddie Brooksby for winning *How Many Lollies are In the Jar?* with 101. We also raised \$209 for the farmers. Thank you to all the SRC for your time and effort. Also thank you to Mrs English, Mrs Turner and Bron Longbottom for donating food and goods towards the Games Day.

This is just a reminder for the students that we are in Term 4 and hats are compulsory. If you do not have one you will be missing out on play and sitting under shelter.

In Week 4 we are going to have an SRC Tuck Day and we are in the process of voting which food we are going to have.

The SRC will be providing soft drinks at this year's Athletics Day. Patrick will be selling the drinks and he and Mr Eddy will start 'Guess the Price'.

Kiele, President

Sports News

Last Thursday we had SAPSASA tennis and cricket tryouts. Fortunately Hayden Longbottom got in to SAPSASA cricket and Kiele Longbottom got in to SAPSASA tennis.

This week we have School Cricket starting on Saturday. There is also In2cricket starting this Thursday after school.

Hayden, Year 7

Choir News

We went to Mount Gambier for a practice on Tuesday for the Mt Gambier performance. We performed on Wednesday night and the performance went really well.

Matilda performed her 'Dare to be Square' solo really well and we were all proud of her!

Amelia, Year 6

Outdoor Education Day

Next week we are going outside on Thursday to do all our learning, instead of doing it inside. We are doing that because it will be Outdoor Education Day. It will be good for us because we will have more space, the teachers can show us things in nature and I think it will be nice to feel the soft grass while I'm learning. It will be fun to do our lessons outside because we can go somewhere different in our school for each lesson and I really like going outside. Some things I normally do outside are playing with my dog Anna, climbing trees and playing Hide and Seek with friends and my sister.

Ashley, Reception

PCW Spot

These last few weeks since School Camp just seem like a blur as we are nearly through Week 2 of the last term. In the last week of Term 3 I attended the annual School Ministry Group conference, my fourteenth since being in my role at PPS. Initially we were called chaplains and although the role remains much the same the title has changed a few times, now we are called Pastoral Care Workers.

These conferences are excellent chances to catch up with PCWs from all over the state, especially those from local schools and beyond. A highlight was the new Education Minister attending, the first time an Education Minister has ever addressed our conference, along with the Opposition spokesperson on Education and a member of Federal Parliament. The Minister spoke very positively of the role of PCWs in schools and how they were keen to continue the program in SA schools.

Another highlight was one of the elective workshops with games to play at recess and lunch. The presenter is employed by a large school to be there at recess and lunch times to organise games. Patrick Fraser and I will run one of these games for adults at the annual Athletics Day; the idea of it is to arrange six items purchased from a local supermarket in order of cost. Sounds easy but can take quite a few goes to get it right. We are thinking \$1 a shot; the winner taking the items. Come and try your hand at it as you cheer on the students and also the ultra-competitive students versus parents' relay race.

Cheers, Stephen

Term 3 Awards



Global Challenge

This term we learned about Caine's Arcade on Behind the News (BTN). He was a 9 year old in America who created his own games arcade made completely out of cardboard. Our class will be following the solution fluency 6D's for the design process in Technology. We have discussed and written how we would DEFINE the challenge. Next week we will be researching online to DISCOVER interesting examples that will help to influence our final product. We will then move onto the DREAM, DESIGN, DELIVER and DEBRIEF stages. We are really thankful that there are parent volunteers who will be helping us with the cutting, taping and assembling in Weeks 5 & 6.

In technology we have been challenged to build whatever we like using cardboard. My team have decided that we are going to make a photo booth that has a huge rainbow, as well as puppies and unicorns. Visitors will have to pose with their head in the cut out space for a photo.

- Nirvana, Year 4

My group is building a truck that is big enough to fit Archie inside. We are planning to use old fridge boxes. We are going to make the truck have games that use ping pong balls too!

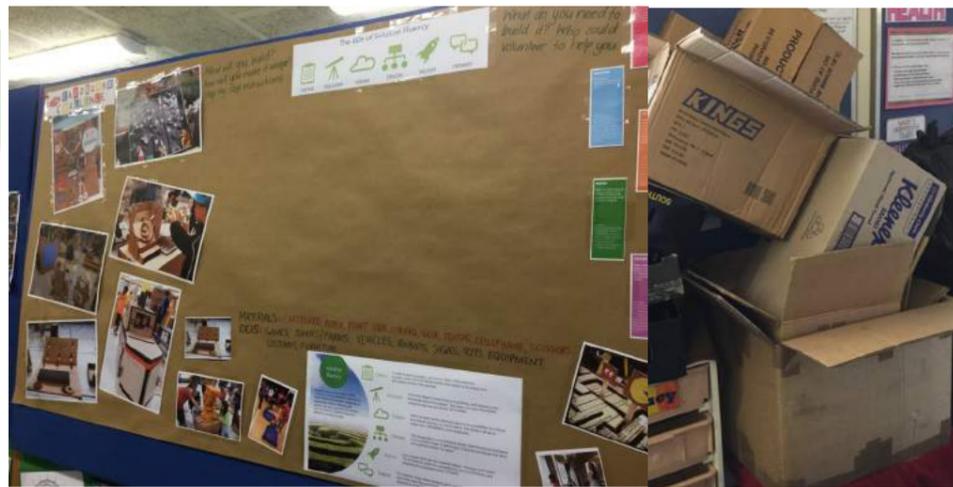
- Will, Year 4

Alex and I are thinking of building a fire truck that has moveable wheels and a huge ladder that folds out. We are going to use skewers, tape, paint, scissors, textas, glue and (of course) cardboard.

- Henry, Year 3

In my group, we are building the Wild Robot from the book we are reading in class. We are making it out of all different size pieces of cardboard. We plan to make a scene where we are reporting on an island. We will have a baby gosling on the shoulder of the robot, this will also be made out of cardboard.

- Toby, Year 3



Cardboard

Community News

Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Friday of the odd weeks of term from 10–11.30 am. Playgroup is held during the Preschool session and allows greater social opportunities for children. Next Playgroup date is 2nd November.

