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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

“Preparing for the future...today”



Felicity Orton

I am proud of myself for being an Enviro Warrior because it feels good to help people, our school and the environment.

My favourite subject is Visual Art because it's fun to do art. I like painting and getting messy.

I look forward to doing Choice Learning at school because I can move around the activities and learn what is good for me.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to jump up to the monkey bars on my own. When I can do this I will know I am getting taller and I will know I have improved.

A skill I would like to develop is reading because I want to practice more so then I'll be able to read to everyone.

A goal for myself this term is to write words with good spelling because I'll be able to spell words when I get a job.

So far this year I have loved Assembly because it is fun to watch everyone and see what they are learning.

Felicity, Year 1



Ned Ward

I am proud of myself for doing Maths at school because I am getting a lot better at it and improving. I'm more confident when solving problems.

My favourite subject is PE because it is fun and I like competing in all sports. We did footy and netball with Miss Hinge.

I look forward to doing digital technology at school because at the moment we are pulling apart computers and I really like tinkering.

By the end of the year I hope to know my times tables from 2-10 because it will make Maths much easier for me.

A skill I would like to develop is spelling because it will help me in life a lot. The hardest word I can spell is Lamborghini.

A goal for myself this term is focusing because I am not very good at it. It is good to focus because you get your work done.

So far this year I have loved doing History because we made Aboriginal houses and it was lots of fun.

Ned, Year 4



Mason Hancock

I am proud of myself for doing Maths especially when the questions are really hard because I like challenges and challenging myself. At the moment I am practising my 12x

tables.

My favourite subject at school is PE because I love doing sport. This term we are doing football. We have set teams and I am in the Blue team. We have played 1 game and so far the Blue team is winning.

I am looking forward to going to Camp at Sovereign Hill because we have been learning about the Gold Rush and I'm really enjoying it. At camp I really don't want to dress up and go to an old school.

By the end of the year I hope to know my 12 times tables off the top of my head and in any order.

A skill I would like to develop is to write quickly so I can get my work done on time, and to stay out of trouble by thinking before I speak.

A goal for myself next term is to get better marks in Science because we are learning about Space. I like learning about the planets and how far away they are from the sun.

So far this year I have loved Bike Ed because we got to ride around Padthaway.

Mason, Year 6

From the Principal



“Becoming is better than being.”
Carol Dweck

Welcome back to school for the second semester. Students are busily working and are enjoying their learning for Term 3.

This term sees the whole school introduction of Growth Mindset education in each individual class. Growth Mindset is the belief that our brains grow and develop over our entire lives and that through effort, perseverance and grit we can learn more, learn it more quickly and strengthen our brains. It has been researched and developed for schools by Carol Dweck, author of *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*, and other researchers who found that the way people approach problems and learning was a greater indicator of their success than whether they were clever or not in a particular subject.

Students have ‘dabbled’ in Growth Mindset at school already earlier in the year, however this term sees staff utilising whole site language and tools to ensure all students understand the concept and are supported with this new approach.

Learning about Growth Mindset sees students understanding how their brains work when they learn, that mistakes and challenges are how we improve and the frame of mind they are in when approaching a situation (both social and academic) impacts how well they achieve success. So far students have learnt about the difference between fixed mindset and growth mindset and performed a self-assessment as to how they approach their thinking and learning. Future learning will see students learn to set goals that are specific, measurable and relevant to their learning. Students will also explore positive self-talk, embracing challenges and learning from their

mistakes.

Have a read of the included insert about Growth Mindset. Utilising the language at home will support the learning your child is undergoing at school. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher to discuss how this can impact on your child's learning.

Information about Growth Mindset will be available each newsletter.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Corinne Brookes and her partner Ricky Mowat who became engaged in the holidays. This is lovely news with the Junior Primary Class very excited for Miss Brookes. Corinne and Ricky are yet to make any wedding plans, which differs if you ask some students who had Miss Brookes married last weekend!

Upper Primary Teacher

The Upper Primary Class welcomed Sam Exton on Tuesday. Sam will be teaching the Upper Primary Class while Ebony Capurso is on Maternity Leave. Ebony will be starting Maternity Leave in Week 7 and Sam will be working with the Class leading up to this time to ensure the transition is seamless. Please welcome Sam to the Padthaway Community when you see him at the school. The Upper Primary students have been writing letters to Sam to tell him about themselves and what they like about school.

Choir

The Choir is going well this year. Students are learning a range of songs and after our rehearsal this week the Choir is sounding fantastic.

Congratulations to Matilda Rothe who is singing a solo for the song *Dare to be Square* at the South East Music Festival in October. Students in the South East auditioned for solos in Term 2 and solos are decided by the SE Choir Committee. Well done to everyone who tried out. I was very impressed with the number of students who had a go from

Padthaway School.

Nine Choir students are also preparing for their performance in Adelaide in September. Students will be performing at Festival Theatre in Week 9 of this term.

Book Week

Book Week will be held in Week 5 of this term. The theme is *Find your Treasure*. Dress Up Day will be on Thursday in conjunction with the whole School Book Week activities. The Book Fair will be held from Monday to Friday and will be open from 8:30am until 3:45pm for parents. Students will have an opportunity to look at the books and write a wish list with their Class.

SkoolBag

The School introduced the app SkoolBag last term and the app is working well. Information notes, permission forms, newsletters and updates are available over SkoolBag.

If you have not yet signed up, it is a free and easy process. Download the SkoolBag app from your app provider on your phone, search for Padthaway School and select the relevant class or groups.

If you do not want to use SkoolBag, this is okay—please just let the Front Office know on 8765 5028.

Uniform

A reminder that the School Uniform is the navy and yellow school polo shirt, school jumper or navy jumper with small to no detail and navy or black skirt, shorts or pants. Jumpers with hoods are not allowed due to the possibility of strangulation. This is the same for long cords on jumpers and hats with toggles under the chin.

Information can be found in the Parent Handbook or by ringing the School.

Term 3

I look forward to an excellent Term 3 of learning and am excited to share the students' engaged learning with you through the newsletter.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

- 6 August**
7.00 pm Governing Council
- 8 August**
YELP Forum: Naracoorte Caves
- 13 August**
Yr 4-7 Author visit: Bordertown
- 14 August**
ICAS Maths
2.00 pm Yr 5-7 visit Tatiara DC meeting:
Padthaway Sports Complex
- 20 August—24 August**
Book Week: *Find your Treasure*
Book Fair
- 23 August**
Book Week Dress Up/Activity Day
- 30 August**
Preschool-Yr 1 Big Day Out: Mt Gambier
- 31 August**
School Closure Day: Adelaide Show

Tuck Day

- 7th August (Week 3)**
Ham and Cheese Toasties
Helper
Hollie Roach
*Muffins—Hannah Orton
- 14th August (Week 4)**
Tacos and Spiders
Helpers
SRC

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

We are all very excited to be back at Preschool. Our farm small world play has been very popular and we definitely have a few candidates in the running to take out the title of 'Young Farmer of the Year' award. The children are enjoying experimenting with a range of loose parts outside. Working with open ended resources allows the children to use their imagination and creativity to direct their own learning. This term we will be exploring a range of concepts with a sustainability focus, and look forward to planting our new hedging plants. *Libby*



Nuts at School

A student at Padthaway School has been identified as having an allergy to peanuts. This means that peanuts cannot be consumed at school. This includes food items with possible traces of peanuts. Please also be aware of this when baking items for Class parties and Tuck Days. *Olivia*

Olivia

Learning Through Song

This term in Science we are learning about the changes that happen because of Earth's rotation on its axis, such as night and day. To begin our unit we wanted to learn more about all of the planets that rotate around the sun. We discussed the order of planets and found out if anyone knew which planets were closest or farthest from the sun. We learned about their size, temperature and all different sorts of facts. We also learned that Venus is the hottest, even though it is the second from the sun, and Neptune is the coldest. We learned that Saturn's rings are made of dust, rock and chunks of ice. I learned that the other planets do not have organic life like Earth does.

We heard all of the facts in the 'Planets Song' on YouTube. Miss Edwards has a lanyard with all the planets in our solar system. I want to find out more about the Milky Way because a student in class said that it was actually a planet. *Toby, Year 4*

Toby, Year 4



More Space Questions to Consider

Why is the sun so big? - Anna
 Why is the sun a star? - Jess
 Why don't other planets have life? - Ned
 Why can't Pluto be a planet anymore? - Matt
 Why can't we walk on Mars? - Harry
 I wonder if there are any creatures on other planets that are like us? - Lachie



SRC News

Welcome back everyone. We would like to let you know that on Tuesday of Week 4 there will be an SRC Tuck Day. We will be dressing up in casual clothes as Book Week dress up will be in Week 5.

I would like to welcome Mr Exton to the 5/6/7 class. From Week 7, he will be teaching for the rest of the year while Mrs Capurso is on maternity leave. He is from Bordertown and just finished University- we are his first class! He will be 'floating' around in the next few weeks. The 5/6/7 Class are really looking forward to having him.

We have just received a new water fountain and it seems to be in good shape and getting used a lot.



Welcome Henry Orton, Lucy Tiver, Alice Ward and Brandon Cooper to the SRC team. We are looking forward to working together to improve our school. *Kiele, President*

Kiele, President



SAPSASA News

On Monday 30th July Xavier Rothe tried out for SAPSASA golf. He played golf the whole day, showing off his skills.

However, sadly, he did not qualify for SAPSASA golf. He still had tonnes of fun though. Mason Hancock also tried out for SAPSASA basketball on Tuesday but his team came 3rd and missed out on selection for Mt Gambier. *Patrick, Year 7*

Patrick, Year 7



Choir News

A big congratulations to Matilda Rothe for getting a solo for *Dare to be Square*. Matilda will be singing the solo at the South East Festival of Music. She will also be going to a workshop in Mount Gambier. Miss Hinge will be taking us to Mundulla for a rehearsal in Week 5. Matilda is really looking forward to singing *Dare to be Square* at Mount Gambier. *Amelia, Choir Leader*

Amelia, Choir Leader



PCW Spot

One of the joys of my role at the school is catching up with former students who have either shifted to another area or moved on to High School and even into tertiary education, into the workforce and for some getting married and become dads and mums themselves.

Recently I caught up with William and Tom Patrick with their mum Sharon. William is excelling in the music field and has been part of *Generations in Jazz* at Mount Gambier. At netball and football I run across 'old scholars' of PPS and in the workplace- like Scott McCarthy who, along with his older brother Craig, came to our school after their parents had been on the Marshall Islands.

I distinctly remember sitting alongside Scott on the school bus to and from swimming at Bordertown. Scott, who was probably in Year 2, didn't draw breath over that time. Scott loved to talk! He has put his love of talking into very good use as a welcoming and knowledgeable employee at Padthaway Landmark. Scott is leaving Padthaway for Broken Hill Landmark seeking to further his career and we wish him all the best but will miss him and his friendly nature.

In my first year at PPS in 2004 Jane Sadler was head of SRC. I mentioned earlier in the year how Jane is now the PCW at Kadina Memorial School, a R-12 school of nearly 1,200 students, as well as pursuing her vocation of nursing. Well Jane, mum and dad and especially her husband Dylan are very excited because they are expecting their first child.

Life never stays still. There are always things happening and if we look for the positives in every situation and celebrate the joys in our lives and those around us, then each day will be special for us.

Some of our students have travelled far and wide during the holidays so I am sure they would like to tell their stories with those who would like to share in their new knowledge and experiences.

Cheers, Stephen

3D Art

This term our Class is learning about 3D art. We've been designing our sculptures and I'm going to make mine out of clay. Other people are using wire, boxes or clay too. My design is of a wild pig with sharp teeth, stripes and 2 big tusks. I think it's going to be lots of fun because we haven't made sculptures before. It might be a bit tricky but I'll try my best to make my sculpture look like the design. *Jack, Year 2*

Jack, Year 2

UP Science

This term for Science we have been learning about our Solar System. The way we have been taught to remember the order of the planets is through this mnemonic sentence: 'My Very Energetic Mother Just Served Us Nine (Pizzas)'—Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and (Pluto). Some of the facts that I have learnt about my favourite planet Uranus include: winds that reach up to nine hundred kilometres per hour, the planet's surface is one hundred and seven degrees below zero, the planet has forty years of direct sunlight and then forty years of pitch black darkness, the planet rotates on its axis once every seventeen hours and four Earth minutes. Do you think that our universe ever ends? *Logan, Year 7*

Logan, Year 7

Term 2 Award Winners

Congratulations to the Term 2 Assembly Award Winners. *Striving for Excellence* is one of our values at Padthaway School and through focus and hard work, and the use of Growth Mindset, students are achieving their best!



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 10th August.

Term 2 Assembly Photos

