

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"



Amethyst May

I am proud of myself for reading chapter books. It is tricky for my age and I try a lot of different books because I love reading.

My favourite subject is Maths because I enjoy doing Maths at home as well as school. I really like to practise all my numbers and facts.

I look forward to doing 'Read to Self' at school because I love reading so much! When everyone is quietly reading it is easier for me to focus.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to listen to instructions for activities without talking. This will help me remember everything all the time. Listening helps people remember.

A skill I would like to develop is riding my bike with two wheels. I can't ride my bike on my own yet.

A goal for myself this term is to read all of the Class comic books about the Avengers. They look like really cool books and I like how they are set out.

So far this year I have loved Pancake Day because the pancakes were delicious!

Amethyst, Year 1



Skyla Cooper

At Preschool I love playing in the sandpit. We have lots of sand in our sandpit. I also like painting and making. I am proud of myself because I can do all these things.

My favourite thing to do is play outside and play with balls. They are lots of fun to play with.

I look forward to doing deconstruction work this term because we get to use screws and turn them.

I would like to practise being in a Post Office so I can write letters.

Skyla, Preschool



Jimmy Orton

Playing with Lego is my favourite thing to do at Preschool. I am proud of myself for my house and aeroplane.

I also like to play with trucks in the sandpit because they're cool and fun to drive around. It is fun to put the sand on the back and dump the sand by tipping the truck.

I look forward to playing 'Post Office' because I like posting letters.

By the end of the year I hope to play with the other monster trucks.

Jimmy, Preschool



Patrick Fraser

I am proud of myself for nearly finishing Primary School as I will be finished at the end of the year. I am looking forward to going to High School next year because I think it will

be exciting. I am looking forward to learning Ag, Metalwork and Woodwork.

My favourite subject is Technology because we are learning to create Maths quizzes on the computer using hyperlinks and so far it has been fun.

By the end of the year I hope to do most physical things as this will mean I have fixed my knee after my knee operation.

A skill I would like to develop is my vocabulary skills because this means I will be able to use more interesting words and my writing will sound better.

A goal for myself next term is to get top grades in most of my subjects and I am going to work hard to achieve this.

So far this year I have loved being the PE footy coach and statistics man. This has been because I am unable to play football at the moment with my knee. I have been writing down people stats and helping organise the teams in PE. I have also been teaching people in my class. I use the whiteboards to tell the players what positions they will play.

Patrick, Year 7

From the Principal



"I AM: two of the most powerful words—for what you put after them shapes your reality."

Optimism—What does it mean to be an optimistic person? Is it only seeing the glass as 'half full'? Students are learning about optimism

this week in their Growth Mindset study. They are learning that optimistic people are hopeful and confident about their choices and their future.

Being optimistic means more than just putting a positive spin on your thoughts. It isn't about ignoring your emotional response to a situation and then pretending to be happy about it. Being optimistic is about being in control and taking charge of how you respond and react to a situation, after checking in and acknowledging your emotions. It is about being in control of the person you are.

Students are learning that to do this, they need to use their 'self-talk'. Self-talk is that little voice we hear in our heads telling us how we coped with our day, event or interaction.

Pessimists tell themselves situations will turn out to be negative from the start regardless of how they feel about a situation or the events that occur throughout an experience. They let their thoughts and self talk negatively impact a situation and they expect the worst to happen. Optimistic people will see things as they are, reflect on what they need to make things better and take this action to do so.

So, how do we make sure we are developing students who are optimistic in their views and have positive self-talk?

Students are learning a simple 'SOS' to help them check in with their emotions and thoughts.

An insert has been included in this newsletter

if you would like to use this at home. Students are learning that first they need to interrupt the negative cycle that is so easy to fall into. Next, they are learning to check in with what they are saying and feeling and throw away what is making them feel negative. Finally, they shift their thoughts to be positive ones and repeat this affirmation to themselves.

Interactive lessons in class have seen students writing down their negative thoughts and throwing these away or utilising a spatula to 'flip' their thought to a positive one. Practising this skill is important for automaticity when the going gets tough. Stopping negative self-talk can be challenging, especially for students who have 'trained their brain' to think this way. Developing positive thoughts and affirmations that students can say to themselves is an important step in ensuring responsible and respectful choices are made.

SSO Week
This week we celebrate our School Services Officers at Padthaway School. Byron Edwards, Kirilie Turner, Sandi Key and Tammy Mathews work endlessly and play an important role in ensuring students are achieving their best and the school is running smoothly. The relationships SSOs build with students can be the most important in a student's life and these relationships can impact positively on their wellbeing. In this we also include Troy Mathews who ensures the grounds are a safe and useable place for the students of Padthaway. Thank you to you all for the work you do.

If you see one of our SSOs, please thank them for all the work they do for Padthaway. **YELP Forum**
D'Arci, Kiele and Matilda, 3 of the Upper Primary Enviro Warriors, attended the Young Environmental Leaders Program Forum with teacher Ebony Capurso last week to develop their leadership skills and learn more about

the local environment. All class Enviro Warriors have been working hard this term to identify areas of the school in which waste can be reduced. Students have a suggestions chart in the entrance hallway for students, staff and visitors to write down their thoughts and opinions. Innovative thinking has already seen students developing ideas on how waste can be reduced with a focus on Tuck Day each Tuesday and lunch orders on Thursday.

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. Students are asked to dress up in connection with the 2018 theme or as their favourite book character. The Book Fair will be held from Monday to Friday and will be open from 8:30am until 3:45pm for parents or caregivers. Students will have an opportunity to look at the books and write a wish list with their Class. No sales to students will be accepted throughout the day (8:50am-3:30pm).

Parent Survey
A survey link has been sent home (via SkoolBag or as a letter) asking parents or caregivers to complete the 2018 Padthaway School Parent Survey. The survey forms an important part of our School's review process. The survey link is <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/AexhGkKx>. Please take time to help us continue to make Padthaway School the best it can be. The survey is required to be completed by Friday 24th August (Week 5).

Show Day
A reminder that a School Closure Day is scheduled for Friday 31st August (Week 6). This is to coincide with the 2018 Adelaide Royal Show. This is the day after the Big Day Out for Preschool to Year 1 students.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

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

10-13 September

Year 4-7 Camp: Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

17 September

6.00 pm Finance meeting

6.15 pm Governing Council

20 September

Adelaide Choir Performance

28 September

End Term 3: 2.30 pm dismissal

Tuck Day

21st August (Week 5)

Chicken Pasta Bake

Helper

Luke Leddy

*Muffins—Kylie Pethybridge

28th August (Week 6)

Lasagne and Salad

Helper

Kate McGregor

*Muffins—Lissy Orton

Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Our Post Office dramatic play area has been well utilised by the children. This has provided opportunities for further involvement in literacy based play experiences as the children have written letters. They worked collaboratively to give our mail box a 'makeover'.

A variety of mathematical concepts including colour, shape, measurement, positioning and problem solving were explored as we completed the task. Exploring the clay has also been popular, and this experience allows for development of gross and fine motor skills in addition to providing opportunities for creative expression.

Libby



UP Digital Technologies

In Digital Technologies this term we have been studying algorithms, iteration and branching. We are using our understanding to make maths quizzes on the computer. Before we make our maths quizzes we have to plan our hyperlinking on an A3 piece of paper. After we make our plans we then go to the Computer Room and start our hyperlinking using Microsoft PowerPoint.

What I've enjoyed about hyperlinking is that we get to make our own little game and when you have to look through the whole thing, that's a whole other story! I've also enjoyed making the hyperlinks because it makes me feel like I'm actually doing something important.

The best thing about hyperlinking is that I know what to do. The part I've mostly enjoyed is that I get to see what coding is like and how people actually think about what they're going to make and how they do it. I have also enjoyed making my interactive quiz look good by adding colour to the background and sound effects. I have really enjoyed using the computer to hyperlink.

Blake, Year 5

Tatiara District Council

The 5/6/7 Class attended the Tatiara District Council meeting on Tuesday 14th August. Three students presented to the Tatiara District Council about the Padthaway region and areas they would like improved.



Bailey, Karla and Kiele presented 6 issues to the Council

including concerns with the public toilets and street lights to light the crossing on Memorial Drive.

The Councillors and I were very impressed with the confidence showed by all students.

Olivia



SRC News

On Tuesday this week we had an SRC Tuck Day. We cooked tacos and dressed in casual clothes. We earned \$162.87. It was a busy but great day and we pulled it off with everyone doing their part. Well done to all of the SRC Members.

A big thankyou to Mr Eddy for helping us and raising a great profit. Thanks to Bron Longbottom and Miss Brookes for buying and picking up the food.

Well done to the 3/4 Class who came up with the excellent idea of a Games Day that will raise money for the farmers who have been affected by the drought. We will hopefully be having this sometime in the next few weeks.

Kiele, President



Sports News

There is one more round of KNTFL left this year until finals. The Padthaway/Lucindale Junior Colts are going to make the finals after their game on the weekend.

The Padthaway School Football players are also having lots of fun with lots of new faces running around the field. They have all been loving playing footy every weekend and getting a kick.

Patrick, Year 7



Choir News

Last week in Choir we were drawing up some ideas for which picture to put on the banner to take to Mt Gambier to represent Padthaway School. Our song that we are required to represent on the banner is *Pure Imagination*. *Pure Imagination* is from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

There will be nine people going to Adelaide. The Year 6 and 7s will have first choice, but if there is not enough people, some of the Year 5s will go too.

Amelia, Choir Leader

Programmer Growth Mindset

In Year 3/4 Digital Technologies I was a programmer and I had to write instructions to help my robot (Murphy) build a tower with 10 cups.

I had lots of problems with my algorithm. My robot was picking up, putting down and picking up more cups. It was easy to see all of the arrows I had to add in.

I worked with Albie to debug the problems. Debugging is fun because I like fixing my mistakes and making them better. I used a growth mindset!!

Lachie, Year 4



PCW Spot

It was Tuck Day for the SRC on Tuesday with tacos filled with the very best beef mince, tomatoes, lettuce, shredded cheese, carrot and sour cream followed

by a fascinating mix of Fanta and a scoop of icecream! What could go wrong? Well, nothing because our SRC group from Reception through to Year 7 worked like a well-oiled machine and demonstrated the school values of respect for each other, acting responsibly and striving for excellence.

We didn't run out of mince and, apart from getting a little light on carrot, all was well. Whenever lettuce, carrot and tomatoes are involved, along with icecream, there is a bit of a mess to clean up but with ample chook feed and willing helpers the area was cleaned up by 2.00 pm, just in time to walk down with the Upper Primary to the Tatiara Council meeting at the Sporting Complex.

This is an excellent opportunity for our students to hear a little of how meetings are conducted and to present what their Class sees as beneficial to our town- such as better lighting for crossing the road at night from the netball courts to the football oval being one example. Mayor Graham Excell has told me before how they enjoy having our students come and how impressed he is with their questions and behaviour. Ours is the only School that takes this opportunity in the Tatiara so feel proud of our School and its leadership.

Cheers, Stephen

Computational Thinking

In Year 3/4 Digital Technologies we have been using arrows, cups and computational thinking to build towers.

There were three people in each group:

- One student was the programmer
- One student was the debugger
- One student was the robot.

The programmer's job was to read the instructions and program the robot student using arrows.

Each arrow told the robot how to move the cups and build a tower. The robots were sent to the robot library to practise moving the cups around. Each arrow was measured as half a cup.

The debugger fixed the problems with the code and found out if the programmer had made any mistakes. The debugger would then have to fix the problems by reprogramming. They would edit the arrows. Working with our robots was challenging but fun!

Archie, Year 3

SkoolBag

We have been receiving positive feedback from all users regarding the SkoolBag app. I would just like to highlight that not all information can be sent through the app. Invoices, some excursion forms and individual letters will continue to be sent home as a paper copy. Please ensure you are still receiving this information from your child or have a system at home in which they provide envelopes or letters to you. We have also found that although families are utilising the app for returning forms, this information is not being retained for the events/excursions. As a result, we will now include a term calendar as an insert in the newsletter which will be updated each fortnight. This calendar will be finalised throughout the term and each newsletter new items may appear as they are booked in and communicated to you.

Olivia

Book Week Excitement

Next week is Book Week and I'm excited because I really love getting new books. I like looking through the Book Fair and choosing from all the cool books that we can buy.

I also like Book Week because I love reading and there are always lots of new books to read. The theme this year is *Find your Treasure*.

I think I might dress up on Thursday as Charlie from *Willy Wonka*, a pirate or a queen. Everyone will have great costumes and I'm really excited about seeing them all because Dress Up days are the best days at school.

Kristy-Leigh, Year 2

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 24th August.

Vale Mrs Voges

My Great Nan, Ronda Vogelsang, was 97 years old. She moved to Padthaway in 1950 (68 years ago). She loved doing needlework and craft and being a mum to her 4 children. She taught my mum how to cook without a recipe. Great Nan was a patient lady and she never got angry. She always tried to save me a snack for when I visited her. When she moved out of her house and into the nursing home, I got a collection of her bells. I am sad that she is gone.

Alex, Year 3

[Ronda was secretary of the School Welfare Club in 1959, 1961 and 1962.]

Book Fair

The School is holding a Book Fair next week during Book Week. There will be a selection of books from Scholastic on display in the Library. Books are available for purchase from the Front Office from 8.30 am—3.45 pm. The School receives a commission from books sold to select books for the Library.

SRC Tuck Day

Well done to the SRC and Mr Eddy on a successful SRC Tuck Day. The food smelt and tasted delicious! I was so impressed with the leadership shown by the executive committee and the eagerness and commitment to providing a good service by all SRC members.

Olivia

