

# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Henry Roach

I am proud of myself for learning how to read a book. I like reading and I try really hard to get better at reading.

My favourite subject is Science because I like learning about animals and taking photos of things around our school.

I look forward to doing Art because building sculptures is fun. I would like to build more sculptures and make them bigger.

By the end of the year I hope to write my neatest because then I will have small writing and Miss Brookes and my mum will be able to read it easily. Writing neatly is important.

A skill I would like to develop is staying focused during 'Work on Writing' because then I will have more writing and more ideas to write about.

A goal for myself this term is to learn to kick goals in football. I find kicking goals tricky right now but I know that if I work hard I will be able to kick more goals.

So far this year I have loved 'Word Work' because I learn more sounds, practise writing neater and read lots of words.

Henry, Year 2



## Grace Mathews

I love reading. I am proud of myself for getting better at reading novels. I know I am getting better because I don't need to get help anymore.

My favourite subject at school is Science because I learn new things. This term we have been learning about the Earth's axis. The Earth rotates around all the time.

I look forward to doing 'knock out' in Maths. Knock Out is a game using the interactive white board and 2 teams. We are asked questions and sometimes a 'knock out' comes up and we are automatically out! Doing Knock Out helps me with my times tables, 2D and 3D shapes.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to not blur and not talk over the teacher. I'm working on it because I don't want to talk over people.

A skill I would like to develop is link handwriting. I would like to know how to link words together to be a neater writer.

A goal for myself this term is to help people when they need help but don't want to ask for it.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because we are doing netball and I play netball for Padthaway.

Grace, Year 3



## Callum Hancock

I am proud of myself for not being sent out of class at all this week because it is a big improvement. It means I am thinking about my behaviour.

My favourite subject is English because I love to read novels. I am currently reading *Wonder*. *Wonder* is a good book about a kid who was born with a cleft palate.

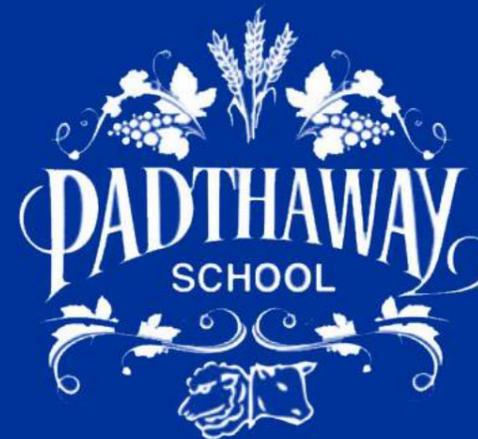
I look forward to doing our Maths Quest on Classcraft at school because it is about maps. We have to create a map of a town using parallel and perpendicular lines as roads. We also need to have roads intersecting at different angles. It takes a lot of checking! We also have to add in buildings which we draw as different polygons.

By the end of the year I hope to last a whole term without being told off. Being told off makes me sad but I know I have to work on it. One of my goals is to get through the whole day. Steps to help me are listening to the teacher and taking 'chill out' time when I need it.

A skill I would like to develop is learning my 13 times tables because I know all of my times tables from 1 to 12.

So far this year I have loved English because I love to read. I would read all day if I could!

Callum, Year 5



# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## From the Principal



"Striving for success without *hard work* is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted."

David Bly

We've been learning about Grit at school. What is grit in the context of learning? Grit, according to psychologist

Angela Duckworth, is a child's 'perseverance and passion for long-term goals' and is a better indicator of future achievement and happiness than either IQ or talent. Research is finding more and more that a student having grit means they have a higher capacity to work hard, endure struggle, fail and try again.

Having *grit* means having the perseverance to learn. This means continually practising, committing to something and working hard to succeed. Having *grit* means understanding that the learning process is not always fun and improvement does not happen overnight but when motivated to improve, then the struggle will seem worthwhile and success will be its own reward.

Having *grit* means recognising that frustration, confusion and practice are required for learning and developing. Being optimistic about learning and knowing that difficulties will come your way is part of the learning process. Having *grit* means having a growth mindset and knowing that failure is not a permanent condition. Students know that failure is not because of a lack of talent but the wrong approach.

Having *grit* means taking risks and stepping out of what we know is safe. This means speaking of our failures and our difficulties and understanding this is all part of living and growing up.

Having *grit* means knowing that failing is not the end. Did you know that James Dyson, who developed Dyson vacuum cleaners, created 5127 prototypes before he sold his

bagless vacuum cleaner that made him famous? Being resilient is important in developing our first-hand experiences. Facing our fears and being aware that our failures are not the end of the process is showing resilience.

A favourite saying of mine is one by actor Robert Strauss: "Success is like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you are tired. You quit when the gorilla is tired." This encourages hard work, resilience and perseverance and always puts a smile on my face.

Encouraging grit in students is one aspect of our growth mindset study this term. Grit summarises the dispositions that help a student to be the best learners they can be and the best students of Padthaway School.

### Farewell Ebony

I would like to wish Ebony Capurso all the best with the final weeks of her pregnancy as she begins maternity leave this Friday. The Upper Primary class hosted a Class party with Miss Hinge to say 'thank you' to Mrs Capurso for being a fabulous teacher. The staff and students wish Ebony and husband Patrick all the best!

Sam Exton is looking forward to starting with the Class on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Week 7). He has begun planning lessons to ensure the Upper Primary class are engaged with his teaching. Come in, say 'hi' and introduce yourself to Sam.

### PAT Testing

Week 7 will see the students in Years 3-7 sitting the Progressive Age Tests in Reading (PAT-R) and Mathematics (PAT-M). These tests are performed online and provide the School with instant results as to how students are performing based on their year level. These results, combined with NAPLAN results, inform our planning and direction for curriculum and learning.

### Big Day Out

The Preschool to Year 1 students attended

Big Day Out this Thursday. Experiences included *The Very Grumpy Bear* play at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre and an exploration of the flora and fauna at the Blue Lake. As with every year, students had an exhausting but wonderful time on the excursion. Thank you to Libby and Corinne for their hard work with planning this day.

### Camp

The Year 4-7 Camp will be held in Week 8. This year the camp will run for 3 nights and will be held in Ballarat at Sovereign Hill. Students will experience gold panning, copper metalwork, writing with ink and slate and learning how people lived in the Gold Rush. Mine tours may see some students go missing—give us a call if you want your child to disappear for a few extra nights!

Students have been writing letters introducing themselves to their camp teachers and some are getting nervous that they will need to attend school. I will be attending camp with adults Sam Exton, Ceri Edwards and Mr Eddy. We are looking forward to another wonderful camp.

### Parent Survey

Thank you to those who completed the 2018 Padthaway Parent Survey. The survey closed last Friday.

This information is vital to aid in the planning and development of programmes for the 2019 school year. Input for families and the community is important to ensure our message and purpose is clear to all who are engaged with our school.

### School Closure

A reminder that a School Closure Day is scheduled for Week 6, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August (tomorrow). This is to coincide with the 2018 Adelaide Royal Show.

### Father's Day

I wish all the fathers a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. I hope you are spoilt by your children and share a lovely day with them.

Happy Father's Day!

Olivia

## Dates to Remember

**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

**15 October**  
Begin Term 4

**23 October**  
Mt Gambier Choir Rehearsal

**24 October**  
Mt Gambier Choir Performance

## Tuck Day

**4th September (Week 7)**  
**Pumpkin Soup with a Bread Roll**

Helper

Fi Ward

\*Muffins—Kathy Hayes

**11th September (Week 8)**  
**Quiche and Salad**

Helper

Tammy Mathews

\*Muffins—Kylie Page

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## What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

We have had a very busy couple of weeks at Preschool. The children have enjoyed our deconstruction work. We have pulled apart a fax machine, a set top box, a CD player, a VCR player and many video cassettes. We celebrated Book Week with our Dress Up Day and parade, along with reading many short listed 2018 books. We have been studying some of the works of children's author and illustrator Nick Bland in preparation for our Big Day Out excursion. We have been planting our hedging plants along with some alfalfa and parsley seeds.

*Libby*



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club at Padthaway has been a hit! Students can enjoy a top-up of toast and Milo on Monday and Friday mornings before school. Terry Robertson volunteers his time to prepare the toast and Milo for the morning. Thank you, Terry, for your time and support of the Breakfast Club each week. The students love the food and being able to have a chat!

*Olivia*

## Thank you Mrs Capurso

The 5/6/7 Class would like to say thank you to Mrs Capurso for teaching us!

Charlie—Thank you so much Mrs Capurso for teaching me and giving me a good education for these 2 years. Congratulations for your little baby boy.

Tom—Thanks Mrs Capurso for helping me with subjects that I find difficult. I have improved and have learnt to work hard. Good luck with your new baby.

Brodie—Thank you Mrs Capurso for teaching me for the last 3 years! I have loved having you as my teacher and I think your baby will love having you as a mother. I also think your baby will be a bundle of joy, just like you are.

Lily—Thank you Mrs Capurso for teaching me this year. I think you will be an awesome mum and Mr Capurso will be an awesome dad.

Everyone will be sad to see you go but we wish you all the best with your new baby.

*The 5/6/7 Class*

## Upper Primary Science

In Science we have been learning about the Solar System and how it works. On Tuesday we created a diagram which demonstrated how the Earth rotates on its axis around the sun to cause day and night and the seasons in the northern and southern hemispheres. The seasons change depending on where the Earth is around the sun. The Earth's axis is on a 23.5° angle, so the southern and northern hemispheres are in different seasons at the same time. If the northern hemisphere is angling



towards the sun it's summer, as it's closer and receiving more direct heat. At the same time it is winter in the southern hemisphere because it's angling away from the sun and isn't getting as much heat.

*Karla, Year 7*



## SRC News

The SRC will be hosting a day to raise money for the farmers in drought on Wednesday in Week 10.

Thank you to all the classes that have suggested ideas for Farmers' Day. There are some really fantastic ideas, such as who can rip the longest piece of paper, 'minutes to win it' games and whole School chasey. In the last few weeks, staff and the SRC have noticed poor sportsmanship and we would like people to step up and be responsible for their actions. This will ensure that everyone can enjoy their play time and develop good sport and social skills.

Thank you, Mrs Capurso, for your time at the school. Everyone will be sad to see you leave, but excited for you and Mr Capurso when your baby arrives.

*Kiele, President*



## Sports News

There is no SAPSASA news this week. In regards to local sport, the Padthaway Junior Colts are playing in a round of finals after losing to Naracoorte. The U16

netball team has made it through to the finals and will be playing on Sunday. Good luck to past and present Padthaway students playing in the finals this week.

*Patrick, Year 7*



## Choir News

In choir this week we have been learning the choreography for *Dare to be Square* and *Colour my World*. In Week 9 nine Choir students will be going to Adelaide to perform. It is at the

Adelaide Festival Theatre. On Monday we chose what we wanted to paint on our banner for when we go Mt Gambier. There will be a rehearsal on September 20<sup>th</sup> for the students going to Adelaide. Thank you to Mrs Turner and Mrs English for transporting us to Naracoorte for the rehearsal.

*Mason, Year 6*

## Farewell from Ebony

The last few weeks have flown by and my due date is quickly approaching! I think I am fairly organised, so I can hopefully spend a few weeks enjoying some relaxation and sleep before I have very little! Although I am excited about my new experience as a mum, I will certainly miss my school kids while I'm on leave. I will keep in touch and would like to thank the students, staff and community for their support and well wishes. I shall see you all at the School concert.

*Ebony*



## PCW Spot

The Book Week highlight surely was the Dress Up Day last Thursday when students and teachers alike looked stunning in the many and varied costumes and characters

they dressed up as. The SRC had a very difficult job awarding a winner from each class and I believe everyone who went to the effort of dressing up was indeed a winner. Most of the students dressed up and nearly all the staff did! It's hard to single one person out but I think Mr Edwards (not me) deserves special mention.

He in fact dressed as two people: one as Sir Henry Stanley, a Welsh journalist and explorer born in 1841 and doubled up as Russell Coight, an accident-prone outback explorer who always seems to get himself into trouble. He also goes by the name of Glenn Robbins, an Australian actor. Russell was the most recognised of Mr Edwards' characters but those old enough might remember Stanley and a famous quote attributed to him.

It is a wonderful story and I will do my best to summarise it. A Scottish missionary and explorer Dr David Livingston got himself lost in Africa after heading down the Nile River. Stanley set out to find him and 8 months later came across a white man in a small African village. Stanley extended his hand and asked the famous question, "Dr Livingston, I presume?" When Livingston said 'yes' Stanley exclaimed, "I thank God, doctor, I have been permitted to see you." So many books to read, so much enjoyment and knowledge to be gained. For me, I am a hard copy person and find it hard to read from an iPad but I do use an iPod when on bushwalks (saves so much on weight!). My go to book I read every day contains so many stories and one of my favourite stories is that of 'The Good Samaritan'.

*Happy reading, Stephen*

## R/1/2 Seasonal Changes

In Maths we have been learning about seasons. We have learnt how our environment changes in all the seasons, which months are in each season and what clothes we wear and activities we do in each season.

At the moment it is August so it is really cold because it is Winter. Winter is the third season of the year.

Next month will be September and that will mean the season will change to Spring. I can't wait for Spring because there will be heaps of beautiful flowers that I love and my birthday is in Spring too. My favourite flowers are poppies!

*Amethyst, Year 1*

## 3/4 Music

In Music this term we have been looking at the song *This is Me* from *The Greatest Showman* soundtrack. First we read the lyrics together then we wrote about our favourite part of the song. My favourite part is when we get to sing loudly the most common bit in the song (the chorus), "THIS IS ME!"

We played the music game 'Magic Feet Follow the Beat'. The notes we learned about were 'Big Daddy Semibreve', 'Mummy Minim', 'Big Brother Crotchet' and 'Twin Quavers'. We moved around the room by following the steps. We were stomping, walking, marching and tiptoeing.

We have started using instruments and reading notes. We have used drums, tambourines, egg shakers, maracas and clapping sticks. I think music is great because it is a lot of fun.

*Sam, Year 3*



## 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 7th September.

### Work Boots

The School has a pair of work boots which were unclaimed from the Football Break Up on August 26th.

The boots are adult size 6 and well loved. The Front Office will hold them until the end of Week 7.

## Book Fair

The School held a very successful Book Fair during Book Week. We were able to select books to the value of \$497.40 for the Library. Thankyou to our students and families for your support.

## Student Safety

Please remember that teachers are on duty from 8.30 am until 3.40 pm. At all other times, students need to be supervised by a parent or guardian. This also includes weekend and holiday periods. The staff of Padthaway School have a Duty of Care with students. Please ensure that any early departures or later drop-offs are recorded in the Sign In book at the Front Office. This recording needs to be completed by an adult above 18 years of age.

## Term 4 Hats

Please remember that students are required to wear hats in Term 4. As this is coming up quickly, please begin thinking about finding hats at home or purchasing.

