

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Brandon Cooper

I am proud of myself for doing sums in my head for Maths because I practised a lot and now I can do tricky sums.

My favourite subject is PE because I can play games like *What's the Time Mr Wolf?* that help us learn about time and team skills.

I look forward to Topic Talk at school because I practise my talk at home so that I can give a good talk to the Class.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to skip really quickly without making a mistake because when we do Jump Rope for Heart next time I'll be really good at it.

A skill I would like to develop is playing basketball because it is my favourite sport to watch so I want to learn to play it.

A goal for myself this term is to put my hand up to talk every time because then Miss Brookes knows that I have something to say and she can hear me because I wait.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because it is fun to learn games and sports that I haven't done before.

Brandon, Year 1



Elsie Orton

I am proud of myself for getting to choose my own spot when we sit on the floor because that means I can make good choices and Miss Brookes trusts me to.

My favourite subject is Growth Mindset because it is teaching me how to think more positively and that makes it easier to solve my problems in a good way.

I look forward to doing Listening to Reading because Miss Brookes is reading us a novel and each day we get to read more chapters to find out what will happen.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read chapter books by myself because I find reading really fun. If I read a chapter book it takes longer and it is more exciting.

A skill I would like to develop is being a leader because I like to help others and I want to teach other people how to use Growth Mindset.

A goal for myself this term is to be a better leader by showing respect with eye contact when other people are talking.

So far this year I have loved learning about Growth Mindset because it makes me happy and kind. I like feeling that way when I'm learning.

Elsie, Year 2



Blake Healy

I am proud of myself for being able to hyperlink in Technology because I'm proud of reaching a goal that I set for myself six years ago and being able to achieve it.

My favourite subject is PE because I like playing games with other people and learning a lot of sports I haven't done yet. I enjoyed playing footy because I got to do a lot of teamwork and have fun.

I look forward to going to Ballarat for Camp because I haven't been there yet and I'm excited. I'm looking forward to learning more about the goldrush.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write more neatly so that I can show my work to others and they will be able to understand my writing.

A skill I would like to develop is trying to be kinder to others so that I get more people to like me instead of disliking me.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to get my work handed in on time and also get my Maths done before the recess bell so I get better marks.

So far this year I have loved doing Technology because I can think about what I'm doing and so when I have to do a task like that again I'll know what I'm doing.

Blake, Year 5



PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"

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Be Respectful

Act Responsibly

Strive for Excellence

From the Principal



"How quickly and responsibly we react to adversity is far more important than the adversity itself." Jim Rohn

What have you done in your life that you have been willing to work at for years in order to perfect it?

For lots of us, this is something we don't think about every day. We don't realise that we utilise grit and persevere with mistakes and failure regularly. For some of us, we give up before we have even achieved our goal. As teachers, as parents, really as adults, we all hold a responsibility to ensure that our students and children understand that misfortune, crisis, bad luck and burdens do not define the people we are nor the people we become. Having grit is the essence of succeeding in the midst of adversity and acknowledging that we all go through difficult times in our lives. How we respond and the attitude we choose to take demonstrates grit. Students at Padthaway are learning to have and use *grit*. To do this we are teaching students the importance and power of attitude. Having a positive attitude or growth mindset is the key to being able to redirect thinking when your brain becomes stuck. It is the key to knowing that mistakes and failure do not render someone 'stupid'. Positive attitude is the knowledge that what we know is not set in concrete but is something that continues to grow and change. Teachers are demonstrating the need for positive attitudes. They are also sharing what they are passionate and excited about in their lives and how this helps build grit with their own learning. We are showing that being engaged with an activity and devoting time to our pursuits helps when faced with adversity or disappointments. Helping students know that everyone requires grit in their lives is important.

Teachers are sharing stories of famous people who have grit. Have a look at our insert this week to read about some of these gritty famous people. Sharing these stories helps students recognise the importance of how positive learning dispositions can reach international success. Sharing your stories of grit and perseverance with your child will help them see that it's not just famous people who have grit but people in Padthaway too. Encouraging children to talk to grandparents, parents and family friends about having 'grit' in their lives helps to build this positive learning disposition. Consider the times you have required grit to perfect a task, activity or skill in your lives and share this with your child. They will share their experiences with grit too and with this sharing build their understanding and learning dispositions.

Aussie of the Month

The SRC are introducing a new award - Aussie of the Month. The Aussie of the Month is awarded to a student from Reception to Year 7 each month who demonstrates the school values, shows good sportsmanship and is considerate of others. The award will be presented at school and the recipient will be highlighted in the following newsletter. SRC will determine candidates each meeting and vote for a recipient each month. This follows the need SRC has seen for students to show responsibility when in the yard at recess and lunch. The SRC has noticed that students are seeing peers do the wrong thing but aren't stepping up to say, "No, that is not okay!". SRC are also hearing students using language that doesn't encourage their peers. Aussie of the Month is an SRC initiative to build encouraging language between peers and ensure students see the importance of acting responsibly. The September 'Aussie of the Month' will be announced in Week 10.

Camp

The Year 4-7 students have participated in a 4 day camp this week at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. Students had a wonderful time learning about the goldrush and dressing up in costumes from the era. They explored mines and learnt to write with a quill and ink. The students also had fun getting to know their new teacher Mr Exton. Students loved extending their learning on camp and although they returned to school exhausted, they also return having enjoyed a new experience. Photos will be available in the next newsletter.

Uniform

The school has received a delivery of uniforms again including bigger sizes of school polo-shirts and jumpers. School polo-shirts and jumpers are now available in adult sizes small and medium.

Please also be aware that students need to be wearing jumpers that are navy in colour to school and preferably without hoods or lots of detail. Students wearing jumpers with hoods will be asked to tuck these in during recess and lunch play for safety reasons.

3 Way Conferences

As part of our ongoing assessment and reporting process, optional 3 Way Conferences will be held in Week 9 and 10 of Term 3. Conferences will last for approximately 15 minutes and are held at the request of the class teacher or parent.

These conferences provide an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss learning.

If teachers wish to hold an interview with you and your child, they will notify you via phone. If you would like to request an interview, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Adelaide Choir Performance

Good luck to the students going to Adelaide for Choir next week. I look forward to seeing our Adelaide choral students perform on Thursday at the Festival Theatre. *Olivia*

Dates to Remember

17 September
6.00 pm Finance meeting
6.15 pm Governing Council

20 September
Adelaide Choir Performance

26 September
Farmers' Day

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

18th September (Week 9)
Crispy Chicken Wraps
Helper

Carly Bell
*Muffins—Vicki Heym

25th September (Week 10)
Pot Luck
Helper

Bec Weller
*Muffins—Kirilie Turner

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Last Friday we held a Pet Day. We had visits from 2 turtles, a farm dog, 2 ducklings and a puppy. We learnt about how to care for the animals and what they like to eat. We discovered the combined total of dogs owned by the Preschool children's families is well over 20!

Earlier in the week we said goodbye to our goldfish Connor. The children helped to bury him in our yard. We made a plaque to put near where he is buried. The children often go and say hello to Connor.

Libby, Preschool Teacher



Big Day Out

The Preschool, Reception and Year 1s went on Big Day Out. We got to go to the Naracoorte Art Gallery and we saw some artwork that looked really cool. We thought they put a lot of effort into the art and that made it look amazing. It is really cool that they do all that art in their own time.

We also went to the Naracoorte Caves and got to look at the pretend animals that used to be alive a really long time ago. It was fun because they moved and made noises. Everyone got to go through the tunnel in the Wonambi Fossil Centre too and it was long and dark. Miss Brookes' mum Jen came to help us do fossil digging because she works there. She taught us about the fossils and showed some old animals that live in caves now like bats and owls. Jen was nice and very helpful.

It was also really fun on Big Day Out because we got to go down in a cave and look at all the drops that turn into stalactites and stalagmites. The cave was cold and wet but lots of fun! We all had a great day!

Felicity, Year 1



SRC News

This week in SRC we have been talking about rules for cricket and 4 square and coming up with rules that will ensure better sportsmanship from everyone. We all know the rules now and this means a more enjoyable time at recess and lunch.

The Upper Primary executive committee has been making a time table and shortening the list of games for Farmers' Day. We are sure that it is going to be a fun day and the nomination sheet will be available in Week 9. Farmers' Day is in Week 10.

The 5/6/7 Class has been discussing problems such as the bike rack in their class meeting. We would like to get a new one as some bikes cannot fit in the slots as the tyres are too thick or the metal is bent. The SRC will take this to the Governing Council to see what can be done.

We are going to start a new reward called 'Aussie of the Month'. The reward is a certificate, badge, stationery kit and card. The SRC will be watching for students who are demonstrating School values, showing good sportsmanship and being considerate of others.

Kiele, President



Sports News

The Padthaway-Lucindale Junior Colts won their game of football on 2nd September which got them into the preliminary finals.

They played last Saturday against Naracoorte. Unfortunately they lost and did not make it into the grand final this weekend.

The Padthaway U16 Netballers also lost to Bordertown in the preliminary final.

Patrick, Year 7



Choir News

Last Thursday the nine people who are going to the Adelaide concert went to the Naracoorte Primary School for a Choir practice. Kingston, Frances, Mundulla, Naracoorte, Bordertown and Lucindale schools were there for the practice. We went through all the songs and practised the choreography for *Dare to be Square*, *Colour my World* and *Advance Australia Fair*.

Next week we will be going to the Adelaide Music Festival. We are all very excited about it.

Amelia, Year 6



PCW Spot

"Kids need good men in their lives" was the heading of the Parenting Ideas Insights from the previous newsletter. I have enjoyed the insights of Michael Grose each

newsletter and this issue was related to men and dads as it was just before Father's Day. The last two paragraphs said:

"If, through whatever circumstance, you didn't have a good man close to you in your life as a child, then start the process with your own kids. Many men who have gone before you weren't close to their fathers, or had fathers who were ineffectual, but have become great fathers despite their circumstances.

With public life increasingly producing male role models of dubious quality, it's up to dads and other significant males in the lives of children to be good men, strong men and men of honour."

How? One of the ways is to shield our children from poor behaviour by not exposing our kids to bad language, whether it be speaking ill of someone, put downs or making fun of other cultures.

If an adult uses bad language in earshot of your children gently ask them to stop or remove your children from that situation. It's all about leading from the front. Our community has reason to be proud of itself as this rarely happens in our social settings. Staff have always set such a good example at Padthaway Primary along with all adults who attend everything from Sports Days, School Concerts and everything in between.

This Thursday will see a happy but very tired group of students and staff return from living in the past at Sovereign Hill—perhaps with some gold on board!

Cheers, Stephen

5/6/7 Class Report

Our new teacher, Mr Exton, started teaching us in Week 7. So far we have enjoyed having him teaching us and we are excited about participating in all the other lessons he has planned for us.

The Year 4-7 Class went to Sovereign Hill this week. We dressed up as children from the 1850s and experienced goldmining and metalwork and we wrote on slates with ink. Mr Exton, Miss Edwards, Mrs English and Mr Eddy went with us. In History we have recently been learning about the goldrush. This research definitely helped us have lots of fun and a greater understanding of this period while we were on camp.

Karla, Year 7

Reception to Year 3 Activities — Week 8

This week the R-3s have been doing different things each day. On Monday we went to Settlers Park. We played on the playground, kicked the footy, did skipping with the long skipping rope and then we had a picnic for lunch. I really enjoyed going to the park because I got to show off my talents of jumping the rope and doing back flips and front flips. On Tuesday we all went to the scrub across the road from school and played Capture The Flag and Hide and Seek Chasey. My favourite part was chasey because it's a great game and everyone can play together.

Grace, Year 3

On Wednesday this week the R-3s got to do cooking. We made Milo Balls in 6 groups. For the first lesson 3 groups did cooking and the others did Indonesian and the second lesson we swapped. For our activity on Thursday we watched a movie called Happy Feet. While we watched it we ate our Milo Balls and some chips and lollies. Milo Balls taste really good but I ate too many! Oops! Thank you to Miss Brookes and Miss Hinge for a fun week of activities while the 4-7 students were away on camp. We are looking forward to hearing about Sovereign Hill.

Matthew, 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 21st September.

Adelaide Show

The Adelaide Show opened two Fridays ago which was a judging day for us. I led a calf in the Calf Classic and the Calf Dress Up. The Dress Up is when you dress up your calf and lead them around.

In the Calf Classic I came first with my calf 'Peaches'. Bryce came third with 'Pump Action' and our cousin came 4th with our other calf. Xavier and I dressed up as people doing karate.

The Show bag pavilion was packed as there were a lot of people wanting Show bags.

We also saw the show *Mystique* which was amazing this year. Every time they do the Adelaide Show there are lots of performances that we can choose to attend. We also put 3 raffle tickets in and I won the raffle.

We had a great time and learnt a lot about showing our animals.



Matilda, Year 6

