

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Bryce Rothe

I am proud of myself for jumping all the hurdles in Athletics Day practice because it is my favourite sport and last year I knocked some down.

My favourite subject is PE because I love doing fitness and it's good for my body to move around a lot.

I look forward to the end of the term class reward because we work really hard together so we can earn it. We are all working towards the same goal and we work as a team to get our goal.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to hold my pencil properly because it will be good for my writing and I want to get my pencil grip licence.

A skill I would like to develop is to make backgrounds on the computer because I like computers and they're fun to work on.

A goal for myself this term is to improve at my times tables so that I know up to 13x because then I'll do really well on my Maths test.

So far this year I have loved doing Maths because I like to work with numbers and add really big numbers together.

Bryce, Year 2



Albie Hancock

I am proud of myself for improving with my reading because when I started reading only read picture books. Now I can read novels like the Roald Dahl books. My

favourite book is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

My favourite subject is Spelling because I this helps me improve with my writing. I like learning how to write the words correctly. In class we write questions about words and Miss Edwards answers them.

I look forward to doing the \$20 Boss Programme when I am in Upper Primary. I have to wait 2 years until I get to do it and I can't wait. I want to learn how to budget as I shop and sell and record my money.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to type really quickly on the computer. By typing fast I will be able to get more work done.

So far this year I have loved doing Science. I have loved doing Science because we have been learning about the Earth, the sun and the planets. I have learnt that Venus is the hottest planet even though it is the second planet from the sun. I have also learnt that Uranus spins on its side.

I hope we can keep learning about the planets this year.

Albie, Year 3



Karla McCarthy

I am proud of myself for beating my PB when practising High Jump. My new record is 1.19m.

My favourite subject is Maths because everything I learn will help me when I'm older and a farmer.

I look forward to Athletics Day because I enjoy sport.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to clearly figure out the area of circles because at the moment I don't know how. A skill I would like to develop is not to read novels during class when I should be doing other work. This is hard because I really love reading.

A goal for myself this term is to win the Senior Girls Championship cup at Athletics Day in Term 4 because I would like to be remembered at Padthaway Primary School. Another goal for myself is to beat a few records including my own record in hurdles.

So far this year I have loved learning how to code on *Python Turtle* as it is really fun. I have also enjoyed camp. Camp was great because we dressed up as if we lived in the 1850s. I really enjoyed experiencing the activities and skills they required back then. My Grandpa always talks about School from this time and now I can talk to him about it too.



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From the Principal



"I haven't failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Thomas Edison.

This term students in Reception to Year 7 have been developing their growth mindset. So far students at

Padthaway have looked at the difference between growth mindset and fixed mindset, what our brain needs to learn, having 'grit' to succeed, thinking about our thinking (metacognition), how we overcome challenges, new strategies we can use when we are stuck, how we can persevere, what it means to achieve something, how we can overcome obstacles and learning from our mistakes. Students have been documenting their learning and, with this, learning to set goals that are SMART—specific, measureable, achievable, relevant and timely. Students have seen the importance of being relevant with their goals and understand that goals are set not just for the things you *want* to do but also the things you *have* to do too.

As students reflect on their growth mindset learning, they have begun to recognise this in others around them. They see persistence in the way their parents grew up or how a friend is challenged in their learning. Students are using their learning to support each other in class and to help each other identify strategies to overcome challenges.

This growth mindset study will continue in Term 4 with students learning about the impact of their mistakes, the power of 'yet', how feedback can be used to overcome difficult situations, what it means to criticise instead of being constructive and explore further how a mindset can change behaviours and beliefs about an experience, event or task.

To share in your child's learning the insert this week includes a family task you can do

together. Use different colours for each family member to discuss and share with each other what you can and can't do yet. Share with your child how you might achieve your goal and what strategies you might use to get there. Place this on the fridge so your child can see that everyone has challenges and goals in their life and is using persistence and perseverance to succeed.

A New Bundle of Joy!

Congratulations to Ebony and Patrick Capurso who welcomed Edward Ron Capurso to their family on 23rd September.

Everyone is well and the Upper Primary Class and Staff were very excited to hear the news.

Flag Poles

We are very excited to have received 2 new flag poles at the front of the school. This new addition is part of a Department grant the School was successful in winning earlier this year. This will mean the Australian and Aboriginal flags can both fly each School day. The flag poles have been installed near the front school steps and will be part of our commemorative celebrations. The original flag pole will be removed once School returns in Term 4.

Adelaide Choir Performance

On Thursday 20th September 9 students from Padthaway Primary attended the Adelaide Festival of Music Choral Performance at the Entertainment Centre. There were over 400 students on stage and in the orchestra. All students who performed were Primary School aged with some supporting acts by Secondary students. It was a wonderful evening and a great experience for our students. Well done to our 8 performers Amelia, Bailey, Brodie, D'Archi, Kiele, Mason, Matilda and Xavier.

3 Way Conferences

As part of our ongoing assessment and reporting process, optional 3 Way Conferences are currently underway. 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.

The support demonstrated for your child's learning encourages students to strive for their best as they know the staff and their family support their successful academic, social and emotional development.

New Students

This week we welcome 3 new students to Padthaway School. Jade in Year 2, Jassen in Reception and Shannel in Preschool. Jade, Jassen and Shannel join us from Western Australia and have spent the last few weeks travelling with parents Wayne and Maria to arrive at Padthaway. Please say hello if you see them around Padthaway during the holidays.

Early Dismissal

A reminder that the last day of school (Friday 28th) finishes at 2.30 pm. Buses will run at the adjusted time.

Term 4 Conference

To begin Term 4, Libby Thornton and I will be attending a week's conference on supporting families in raising healthy, engaged children from birth. The conference addresses a range of topics relevant to raising children and the different transitional stages families will go through as their children develop. This means that Libby and I will be absent from school for the first week of Term.

Holiday Break

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone after a restful and relaxing break ready for Term 4. School begins again on Monday 15th October with Padthaway Athletics Day on Friday 2nd November. See you all next term!

Olivia

Dates to Remember

15 October
Begin Term 4

23 October
Mt Gambier Choir Rehearsal

24 October
Mt Gambier Choir Performance

29 October
6.15 pm Governing Council

1 November
Outdoor Education Day

2 November
Athletics Day

20 November
School Photos

Tuck Day

16th October (Week 1)
Pies, Pasties and Sausage Rolls
Helper

Kathy Hayes
Muffins—Kathy Hayes

23rd October (Week 2)
Nuggets and Salad
Helper

Kate McGregor
*Muffins—Cate Orton

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

We continue to beautify our yard and last week the children helped to install some bamboo screens near our digging patch. Once the job was done we all had a great time further developing our muscles as we used our new sharp shovels to dig up the delicious mud we made!

Indoors we been using our tiny loose parts rocks to explore space and positioning, and the children have created some intricate and detailed pictures.

Last Friday the R/1 children joined us for Pyjama Day. After a play together we enjoyed a late breakfast on the decking.

Libby, Preschool Teacher



Farmer's Day

Well done to the SRC for raising \$200 to be donated to the drought stricken farmers. The afternoon was a huge success. The SRC Executive Team put a lot of time and effort in to organising and ensuring the games run smoothly. Well done to Kiele, Bailey and Patrick.

Mrs English

Term 4 Excitement

Next term I would really like to learn more about adding numbers together and what animals eat and how they take care of each other.

I want to learn to add big numbers like 20 and 100 because I'm already good at little numbers and I want to try tricky big numbers now.

The reason I want to know more about animals is because animals are beautiful. I love animals and I think it will be fun to learn things like how giraffes hug.

I'm excited to do more learning next term because I like learning and it helps me train my brain. School is good!

Alice, Reception

5/6/7 Learning

In Technology we have been using a new program called Python Turtle. The 5/6/7 class has an assignment that includes this program.

We have also been using the pro-bots and scratch to help us understand how to program.

In Physical Education with Miss Hinge we have been practicing high jump and the marathon for the upcoming school athletics day. We have also been playing cricket this term, learning the rules and different techniques.

Karla, Year 7

Aussie of the Month

The Aussie of the Month for September is Murphy Heym. This student was voted by SRC as he is always kind and considerate of others. He is a good sport and supports others when playing at recess and lunch times. Congratulations, Murphy.



SRC News

This is just a reminder for the students that we all need to go to the toilet and have a drink at the 5 minute bell.

We have investigated about upgrading our bike rack and have got a quote from Mitre 10. We are going to have to put in a gate, shed and path to get to the location.

This month Murphy Heym received Aussie of the Month for showing excellent manners, good sportsmanship and accepting it when he got out. He also represented the School extremely well at Camp.

Kiele, President

Sports News

Last Sunday the Junior presentations took place at Lucindale Football and Netball Club. The School footballers had their presentations with Bailey Turner taking out the Best

and Fairest, Mason Hancock got the Best Utility, and Charlie Roach got the Coach's Award. In the Under 16s netball Karla McCarthy got the Best on Ground in Finals. In the 13As Amelia Frick came Runner Up to the Best and Fairest and Matilda Rothe got the Coach's Award. In the Cs all the players were presented with a medal.

Patrick, Year 7

Choir News

Last week nine people went to the Adelaide Music Festival for choir. We had to go to a practice on the Thursday morning so everyone had to go up to Adelaide on

Wednesday night. The concert was on the Thursday night and there was a big crowd. We were in the same row as Black Forest Primary and all of us sang and did the choreography really well. This week on Wednesday Matilda went to a Mount Gambier for a solo workshop. She will be singing a solo at the Mount Gambier festival.

Amelia, Year 6

2/3 Wombat Stew

In the last two weeks of term we have been learning about procedures.

One thing that we have been writing about is making fairy bread.

We learnt that we had to include a title, materials and instructions in steps. Each step uses a verb to being the step.

We then made wombat stew but first had to come up with replacements for the stew ingredients from the story! We couldn't eat feathers, mud or flies! We ended up putting in chocolate and yummy food!

Jess, Year 3

PCW Spot

Week 8 saw us on camp at Sovereign Hill at Ballarat, leaving Monday morning and returning Thursday afternoon. Sovereign Hill recreates Ballarat's first ten years

after the discovery of gold and the whole area is just as it would have been then. Every shop, every person involved is as it was, and the students and teachers were dressed in 1850s clothing which made us all feel pretty good!

For two days our students were instructed by "Ma'am", the headmistress who taught them in the same way it would have been then, so far removed from today. Our teacher showed us her home, a one room canvas roof log cabin style house where she brought up her six children and cared for her husband. I am sure you will have heard many stories of the week. I found out that "Ma'am" was a teacher in a small rural Victorian town and taught Rob Pilmore from Years 3-6 and still stays in contact with him.

Another school there was The School of the Air, where Charlie Roach attended, and his teachers were so pleased to see him. One of the adults with that group is the 'Flying Padre' Pastor David Shrimpton who is part of the school Governing Council and has a local connection—three weeks ago he baptised the grandchild of a local resident who had told Heather and me about this beautiful outback occasion! What a small world we live in, or is it just when we get older we have met so many more people? David visits the station families, schools and even a low security prison at Ivanhoe along with celebrating bush weddings, baptisms and being alongside families in grief. I have invited David to come to Padthaway to speak at our church and maybe even visit the school.

Can you believe it, the last week of Term 3? This is the week of the annual conference for Schools Ministry Group, or SMG who employ those in my role as Pastoral Care Workers. They are always good occasions although with over 300 gathered in one spot it can be a bit overawing for a country lad.

Cheers, Stephen

Uniform

The School has received a delivery of uniforms including bigger sizes of school polo-shirts and jumpers. These 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 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.

Milo Cricket

Mr Exton will be running the Milo In2Cricket for Term 4 for Padthaway Primary. Sessions will start in Week 2 to allow parents to sign up to the relevant Milo In2Cricket membership which can be done via the website. Thank you Mr Exton for donating your time.

Materials & Services Fee 2019

Padthaway Primary School Governing Council extends an invitation to all parents and caregivers to attend the first Governing Council meeting in Term 4 on 29th October at 6.15 pm to discuss and approve the 2019 Materials and Services Charges of \$250. In lieu of attendance at the meeting, you can express your views in writing, addressed to the Chairperson Sam Ward, by 4.00 pm on Monday 22nd October. The charge of \$250 is the same as the 2018 Materials and Services Charge.

If you require further clarification of the charge, please contact Olivia English at the school on 8765 5028.

Mrs Steer Visits

Mrs Steer came to visit the School this week. We loved seeing her again!



2018 Adelaide Choir

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 19th October.

NDCA Cricket

The details for the upcoming Junior Cricket sessions are as follows:

Woolworths Cricket Blast— Junior Blaster

Who: Ages 5-7

girls and boys

When: From Wednesday 31 Oct, 4.00 pm

Where: Wortley Oval

Woolworths Cricket Blast—Master Blaster

Who: Ages 7-10, girls and boys

When: From Wednesday 31 Oct, 4.00 pm

Where: Wortley Oval

Under 14 Cricket (former Primary School Cricket)

Who: U14s (ages 10-13), girls and boys

When: Training starts Wed 10 Oct, 4.00 pm. Games begin Sat 27 Oct

Where: Wortley Oval.

To register for any of the above cricket sessions please visit playcricket.com.au and search Naracoorte Cricket Club. You can also email ndcajunior@gmail.com.

Cost is involved and is dependent on the age group and the number of weeks played. This information can be found on the website.

Please also visit the Naracoorte and District Cricket Association Junior Facebook page for more information.

