



## Archer Leddy

I am proud of myself for trying to be neater at my Word Work because I am trying my best and I really want to get my pencil grip licence.

My favourite subject is PE because we get to do sports for Sports Day. I like to do High Jump the most because it has a soft landing and I jump as high as I can.

I look forward to doing Reading at school because my Dad comes in to read with people in my class. I like to read because then I practise using my reading strategies like Eagle Eye.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write neatly all the time without someone helping me. I will write smaller, with finger spaces and on the lines. Then my writing will be neat so I can read it.

A skill I would like to develop is balancing because then I will be stronger and play Limbo better. I am going to be better at balancing by practising on the balancing boards.

A goal for myself this term is to get to a higher level for Reading because then I can read bigger books with bigger words. I really like to read to my Mum and Dad.

So far this year I have loved doing Word Work because we get to learn new words and do fun activities like writing silly sentences. My silly sentences make my friends laugh.

Archer, Year 1



## Eliza Ward

This year I really like reading and listening to people read. Reading is good because I have started reading tricky books. In tricky books I

know some words but have to sound out new words which is fun.

In 2018 I am looking forward to going on the Wipe Out Waste excursion. It will be fun to go to Naracoorte and learn about the environment.

So far this year I have loved learning new Maths skills. I am learning how to plus and take away numbers below 100.

Every day I look forward to doing Choice Learning. In Choice Learning my favourite thing to do is dramatic play. At the moment we dress up as builders and pretend to build things in the classroom.

In Year 2 I am looking forward to learning all of the things I don't know yet. Year 2 is going to be a fun year.

Eliza, Year 2



## Harry Bell

This year I am looking forward to learning about Maths. I think Maths is easy to do so I want to challenge myself to learn to do

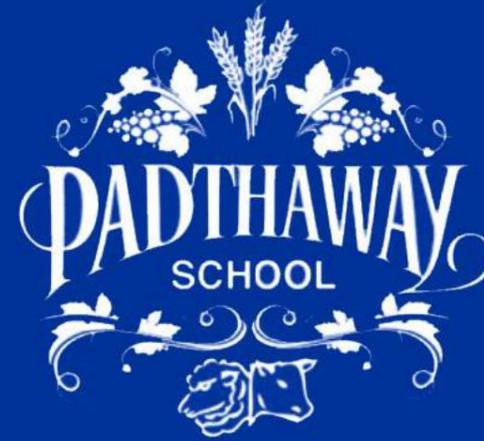
division sums.

Every day I look forward to doing English. I know I need to work on my punctuation when I write and I want to learn to write a detailed exposition. I also look forward to doing Spelling because I want to know how to spell all of the words in the World properly. I am practising at home and at school.

I like being at Padthaway School because there are heaps of new people that I have met. With my new friends I like playing and running around with them. I also like all of the subjects we do and the topics we learn about. In Science we are learning about seeds. We planted gum seeds and are testing how long it takes them to grow.

This year I am looking forward to Camp because I love going camping.

Harry, Year 4



# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Preparing for the future...today"*

Be Respectful  
Act Responsibly  
Strive for Excellence

## From the Principal



*"Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter."*

Bullying! No Way! Day is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Friday, Week 7). Students from Padthaway School will

participate in the day, extending their wellbeing learning from the term. Classes will continue their anti-bullying and harassment lessons, learning about what is and isn't acceptable at school and in the community and extend their learning through interacting with resources available for all schools in support of the NDA (National Day of Action against Bullying).

Padthaway School is proud to be part of the NDA. The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and in 2018 we are called to imagine a 'World free from bullying'.

For Padthaway students, a World free from bullying is one that is 'nice', 'welcoming', 'inclusive', 'what we all want' and 'what we need to make sure we do'. Padthaway students are concerned about bullying and how this can impact someone's learning and life.

If your child is asking you any questions regarding bullying or harassment at home, we have a range of resources available to help discuss these issues with your child.

Information can be obtained by speaking to your class teacher. The School's Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy is also available on the website.

Bullying prevention is everyone's responsibility. This begins with the students, continues with School staff and includes parents, family and community members.

Let's make Padthaway an inclusive and bullying free School. A wish from all students for all students.

## Working Bee

We have a Working Bee coming up on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Week 7) at 1:45pm. We are looking for people to help weed our garden beds, prune the gardens, edge the grass, sweep up fallen leaves and much more! Students will join us to help improve their school at 2:30pm. They will have areas to focus on as a Class. If you can attend, please RSVP to the Front Office on 8765 5028.

## External Review

I have spoken about the important External Review that Padthaway School is undergoing in Week 8 in previous newsletters. DECD Reviewer Mrs Julie Bishop and Peer Principal Mr Paul Harmer will spend 3 days at Padthaway meeting with the students, parents and staff to reflect on the School. Julie is hosting a meeting at the school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 8:30am to 9:15am for parents to share their thoughts on the School. Julie will lead this meeting. A letter was sent home with your child this week explaining this process further.

## Student Free Day

Last Friday, 2nd March, staff attended a Training Day at Naracoorte. Guest speaker Leone Shelley spoke about the Big 6 for Reading. Her captivating presentation encouraged staff to reflect on their practice and implementation of strategies in Reading. Improving reading is a site improvement focus for Padthaway. Staff are focusing on different strategies to help students comprehend texts and build skills in comprehension. Reading is an important aspect of student development. 20 minutes a night of reading helps students to build a wide vocabulary, broadens their thinking and impacts their learning.

## Choir

The Padthaway Choir has started for the year. Students have had a wonderful start to the year and are keen to sing the catchy

songs. This year's theme is 'Adelaide and North Terrace', where we find the origins of South Australia. Students are keen to learn the song 'Cheese Grater' about the new Adelaide Medical Research and Science Centre. Congratulations to 2018 Choir Leader Amelia Frick voted by Choir students as their representative. Amelia will provide a Choir update each newsletter.

## SAPSASA Softball and Swimming

Congratulations to Karla McCarthy for winning a place in the Upper South East SAPSASA Softball Team. In Week 11, Karla will be competing with her team in Adelaide. Congratulations also to Patrick Fraser and Kiele Longbottom for gaining a place in the Upper South East SAPSASA Swimming team. I am always so amazed by the representation we have for SAPSASA from our small School. Well done to all who participated on the day.

## Enviro Warriors Visit

Last week the 4 Upper Primary Enviro Warriors, D'Arci Bell, Kiele Longbottom, Logan Marshall and Matilda Rothe went to the Naracoorte Caves for the Youth Environmental Forum. Students enthusiastically represented their School and demonstrated a passion for a more sustainable future at Padthaway School and in the world around them. This week, the Upper Primary Enviro Warriors will be visiting each classroom to teach their peers about reducing waste and improve recycling procedures in their classrooms.

## Combined Schools Sports Day

Combined Schools Sports Day at Padthaway Football Oval is coming up. The day will be held on Thursday 29th March, Week 9. Students have begun practising the events. The Governing Council will be preparing the oval for the event. I look forward to seeing everyone at the event and cheering on the Padthaway students to strive for excellence in each event.

Olivia

## Dates to Remember

- 12 March**  
Adelaide Cup Holiday
- 27 March**  
Young Leaders' Day: Adelaide
- 29 March**  
Combined Schools Sports Day:  
Padthaway Football Oval
- 30 March**  
Good Friday Holiday
- 2 April**  
Easter Monday Holiday
- 13 April**  
End Term 1: 2.30 pm dismissal
- 30 April**  
Start Term 2

## Tuck Day

### 13th March (Week 7)

**Pizza**  
Helper  
Terry Robertson  
\*Muffins—Lissy Orton

### 20th March (Week 8)

**Nuggets and Salad**  
Helper  
Kathy Hayes  
\*Muffins—Hanna Orton

Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner  
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## What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Everyone loved the Jack and Molly performance and we loved joining in with the songs we had learnt before their visit. We continue to complete research on a range of boats, and the children are reading a range of information texts. We met Persistent Pete and he is helping us to stay on task with our work. We are enjoying exploring the completed sections of our new yard. The introduction of a range of loose parts has been very popular.

*Libby*



## Enviro Warriors

At the Youth Environmental Leaders Forum our Enviro Warriors did an excellent job of representing Padthaway. D'Arci Bell, Kiele Longbottom, Logan Marshall and Matilda Rothe attended information sessions on the unique features of the Limestone Coast region and lifestyles of the endangered Bent-Wing Bats. The Enviro Warriors then participated in workshops with leaders from other schools in the South East. The students discussed examples of current environmental and sustainability issues.

The next step will be working on a YELP project and mentoring classes to reduce, recycle and reuse!

*Ceri*

## 5/6/7 Class Report

In the 5/6/7 Class we have been learning about how animals develop structural, behavioral and physiological adaptations to help them to survive in the environment in which they live. We did an investigation to explore one of the structural adaptations that helps animals survive in the freezing temperatures of the Arctic.

Our task was in a small group, using a stopwatch, to time how long we could submerge our whole hand under the surface of a bucket of ice water. Once we had done this and then recorded our results, we covered our hand in a thick layer of copha (which acted as blubber) and a glove. Then, for a second time we recorded our results. We all found out that when we had just our bare hand in the water, after a while it started to go red and throb, while the copha acted as fat and kept our hand from freezing by keeping it warm. We all lasted longer in the water with the copha on than we did with our bare hand. This explained how blubber helps to keep animals warm.

*Karla, Year 7*



## SRC News

There will be a Working Bee next Friday after the Christian Outreach. The shade structure near the lunch shed has a rip in it but it should be fixed sometime next week. There may be a disco on Wednesday, Week 11, Term 1. We have had great suggestions made in Class meetings by many of the students. Some suggestions have included revising the rules for the swing and discussing being responsible in the bathrooms.

*Kiele, President*

## SAPSASA News

SAPSASA swimming trials were held on the Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February last week. Bailey Turner, Kiele Longbottom, Matilda Rothe, Abbey Charlick and Patrick Fraser tried out to get into the team. It was a great day and it was full of fun. Patrick Fraser and Kiele Longbottom made the swimming team. Karla McCarthy made the SAPSASA softball team and will be playing in Adelaide from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of April (week 11).

*Patrick, Year 7*

## Choir News

We began Choir lessons in Week 3 this term. We have been learning the songs 'Dare to be Square' by Guy Sebastian, 'Pure Imagination' from the original *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* movie, 'Kusimama (stand tall)', and 'Devil Run Wild' which is about Tasmanian devils. Our Choir lessons are Mondays after lunch.

*Amelia, Year 6*

## 3/4 Winter Olympics at Padthaway

Last week on Tuesday 27th February our Class had our own Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony followed by four Winter Olympic events. Eight countries were represented and I was in the Korean team with Lachlan. We did Biathlon (ski up to the target on our corflute skis and shoot at the target with our Nerf guns), Curling (using lawn bowls instead of the stones), Bobsled (with a go-cart) and Cross Country Skiing around the goal posts on our corflute skis.

My favourite event was the bobsled because I got to drive around the course while Lachlan pushed. Thank you to Mr Eddy, Mr Edwards and Mrs Steer for being umpires.

*Murphy, Year 4*

## School Hats

Please be aware that hats with under neck straps and toggles are not allowed to be worn at school due to the possible choking hazard.

Approved School hats are available from the Front Office for purchase or for viewing if you would like to see what is acceptable.



## PCW Spot

*We all Belong*

This was the theme for 'Amazing Saturday' when 17 of our students along with students from the Naracoorte Primary schools and also

Lucindale primary age students attended. They swam, kayaked, enjoyed craft activities including biscuit decorating with lots of icing sugar, face painting, jewellery making and a host of other activities including ice-blocking.

After a BBQ tea and ice-cream there was entertainment in the Naracoorte Primary School hall including singing, and a play about a dog who didn't fit in. This introduced the theme which Anna Barnett spoke about.

Anna spoke about her first years at Naracoorte Primary when she felt she didn't belong and asked the kids if they ever felt this way. For those of us who know Anna we didn't really know that she had felt this way. In fact one of our daughters Christy had been and still is a very close friend of Anna's; they have been bridesmaids for each other in their weddings.

Anna explained that she felt she didn't belong because she had brown skin and no-one at school or it even seemed in the whole town had brown skin. When she was just a baby Anna was left abandoned under a tree, was severely malnourished and taken into an orphanage in her birth county Sri Lanka. John and Judy Stafford, a local couple who had three boys, adopted Anna and she blossomed into a vibrant, energetic young lady who brightens up anyone who meets her.

And yes, Anna said she feels she does belong, her faith has been a big part of this and now with such a wide range of nationalities in our area and schools it is much easier to belong. Anna's story is a real reminder of how fortunate most kids are, to belong right from birth. Easter fast approaches and it is central to the faith that Christians belong to.

*Cheers, Stephen*

## Christian Outreach

On Friday afternoon of 16th March there will be a Christian Seminar run by the School Ministries Group from Adelaide. This presentation will encourage students to consider how they might get along with those who are different to them. Please contact the School with any questions

*Stephen*

## Year 3/4 Class

### Frances Folk Festival

On Friday 23rd February our Class went to the Frances Folk Festival at Frances. Our Class was divided into 5 groups with other students from Frances, Naracoorte South and Mundulla schools. We did song writing (our group's song was called Digby's Super Chicken), ukelele playing with Mrs Biggins, Bush Dancing with the Bush Dance Band, singing and painted banners for the Festival. My favourite song was Friday, Friday, got to get my Maths Done! It was a good fun day except for the heat!

*Alex, Year 3*



## Narratives in R/1/2

This term we've been learning about narratives. We all made one together about a cat called Kate who got lost. Then we got to do the illustrations so we can turn it into a book for our Class to read. We made our own books as well. My narrative was about The 3 Little Pigs. I have read that narrative before and I wanted to write it as a new book with my own illustrations. I have liked learning about narratives because I like making books and stories.

*Felix, Year 1*



## Community News

### Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup will be on Friday mornings in even weeks from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon in the Preschool at Padthaway Primary School. The next Playgroup will be on Friday 9th March.

For more information contact Kylie Pethybridge on 0417 862 861.

### Padthaway Medical Centre

Consulting hours with Dr Sarah Willoughby are 9.00 am—5.00 pm every Monday in the Padthaway Medical Centre. To make an appointment please phone Robe Medical Clinic on 8768 2012 or Padthaway Medical Centre (Mondays only) on 8765 5063.

## Padthaway School Working Bee

The School will be hosting a Working Bee on Friday 16th March (Week 7, Term 1) from 1:45pm. Everyone is welcome to help beautify our school. Classes will have areas to help tidy and the Enviro Warriors will help plan the day.

Please let the Front Office know if you are able to attend by calling 8765 5028.

Gardening and pruning will be a focus for our Term 1 Working Bee.

Please bring all tools and equipment you think will help (brooms, rakes, window squeegees, shovels, whipper-snippers). Naming these will help to identify them at the end of the day.

Thank you in advance to those who can help beautify our school.

*Olivia*

