

# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Clayton Parham

I am proud of myself for writing neatly when I do letters because practising helps me get better.

My favourite subject is Science because I like to look things up on the computer about foxes and I really want to build a diorama.

I look forward to Writing because then I get better and quicker at it. I want to be able to write things about frogs by myself.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read big stories with Sam at school because then I can read to lots of people.

A skill I would like to develop is kicking a footy because then I can kick high and far when we play footy. A goal for myself this term is to write the letters by myself. It is tricky to remember how to write e and q.

So far this year I have loved doing Choice Learning because I can do the things I like. My favourite activity is making the story at Story Table. It has planes and an airport.



## Sam Hayes

I am proud of myself for keeping up my schoolwork even when it gets tough.

My favourite subject is PE because it's fun and

I like outdoor sports. In PE we are learning Athletic skills. At Combined Schools Sports Day I want to participate in every sport.

I look forward to doing Thursday Group because we get to play games and work towards a group goal.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read bigger words so that I can read bigger books.

I would like to get better at the High Jump because I would like to see how high I can go.

I would like to be better at Spelling because it would help me with my schoolwork and I will be able to read better.

So far this year I have loved doing Thursday Group because it has helped me understand my feelings and emotions better.

Sam, Year 3



## Samara Robertson

I am proud of myself for focusing in class. My favourite subjects are History, Maths, English and Economics

and Business because I work well in these subjects.

I look forward to doing Economics and Business because I get to work with a friend, make a business and support my School. This will help us pay for Camp.

By the end of the year I hope to know my times tables up to 12, do Maths in my head instead of using a calculator, get more work done in a lesson, use neat handwriting and learn more about my family history.

A skill I would like to develop is Handwriting so it looks neat in my book. Another skill I would like to develop is speaking confidently to the Class and not being shy when I talk.

So far this year I have loved doing Economics and Business because I work with D'Archi. I also get to bake. I have loved seeing Mrs Sadler. She spoils me a lot with my LAP time and lets me bring friends.

Samara, Year 6



# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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*Be Respectful*

*Act Responsibly*

*Strive for Excellence*

## From the Principal



*"I am only one, still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."* Helen Keller

No action, no matter how small, is without its effect on those around you. Behind every successful outcome is a vast network of people who have been a support. This is true for Padthaway School. Without our community support, we wouldn't be the School we are today.

The School is supported by the community to ensure students are healthy (Breakfast Club and Tuck Day), can participate in a range of activities (sport, choir, and personal development) and experience extra-curricular activities. Most of these opportunities and access to these opportunities are provided by volunteers who give their time to the school. Students are fortunate that we have a community that is willing and able to donate time and expertise to improving the quality of student learning and their school environment. We thank all of those who support our School.

Volunteering at school has an impact on the students. Through students seeing others giving their time, they learn it is the right thing to do to help and support others, and in this, see compassion, kindness and empathy for others.

The most recent volunteering event was the school Working Bee last Friday. Thank you to all who could volunteer their time for the afternoon. The school looks neater and well prepared for winter. With the students participating in the day, they are learning the work and effort required to making their learning and play environment the best place they can be. By seeing adults help them in this, students feel valued and see adults respect their learning.

Thank you also to those parents who will be helping on Sunday morning by spreading the straw through the garden beds. This will ensure the weeds stay put for longer! Are you interested in being a volunteer at our school? There are lots of opportunities if you would like to give of your time. This can be in the garden helping with our Bush Tucker garden or vegetable patch or this can be in class reading with students. If you are interested and would like to know more, contact the Front Office on 8765 5028. They will be able to organise the required documents for you to help in the school.

## Bullying! No Way! Day

On Friday students participated in Bullying! No Way! Day as part of our anti-bullying and harassment education. Upper Primary students learnt about the recent cyberbullying with Dolly from the Northern Territory and why blue is used to represent the day. Middle Primary students learnt a rap to help them remember what bullying and helping others looks like while Junior Primary students focused on resilient actions and making good choices in play. Students were provided with information about bullying and a 'quick help' card was sent home for students and for parents. If you did not receive yours, please check with your eldest child.

## Combined Schools Sports Day

Combined Schools Sports Day is next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Students are excited for the day and have been practising the events in class time. Please remember that this is a School day and students are expected to attend.

Information has been sent home this week and any parents who volunteered their time for the day have received their helping time in a letter on Monday this week.

We still need a few more volunteers to help serve food on the day and to help with

cleaning up after the event. Please contact the Front Office to volunteer your time – Thank you!

## Shade Structure

Our shade structure at school has been ripping since the beginning of the term. Over the weekend the strong winds completely ripped the shade. As the shade was already going to be replaced, this new rip did not surprise us. Workers from Adelaide are removing the loose shade this week and ensuring the structure is sound after the big winds. The repair of this cover is funded by the Department and will be at no cost to the School.

If you are on the school site after hours, please remember that this area is out of bounds until we have confirmation the structure is safe. The gates are closed and students know this area is unsafe and unavailable to them. I will keep you informed as to the replacement of the shade.

## External Review

This week we welcomed Julie Bishop and Paul Harmer to the school as part of the External Review process. Julie and Paul have spoken with Governing Council, students, staff, parents and me around School Community Partnerships, Effective Teaching and Student Learning. On Friday, Julie, Adam Box and I will meet to discuss future directions for Padthaway School.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the External Review. Open and honest communication is the only way to ensure we are achieving the best outcomes and opportunities for the students of Padthaway.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ebony and Patrick Capurso who are expecting their first child in September. Ebony will work until mid-Term 3, all going well. We hope Ebony has a smooth pregnancy over the next few months.

Olivia

## Dates to Remember

**23 March**  
SAPSASA Swimming: Adelaide

**27 March**  
Young Leaders' Day: Adelaide

**28 March**  
Choir Rehearsal: Mundulla

**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

**27th March (Week 9)**  
**Toasted Ham and Cheese Sandwiches**

Helper  
Tanya Frick—muffins

**3rd April (Week 10)**  
**Lasagne and Salad**

Helper  
Bron Longbottom  
\*Muffins—Cate Orton

Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner  
Tuck Day Coordinators  
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## Year 3/4 Class

The Red Gum and Blue Gum seeds, that the students planted in Science, have shot and are over 1 cm tall.

The students presented to their classmates, their projects on one of the Winter Olympic sports and their models. The students have been practising their events for the Combined Schools Sports Day next week.

In History with Ceri Edwards, the students have been learning about Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, International Women's Day, St Patrick's Day and Harmony Day as part of 'Celebrations around the World'.

On Tuesday the students attended 'Wally and the Wipe Out Waste Wizard' as part of



the School's sustainability focus. The students came back with ideas that we can implement at school. The students were given the challenge to only fill a tiny



Some of the students' comments were:

Toby—I learnt that soft paper can go into compost.

Jess—I wanted to compost the leftover food from Tuck Day but instead I took it to the chooks.

Lucy—George had worm juice coming out of his arm from the Compost bin on his head.

Matthew—Wally was funny.

Harry—I learnt what bins to put waste into.

Murphy—The show was funny and I learnt about REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.

Lachlan—You can reuse plastic bags.

Ned—I like the Nude Food Dude puppet.

Will—You can fill a juice or milk bottle with bottle tops and recycle them.

Archie—I liked the idea of crunching used foil into balls, to make juggling balls.

*Pam*

## Wally and the Wipe Out Waste Wizard

The R-Year 4 children went to the Wally and WOW Wizard performance in Naracoorte. The WOW Wizard did magic tricks to teach Wally which bins he should put his rubbish in. There was a red bin for landfill, yellow for recycle, green for compost and orange for 10c bottles. Wally was putting all his rubbish in the landfill bin but then the wizard taught him to reduce, reuse and recycle his rubbish so he wasn't being such a waster. My favourite part was at the end when Wally showed us that if we recycle tin cans then they get turned into ladders. Wally pulled out a big ladder from the recycling bin. It was a bit like magic. We also got to meet Nude Food Dude and he was made of reusable containers. He told us we should use less packets in our lunchbox and use containers instead. Before the performance our School already had a Nude Food Day last year and I think we should have one again. The performance was fun and it was good because we are learning to use our bins properly too.

*Gus, Year 2*



## SRC News

We would like to let people know that there will definitely be a disco on Wednesday, Week 11, Term 1. We are splitting the group for the disco so the Years R-3 go together and the Years 4-7 go together.

There will be a Tuck Day in Term 2, Week 4. We are still voting with the Classes about what dress-up ideas we are doing and what food we are going to serve.

At Combined Schools Sports Day Mrs English would like to remind everyone that during recess and lunch no-one is to leave the Oval.

*Kiele, President*



## SAPSASA News

### Swimming

Patrick Fraser and Kiele Longbottom will be participating in SAPSASA swimming on Friday 23rd March this week. On

Thursday afternoon there will be training for swimming at Marion Swimming Centre, Adelaide. The event will also be held there.

Karla McCarthy will be playing SAPSASA softball on 9-13th April in Adelaide.

*Patrick, Year 7*



## Choir News

Next week on Wednesday 28th March the Choir will be going to Mundulla Primary School for a rehearsal for the South

East Primary Schools' Music Festival. Robyn Filmer will be coming to conduct all of the Choirs. The Choir will be rehearsing the songs with Mundulla and Bordertown. We are looking forward to rehearsing the songs with the other schools.

*Amelia, Year 6*

## Preschool Play Space

The Preschool Outdoor Play Space is nearly finished with a gate and turf the last items to be installed next week. The Preschool students are loving being able to choose between indoor and outdoor play and this meets the NQS requirements for Padthaway for Early Years Education. Come and have a look at the lovely space if you can!



## PCW Spot

It's just a week to our Combined Schools Sports Day with Frances and Mundulla. This gives students a chance to compete and to meet with students from other

small schools before hitting the big time at High School. Have you caught up with the exciting news from the recent Naracoorte High School Sports Day?

Four of our former students excelled: William Charlick and Poppy Moyle-Read (two of our Year 7s last year) both won their Year 8 (14 Year Old) cups, Tom Moyle-Read won the Under 16 Boys cup and, to top it all off, Kelsie Moyle-Read won the Open Girls cup. What a mighty effort; it takes more than just raw talent to achieve these sorts of results—lots of dedication, practise and listening to their peers help bring these results.

Our School has always had many students representing the school in SAPSASA teams and individually—this year being no exception. Supporting these achievements are parents and sports coaches who guide and support our students.

"All for One, One for All". This was the theme of Hannah and Matt, the two presenters of our Christian Easter Seminar on Friday. They told the Easter story along with interactive games and shared so many positive ideas with students and staff. Every student was given a fridge magnet with something to try their hardest to do every day. They are:

-SMILE and say hello to someone you don't normally talk to

-INVITE someone to play that you normally don't play with

-ASK something new about someone.

I think as adults we could embrace this.

Happy Easter—do something radical; try going to church! On the Thursday night our Church is holding a Tenebrae service at 7.00 pm and on Easter Sunday a service at 10.00 am.

*Blessings, Stephen*

## 5/6/7 Class Report

For the last few weeks the 5/6/7s have been looking at some of Edvard Munch's artworks and analysing his techniques and designs.

We recorded the content, form, progress, mood, interpretation and justification of his work. We then had to do a personal response.

Once everyone has finished their analysing, we will use our ideas and notes to write our own Visual Art analysis paragraphs.

*Karla, Year 7*

## Padthaway School Parent Resources

The School has many resources useful for parents as your child grows and develops. We have recently purchased a range of books by author Michael Carr-Gregg. Michael Carr

-Gregg has written parenting books about children growing into adolescence, cyberbullying, kids online, information for parents living with adolescent girls and adolescent boys and

parents worried about their children's emotional state.

These books can be borrowed using a visitor's borrowing code from the School.

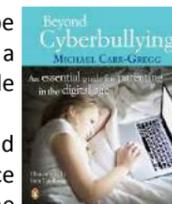
The books can be found in our parent resource book case near the Front Office.

## Community News

### Dartmoor Hockey

Dartmoor Hockey Club in Naracoorte are seeking boys, girls and parents for their upcoming season.

Training is on Wednesdays at 5.30 pm. For more information, please contact Michael Hutchesson on 0428 857 207.



## Community News

### Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup will be on Friday mornings in even weeks from 9:30 am until 11:30 am in the Preschool at Padthaway Primary School. The next Playgroup will be on Friday 23rd March.

For more information contact Libby Thornton on 8765 5028.

### 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 Women in Agriculture and Business

Would like to invite all Branches & Friends

to attend our

### Limestone Coast Regional Gathering 2018

It is to be held at the

### Padthaway Memorial Hall

on Thursday, 5th April 2018

With a starting time:

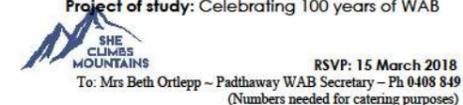
**9:30 AM** - for morning tea and registration

Cost of Gathering: **\$25.00**

Country of study: Argentina

Theme: Climbing Mountains

Project of study: Celebrating 100 years of WAB



RSVP: 15 March 2018

To: Mrs Beth Ortlepp - Padthaway WAB Secretary - Ph 0408 849 545 (Numbers needed for catering purposes)

