

# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

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## PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"



### Alice Ward

The year I have loved being at school. I like learning new things. My favourite thing to learn is writing. I like to write everyone's name in the Class. I want to know how to spell everyone's name properly. I also like to draw. I like to draw flowers and people with the flowers. I am proud of myself because I have learnt how to draw myself in Visual Art. I had to visualise what I thought I looked like and I found it fun. A goal for myself is to get better at climbing on the new play equipment. I practise this every recess and lunch. I have learnt how to hang upside down by one foot! We are learning how to do narratives and Miss Brookes is helping us make books. My story is about a speedy ant. The speedy ant needs help so he goes fast to help each friend. I like to help my friends. I help them feel better if they are sad by saying nice things.

Alice, Reception



### Matthew Robertson

I am proud of myself for learning to spell trickier words. I have been listening to the different sounds in the words and using syllables to spell new words. My favourite subject is PE because I like doing sport. Learning sports is fun because you run around heaps and you get to be outside. I looking forward to doing the NAPLAN test this year because it is going to be a challenge. I am looking forward to finding out what I know. By the end of the year I hope to be able to be a better speller and read trickier books. At the moment I am reading *The World's Worst Children 2*. It is a funny book and I am enjoying it. So far this year I have loved Combined Schools Sports Day. I enjoyed doing all of the activities and liked running around. I am proud of myself for clearing 85cm in High Jump.

Matthew, Year 3



### D'Arci Bell

I am proud of myself for being able to work with decimals. My favourite subject is Maths because I like learning how to do times tables and challenging myself with tricky problems. I look forward to going to Camp. I really want to find a bit of gold because we are going to the goldfields. By the end of the year I hope to know all of my times tables off by heart. At the moment I get stuck on my 8x tables. To know my times tables better I am practising them at school. This year I really enjoyed going to the EnviroWarrior Expo at the Naracoorte Caves. I learnt about bats and the Limestone Coast. I found this really interesting. I really enjoy school. I like coming and learning new things everyday and spending time with my friends. I have made new friends at Padthaway School and I like being here.

D'Arci, Year 5

### From the Principal



What a wonderful day last Thursday! The Combined Schools Sports Day held last week at Padthaway Oval proved to be an outstanding success! Great weather, great sportsmanship and many personal bests led to many successes on the field. Our students featured prominently throughout the day in many events with Felix Bell, Eliza Ward, Sam Hayes, Anna Orton, Lily Mathews, Tom Orton and Karla McCarthy being awarded 1<sup>st</sup> in their year level. Alice Ward, Amethyst May, Felicity Orton, Alex Charlick, Jess Frick, D'Arci Bell, Amelia Frick, and Kiele Longbottom received 2<sup>nd</sup> and Eddie Brooksby, Jack Orton, Henry Orton, Ned Ward, Murphy Heym, Matilda Rothe and Chase Healy received 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the end we finished a close second behind the eventual winners – Frances. As well, our School won the hotly contested Relay Race against strong opposition. Well done to all students, parents and staff for a wonderful day! To make our Sports Day possible, there were many people who gave of their time to help prepare the oval and set up, donate and serve food and help clean up after the event. Many of these people are not directly involved with the School and the care and consideration they demonstrated to help make the day possible is truly appreciated. Thank you! Well done to all the students and thank you everyone for making the day such a special day. **Young Leaders** On Tuesday last week, the Year 7 students went to Young Leaders Day in Adelaide. Mr Eddy and the students listened to different speakers and learnt how resilience is needed to be a good leader.

The Year 7s will bring these skills to school and through their actions demonstrate leadership for the younger students. All students in Year 7 are role models to the other students and this is important in growing maturity for individual students as well as providing opportunities for students to explore the possibilities of leadership. Even students without a leadership role have many opportunities to lead throughout any day. Thank you to Mr Eddy for taking the students to Adelaide and to Peta Fraser for donating her car to fit everyone in. **Three Way Conferences** Early Term Two will present families with the opportunity to share with their child and child's teacher learning success during our Three Way Conference program. These conferences are an important aspect of the reporting process and are designed to give you a clear picture of your child's successes and challenges. Please make sure you return your attendance preference slips that went home this week. The Three Way Conference dates will be in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 2. **External Review** Thank you to everyone who participated in providing information and feedback for the External Review. We will receive official feedback next term, however informal feedback was very positive. Julie Bishop enjoyed being at the school for the 3 days and Paul Harmer was amazed at the changes from when he was teacher and principal at Padthaway in 2006. The majority of students from Year 3-7 were able to share their thoughts about their learning and participated in small groups to help share this information with the External Review team. This feedback, combined with feedback from staff and parents, has helped form suggestions and directions for the School for the next 3 to 4 years.

**NAPLAN Online** NAPLAN testing is approaching. This annual assessment program for students in Years 3/5/7/9 has been conducted annually since 2008. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that develop over time through the school's curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test, but rather shows how students are progressing in both subject areas against national standards for all Australian students. It provides information that allows Schools and Government to better target support to assist students to achieve their full potential and build successful lives. NAPLAN assesses fundamental skills and, as a consequence, is not an examination process that students can prepare for in the short to medium term. Rather, NAPLAN should be regarded as one part of a School's assessment program, for which students should simply be encouraged to do their best. This year students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be participating in NAPLAN testing in Week 3, Term 2 (15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May). NAPLAN testing this year will be online for all students except for the Year 3 writing test. Padthaway Primary School is one of 50 schools moving to the Online testing platform this year. All schools in South Australia will be participating in NAPLAN Online by 2020. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School. **School Assembly and End of Term** Our School's end of term Assembly will be held next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00 am. As always, this assembly will be both informative and entertaining. I encourage your attendance where student achievement will feature prominently. The Semester 1 SRC induction will take place at this assembly. Please be aware that early dismissal applies for the last day of term – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Dismissal is at 2.30 pm. Buses will begin their run at that time.

Olivia

### Dates to Remember

- 13 April**  
End Term 1: 2.30 pm dismissal
- 30 April**  
Start Term 2
- 8-10 May and 15-17 May**  
3 Way Conferences
- 15-18 May**  
NAPLAN Online
- 18 May**  
SE Cross Country
- 23 May**  
11.00 am National Storytime
- 30 May—1 June**  
YELP Camp

### Tuck Day

- 10th April (Week 11)**  
**Pot Luck**  
Helper  
Glenda Fretwell  
\*Muffins—Tara McCarthy
- 1st May (Week 1, Term 2)**  
**Pies, Pasties, Sausage Rolls**  
Helper  
Kathy Hayes—Muffins
- Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner  
Tuck Day Coordinators  
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## What Have We Been Up To in Preschool?

What fun we are all having exploring our outdoor learning environment! Sandpit play, loose parts construction, climbing and goop have proved highly engaging for all. We look forward to the addition of lawn, a dirt patch and a raised garden bed. The children have been exploring Aboriginal Perspectives through the viewing of the *Thukeri* Dreaming Story. Our new Junior Engineer set has been well utilised and lots of fun has been had acting out *The Cranky Bear* at the Story Table.

On Thursday morning we welcome Bailey, Belle and Daisy who will be attending their first session in the newly established Padthaway Preschool Associated Programme.

*Libby*



## Finance Request

If you have any outstanding accounts please ensure these are paid ASAP. Please contact Kirilie at the Front Office for payment options.

Payment options include EFTPOS, Direct Debit, Cheque or Cash.

We are more than willing to work with you to ensure the best outcomes for both you and the School.

*Thank you, Kirilie*

## 2D Shapes

I liked learning about 2D shapes. They are flat shapes and now I know circle, rectangle and hexagon. We learnt about sides and corners of shapes. A diamond has 4 sides, a triangle has 3 sides and a pentagon has 5 sides. My favourite 2D shape is a square because it's easy to remember which one it is. Things that look like a square are the sides of boxes and baskets and some of our books and tables. The best thing about learning 2D shapes is singing and dancing to the shape song.

*Clayton, Reception*

## Year 3/4 Class

In Technology the students had a scenario to solve with 4 Missions to complete to help save Easter Bunny who had been kidnapped, dragged through the forest and put in a cage on an island. Archie liked Mission 1 because the tower his group made supported him. Albie's plane flew over 1 metre in Mission 2. George's group liked making the winning boat in Mission 3 because it carried 26 marbles before sinking. Harry's group found siphoning the water out of the jar to get the key in Mission 4 hard. Luckily the Missions were completed just in time for Easter Bunny to deliver his Easter Eggs to the school last Wednesday.

At the Combined Schools Sports Day, Henry loved the High Jump because it was a fun sport to do; Jess loved winning her silver medal; Lucy loved winning her first ribbon at shotput; Matthew was proud that he cleared 85cm in high jump; George liked hurdles because he won his race; Toby loved sprints because it was fun; Grace loved hurdles because she is good at jumping over them; Sam loved everything because he won 2 firsts and a gold medal; Alex's favourite event was long jump since he came first; Murphy liked high jump because it was fun challenging himself at high heights; Anna was thrilled that PPS won the R-7 relay!

*Pam*



## SRC News

Our next SRC Tuck Day will be held next term on Tuesday of Week 4, 22nd May. Students will be dressing up as their opposite gender and there will be a prize for the best dressed. On the day, pizza will be served for lunch.

The Combined Schools Sports Day went 'down a treat' and we would like to thank everyone who put time and effort into it. Well done to everyone who competed and tried their best.

At the Disco, the SRC will be providing food which will include a fruit platter, chips, fairy bread, popcorn and cordial. This will need to be eaten in the Wet Area. The R-3 will attend from 5:30—6:00pm. The Year 3s can stay an extra ten minutes to spend some time with the older students. The Year 4-7 students will attend from 6:00—6:45pm.

*Kiele, President*



## SAPSASA News

The notes have been sent out about SAPSASA Football and SAPSASA Netball. The trials will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Naracoorte Town Courts/Oval. Students from

other Upper South East Primary Schools will be present on the day, and a team to represent the district will be selected. The form has the time of the trials on it. Please return your forms by Friday if you are interested in attending.

A form for Athletics Try-outs has also been sent home and this is due Friday Week 10.

*Patrick, Year 7*



*Kiele, Libby Thornton and Patrick at SAPSASA Swimming last week*



## Choir News

Recently we went to a rehearsal at Mundulla. Kathy Lang came to Mundulla to help us understand the songs better. We learnt what the songs were about, who

wrote them and where they got their inspiration from. We joined with Bordertown and Mundulla.

*Amelia, Year 6*



## PCW Spot

We have just come through the Easter holiday period which for many can be a rush to get to our destinations and a rush to get home.

Hopefully in between you

enjoyed time with family and friends and found time to unwind. In just over a week the School holidays start with a chance of an extended break for parents, staff and students. Heather and I have planned a walk along the coastline of the Great Ocean Walk from Cape Otway to the Twelve Apostles.

What are your plans? The wish I often hear is some peace and quiet! An article by Nikki Gemmell in *The Weekend Australian* magazine section speaks about this as she bemoans the fact that we have become too busy to find quiet times, to reflect, contemplate and meditate on life.

To quote her in part she says, "Now we have the noise of the internet, social media, TV series on demand, of road rage and sirens and alarms bleeping and the shriek in social interactions with strangers." I read into this Facebook and all the 'friends' we have and seem to know their every action. Nikki then says, "It's so hard to cleave silence from our busy lives, and all round us the quiet places are disappearing. Churches are being depleted and abandoned, rooms are cluttered and crowded, the contemplative places are vanishing." Nikki says, "I want to be nourished by friends and not rattled by them. By practising kindness, because it's soul-quietening, and also forgiveness, because it's releasing—of yourself most of all."

Children also need their quiet times on their own; this can be reading, playing with toys, Lego or the like or even a walk with mum or dad. We don't need to fill the space with noise; silence can be therapeutic. So barrack loudly for our athletes in the Commonwealth Games, cheer on the local sporting teams AND allow time to find a quiet space to unwind. The word quiet derives from 14th Century French meaning 'peaceable, at rest, tranquil'. It's directly from the Latin, quietus.

*Cheers, Stephen*

## Art Smocks

If anyone has some old adult sized shirts at home, we would love them as a donation to update our Art Smocks.

Shirts with buttons are appreciated as students use these to make sure our school shirts stay clean and mess free.

Thank you in advance for the kind donation!

## UP Class Report

In the mornings the 6/7s have been learning more ways of working out addition, subtraction, division and multiplication problems using mental and written methods. Some of these problems include looking for multiples of a certain amount in both numbers, splitting the numbers into multiples of ten and then putting them back together and doubling one number and halving another.

Chase—I liked learning new strategies which helped with multiplication and dividing because I can work out problems that I don't know quickly and efficiently.

Matilda—I liked working out why different strategies still answer problems correctly.

*Karla, Year 7*

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated on March 21. The ongoing message behind the day is that 'everyone belongs' and that we should treat others how we would like to be treated. This year students from R-7 were able to enter an A3 poster competition with the theme 'Growing Together in Harmony'. The entries were splashed with the Harmony Day colour orange. The winning students from each year group were:

**Junior Primary** Brandon Cooper

**Middle Primary** Anna Orton

**Upper Primary** Lily Mathews

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Since 1945 more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia. 49% of the current Australian population were born or have one parent who was born overseas.

*Ceri*

## 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 6th April.

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 Medical Centre (Mondays only) on 8765 5063.



### Cross Country

The Naracoorte and Districts Little Athletics Club will be

hosting two Cross Country running events in the Naracoorte Nature Park on Sunday 29th April and 6th May 2018.

The events will be excellent practice for those students that intend competing in the Primary Schools SE Cross Country competition in May. Approximate distances are: U6 500m, U7 750m, U8 1000m, U9 & 10 1500m, U11 & 12 2000m, U13 to 17 3000m.

The cost to enter is \$5 per athlete, which includes a barbeque afterwards. Check in time is 10.00am, followed by a warm up and a 10.30am start. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be a Little Athletics member to participate. Please register your interest at naracoortelittleaths@gmail.com. Enquiries to President Tony Bedworth on 0419 865 495.

