

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Jack Orton

I am proud of myself because I am getting neater at writing. I had to practise a lot to get better and now my work is really neat.

My favourite subject at school is Maths because I really like doing addition and using calculators to check my work. I go to the 2/3 class to learn my Maths and English.

I look forward to doing Literacy with Miss Edwards at school because I get to learn how to read trickier words and longer books.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to open and log in to Mathletics and Reading Eggs by myself. Then I won't need help and I can be quick to start my work.

A skill I would like to develop is playing soccer because I like to play but I want to be really good at it. I'm going to practise kicking the ball into the goal.

A goal for myself this term is to learn how to spell 50 of my sight words because then I will be a better speller and I'll write better stories.

So far this year I have loved doing Cross Country because I get to race against new people and I always try to get better.

Jack, Year 2



George Longbottom

I am proud of myself for writing stories because I get to write about anything. For example, I write about cars, mascots and my family. Today we wrote about a fat pig and a skinny wolf.

My favourite subject is Handwriting because I can be neater than I am now. I am learning to link and I want to get my pen licence in Year 4.

I look forward to doing PE because I like to get fitter and I like to play games and the football game.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do my 12 times table so I can be better at my times tables. I need to know my times tables to go to boarding school in Year 8.

A skill I would like to develop is running because I can be in the relay for Yellow House at Athletics Day this year.

A goal for myself this term is to stay in my chair during lessons so I can finish my work during lesson time and not stay in during breaks.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because I like playing Rabbits, Hares and Foxes and the Football Game.

George, Year 3



Lily Mathews

I am proud of myself for learning to play soccer at school. I had never played soccer before so I gave it my best effort. It is a fun sport to play.

My favourite subject is Drama with Miss Hinge because you can become a new character every day and you don't have to think about what others think of you.

I look forward to doing the \$20 Boss Challenge for the next 4 weeks. I am learning how to run a business and how to make a profit. I am selling plants, seeds, honey and cupcakes.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to know how WiFi and Bluetooth connect to technological devices in Technology.

A skill I would like to develop is working with decimals. I would like to know how to multiple decimals so I can work with money easier.

A goal for myself this term is to get full marks in my Spelling tests because then I know that I have learnt different sounds and blends.

So far this year I have loved Choir because I get to sing. I also get to sing with my classmates. I am looking forward to the concert at Mt Gambier because I have never sung on a stage before.

Lily, Year 5



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From the Principal



"Whether you think you can or think you can't—you are right." Henry Ford

Welcome back to school for Term 2. Students and staff have hit the ground running with students enjoying

coming back to school and getting back into learning routines.

This term sees the staff exploring how best to communicate learning intentions with students. The communication and feedback regarding student learning is 2-way at Padthaway School. When staff provide consistency and clarity in what students are about to learn, and in how they will know they have been successful, we are providing students with the opportunity to become equal partners in their learning.

To ensure students are aware of the intent of learning, staff are also discussing success criteria with students. This ensures students know what they are learning and can know when they are successful in their learning.

You will already hear students saying, "I don't know this yet" of any learning challenges they come across. The importance of the language of **yet** implies that learning is continuous and no one is set in what they can and can't do.

The idea that someone is good or bad at Maths or Spelling implies a fixed mind set and provides students an 'excuse' for limited learning or engagement in subjects and learning. The development of positive learning dispositions and deep understanding of learning intentions with success criteria ensure students have every tool available to them to grasp new concepts and build their understanding.

If your child is telling you they can't do something—tell them they can't do it *yet* and see how this changes their outlook and grows positive dispositions for future challenges.

Staffing News

You will be aware after receiving the letter at the beginning of the term that there have been a few staffing changes this term. Pam Steer has chosen to take leave until the end of the year. Replacing Pam in the Year 3/4 class and 2/3 Literacy/Numeracy Hub is Ceri Edwards. Ceri is very excited about teaching in the Middle Primary and is passionate about the development of children in middle primary. She has embraced the change as have the students in the 2/3 Hub and 3/4 class.

Replacing Ceri in the Whole School Teaching position is Sarah Hinge. Sarah is a South East local living in Naracoorte. She completed her teaching degree last year and enjoys working with all age levels teaching from across the Australian Curriculum. Sarah will be with us for the term, with the possibility of the year. Sarah is working Monday and Tuesday afternoons and full days on Wednesday and Thursday. Please say hello when you see her around the school.

Mr Eddy's Review

Last week, Stephen underwent a review by his employer SMG. This occurs every 2 years and is required as part of holding the Pastoral Care Worker position. Feedback was, of course, very positive and reflected the respect and care Stephen has for the students and families of Padthaway. Well done to Mr Eddy on a wonderful review with SMG. The staff greatly appreciate the work you do for the School and how you always go above and beyond what is expected to ensure the wellbeing of everyone around you. Please pass on your congratulations to Mr Eddy when you see him next.

Three Way Conferences

3 Way Conferences are underway and finish next Thursday 17th May. Please contact the Front Office if you need to check or change your time. The learning and goal setting that

has already been shared between families, students and teachers ensures all students are focused on learning and developing skills. Thank you for supporting your child to ensure that they have the best opportunity to grow in learning this year.

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN testing is approaching. This year students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be participating in NAPLAN testing in Week 3 (15th, 16th, 17th) and Week 4 (21st) of Term 2. 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.

Buses

Please remember the importance of early notification of changes to routine regarding bus destinations for students after school. Please remember that protocols for our students regarding information flows from the School Office to the bus drivers and this is reciprocated by each driver with relevant staff members at the school. Please contact the Front Office for any changes to travel arrangements.

SAPSASA Sport

Well done to Patrick Fraser on his successful selection in the Upper South East Football Team and to Karla McCarthy for the successful selection to the Upper South East Netball Team.

SAPSASA Cross Country is Friday of Week 3 (18th May) at the Naracoorte Primary School oval.

I hope to see all the families at the 3 Way Conferences to say hello.

I wish all mothers and grandmothers a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

11 May
SAPSASA Athletics Selection

14 May
7.00 pm Governing Council

15-17 May
3 Way Conferences

15-18 May
NAPLAN Online

18 May
SE Cross Country: Naracoorte PS

23 May
11.00 am National Storytime

30 May—1 June
YELP Camp

11 June
Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuck Day

15th May (Week 3)
Hot Potatoes
Helper
Hollie Roach—coleslaw (Kate)
*Muffins—Kirilie Turner

22nd May (Week 4)
Pizza and Icecream
Helpers
SRC

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

We welcome Bailey, Belle, Daisy and Lachlan to Padthaway Preschool. They attend our Associated Preschool Programme for 3 year olds on Thursday mornings from 9am until 12pm. This programme complements our existing Preschool programme and provides the



younger members of our community with a range of learning experiences and opportunities for socialisation. Research has shown that children who access two years of Preschool are more independent and have better development in concentration, sociability, language and reading.

Libby

3 Year Old Programme

If you know of any families with 3 year old children please encourage them to give us a call or visit the Preschool to join in with our 3 year old programme—we love meeting new faces!

R/1/2 Wellbeing

We have a Wellbeing lesson every Friday to help us learn about how to take care of ourselves. Last term we learnt about bullying, cyberbullying, resilience and the resilience tool kit. It was good to learn about that because now we know what bullying means, what to do if it happens to us and how to take care of ourselves. It's really good though because there isn't really any bullying at our school or in our class.

This term we've started to learn about using our growth mindset in Wellbeing. If we use a growth mindset things aren't so hard because we're training our brain to do tricky things, be persistent and work hard on our goals. Our growth mindset helps us learn to be positive and strong learners. Miss Brookes is helping us to do tricky things by ourselves and without being scared to try our best. I really enjoy Wellbeing because it makes me feel happy about being at school.

Kristy-Leigh, Year 2

Daily 5 in the 3/4 Class

Every day after recess the 3/4 Class has been practising their writing in Daily 5. We are all learning about narratives in our Hub Groups and we use Daily 5 time to practise our learning. On Wednesday we wrote about a pig and a wolf. In my story, the pig was eaten by the wolf. The pig was very fat and the wolf was skinny. He was really hungry because he was so skinny. We make sure we have neat writing. We focus on our handwriting and how we use punctuation in our writing.

This term Miss Edwards is our teacher in the 3/4 class. Our desks are in different places and we have a new spot to sit. All the stationery is kept in a desk caddy which is in the middle of our desks to make sure we are ready for learning. We are learning to be responsible for our things. Learning is fun in the 3/4 class!

Henry, Year 3



SRC News

Welcome back everyone. We would like to let everyone know that we are not going to start cubbies until Winter (June) because there are still some immature snakes hanging around. The location is decided by first to get there. There is to be no saving cubbies from last year.

This term one of our fundraisers is going to be Trackies Day. Trackies Day is to raise money for kids that are in hospital who are encouraged to get out of their PJs and put their trackies on. It is said this makes them feel more active and feel like they fit in. There will be a gold coin donation to raise money to support kids living in hospital. More information will come closer to the date.

On Tuesday of Week 4 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 and icecream will be served for dessert. The order forms were sent home this week. The date should read 22nd May on the form.

Kiele, President



SAPSASA News

Last Thursday on 3rd May the SAPSASA Football and Netball trials were held at the Naracoorte Sports Centre. It was a fun day, but the weather wasn't that nice as it was raining at the

end of the day. Karla McCarthy has made the team for netball and Patrick Fraser has made it into the football team. They will both attend a week in Adelaide for the State Carnival Trials.

Patrick, Year 7



Choir News

This week the Choir has sung a number of different songs. These songs include: *When You Look in their Eyes* which is about artwork at the Art Gallery, *The Institute* which tells the story, through a rap, of people leaving their homes and travelling to Australia, *Cheese Grater* which is about the SAHMRI building and what happens there and *Stomp Box* which is a song with no words—just nonsense syllables.

Amelia, Year 6

Maths in R/1

In Maths in the R/1 Literacy/Numeracy Hub we are learning about numbers. We are learning our numbers up to 100.

We use blocks to help us count. We have been skip counting. We skip count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Eddie, Reception



PCW Spot

What playgrounds are your favourite ones? Our new playground is proving very popular with a large number of students playing on the equipment at every

chance. When we have young children our travel is dictated by where the playgrounds are. Both our daughters—when they travel from Adelaide to the farm—space their travel between playgrounds, generally Tailem Bend and Keith. I was speaking with one of my grandchildren this weekend and Ruby said, "Pa, I went to three playgrounds today!"

Does anyone remember the old Monash playground in the Riverland built by an engineer Grant Telfer? It was an icon of our state and beyond. The huge slippery slide was my favourite. Unfortunately the old equipment has been replaced with modern 'safe' equipment which is still fun but nothing like the good old days. The business Grant owned is still running and I receive a copy of their *Farm Gate News* bi-monthly which is always a good read. One of the articles in the last issue was titled, "It's never OK to bully" which took my eye and reads:

A mum says to her daughter when she finds she was bullying other children..."Pick up that glass." She did. "Throw it on the floor." She did. The glass smashed into pieces. "Now say sorry to it." The daughter says, "Why?" Mum says, "Just do it!" The daughter says sorry to the glass. The mum says, "Is it back together as one piece?" The daughter says, "No mum." The mum says, "Some things cannot always be fixed by saying sorry."

Remember this next time you want to hurt someone either physically or mentally. Bullying is not OK at any age. Cuts and bruises heal, but memories last forever.

Cheers, Stephen

Gold Rush Learning

This term in History with Miss Hinge the 5/6/7 Class is learning about the Gold Rush. In Term 3 the Years 4-7 will be attending Camp at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat for 3 nights. To help us learn on Camp, we are learning lots of things about the Gold Rush. One of these things is comparing what it would be like to live with or without gold. We have been learning about George O'Connell who had 7 brothers and sisters and lived in a small cottage with 2 rooms. He didn't have much gold. When the brothers and sisters reached Year 4 they had to leave school to work in a cotton mill so the family could survive. That means we wouldn't be at school anymore!

Abigail, Year 5 and Matilda, Year 6

UP Class Report

This term in Economics and Business the 5/6/7s are tasked to create a business out of \$20 loaned from the programme *\$20 Boss*. We are allowed to work independently or in a group of two or three and have four weeks to create a profit. We have only just got started and some groups and individuals are off to a flying start. During the four weeks, the profit that we make will go towards costs of the 4-7 school Camp. There have been notes sent home about what students are selling and the cost of the products or services. If you are sending your child to school with money, please remind them of our rules: 'No eating your purchases in the morning or in lesson time' and there are no IOUs. If you have any questions please contact the 5/6/7 Class.

Karla, Year 7

Basketball

The Year 3/4 Class have been practising their basketball skills with Miss Hinge. They have shown a lot of talent in their dribbling, passing, catching and team skills in order to be able to gain knowledge on how the sport is played appropriately.

Students have created mind maps in class which allow them to share their knowledge on basketball relating to different rules, players, teams or skills that may be used on the court during PE.

I am enjoying the whole school teaching role at Padthaway. I enjoy working with students from Reception to Year 7 as each student brings something different and special to my day.

Sarah, Whole School Teacher

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 this Friday 11th May.

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.

Reading Stamina

The 3/4 Class has been practising their stamina in relation to their reading. Stamina means staying focused for an amount of time. We are trying to reach 10 minutes of focused reading time. The longest time we have reached is 7 minutes so far.

To be focused in reading we need to stay focused on our books, stay silent and aim for 3 out of 3 stars on the reading scale which means we are showing focus with our reading.

When we first started with our Reading Stamina Challenge the Class only reached 1 and a half minutes. It took us a week and 3 days to get to 7 minutes. I think it will take us 2 weeks to get to 10 minutes.

Reading is important as we learn new ideas like how people might feel and how to spell words properly.

Jess, Year 3

