

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

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Ashley Ortlepp

I am proud of myself for getting better at eye contact because I can make good choices and be a good listener.

My favourite subject is Choice Learning because I like to pick what I do. I like to paint the most because it's fun to make new paintings for my mum.

I look forward to Choice Learning because I can dress up with my friends and we can play pretend games.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do karate because I have great karate moves that I taught myself and I want to learn more.

A skill I would like to develop is writing neatly because I will have beautiful writing and I can get dojo points for striving for excellence. That means I try my best.

A goal for myself this term is to use the iPad by myself because I love doing my Word Work activities on it and then I won't need help anymore.

So far this year I have loved learning the alphabet because it helps me remember it and it helps me read when I can sound out.

Ashley, Reception



Henry Orton

I am proud of myself for being a good student by doing my work and staying on task. This makes me proud because Mrs English, Miss Edwards, Mum

and Dad are happy.

My favourite subject is PE because it's fun, it's a game and you get to kick a ball. Miss Hinge taught us about basketball. She showed us how to bounce fast if people are coming for you.

I look forward to doing Maths because it's fun and you get to work out times tables and all that awesome stuff.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to focus better because then you can finish your work on time and get out to recess.

A skill I would like to develop is playing football because I want to play football on the oval with Alex, Sam, George and all the other boys at recess and lunch.

A goal for myself this term is to get over 1 metre in High Jump so that I can be the best high jumper in my year.

So far this year I have loved reading DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOK by Andy Lee. Every day we look for Andy the monster around the classroom.

Henry, Year 3



Xavier Rothe

I am proud of myself for improving my spelling from last year. I have been practising my words every week and focusing on Core List words.

My favourite subject is PE because at the end of soccer I got the Best and Fairest award. I enjoy being outside and playing competitive games in PE.

I look forward to continuing my learning and improving my skills every day. I really enjoy learning about History and how all the people survived in the gold rush and how people lived in Padthaway in the early days.

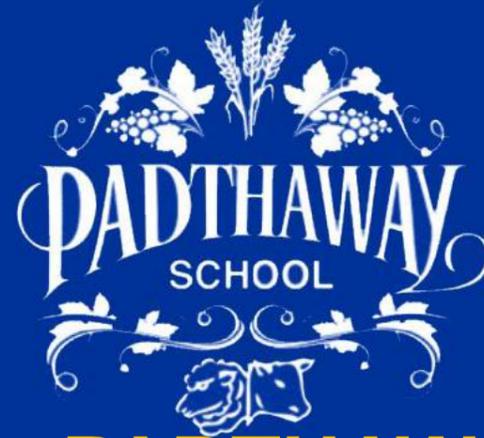
By the end of the year I hope to be able to get all my Core List words right, focus on what I am doing and make my work really neat.

A skill I would like to develop is to be organised and take responsibility for my belongings.

A goal for myself this term is to get all my Maths tests right. I need to practise division and to figure out problems without getting stressed.

So far this year I have loved doing decimals in Mrs English's class and not giving up with hard work.

Xavier, Year 5



PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"

Be Respectful

Act Responsibly

Strive for Excellence

From the Principal



"Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together."

The Upper Primary Class has been very industrious these last 3 weeks with students preparing and selling goods and items as part of the \$20 Boss Programme. This programme supports Economics and Business studies that students in Years 5, 6 and 7 undertake at Primary School. The programme is supported by the Foundation for Young Australians and means that students are provided with a \$20 loan. This loan is required to be paid back with \$1 interest at the end of the programme.

This year I have enjoyed watching the students hone their business skills as well as their understanding of finance. Students are exploring how to best market their items and 'spruik' their wares each recess and lunch time. The students are very keen not only to sell but to buy as well.

Another aspect of the \$20 Boss Programme is the skills and time most students have spent with family at home preparing items for sale and discussing the best approach for their business. These skills are valuable in preparing students for success.

Parents provide the foundation for their child's education and wellbeing. Children learn how to initially cope with worries and concerns from their parents, they learn skills for relating to others whom they like and dislike socially and they learn skills for dealing with disappointments. Most of all, students learn their attitudes for learning from their parents.

When parents share in their child's learning, as most of you have done with the \$20 Boss Programme, does this not demonstrate

positive learning attitudes to your child? The knowledge you share, the learning experiences you create and the learning environment you provide facilitate your child's development of positive learning dispositions. Working closely with the School is important in ensuring students have a clear understanding of the expectations and attitudes required from them as learners, especially as we strive to develop learners for the future.

This was made evident at the excellent turn-out and commitment to your child's education that was made evident through the 3 Way Conferences this term. Thank you for making the commitment to your child's education.

Cross Country SAPSASA

Congratulations to our 35 runners who competed in the South East Cross Country last Friday. Anna Orton placed first in the 9 year old females, both Tom Orton and Kiele Longbottom placed fifth in the 11 year old males and females respectively and both Sam Hayes and Elsie Orton placed seventh in 8 year old males and females respectively.

Well done to the effort all students displayed on the day, especially those who ran in the rain. Thank you to the parents who helped marshal on the day.

Pre-Service Teacher

Last week we welcomed Pre-Service Teacher Bree Marziale to Padthaway School. She is working with the 5/6/7 Class and will be increasing her teaching load each week. Bree is in her 3rd year of the 4 year teaching course at the University of South Australia and grew up in the South East. Please welcome Bree to Padthaway when you see her at the school.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing was completed for Years 3, 5 and 7 on Tuesday with students sitting four sessions testing their Writing, Reading,

Language Conventions (spelling and grammar) and Numeracy skills. This is the first year NAPLAN has been held online and Padthaway School was one of the fifty schools who participated in the roll-out this year. Results will be available in Term 3. Congratulations for demonstrating persistence and effort with all NAPLAN tests.

Stem 500

This year schools from the Department for Education have been invited to participate in the Education STEM Strategy project for the next 2 years. The project aims to develop the skills of 500 primary teachers by 2020 to perform as STEM specialists in South Australian government schools. Every primary site has been invited to send 2 staff members to develop the project at their site. To represent Padthaway, Ceri Edwards and Corinne Brookes will be participating in the project and have attended the first session this week in Adelaide.

Padthaway has a focus on Technology. Corinne and Ceri are excited to be developing the STEM learning at Padthaway School, ensuring we are preparing students for the future.

SRC Tuck Day

Well done to the SRC on a very successful Tuck Day on Tuesday. The pizzas were delicious and very well made. Thank you to Tammy Mathews for preparing and donating the pizza bases for the day. Well done to Mr Eddy, Kiele, Patrick, Bailey, Jess, Ned, Bryce and Elsie on a wonderful day. The orders were very well organised and feedback from the students was very positive! The SRC raised \$167.80 towards improving the school.

Head Lice

With the change of weather we begin to see an increase in the prevalence of head lice. Please make sure you regularly check your child's head for eggs or lice. Communication with the School is required if eggs or lice are found.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

30 May—1 June

YELP Camp: Naracoorte

8 June

Student Free Day

11 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

15 June

SRC Tracky Dack Day

18 June

7.00 pm Governing Council

21 June

Yr 7 Meet the Writers: Adelaide

26-29 June

Bike Ed

3 July

Life Ed

Tuck Day

29th May (Week 5)

Hot Dogs

Helper

Kathy Hayes

*Muffins—Lissy Orton

5th June (Week 6)

Chicken Tender Wraps

Helper

Kate McGregor

*Muffins—Hannah Orton

Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

We are continuing with our learning with the DECD Child Protection Curriculum, and have been focusing on keeping safe. Last Thursday Mrs Eddy and Lisa brought the ambulance to Preschool. We looked at all the equipment ambulance officers have on board to help sick and injured people. We were lucky enough to have a walk through the ambulance and we saw some special teddies that can be given to children who need to travel in an ambulance. The



children have been enjoying role play in our dramatic play hospital area.

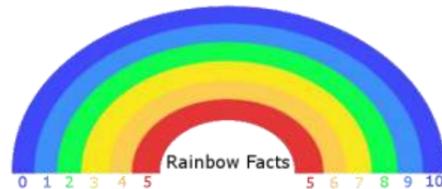
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Thursday Lunch Orders

Please remind your child that Thursday lunch orders need to be in the basket at the Front Office before 9:00am. This is to ensure all students receive their lunch.

Addition in R/1/2

In Maths we have been learning about addition. That means we put numbers together to make a bigger number: $2+3=5$. To find out the answers to sums we can use dinosaurs, counters, blocks and fingers. I like to use my fingers the most because it's quicker.



This week we learnt the rainbow facts. They are the numbers that we add together to make 10. One of the rainbow facts I learnt is $0+10=10$ because 0 means there is nothing else to put with 10. I like learning Maths because it is fun to count.

Missy, Reception

VIP Students in the 3/4 Classroom

This week I was made the VIP student with Eliza. She's in Year 2 so she gets the VIP chair and table in the mornings. I get it for the rest of the day.

When I found out that I was VIP I felt happy because I could sit on the VIP table. There are special sunnies, pens, books and stress balls that we are able to use.

The comfy chair that you get to sit on is a big reward as the other kids have to sit on the carpet.

To become a VIP student you must be polite, productive, prepared and patient. We are practising these skills as they are an important part of being a class member.

Murphy, Year 4



SRC News

This week on Tuesday we had an opposite gender dress up. It was a big success. Some people came up with hilarious costumes. Well done to the winners of the best dressed for the R/1/2—Ryan Miller, 3/4—Toby Longbottom, 5/6/7—Xavier Rothe, Staff—Mrs Mathews and SRC—Elsie Orton. On Opposite Gender Day we sold pizza and icecream and made a good profit of \$167.80. Thank you to Tammy Mathews who made all the pizza bases, Mr Eddy who once again did a fantastic job organising it and everyone else who purchased pizza or icecream and supported the School. At the end of Week 4 I will be leaving Patrick Fraser in charge and I am sure that he will do a fantastic job.

Kiele, President



SAPSASA News

In Week 5 Patrick Fraser is going to Adelaide to play SAPSASA football. Karla McCarthy is also going to Adelaide to play SAPSASA netball in the same week. The Football and Netball Carnival goes for the whole week. We are both looking forward to representing our community.

Patrick, Year 7



Choir News

This week Mrs English asked the Choir who wanted to try out for a solo or compere. She asked what songs they wanted to do. These are some of the songs that people chose: Pure Imagination, When you Look in their Eyes, Niina Waathangku, Cheesegrater, Dare to be Square, Glorious, Stomp Box and Colour my World.

Amelia, Year 6

Governing Council Report

A full contingency of councilors attended the last Governing Council meeting on Monday 14th May.

Topics covered were the recent changes to staffing, the conclusion of improvement programmes including the finalisation of the Preschool garden and exterior and the installation of the new air conditioners in the R/1/2 classroom.

The Term 1 bullying survey was discussed and a Student Free Day was approved for Friday 8th June. The School will also be looking into ways to improve school communication with parents/caregivers and reduce the amount of hard copy notes sent home. The next meeting will be held in Week 8, Monday 18th June.



PCW Spot

It may seem so long ago but we celebrated Mother's Day less than two weeks ago. Mums, did you get spoilt, receive some lovely gifts and enjoy the company of your children and even perhaps your own mother? The best present of all is just being present without all the bells and whistles. I am enjoying the *Parenting Ideas* insert in the school newsletter. Michael Grose I really rate, and his insights are well worth reading.

The last newsletter had 'Mother's Day Reflections' and one of the parents who was quoted was Sharon Witt. Her best piece of mothering advice she had received was to not stress too much. Her advice to parents was not to beat yourself up and avoid the comparison trap. Don't compare yourself to other parents and what they are doing. So, slow down, don't involve your children in too much organised activity, just hang out with them. Be present, be consistent, be interested in their lives, understanding the challenges they face are real to them. Be a good listener.

Michael Grose, Sharon Witt and others included in the articles are inspiring speakers with excellent insights into the lives of Australian children.

What did the last Federal Budget do for your bottom line? There was one excellent result for Schools in that the National Chaplaincy Program which funds my role and all PCWs (chaplains) in schools will be funded again so chaplaincy hours should remain the same at Padthaway Primary for the foreseeable future.

Cheers, Stephen

Where is Andy?

Andy is our class monster. He jumped out of the book *Do NOT Open This Book* by Andy Lee. He hides in our classroom everyday. Andy keeps an eye out for positive class behaviour and encourages us to use 'put ups' unlike the character in the book.

Grace, Year 3



UP Class Report

This week in Science the 5/6/7 Class has been looking at light circuits with Miss Bree. We are enjoying having Miss Bree teach us. She is a Pre-Service teacher who will be with us for a few more weeks. We have been making small circuits with batteries, lights, wire and switches. We have made our own switches with paper clips and split pins and learned about how more power (or batteries) make the globe brighter. She has taught us that a battery contains chemical energy which then changes to electrical energy. The electrical energy that travels through the wires is called electrons. Electrons can only flow when the negative and positive ends of the battery are connected appropriately. It has been interesting and fun. We are looking forward to seeing if Miss Bree has any more interesting and fun lessons to teach us over the next few weeks.

Karla, Year 7

Kids as Coaches

The Year 3/4 Class has just begun looking



at the sport of football in PE lessons. In our first lesson Matthew and Alex took the lesson and acted as coaches. The students got to practise skills in kicking, marking, handballing and playing a game. Matthew and Alex organised and demonstrated a numerous amount of drills that the entire Class was able to take place in. As a Class we look forward to having brothers Sam and Lachlan run the next football lesson.

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 25th 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.

First Aid Reminder

A reminder to parents and carers that a Medication form needs to accompany any short term medications, such as antibiotics, if they are required to be administered at school. Forms are available from the Front Office.

The form can be completed by the pharmacist (and the parent/carer). The medication needs to be supplied in its original pharmacy container, labelled with the child's name and dose rate. This is a requirement by DECD.

Sandi

Plant Donations

It is the time of year to transplant plants to our school grounds. If you have any seedlings, seeds or small plants that can be used in our veggie patch, bush tucker garden or edible plants garden, please contact the Front Office. We are always looking for any ground cover plants that are fast growing. Thank you in advance for any donations. The students love to garden and SSO Tammy Mathews is always donating her time to ensure our plants survive! Thank you.