

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Missy McGregor

I am proud of myself for being able to make friends at school because it means I am able to play with them. I have lots of friends at

school and play with them at recess and lunch. A skill I would like to develop is to run faster because I want to be faster than my friends.

My favourite subject is Literacy because I love reading and I am trying to read a big book.

I look forward to doing Concert at school because you get to go on stage in front of your Mum and Dad and the entire School.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to go and visit my cousins because they are my friends and I get to play with them and sometimes eat bubblegum.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to read words without having to spell them out.

So far this year I have loved playing with my friends because I have been friends with them since my first day of school and they are always very kind to me.

Missy, Reception



Toby Longbottom

I am proud of myself for being able to do Maths. I think I am good with numbers. I am also proud of myself for doing Fitness because I

am getting faster with my running.

My favourite subject is Maths because I am good at my times tables. I practise them every night at home.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to know my 7 times tables off by heart. This will help me when I am in the Upper Primary class or in High School.

I loved doing Athletics Day this year. I was able to test my skills and time how fast I can run.

A skill I would like to develop is going online to research information. I want to be able to get information for the report I am writing on the Great White Shark. I have already found out that every time a Great White Shark loses a tooth there is another one behind it to replace it.

So far this year I have loved having Miss Edwards as my teacher because she puts on funny accents when she reads books. I also love doing Group with Mr Edwards because I can talk to my friends about how we are feeling.

Toby, Year 3



Logan Marshall

I am proud of myself for teaching other people to finally have the responsibility to do the bins so that when I leave Primary School others will know how to be in charge

of the bins.

My favourite subject at school is PE because I like fitness. I like Fitness because we get to run around and have a brain break from learning.

I'm looking forward to finishing Primary School because I want to make new friends at High School. I already know some of the people from other schools who will be there and I am looking forward to getting to know them better.

A skill I would like to develop is being able to work on my own so I can get more done and get it done quickly. Being independent is good to learn now to help me when I get older.

A goal for myself this term is to finish all my tasks with quality because I want to have good grades. One project I have just finished was an explanation on Lego for English. I did some research and then put it into groups with headings.

So far this year I have loved doing Swimming lessons because I like swimming.

Logan, Year 7



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From the Principal



"An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body." –General George S Patton

What a brilliant Athletics Day on the 2nd November. This was Padthaway's 60th annual Athletics Day. What an amazing achievement for our School! Being able to continuously hold an Athletics Day for 60 consecutive years, and hold records of sports captains, team numbers, record winners and medal winners for all this time is exceptional. This is a credit to Padthaway and clearly shows that Padthaway has appreciation for sporting achievement as well as academic achievement.

I was very impressed with the leadership shown by the Sports Captains and the sportsmanship shown by all the students was wonderful to see. The cheering and support all students showed to their peers and the help they provided to the group leaders demonstrates the School values we are constantly striving to build in our students. Thank you to all the families and friends of Padthaway who attended the day. The community's support of our School is a key driver in building our students' skills as lifelong learners and positive contributors to our community and the wider world. Well done to Yellow for winning the Verco Shield. Well done also to the 3 students who broke records on the day—Tom Orton (Marathon), Karla McCarthy (Hurdles and High Jump) and Anna Orton (Marathon). It is amazing to see such athletic ability on display and from Primary School aged students. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. Whether this was through donating food, setting up, serving items or time keeping, we really appreciate your generosity. Thank you to Corinne Brookes and Tammy Mathews for organising the day

and ensuring the smooth running of each event. A lot of work goes into ensuring all students have the opportunity to participate and compete in each event. Thank you also to Kate McGregor and Bec Weller for organising the food for the Fundraising Committee and the SRC for organising the drinks. Congratulations to all award and trophy winners. If you do have a perpetual trophy still at home, can you please ensure your child returns it to school before the end of Week 6?

Outdoor Ed Day

Padthaway participated in Outdoor Ed Day on Thursday 1st November. Students started the day learning English and Maths outside and utilising different aspects of the environment to help them learn. Later in the day students participated in a *Ninja Warrior* course designed by the Upper Primary and an 'Amazing Race' with clues and challenges around the school.

What struck me most about Outdoor Education Day was how students shared their learning with their peers and worked together to achieve a goal. Upper Primary students worked together to build a *Ninja Warrior* course for their peers and then cheered them on and encouraged their participation in safe risks. Although the weather was warm and windy, the day was a success and everyone enjoyed challenging themselves.

STEM500

This week, teachers Corinne Brookes and Ceri Edwards travelled to Adelaide to attend STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) training in Technology. This training is State wide and each School has the opportunity to provide 2 teachers to develop learning programmes at the school. Corinne and Ceri have participated in many training days to develop the Technology Curriculum at Padthaway.

Through the training this year, we have experienced a range of developments in the STEM curriculum. This has taken the form of approaches to learning and programming as well as resources for students to use. Students participating in the First Lego League Robotics Challenge are attending the 'Into Orbit' Challenge on 16th November in Mt Gambier. Here they will experience the Robot Challenge and develop skills for participating in the challenge next year. So far the group has built a Lego robot and learnt how to programme the robot's actions.

Next year students will explore the theme further and, with this, will see what changes they can make at school or in the community.

Year 7 Students

During Term 4, Year 7 students begin their transition to High School. Naracoorte High School held their first transition visit last week with students being shown their future school. We will farewell 5 Year 7 students this year and hope they enjoy their last term as Primary aged students. We are fortunate at Padthaway to follow students on their journey from Preschool students to Upper Primary students. I look forward to spending time with Brodie, Hayden, Karla, Logan and Patrick during Term 4 before they begin their next schooling journey as Secondary students.

Finance Request

If you have any outstanding accounts please ensure these are paid prior to the end of Week 6. Please contact Kirilie at the Front Office for payment options. We are more than willing to work with you to ensure the best outcomes for both you and the School.

School Photos

School photos are coming up in Week 6 on Tuesday 20th November. Please ensure your child has a clean school polo-shirt for the day. Please return your photo slips or complete the order online prior to the day. *Olivia*

Dates to Remember

- 19 November**
Robotics: Mt Gambier
Robotics Group
- 20 November**
School Photos
- 28 November**
Indonesian Teacher Visit
- 3 December**
6.15pm Governing Council meeting
- 11 December**
6.30pm School Concert:
Padthaway Memorial Hall
- 12 December**
Tatiara District Council Movie R-7:
Bordertown
- 14 December**
End Term 4: 2.30pm dismissal

Tuck Day

- 13th November (Week 5)**
Chicken Tender Wraps
Helper
Tara McCarthy
Muffins—Tara McCarthy
- 20th November (Week 6)**
Pizza
Helper
Carly Bell
*Muffins—Kylie Pethybridge

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

This week we welcomed Naomi to Preschool. We hope you enjoy your time at Padthaway Preschool and School. We have been exploring the concept of patterning, and the children have enjoyed creating a variety of their own patterns with our coloured teddies. The children are becoming proficient in their use of the hot glue gun, and the complexity of their creations is continually increasing.

Last Friday we enjoyed eating lunch outdoors as we watched the High Jump action at Athletics Day. Occasions such as this assist the children's transition to school, and some of the children are already looking forward to their first Athletics Day in 2019!

Libby, Preschool Teacher



5/6/7 Ninja Warrior

A couple of weeks ago the Upper Primary Class designed obstacle courses inspired by *Ninja Warrior Australia*. Working in groups of three or four, we had to construct courses using different materials, including tyres, the High Jump mat, balancing beam and logs. However, we couldn't just go ahead and make 'The Ninja Warrior Australia', we had to consider things like safety and the capabilities of the competitors. The groups had to design a course for either the Upper or Junior Primary. The two best courses were chosen, one for the Upper Primary students and one for the Junior Primary to participate in. The two groups designed and set up the courses around the school. Both the lower and upper Classes enjoyed competing and completing the courses.

Karla, Year 7 and Matilda, Year 6

SRC Tuck Day

This week we had SRC Tuck Day. We made fried rice and chocolate brownies with icecream and sprinkles. The favourite part for me was the chocolate brownies but I really liked everything. All the food was yummy. It was fun getting to cook all the food for everyone. My jobs were to lay out all the trays for the brownies and put the rice in bowls for people to eat. The fried rice had capsicum, peas, bacon, mushroom, sauce and rice. *Brandon, Year 1*

3/4 Health

This term we have been learning about how our choices of food and levels of physical exercise can help us to live a healthy lifestyle.

Our Class has been challenged to create a healthy snack for our end of term party. We are using the *Australian Guide to Healthy Eating* to help us design a snack that must include grains, fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy.

We know that to be healthy we need to eat all kinds of foods. People in our class have already changed their recess and lunches for healthier options!

Anna, Year 3 and Ned, Year 4



SRC News

On Tuesday we hosted the SRC Tuck Day and it was a great success! We ended up making \$116. Thank you to Libby Thornton, Peta Fraser, Sarah Hinge, Mr Eddy, Fiona Ward, Olivia English and Bron Longbottom for donating the brownies. Thank you also to Kirilie Turner for buying all the ingredients for fried rice, Tammy Matthews for cooking the rice and for helping us on the day. The food was delicious and all the kids loved it! The SRC put a lot of work into making sure the day ran well and with cleaning up. Thank you, like always, Mr Eddy!

The SRC provided soft drinks at this year's Athletics Day and made \$319. Thank you, Peta Fraser, for donating all the soft drinks and Patrick Fraser and Mr Eddy for selling them and organising the *Guess the Price* competition. The *Guess the Price* was a big hit. The competition went on until after lunchtime until Digby won the price. Well done, Digby.

Kiele, President



Sports News

Last Friday Padthaway School held their 60th annual Athletics Day. Tom Orton won the Senior Boys trophy and Hayden Longbottom came runner up. Karla McCarthy won the Senior Girls trophy and Amelia Frick came runner up. Xavier Rothe won the Junior Boys trophy and Blake Healy came runner up. Anna Orton won the Junior Girls trophy and Lily Mathews came runner up.

Patrick, Year 7



Choir News

Choir practice has finished for the year. Thankyou to everyone who did choir and went to Mount Gambier or Adelaide. Thankyou to our parents for taking us to the performances and for listening to the Choir CD for a whole year. Thankyou also to Mrs English for teaching us the songs for the year. Our last performance will be at the end of year Concert. *Amelia, Year 6*

Hats-Term 4

Please remember that students need to wear hats in Terms 1 and 4 to participate in recess, lunch and Class activities outside. Hats can be purchased from the Front Office. Caps are not part of our School uniform *Olivia*



PCW Spot

The Middle Primary Class were looking at how they should treat each other, those teachers and SSOs who work with them and anyone who is part of the School. Some excellent suggestions were made, so I made a request for posters with these guidelines to use when I spoke at a Church picnic at Mundulla with the Tatiara Uniting Churches.

The golden rule of 'Treat others the way you would like to be treated' featured, along with many others. Some included were: always be ready to help others, listen to everyone, speak nicely, be kind, be respectful, be a loveable person, be welcoming, make friends, if new show them around, and treat teachers with respect. Others were: have fun, strive for excellence and be productive, which this lesson time surely was!

Children just being themselves can soften the hearts of adults and these posters were very popular last Sunday. Schools Ministry Group, who employ us as PCWs, recently had a week focused on making the role of PCWs known more widely to Schools and the wider community.

SMG quoted a leading Australian social researcher Hugh Mackay, saying the biggest social issue facing Australians is loneliness and the dominant resulting mental health issue is anxiety and depression. We feel like strangers in our own streets and neighbourhoods because we don't know our neighbours. This, for the most part, doesn't apply generally to our district but it can happen.

Hugh notes that the solution lies in the biblical wisdom to 'Love your neighbour'. Something to ponder on and this was my text at the Church group I spoke to.

Cheers, Stephen

Athletics Day Results

MC Verco Shield

Yellow 386 points
Blue 295 points



Championship Awards

Junior Boys

Xavier Rothe 22points
Blake Healy 15 points

Junior Girls

Anna Orton 21 points
Lily Mathews 16 points

Senior Boys

Tom Orton 21 points
Hayden Longbottom 17 points

Senior Girls

Karla McCarthy 28 points (max)
Amelia Frick 17 points

Sportsmanship Awards

Reception/Year 1	Alice Ward
Year 2	Bryce Rothe
Junior Boys	Blake Healy
Junior Girls	Jessica Frick
Senior Boys	Chase Healy
Senior Girls	Kiele Longbottom

New Records

Anna Orton	Marathon 7:06 min
(broke Poppy Moyle-Read's 2015 run of 7:26 min)	
Tom Orton	Marathon 6:17 min
(broke Dan Fraser's 2012 run of 6:32 min)	
Karla McCarthy	High Jump 1.32m
(broke Amy Giles' 2005 jump of 1.31m)	
	Hurdles 11:96 sec
	(broke her own 2017 record of 12:27sec)

Community News

Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Friday of the odd weeks of term from 10—11.30 am. Playgroup is held during the Preschool session and allows greater social opportunities for children.

Next Playgroup date is 16th November.

Athletics Day Thank You

Last week we held our annual Athletics Day. With perfect weather and enthusiastic competitors, we had a fantastic day with events running smoothly.

Over the course of the day 4 records were broken in different age groups and both teams could be heard cheering for each other which showed true sportsmanship. Students were putting in their very best efforts for each event and it was wonderful to have so many people from the community attend and encourage them.

Thank you to everyone who competed and attended the day, especially those who helped with setting up, cooking, serving, running relays and packing up. It is always lovely to see our School and community coming together to support the students at Padthaway School.

Special thanks to the PPS staff for helping with practices and organisation in the lead up and contributing to the success of the day. Well done to Blue for their consistent efforts throughout the day and a big CONGRATULATIONS to Yellow for taking out the win.

Corinne, Athletics Day Coordinator

