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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"



Alex Charlick

I am proud of myself for doing a one metre scissor kick in the High Jump without knocking off the bar because I recently had an injury to my

left shoulder.

My favourite subject is PE because I enjoy doing all things active, in particular football, cricket, swimming, high and long jump.

I look forward to doing Technology as well as PE. I really enjoy designing and building projects. I'm currently building a fire truck with Henry.

I enjoy reading books and I would like to be able to finish reading my current book *Bad Guys 1*, which is quite big, by the end of the year.

I would like to improve on my understanding of Indonesian because if I go to Indonesia I'll be able to understand what is being said.

A goal for myself this term is to do well at the end of year Concert because I don't want to embarrass myself in front of 100 people. I will achieve this by working my hardest in Dance.

So far this year I have loved doing Art. I like drawing and I feel I am quite good at it. I have created a cat using pencil, texta and oil pastels.

Alex, Year 3



Louis Orton

I am proud of myself for being able to pull my truck out of the mud in our Preschool mud pit. I love playing in the mud with the trucks.

At Preschool I love going outside. I get to do burnouts with my feet and we can get the trucks bogged in the mud.

I love playing with the trucks and hope I can play with them each day at Preschool.

I like to make different things with the Mobilo. My favourite thing this year has been playing in the mud! I love getting people dirty.

Louis, Preschool



Naomi Watson

At Preschool I like to paint. I like to do the squeeze paint.

I like playing with the tractors and building with lots of blocks.

I would like to do more work with the hot glue gun. I just have to make sure I am really careful and don't touch the orange tip. If you do you will get burnt.

I really want to play with Barbie dolls because I think that is fun.

Naomi, Preschool



Matilda Rothe

I am proud of myself for finishing all my English assignments on time. I always try my best and I am proud of being able to manage my time too.

My favourite subject at school is Science because we learn about lots of different topics. A few terms ago, we learnt about animal adaptations. I focused my research on Spotted Eagle Rays and I learnt so much about them.

I'm looking forward to doing basketball and finishing our competition. I really enjoy PE and basketball is a really fun sport to compete in.

By the end of the year I hope we can complete our dance for our concert as I am really enjoying it.

A skill I would like to develop is being able to learn my times tables over 12 so working out bigger sums is easier.

A goal for myself this term is to recognise my nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs quickly. This will help me with my grammar and I will be able to identify them in a sentence straight away.

So far this year I have loved doing Geography with Miss Hinge. We are looking at marine pollution and I think it is really bad. Being able to explain it to others is important.

Matilda, Year 6

From the Principal



"A day without laughter is a day wasted." Winnie the Pooh

The end of the year is fast approaching. As the year comes to an end, we are provided with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the growth and learning of each

individual for the year. How could I not be a proud Principal when seeing the wonderful success every child has had at Padthaway?

2019 Staffing

It is with pleasure that I can announce staffing positions for 2019. Next year Libby Thornton will continue in the Preschool. Preschool will run on Tuesday, Thursday and every second Friday for 4 hours.

To coincide with Preschool days, the Associated Programme for 3 year olds will also continue to run. Playgroup will continue to run on a Preschool day. This ensures children have the opportunity to build their social skills when interacting with others.

Corinne Brookes will continue in the Junior Primary Class. In 2018 the Junior Primary Class will be an R/1/2 Class with 22 students. Ceri Edwards will teach the 3/4 Class with 21 students. Sam Exton will continue in the 5/6/7 Class with 23 students. Ebony Capurso will continue maternity leave until mid-2019. Hannah Clothier, joining us after working at Frances Primary in 2018, will be our whole school non-instructional teacher. Hannah will also teach the 2/3 Literacy/Numeracy Class in the mornings.

Byron Edwards, Sandi Key, Tammy Mathews and Kirilie Turner will continue in their roles as School Service Officers.

4 Class Structure

The 4 Class structure focusing on Literacy and Numeracy will continue in 2019. Corinne will teach R/1 hub, Hannah the 2/3 hub, Ceri the 4/5 hub and Sam the 6/7 hub. The 4 Class structure in the morning has been a positive

change over the last 3 years seeing student learning outcomes and engagement improve. Continuing this programme into its 4th year will provide us with accurate individual student growth data that will be very useful for future individual and whole site planning. Feedback from students, staff and families has been positive as not only are students developing academically, they also have the opportunity to work with a wider range of students and develop their leadership and social skills with more 1:1 teacher interaction and smaller class sizes.

Farewell to Staff

The end of 2018 will see us farewell 3 of our current staff members. Pam Steer has decided to retire at the end of 2018 after spending time on long service leave. Pam has worked at Padthaway for 11 years, beginning as a permanent teacher in 2008. Through the 11 years Pam worked in the Upper and Middle Primary classes teaching many siblings or cousins of current students. We wish Pam all the best in her retirement and hope she enjoys spending more time with her family. Thank you for your dedicated service to Padthaway School and Community.

Padthaway will also say goodbye to Stephen Edwards in his role as Pastoral Care Worker (PCW). Mr Eddy, lovingly referred to this way by the students (and adults) who know him well, has decided to retire as our PCW to be able to spend more time travelling with Heather and being at home. Stephen has already offered his time on a voluntary basis in 2019 and the students are very excited to hear this! Stephen has worked at Padthaway as PCW for 14 Years. Students, staff and parents always comment about his caring and generous nature.

We will also farewell Sarah Hinge who has been with us since Term 2 as our whole site non-instructional teacher. Sarah is going to travel around Australia for part of next year.

We hope she enjoys exploring our great country and visits us when she returns to the Limestone Coast.

School Safety Awareness

As the end of the year is fast approaching, we use this time to remind everyone that continued vigilance is required when supervising children in and around the school yard and indeed, the wider community. Our School seriously addresses the supervision of students during recess, play and before and after school. Your assistance is provided through adherence to students presenting themselves at school within the hours of supervision (8.30 am until 3.40 pm) and the use of the sign-in booklet at the Front Office. The responsibility for supervision of students outside the school hours of 8.30am – 3.40pm lies with the parent(s) or caregiver(s). This also takes into account parents or caregivers sharing any changes to bus travel for their child/ren. The school must be notified of any changes well in advance. This impacts the duty of care we hold as a School. Together, we can best ensure the safety of our most precious resource, our youth.

Concert

Classes are preparing for our annual Concert on December 11th at the Padthaway Memorial Hall. Please note the change in starting time to 6.15 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Students are VERY excited to showcase their drama and dance skills in their class item to their families and friends. I look forward to watching each Class present and hope to see you all on the night.

Staff Privacy

Please be aware that staff are unable to be contacted at school via their personal mobiles. This is also the case with adding staff as 'friends' on social media. Staff are required to adhere to a strict Code of Conduct and to follow a Department for Education Social Media Policy which impacts how they should act on social media.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

28 November
Indonesian Teacher Visit

3 December
6.15 pm Governing Council meeting

11 December
6.30 pm School Concert:
Padthaway Memorial Hall

12 December
Tatiara District Council Movie R-7:
Bordertown

13 December
2.00 pm Christian Seminar

14 December
End Term 4: 2.30 pm dismissal

2019
29 January
Begin Term 1

Tuck Day

27th November (Week 7)
Quiche and Salad
Helper

Bec Weller
*Muffins—Brenna Brooksby

4th December (Week 8)
Lasagne and Salad
Helper

Luke Leddy
*Muffins—Hannah Orton

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Last week we held our Mud Day. The children had a fantastic time running, splashing, jumping and driving trucks in the mud. Many mud cakes and biscuits were created. International Mud Day commenced in 2009. It is a day for children and Early Childhood professionals all over the World to celebrate nature, the glorious earth beneath our feet, and the joy of making a mess by getting really muddy. Plenty of research has shown that coming into contact with a certain amount of bacteria is good for us, as it helps build up immunity, as opposed to living in a virtually sterile environment, which makes our bodies very vulnerable.

The children have been involved in a variety of science experiments, and everyone loved watching what happened when we added water to a circle of Skittles lollies.

Libby, Preschool Teacher



2018 M&S Charges

Thank you to all our families who have finalised their school fees for this year. If you have not yet managed to do so, can you please contact us to make arrangements to have these finalised as soon as possible to avoid legal action being taken.

Kirilie, Finance Officer

5/6/7 News

The 5/6/7 Class has been practising our own dances, in small groups, for the end of school Concert. In Science, we are doing science experiments to find out if it's a chemical change or physical change. In Civics, we are learning about human rights. Louise Hinge came in on Tuesday 20th November and she taught us about homelessness. We did some activities like 'Try to find the homeless' and we also did an activity where you had to get rid of one thing because your parents could not afford food. In PE we are playing basketball with Miss Hinge. The teams are Pink Panthers, K-Ball, Honey Badgers and Padthaway Kangaroos. Also in Technology we have been using Makey Makeys. We have been designing an instrument or game so you can make music or make a game work.

Samara, Year 6

Let's End The Year with a BANG!

We will be popping a display of coloured balloons that represent each student and each day left of the school term. There are 26 balloons in total and each one has a name of a student from our class hidden inside it. We brainstormed what sort of kind things we could do for that person over the school day, such as helping with a tough problem or inviting to join a lunchtime game. We try to spend a bit of time celebrating the person whose name we find inside each balloon. So far we have celebrated Ned, Lachie, Eliza, Jack, Grace and Digby. These students have sat on a comfy chair and had lots of nice things written about them on the class whiteboard to read at the end of the day.

"I liked that my name was the first one popped because it was a surprise!" - *Grace, Year 3*

"I liked the comment D'Arci wrote because it said I was a good friend who was caring."

- Lachlan, Year 4



SRC News

The SRC has been working towards improving our bike rack at the School.

To improve the bike rack we are looking to install 3 new bike loops, a shelter to cover the bikes and a new path so riders can get to the shelter. This will be starting at the beginning of 2019.

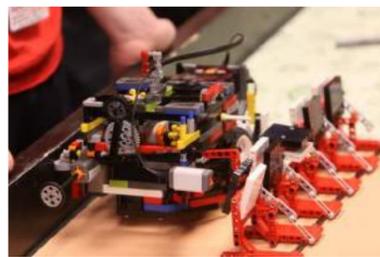
The SRC would like to remind everyone that you should only call someone by their real name or official nickname. Some students don't like when they are called different names and this can lead to people being upset.

All the students are looking forward to the last week of school where we have concert, the Bordertown Movie and Pool day and the final assembly.

Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer

Robotics

On Monday nine students known as the Robotics Club went to the Main Corner/ Cave Gardens in Mount Gambier.



Earlier in the year we made a robot that we programmed to do activities the Organisation set. At the competition we sadly couldn't participate because we couldn't work out how to save the programming. Instead of using a robot we got to help judge, watch people who were doing the challenge and help set things back to the way the Lego needed to be at the practice tables. Some people got to time and other people got to count penalties whenever the team touched the robot. We all had a lot of fun and most of us want to do it again next year.

The theme for the 2018 First Lego League Robotics Challenge was *Into Orbit*.

D'Arci, Year 5



SunSmart Recognition

Padthaway School has been recognised for participating in the National SunSmart Schools Programme during the last 20 years. Well done to the Padthaway students!



PCW Spot

Despite living in a small community, I am often surprised when I catch up with former students and see how much they have grown and matured.

Those who seemed to have been at PPS only yesterday are about to complete Year 11 or 12, while many are at University or in employment. Last Saturday night Heather and I went to the 21st party of a real legend of our School as many gathered to celebrate his birthday with him. It was Cameron McCarthy's party and he was surrounded by family and friends.

Cam was so much part of school life and made a huge impact on our School. His first principal Anna Young was there, and she looks as vibrant as ever, along with so many others who have been, and remain, part of Cameron's life. His mum Tara spoke so well about their son and dad Simon paid a big tribute to Cam's four siblings for their love and support of Cam. It was a very special night.

There is an African saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." Well Cameron's siblings, along with all those who have been part of his life, have provided that village.

Anna Young was the Principal when I started in my role in 2005. She was so supportive of me in a role that hadn't been part of the School before and helped me 'find my legs'. Every Principal since Anna has continued to support me in my role and included me in School life at PPS, along with all the staff from 2005 onwards. Parents, you may have children now at Primary School, but that tie will pass before you know it and your children will be celebrating their 21st birthdays. The time you spend with them now in the simple, ordinary things make the memories of the future.

Cheers, Stephen

School Reports

School Reports will be available in Week 9 for all students. Teachers have been busy preparing these reports throughout the term and spend many hours ensuring that these reports are an accurate depiction of your child/ren.

Students will still receive an effort grade and an academic grade. These are based on the requirements of the Australian Curriculum which all teachers in Australia follow.

When you receive your child's report, take time to read over this with your child and discuss their learning. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me at school. *Olivia*

SkoolBag

Padthaway School uses the SkoolBag app to send information to families. This app can be downloaded for free on your phone or portable device and means that communication to and from the School can be paper free.

All notes, newsletters and reminders will be sent via the app. Student absence from school and supporting information can also be sent to the School. If you need support or need the link, please contact the Front Office on 8765 5028. If you are not able to use the SkoolBag app, please contact the School indicating your choice. This means we will continue to send paper notes home to you via your child.



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 30th November.

NDIS Cafe

29th November 10.00 am—2.00 pm

Gather on Gordon, Naracoorte.

Morning Tea provided.

Come along and enjoy a coffee and a conversation with our local disability service providers.

Explore employment opportunities or discuss your service needs.

Hosted by Disability Workforce Hub

Kids Fishing Comp

Hosted by The Naracoorte Anglers Club

When: 8th December

Where: Cockatoo Lake

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Registration: From 8.00 am

Weigh in: 4.00 pm at Cocky Lake

Prizes: Heaviest Fish and Longest Yabby

All kids competing will receive membership, a free drink and a sausage.

The Club will have a BBQ and drinks for sale.

We ask that all kids be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more details contact Mandy on 0427 623 344.

Final School Newsletter

The last School newsletter will be distributed in Week 9, the last week of school, instead of Week 8 as per our usual schedule.

Olivia

