

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Felicity Orton

I am proud of myself for using the monkey bars at school because I can hang upside down and stand on them.

My favourite subject is Maths because we get to write numbers. I love numbers because they are very important in every day life. I want to be able to write to 1,000,000!

I look forward to doing SRC work because we get to cook things. I really want to cook puddings and make lots of money for the school.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to skip really fast.

A skill I would like to develop is spelling because I want to spell bigger words.

A goal for myself this term is to improve in my reading because I like reading. I like books called Mix It Up.

So far this year I have loved getting to know Miss Clothier because she is fun!

Felicity, Year 2



Archie McGregor

I am proud of myself for improving on my maths because my homework will become easier.

My favourite subject is Reading because I enjoy books and following the different stories.

I look forward to doing my EnviroWarrior speech because I enjoy cleaning up the school grounds.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read really big books because I really enjoy reading.

A skill I would like to develop is to challenge myself more in Maths so that I will be able to help other students in my class.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to know my 7 times table.

So far this year I have really enjoyed doing our heart map because it was a fun activity and I was able to share with others things about myself and my family.

Archie, Year 4



Nirvana O'Farrell

I am proud of myself for writing neatly because I have been working on it for ages.

My favourite subject is Maths because I enjoy working out sums and focusing and learning.

I look forward to learning new things because I love to learn. I want to learn how to add more detail when I am writing stories and descriptive text.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to work out times tables pretty well. I have been working really hard at home to learn my 7 times tables.

A skill I would like to develop is working with others because I normally work independently.

A goal for myself this term is to listen and respect my teacher so I don't have to ask what we are doing.

So far this year I have loved doing Art because I enjoy colouring and creating things.

Nirvana, Year 5



PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"

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*Be Respectful
Act Responsibly*

Strive for Excellence

From the Principal



Welcome to 2019! Padthaway has had a beautiful start to the year with students returning to school eager to learn and participate in the School community. A focus for 2019 is to see Padthaway students

develop their responsibility and self-management skills. You will have seen your child's diary that will assist with students being responsible for their home learning and home communication. In class, students have areas to source resources or learning tools to assist with their learning. This means students can be independent in their learning with support from the teacher to develop the intentional lesson goals.

Student positions

Last week, students have had an opportunity to nominate themselves for the Padthaway Student Representative Council. We had a record number of students nominate themselves and the speeches were outstanding.

Congratulations to the Junior Primary representatives Missy McGregor and Felicity Orton, the Middle Primary representatives Sam Hayes and Toby Longbottom and the Upper Primary Representatives Amelia Frick, Matilda Rothe and Bailey Turner. Both the JP and MP positions are held for 1 semester while the UP hold their positions for the full year. Congratulations to Bailey Turner for being voted President, Matilda Rothe as Vice President and Amelia Frick as Secretary for 2019.

Sports Captains were voted on Wednesday with Kiele Longbottom and Bailey Turner representing the Blue team and Tom Orton and Charlie Roach the Yellow team. Well done to our Sports Captains for 2019. Next week, the EnviroWarriors will be voted for in each class. I will announce the recipients next newsletter.

New Staff

In 2019 we welcome Hannah Clothier to the 2/3 Literacy/Numeracy teaching role and Whole School Non Instructional Time (NIT) teaching role. Hannah is very excited to work at Padthaway School and has some very interesting and educational lessons planned. We also welcome Lisa Graetz to the PCW role, replacing Stephen Edwards. Lisa has spent time with the students getting to know them and is looking forward to starting some groups at recess or lunch time for students to attend each week. Lisa is working on Monday and Tuesday in 2019. Over the holidays, Libby Thornton was offered a Director position at Carol Murray Kindergarten and after much deliberation, accepted the position. She was very sad to leave Padthaway and the children that she had formed positive relationships with throughout the last few years. In 2019 we welcome Hayley McCarthy as our Preschool teacher. Hayley is looking forward to working at Padthaway and has spent the last 2 weeks getting to know the 3 new Preschool students and 5 new Associated Programme students.

New Students

In 2019 we welcome 3 new Preschool students—Bailey, Belle and Daisy. The Preschool students have been exploring their learning spaces and 'the beach' is the interest of the week. We also welcome Jordana Congdon to Year 2. Jordana has joined us from Naracoorte Primary. Please say hello to Emily and Clint if you see them around Padthaway.

Parent Information Afternoon

I welcome all parents and caregivers to the Parent Information Afternoon on Wednesday 13th February 2019. All information was sent home in a note last week. Please contact the School if you are unaware of any information regarding this afternoon. Each teacher will present for 15

minutes in their classroom and is happy to respond to any questions you may have. I will be available during the afternoon if you would like to ask any questions about the School. We look forward to seeing all of our families that afternoon.

Padthaway Community Fundraiser

The Padthaway Bull Rush is being held on Saturday 16th February starting at 4:00 pm. This fundraiser is donating all their proceeds to Padthaway School and we couldn't be more appreciative. The focus of the fundraising will be on upgrading the toilet facilities at the school to ensure students have clean and easy to maintain facilities for their toileting. The Bull Rush event is hosted at the Willalooka Pastoral Company and we thank Kate McGregor, Bec Weller and their team for the work in ensuring this event is possible.

The event includes an exhibition ride by Wyatt Fraser and a mechanical bull competition for interested community members. Corinne Brookes is the one to beat for this! Please ensure you have your tickets by booking through www.trybooking.com/zwsh. Staff look forward to seeing you there!

Governing Council AGM

The Governing Council AGM is on Monday 11th February 2019 at 6:30 pm. All families from Padthaway School are welcome. There are some vacancies on the Governing Council and if you would like to represent the families of Padthaway School we look forward to seeing you there. If you would like more information regarding Governing Council, please call the School or Governing Council Chairperson Sam Ward. Information can also be found on the School website.

I hope your holidays were restful. I look forward to seeing you all as the term progresses.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

11 February
6:30 pm Governing Council AGM

13 February
Parent Information Afternoon

16 February
4:00 pm Padthaway Bull Rush:
Willalooka Pastoral Company

18 February
Cricket Clinic

7 March
Student Free Day

8 March
Student Free Day

11 March
Adelaide Cup Holiday

Tuck Day

12th February (Week 3)
Pizza

Helper
Fiona Ward
*Muffins—Kylie Pethybridge

19th February (Week 4)
Hot Dogs

Helper
Kate McGregor
*Muffins—Emma Cooper

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School Communication

An important partnership exists within our School between parents and staff. One area critical to our commitment to a child safe environment is the timely sharing of information between the School and the home. Your assistance can be provided by ensuring that travel arrangements different to the usual routine are always **shared directly via phone call or using the SkoolBag application with the School's administrative staff.** Unfortunately, third party provision of information could potentially put a child at risk.

Staff also request that communication to staff's personal mobiles—via message or call—is not used as we do not carry our mobile phones with us at all times at school.

The Front Office is always available to take calls and arrange meetings if needed. *Olivia*

Arrival Times for School

Just a friendly reminder that staff are only on duty from 8:30 am each school morning. If your child arrives at school earlier than 8:30 am, they are not being supervised and require a parent or caregiver to provide this supervision. Although staff are present on site before this time, they do not carry any duty of care for early arrival of students.

Olivia

Starting Big School

I am in Reception now! I really like it because it is fun. I am doing lots of new stuff.

Miss Brookes is showing me how to read with the pictures and I think it is fun to read to someone. I have been writing lots of numbers in Maths and I like to practise so I can write big numbers. I have lots of people in my class and Reception is good! I like coming to school to play with my friends.

Swimming has been fun this week too but I am getting a bit tired! It has been nice in the pool on the hot days.

Jacob, Reception

What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Welcome to Preschool and the 3 Year old Programme for 2019. Our new children are starting to settle in and have already been involved in a variety of indoor and outdoor play experiences. It is pleasing to see the positive social interactions, turn taking and sharing.

Hayley



5/6/7 News

During our first week of school, we prepared our books for the year and selected our SRC representatives. In the morning, the 6/7 Class had to talk about our school holidays. This week we have been at the Bordertown Swimming Pool for School swimming lessons. We have Mr Exton for PE and so far we have been learning how to play Ultimate Frisbee. In Art with Miss Clothier, we started a new tree artwork.

Harry, Year 5

Uniform

Thank you to parents for ensuring students began school dressed in appropriate uniform from the start of the year. Some students still need to remember to wear a school hat. It is Governing Council SunSmart policy that students wear a hat in Terms 1 and 4.

Olivia



SRC

Welcome to a new year! It's been a great start to a new year as the SRC members for each class have been chosen to represent the School. Congratulations Missy McGregor and Felicity Orton for representing the R/1/2 Class, Sam Hayes and Toby Longbottom for the 2/3/4 and Amelia Frick, Matilda Rothe and Bailey Turner for the 5/6/7 Class. Our first SRC Tuck Day will be the Pancake Day which will be on Tuesday 26th March in Week 9.

Bailey, President

Welcome Miss Clothier

Hello there everyone! I am Hannah Clothier and I live in Naracoorte with my fiancé, Matt. I have taught at the Naracoorte Primary School and the Frances Primary School. I am already feeling so welcomed by everyone I have met at the Padthaway Primary School. I look forward to meeting more parents and caregivers at the Parent Information Afternoon. I'll be teaching the Year 2/3s English and Maths and then I'll be teaching the NIT subjects in the school. Within each class I have already started a few initial activities for me to get to know the students as well as some assessments to assist me in my planning. I am keen to start structured lessons next week when we won't have any interruptions and can start some units of work. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

Hannah

School Diaries

This year we are focusing on improving our skills with self management and personal responsibility by using personal diaries to manage upcoming events in our school.

Each morning we hand our diaries up to the blue basket for Miss Edwards to check. We wrote our Year 4/5 morning routine in the first week so that we know what to do every day. I decorated the front of my diary with stickers and glued letters to say 'NEVER GIVE UP!'. Miss Edwards wrote in my diary that last week I persevered with challenges and was kind to others.—*Grace, Year 4*

On the front of my diary there is a man slam dunking a basketball. So far, I have brought my diary back every single day this term! I feel proud of that and Miss Edwards thinks it is pretty awesome too. Last week Miss Edwards wrote a note in my diary to say that I have been showing a positive attitude in class and have been trying my best with my neat handwriting. I thought that it was excellent that I got a good note in my diary. I liked that I could show my Mum and Roly.—

Albie, Year 4



PCW Spot

Hi, my name is Lisa Graetz. I am the new Pastoral Care Worker at Padthaway Primary School. My role is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support (in line with the DoFE Wellbeing Framework) to children, families and staff. In other words I'm a friend, a listening ear, an encouraging smile, a helping hand, and someone who will walk alongside your children, supporting them in their schooling journey. I have lived in the region for 10 years, on a farm with my husband Tim and four children.

I was privileged enough to attend Mr Eddy's farewell assembly and morning tea at the school last year and got a great sense of what a wonderful School community I'm now a part of. This was immediately obvious when I walked through the school doors and was greeted with smiling faces, welcoming parents and lovely students who were excited, happy and enjoying their growth and learning.

Thank you for the way you have welcomed me into your School family, and I very much look forward to getting to know you all and supporting you throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact me. My days at PPS are Mondays and Tuesdays. *Lisa*

VCOP Gang—Vinny Vocab

Each newsletter we will introduce another VCOP Gang character. Your child will be learning to extend their writing through the VCOP programme.

Vinny Vocabulary is the leader of the VCOP Gang, because 'WOW words' are really empowering to a piece of writing. He is a Knight in shining armour that will rescue your writing. That's why he holds the 'Big Write' pencil.

When you and the gang use the special 'Big Write' pencil, you can write an adventure that will truly come alive for the reader. Vinny also wears a purple shirt, because generalising words (usually, sometimes) are purple words. Generalising words are difficult to remember but can create a lot of impact for your writing just like the 'WOW words', so his shirt is a reminder to use them.



School Improvement

Site Improvement priorities are focusing on Reading and Writing for 2019. In reading, students will be spending time focusing on skills and strategies to build deep comprehension skills that transfer across all subjects. This will see students developing skills to understand worded problems in Mathematics as well as reasoning questions in HASS or Science.

To support the development of student skill, teachers will be focusing on developing skills, teaching and learning plans and the moderation of student tasks.

The writing focus for 2019 is to develop higher order writing skills to transfer skills across the curriculum. To do this, staff will be using the VCOPs and Big Write programme. Information about this programme was sent home in Week 1. The VCOP letters have a character: V—Vinnie Vocab, C—Connie Connective, O—Ollie Opener and P—Penny Punctuation. The VCOP Gang help students connect their learning to their writing. Meet one character each newsletter this term!

Big Write is occurring on Thursdays and helps us to map student learning and individual growth. The importance of Big Write is the Big Talk that occurs in class leading up to Thursday and on Wednesday night at home with you.

Big Write is where students can express themselves through a range of topics with editing and planning built into the process to develop exceptional writing skills. Students are already excited for the process. We will begin the process focusing on V—Vinny Vocabulary. What 'WOW Words' will you find at home?



Community News

Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Friday of the odd weeks of term from 10:00—11:30 am. Playgroup is held during the Preschool session and allows greater social opportunities for children.

Next Playgroup date is Friday 15th February.

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.

Parent Information Handbook and Website

The Parent Information Handbook went home last week. This has been revamped and updated to reflect the current School processes. Please take time to read this, even if you have been at the school for 6 years, as this includes important information regarding student safety, wellbeing and learning as well as information about the running of the School.

Information for the running and planning of the School, as well as any policies and procedures, are found on our School website at www.padthac7.sa.edu.au or by searching for Padthaway School and following the links provided. The website was updated last year and features images of our current students so please have a look.

Olivia