

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

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Be Respectful

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Strive for Excellence



PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"



Shannel Santillan

I am proud of myself for helping other people because then it makes them happy.

My favourite subject is Drama because it is fun to move around and work with my friends.

I look forward to doing drawing at school because I want to be good at it so I do it a lot. I like to practise.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write stories because then I will be good at writing. I want to get better at writing words so my stories are interesting.

A skill I would like to develop is cutting straight. This will help my work look cool and good.

A goal for myself this term is to hold my pencil properly. To do this I need to use my pencil grip and my writing will be neat.

So far this year I have loved using dominoes in Maths because it is fun to count them.

Shannel, Reception



Gus Brooksby

I am proud to be working on my Maths times tables and my place value. By working on this I am able to do tricky sums and I like doing tricky sums.

I don't really have a favourite subject as such because I enjoy all my classes.

I really look forward to doing my link writing because when I perfect this I will be able to write quickly and combine letters. I am hoping to get my pen licence. This is why I hope that I can link write quickly by the end of the year.

A skill I would like to develop is my listening skills. I need to make sure I don't get distracted as much because I don't want to miss important information.

A goal for myself this term is to focus more on my classwork and finish projects. This will help me more when I am in older year levels.

So far this year I have loved swimming at the Bordertown Pool because it was fun!

Gus, Year 3



Kiele Longbottom

I am proud of myself for learning how to work with negative numbers in Maths because it is hard when you do big numbers.

I am also proud of myself because I got into SAPSASA Swimming.

My favourite subject is Art because we are studying Pablo Picasso and he does a lot of crazy and weird work. I also like doing PE because I have learnt a new sport—Ultimate Frisbee. I look forward to Young Leaders Day because it is a good opportunity to go in Year 7. It will also be a good time to catch up with Mr Eddy and my friends.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge because it is my last year in Primary School.

A skill I would like to develop is solving worded maths problems because I haven't got it down pat yet.

So far this year I have loved doing Reading because I have a really interesting book I am reading. It is called *Skyfire* and it is action packed!

Kiele, Year 7



From the Principal

"Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out."

Bullying. No Way!

Bullying. No Way! Day is Friday 15th March (Friday, Week 7). Students from

Padthaway School will participate in the day, extending their wellbeing learning from the term. Classes will continue their learning about what is and isn't acceptable at school and in the community and enhance their learning through interacting with resources available for all schools in support of the NDA (National Day of Action against Bullying). Padthaway School is proud to be part of the NDA. The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and in 2019 the theme is *Bullying. No Way! Take Action Every Day*. We are proud to have won a grant to support our learning.

For Padthaway students, taking action every day means empowering each other to be part of the solution, being kind, standing up and saying 'stop' and being united against bullying and violence.

If your child is asking you any questions regarding bullying or harassment at home, we have a range of resources available to help discuss these issues with your child.

Information can be obtained by speaking to your class teacher. The School's Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy is also available on the website.

Bullying prevention is everyone's responsibility. This begins with the students and includes staff, parents, family and community members. Let's make Padthaway an inclusive and bullying free School—something that we can all do by taking positive action every day!

Student Free Days

This week, students have 2 student free days to finish the week. This is because professional development for staff has

occurred on concurrent days. Why student free days you may ask instead of sending 1 teacher to the training? Well, to ensure all staff are receiving the same message, and the implementation of this learning is consistent across the site, sending all staff is important. Students are at the centre of what we do, however, teachers are at the front of the classroom leading this learning with professional development an integral part of maintaining quality teaching standards at Padthaway. These student free days support the development of reading and writing at the site. Through attending these days, we move closer to working towards our site improvement goals of improving student reading achievement in the middle and upper years and increasing student achievement in writing from years Reception to Year 7. This will ensure more students are achieving at or above their chronological age for both reading and writing.

Writing

On Thursday 7th March, teaching staff are attending a professional development day in Adelaide to support the introduction of the VCOPs and Big Write programme at PPS. Staff will be exploring ways to delve deeply into the techniques behind writing and learning how best to communicate this to their year levels. From this day, we will implement our learning plans, introduce more VCOPs learning games and develop students' stamina for writing. In Term 3, we take our learning and experiences to a second professional development day and analyse areas of further improvement and engagement for students.

Reading

On Friday 8th March, teaching staff are attending a professional development day in Mt Gambier to develop our instruction of reading skills to students. We will be working with educational expert Simon Breakspear to

map and develop a reading programme for Padthaway School. We will be working in year level teams to develop a continuum throughout the whole School. This will see students deeply engaging with reading strategies and becoming proficient readers while being readers for life.

Choir

The Padthaway Choir has started practice for the year. Students have had a wonderful start to the year and are keen to sing the catchy songs. The theme for 2019 is *Adelaide and her Sister Cities*. The sister cities are Austin (Texas), Christchurch (New Zealand), Himeji (Japan), George Town (Malaysia) and Qingdao (China). Congratulations to 2019 Choir Leader Lily Mathews voted by Choir students as their representative.

SAPSASA Swimming

Congratulations also to Alex Charlick, Kiele Longbottom, Tom Orton and Bailey Turner for gaining a place in the Upper South East SAPSASA Swimming team. These students will be competing on Friday 29th March. Congratulations for making the team. Well done to everyone who participated on the day. We had an excellent representation from Padthaway. I am always so amazed by the representation we have for SAPSASA from our small School.

Combined Schools Sports Day

Combined Schools Sports Day at Frances is coming up. The day will be held on Friday 29th March, Week 9. Students have begun practising the events and are looking forward to an action-packed day. Parents—please be mindful that staff will be in a meeting for the day during the morning. The duty of care for your child lies with you until your child moves into the individual year level groups when announced. They will need to be seated under our coloured shelter until then. I look forward to seeing everyone at the event and cheering on the Padthaway students to strive for excellence in each event.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

- 7 March**
Student Free Day
- 8 March**
Student Free Day
- 11 March**
Adelaide Cup Holiday
- 18 March**
6:30 pm Governing Council
- 19 March**
World of Maths
- 20 March**
Young Leaders' Day—Year 7s:
Adelaide
- 21 March**
9:00 am Christian Outreach
- 29 March**
Combined Schools Sports Day:
Frances

Tuck Day

- 12th March (Week 7)**
Nuggets and Salad
Helper
Luke Leddy
*Muffins—Brenna Brooksby

- 19th March (Week 8)**
NO TUCK DAY

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

In our social skills program at Preschool, we recently met Resilient Ruby.

During group time, we have been talking about what Resilient Ruby likes to do. Resilient Ruby helps children to see how they all have the power to overcome difficulty, no matter how small or big. The children understand the importance of bouncing back and never giving up.



During the last fortnight, children have had the opportunity to enjoy playing in the sandpit with running water, building in the construction area using many loose parts, constructing in the making corner using cardboard and glue, exploring our sorting table and threading. The children also enjoyed messy sensory play with shaving cream.

Hayley



R/1/2 Science Projects

For Term 1 Science we are learning about animals and their offspring. We are about to start researching about animals that we don't know much about yet. I will be working with Jimmy and we want to learn about Tamarin monkeys because we haven't seen them before. We think they'll look like other types of monkeys and eat bananas. Jimmy and I will be making a slideshow to share with the Class. Some other people will be sharing their research as dioramas, models, posters and books. I'm excited to learn about Tamarin monkeys with Jimmy!

Felix, Year 2

Miss Clothier in the Upper Primary

In the UP class we've been working on Pablo Picasso art pieces. I am proud of myself for giving the Art a go because it is something creative that I have never done. I feel like I have been accomplishing a lot in Art. My favourite subject with Miss Clothier is Art because we are learning about cubism and I have never heard of it and she is making learning it really fun. I look forward to doing Drama with Miss Clothier because all of our lessons with her are great and she is very creative. A skill I would like to develop is drawing like Pablo Picasso in cubism because it will show that I know how to draw a different way. A goal for myself this term is to complete my History project because it expands my knowledge about early settlers.

D'Arci, Year 6

Year 3/4 Cotton Monsters

In Art lessons this week we are learning about the artist, Jennifer Strunge, and her unique 'Cotton Monster' creations. We have discussed how she used line, shape, colour, space and texture. First we are drawing three different monsters in our art books. Then we will be painting them with watercolours.

"I like my pink cotton monster the best because it is a creative design and has lots of coloured parts"- Grace



SRC News

In SRC meetings we have discussed having a Water Fun Day at school. This will happen in Week 11 and a note will go out shortly about this. Miss Brookes has willingly decided to have *Miss Brookes More Skills Mondays*. This is where children in the school teach Miss Brookes tricks such as cartwheels and if Miss Brookes completes the skill she will donate \$10 to the SRC. We look forward to seeing what she is capable of!

Bailey, President



Sports News

This week on Monday, we had Jon for a SACA visit for our 2nd cricket clinic. We learnt some more cricket skills through games and we had fun!

SAPSASA swimming trials were on Wednesday last week. There were 8 people who tried out. Alex, Tom, Bailey and Kiele have been selected into the Upper South East SAPSASA Swimming team. They will complete in Adelaide on Friday week 9.

There is SAPSASA tryouts happening for athletics in Keith in Week 10. Good luck to the people trying out!

Ned, Year 5



Choir News

Hello! I would like to introduce myself as the 2019 Choir Captain. I am looking forward to representing the choir in 2019. Blake Healy is Vice Captain. This year we have 10 choir members.

Last week on Friday 1st March the choir had their first choir lesson. We listened to all the songs and received our choir books and CDs. The theme is Sister Cities of Adelaide. In week 10 we will be going to Mundulla for a rehearsal.

Lily, Choir Captain

5/6/7 News

In Science this week we have been looking at little organisms under microscopes. We tried to find them in algae.

For Technology we are designing a machine to help problems so you don't need to do it by hand. With Miss Clothier in History we are finding out information for a British colonist of our choice. We have been finding this information on the computer and in books. For Art we have been learning about the art style cubism.

Harry, Year 5



PCW Spot

How many times have you heard recently, "I can't believe it's March already, this year is going so fast!" And it's so true! Term one is over halfway through, and Easter is fast

approaching.

Being a parent, carer or teacher is busy work; raising children and providing for them can be incredibly difficult and tiring in our fast paced lives. A friend of mine shared this 'gratefulness' list with me that I like to remember when life feels hectic.

1. Early wakeups = children to love
2. House to clean = safe place to live
3. Laundry = clothes to wear
4. Dishes to wash = food to eat
5. Crumbs under the table = family meals
6. Grocery shopping = \$ to provide for us
7. Toilets to clean = indoor plumbing
8. Lots of noise = people in my life
9. Endless questions about homework = kids' brains growing
10. Sore and tired in bed = I'm still alive.

Be encouraged that in the midst of the washing, noise and tiredness you are doing a great job raising your children!

Lisa

Christian Outreach

Christian Outreach will be on Thursday March 21st. Students will be learning about the Easter story from *Life Matters*, a group who will be visiting for an Easter workshop. Students will participate in the workshop at 9:00 am. Please contact Olivia if you do not wish your child/ren to attend.

VCOP Gang—Ollie Opener

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



Ollie Opener—Ollie is one very cool Viking that doesn't let anyone stand in his way. He protects the start of sentences, but his openers can become predictable and boring if he repeats himself too often. So Ollie has to make sure that he starts his sentences in many different ways. The more powerful his opener is, the more he can set the scene. Ollie knows that he is not alone either. He knows that if he uses a 'Power Opener', (one of Connie's connectives, a 'ly' word or an 'ing' word) at the beginning, then his sentences will become even more powerful.



Aussie of the Month—February



Congratulations to Nirvana Farrell for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for February.

Nirvana was awarded Aussie of the Month because she is inclusive when playing during recess and lunch, she is a good sport and she is on task when working in lessons. Well done, Nirvana.

SRC

Easter Raffle

Please make sure you return your Easter raffle books for our annual fundraiser!

If you need another book, please contact the Front Office.

We are also looking for more donations of Easter eggs for the raffle. Please drop them off to the Front Office.

Thank you!

Each year, the netball club generously donates their line marking machine to the School so we can paint the lines for the 4 square and Basketball court.

Thank you for making this job easier for us!

Olivia

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 March 15th.

Padthaway Medical Centre

Consulting hours with Dr Sarah Willoughby are 9:00 am—5:00 pm every Monday and from 2.00 pm Thursday afternoons in the Padthaway Medical Centre. To make an appointment please phone Robe Medical Clinic on 8768 2012 or Padthaway Medical Centre (Mondays and Thursday afternoons only) on 8765 5063.

Naracoorte & District Hockey

Are you interested in a sport with a difference? **We are seeking new and experienced players to join us and play on our brand new artificial turf.** Hockey is a fun family game with most games played in Naracoorte on Saturdays.

Grades are: U/9, U/13, U/16, Men and Women.

Season starts March 30th.

Some teams are still looking for players, so if you are interested or for any further information, please contact Anne on 0428 828 991.

Lucindale and Padthaway Junior Colts Football

If you are interested in playing football with us or have any questions please contact: Mark Edwards: 0407 842 588 or Jim Moorhouse: 0429 600 696.

The first training is at Lucindale on 7th March at 4:30pm.

