

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Jassen Beckett

I am proud of myself for helping people learn shapes like triangle and rectangle because they get to learn more.

My favourite subject is Visual Art because I like drawing and practising cutting straight. My work is getting a lot neater.

I look forward to doing Topic Talk because I like talking about the things I like to do, my family and what I know.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to paint a whole garden with animals because it is tricky to keep painting neat. I'm going to keep practising.

A skill I would like to develop is bowling in cricket because then I can get stronger muscles and play better.

A goal for myself this term is to read long words by sounding out because it will help me read stories and learn different words for Spelling.

So far this year I have loved Indonesian because I get to learn words from somewhere else.

Jassen, Year 1



Sam Hayes

I am proud of myself for writing neatly. I earned my pen licence. I can now use pen which helps me to write faster. I like hearing people say, "Wow! You're neat!"

My favourite subject is PE because I enjoy taking part in most sports. Athletics is my favourite and right now in PE we are doing High Jump. I like doing Hurdles too because I can jump really high.

I really look forward to coming to school so that I can catch up with all my friends.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to complete a project in History by myself. This term we did a project on Padthaway history and I made a PowerPoint with Grace's help.

A skill I would like to develop is my scissor kick in High Jump so that I can get over the metre bar without hitting the bar.

I would like to get to level 65 on my Maths Prodigy game because that will mean I have gained 10 new levels.

So far this year I have loved learning new computer games like Prodigy and Class Craft because I get to do maths in a fun way. Class Craft is new and I enjoy doing the individual quests.

Sam, Year 4



D'Arci Bell

I am proud of myself for being able to work with negative and positive numbers in Maths. It is challenging as you learn it but then it gets a bit easier the more you work with

them.

My favourite subject is Maths because it is something I think is fun but I also enjoy the challenge.

I look forward to Drama at school because I will be able to express how I am feeling. I like to play Drama games such as 'Bus Stop' where each person pretends to be a different character at a bus stop. Last time we played I pretended to be a dog.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to use all the VCOPs correctly. Learning about Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation is fun. My favourite VCOP is 'V' because I like to extend my vocabulary.

A skill I would like to develop is my times tables because it will help me a lot in Maths.

A goal for myself this term is to read every book in the Library because it will show me that I understand what is in each book.

So far this year I have loved Art with Miss Clothier because it is taking my artistic skills to the next level.

D'Arci, Year 6



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From the Principal

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."

Michael Althsuler

Where is this year disappearing to? I can't believe it is Week 8 already. I

feel like we all say this every year but this year is no different—Term 1 has been action packed and full of learning and experiences for students. We are coming up to 2 months of learning for students and staff in 2019 and we have all been busy exploring a new spelling programme—SMART spelling, the VCOPs and Big Write programme and providing time for students to read, expand and explore the concepts of reading. The improved engagement and motivation students are showing towards writing and reading is amazing to see. Students are asking staff to help them find texts that challenge them in the Library or asking to play literacy games to help them understand new writing concepts—just ask your child about Kung Fu Punctuation!

The reason these programmes are working is because they make learning engaging while being accessible for everyone. Remember, at Padthaway we believe that each child is unique. They have individual needs, abilities, preferred ways of doing things and personal ways of making sense of the World. But we also know that children have much in common. They are naturally active, curious, creative and inquisitive individuals. Children need love, acceptance, limits on their behaviour, challenges to face and success to enjoy. This helps them grow and develop their abilities to the fullest. By providing these new programmes and engaging students to be writers and readers for life, we are creating students who are "preparing for the future...today".

World of Maths Day
What a wonderful incursion we had on

Tuesday. Frances Primary School joined us for a 'World of Maths' day. Students spent time solving 17 different hands-on mathematics problems that they could be exposed to in their future life. The R-3 cohort worked together solving problems based on place value, measurement and data while the 4-7 cohort worked together to solve problems based on angles, algebra and geometry. The students enjoyed the maths day and spending time getting to know new students from Frances.

Young Leaders' Day

The Year 7s had a very early start on Wednesday to attend the National Young Leaders' Day in Adelaide with Mr Exton and Mr Eddy. The students had the opportunity to hear from speakers: General Manager of Cotton On Jade Slater, swimmer Leisel Jones, presenter Teigan Nash, author Phil Cummings and journalist Rosanna Mangiarelli. The focus of the day was demonstrating that everyone can be a leader as long as they understand their strengths and weaknesses.

Bullying. No Way! Day

On Friday 15th March Padthaway School took part in National Bullying. No Way! Day. Students participated in different tasks to improve their understanding of bullying, what is and isn't acceptable at school and in the community and what they can do to take action. The theme of the year was 'Take Action Every Day' and focused on how bullying can be part of a community but that doesn't mean it is okay. Classes made videos, posters and kites to help express their learning.

Student Free Days

We had 2 extremely successful Student Free Days on Thursday and Friday of Week 6. On Thursday staff attended a VCOPs and Big Write professional development and we were able to discuss where we are up to and what writing means to our students. We

were able to experience the learning we will be using with our classes and from this we will be running parent information sessions to help our families to better understand what we are trying to achieve.

On Friday staff attended Simon Breakspear Learning Sprints in Mt Gambier. On this day we worked together as a team to develop a plan around explicit reading instruction. For the next 4 weeks, the classes will be focusing on reading comprehension with a focus on questioning. Students will be learning the difference between literal and deep questions and how to use these to develop understanding when reading.

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 preparing 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 over the loud speaker. Children 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. Information went home this week.

3 Way Conferences
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Olivia

Dates to Remember

29 March
Combined Schools Sports Day:
Frances

5 April
SAPSASA USE Athletics

12 April
End Term 1

29 April
Begin Term 2

10 May
Cross Country: Naracoorte PS

14-17 May
NAPLAN testing

10 June
Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuck Day

26th March (Week 9)

Pancake Day

Helpers

SRC

2nd April (Week 10)

Lasagne and Salad

Helper

Lissy Orton—muffins

9th April (Week 11)

Pot Luck

Helper

Tanya Frick

*Muffins—Tammy Mathews

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

The Preschool children have been exploring bookmaking. We have been developing our book-handling skills. Children have been learning to hold the book right side up and to turn the pages in the correct order. We have also been learning about the book structure. The children can recognise the front cover, back cover, title, author's name and illustrator.

Bookmaking supports children in a playful way to develop an image of themselves as writers. The children have been engaged in making and writing their own books and also writing letters to each other. The children have made their own letterbox using a shoe box and paint.

We welcome Organised Olly to our social skills program. Organised Olly likes to keep things tidy and put things away.

Hayley

Buddies with Year 3/4

March 15th was the 'National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying'. We started the day by talking about the five strategies to deal with bullying. The posters told us to TALK FIRMLY, TALK FRIENDLY, IGNORE, WALK AWAY and REPORT TO AN ADULT. We designed kites with pictures that told people to "Rise Above Bullying".

Matthew, Year 4

Miss Edwards had a whiteboard that had a kite with the message "Rise Above Bullying". We wrote with orange whiteboard markers about what we would do if we were getting bullied or if we saw bullying.

Jessica, Year 4

I worked with Felix to make a kite. We wrote on it and added arrows that told people that "Bullying is NOT OKAY!"

Henry, Year 4



MP with Miss Clothier

In the Middle Primary class we have been busy practising for Combined Schools Sports Day and finishing our local History projects. I am proud of scissor kicking at 73cm high while practising High Jump because it's the highest I have ever done! My favourite subject with Miss Clothier is PE because I love doing and practising sports and getting fitter. I look forward to practising the marathon because I would like to get faster and get in the top 10 for Cross Country. A skill I would like to develop is how to type faster as I find it hard to type during History. A goal for myself this term is to learn more in History because I want to learn more about Padthaway's history.

Toby, Year 4



SRC News

In SRC meetings we have been preparing for Pancake Day next week. Please make sure your order forms are returned. The funds will be going to the Uniting Church to support people in need in the community.

We have discussed the rules for lunch time Cricket and are working on rules for lunch time Football. Information about Water Fun Day will be out next week.

Bailey, President



Sports News

Combined Schools Sports Day is Friday March 29th. This is the same day as SAPSASA Swimming. Good luck to Alex, Bailey, Kiele and Tom. Milo Cricket continues this week with Mr Exton.

Netball training is well on the way and is starting at 5:00pm on Thursdays. Auskick and School Footy training start in Term 2.

Ned, Year 5



Choir News

Choir is fun this year. We are practising in the JP classroom because it's nice and cool in there and no one can watch us through the windows like last year. One of our commissioned songs this year is named 'My Kawan'.

'My Kawan' is a song about George Town in Malaysia. Kawan means my friend. Colonel Francis Light founded George Town. His son is Colonel William Light who founded Adelaide.

Lily, Choir Captain

5/6/7 News

Last week due to having Mr Exton away as he was attending training, we had a bit of a mixed up week. It took us a bit to settle back in on the Friday. We are loving having Mr Exton back! We missed him.

In reading we have started looking at ways to start a question instead of using how, why, where and do. We are learning about literal and deep questions.

In Art with Miss Clothier we have been putting paper towel and gluey water all over our sculptures. This is our next project in our Cubism study. Personally I have been loving this new art style called Cubism.

All of our British Colonist posters have been handed in for History. We are all so relieved because it was a long, stressful few weeks and weekends for all of us. We have learnt what it means to manage our time better!

Harry, Year 5



PCW Spot

It is Pancake Day on Tuesday and everyone is very excited! I understand Pancake Day is quite the tradition here for Padthaway School. But what have pancakes got to do with Easter?

Well, historically Easter is a Christian festival. Christians over time have used the 6 weeks leading up to Easter (Lent) to focus on helping others and self-sacrifice as a reminder of Jesus dying for us on the cross.

The tradition of Pancake Day started when many Christians made pancakes to use up their special luxury ingredients (eggs and milk) before eating plain food in the season of Lent.

Well done to SRC and all who are joining in with Pancake Day and helping to raise money for Uniting Care, to help them provide practical support to South Australians in need including those without a home, people living with disabilities, vulnerable children and adults, older people and families in crisis.

How do you make a pancake smile? Butter him up.

Enjoy the pancakes!

Lisa

Safety at the Gate

Please be aware of your surroundings when dropping your children off or picking your children up from the front school gate. There is a **no standing zone** between the big tree and the front gate.

Olivia

VCOP Gang—Penny Punctuation

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

Penny Punctuation—Penny is a Princess standing at the top of the pyramid letting her hair flow down. She finds it very easy at the top of the pyramid, but

often needs help from the rest of the gang to get down. The others realise just how important Penny is to their story, so they read aloud to her. They know that the more they include her, the further down the pyramid she can come. But Penny has to listen very carefully to hear exactly how the gang wants their story to sound, and gives them the right punctuation to make this happen. Penny and Ollie often work closely together. Like Ollie, Penny knows she can add extra excitement to the story by using her 'Power Punctuation' of question marks and exclamation marks.



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.

Thank you to those families who have donated Easter Eggs. We really appreciate the support!

Olivia

R/1/2 Subitising

In Maths we have been learning how to subitise. Subitising is when you use your eyes to look at the set of things and know right away how many things there are. Subitising helps us because now we know how many dots there are on a dice, when Miss Brookes puts tallies on the board for votes and games and when we play number games. My favourite part of learning to subitise was doing the *Subitise with a Pirate* game because it had a great song to help me remember what subitising means and I could stand up and do actions that helped me practise to subitise.

Clayton, Year 1



Young Leaders' Day

Some of the Year 7 students with journalist Rosanna Mangiarelli on Wednesday 20th March.



Community News

Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Friday of the odd weeks of term from 10:00—11:30am. Playgroup is held during the Preschool session and allows greater social opportunities for children. Next Playgroup date is Friday March 29th.

Padthaway Medical Centre

Consulting hours with Dr Sarah Willoughby are 9:00am—5:00pm every Monday and from 2.00pm 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.

