



## Alice Ward

I am proud of myself for cutting really neatly because then my work will look really nice like I tried my best.

My favourite subject is Visual Art because I get to do lots of colouring in and cutting. I like doing it because it is amazing and fun.

I look forward to Water Fun Day at school because it'll be exciting to get wet and play in the water with my friends.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do any cutting really neatly to make great artworks.

A skill I would like to develop is writing more sentences in Big Write because then I'll be able to write a whole page of ideas for Miss Brookes to read.

A goal for myself this term is to go up to Level 10 with my reading because then I'm moving towards the Gold box of readers. I'm up to Level 8 now.

So far this year I have loved doing Visual Art because it is creative and I love using lots of colours.

Alice, Year 1



## Matthew Robertson

I have really enjoyed working on my cotton monster in Art because I like drawing. It helps me relax.

My favourite subject is PE although I also enjoy Maths. I like PE because I enjoy playing all sports.

I look forward to learning new things and seeing my friends because learning new things will help me in the future and my friends are fun.

By the end of the year I would like to improve my time in the marathon. I enjoy running and the marathon is a good challenge.

A skill I would like to develop more is being able to kick a football further and to be more accurate because it will help my team get more goals.

A goal for myself this term is to improve my spelling because this will help me with my schoolwork.

I really enjoy the Class Reading Time and I have already finished reading four chapter books. Reading makes me relaxed and I enjoy funny books.

Mathew, Year 4



## Nirvana O'Farrell

I am proud of myself for being able to improve my deep questioning. It now takes me less time to come up with a deep

question to help me understand my book. I am proud of myself because it helps me understand what I am reading about and I have improved in my reading.

My favourite subject is Maths because I have to think to solve problems. I like working on my times tables as I will be able to use these when I am older and have a job.

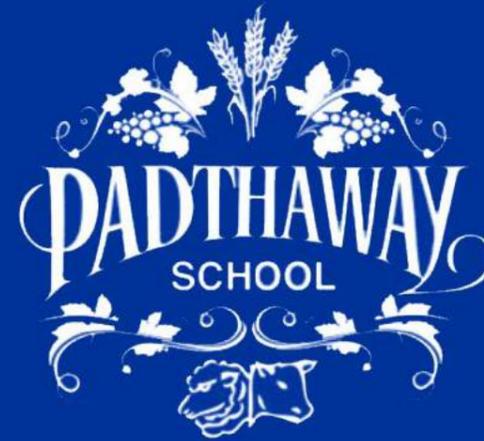
I look forward to SAPSASA Athletics Try Outs on Friday because I have never done it before. I am trying out for everything except discus.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to know my times tables off by heart. To achieve this goal I am practising every night with Mum and Dad.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to finish my projects on time and improve my time management. I am going to use my time wisely and use my homework time.

So far this year I have loved learning lacrosse in PE because I have to focus a lot and I haven't learnt it before.

Nirvana, Year 5



# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Preparing for the future...today"*

*Be Respectful*

*Act Responsibly*

*Strive for Excellence*



## From the Principal

*"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Benjamin Franklin*

If you read the Review section of *The Weekend Australian* last weekend, you would have noticed past Padthaway student Jason Clarke gracing the cover. For those of you who do not know, Jason Clarke was a Padthaway student 37 years ago and has become a Hollywood actor after building his career from different roles in *All Saints*, *Blue Heelers* and *Home and Away*. In the article 'The Familiar Face', Jason talks about the research and preparation that goes into being an actor and how this is one of the most interesting parts of his job. He speaks about the reading of texts and the exploring of background that goes into understanding his roles and the responsibilities of being a particular character.

When students ask us *why* we have to learn how to read, write and develop literacy skills, teachers at Padthaway can use Jason Clarke as an example. Learning our literacy skills helps us to understand new experiences and interactions. It helps us know who we are and find an identity in the world around us—just like Jason does for all his acting roles. Developing these skills is a gradual, ongoing process of learning and communication and is why 'talk' is so important in this development.

This is why we have moved to the SMART Spelling methodology in 2019 where students need to speak their words aloud and identify letters, sounds, graphemes and diagraphs both verbally and in written formats. This is why we encourage you to discuss the Big Write topic with your children each week. Talking not only connects you with your child and helps you to understand where they see themselves as a person, it also helps them develop their understanding of the world

around them.

Literacy skills encompass the knowledge and skills people need to access, understand, analyse and evaluate information, make meaning, express thoughts and emotions, present ideas and opinions, interact with others and participate in their lives. This is one of the reasons why Jason has been successful in Hollywood—he hasn't forgotten his literacy building blocks learnt in school.

### Combined Schools

Well done to Frances Primary School for winning a windy but wonderful Combined Schools Sports Day last Friday! The students had a great day and we were very lucky to only be rained on towards the end of the day. Well done to all our participants on the day. Everyone participated in the events and encouraged students from all schools. Congratulations to all our medallion winners—Jimmy Orton, Louis Orton, Missy McGregor, Alice Ward, Felicity Orton, Felix Bell, Eliza Ward, Bryce Rothe, Jack Orton, Anna Orton, Grace Mathews, Jess Frick, Lucy Tiver, Henry Orton, Toby Longbottom, Nirvana O'Farrell, Murphy Heym, D'Archi Bell, Lily Mathews, Blake Healy, Amelia Frick, Matilda Rothe and Chase Healy.

### SAPSASA Swimming

Well done to the 4 Padthaway SAPSASA representatives Alex Charlick, Bailey Turner, Kiele Longbottom and Tom Orton who swam in Adelaide on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Feedback from the Upper South East SAPSASA Team was that Padthaway supported their team well. SAPSASA Athletics Trials are this Friday (5th April). Good luck to all competitors trying out for the Upper South East team.

### Three Way Conferences

Early Term Two will present families with the opportunity to share with their child and child's teacher learning success during our Three Way Conference programme. These conferences are an important aspect of the reporting process and are designed to give

you a clear picture of your child's successes and challenges. The majority of conferences have been booked so if you have not yet received your confirmation letter with your timeslot(s), please contact the School. Three Way Conference dates will be in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2.

### Cyber Bullying Excursion

The Year 4-7 students spent Wednesday listening to Susan McLean talk about cyber bullying and cyber safety. This is such an important topic in today's society where our children are the first to grow up online. Information from the excursion helped students understand their responsibility when being online. Rules and laws were discussed helping students to think clearly about their decisions online. Students also learnt how strangers can easily pose as friends online and what they can ask us. Parents, please be aware that children need to be at least 13 years of age to legally access most online media sites. This information can be found in the conditions when signing up.

### News

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to announce that my husband and I are expecting our first child in September. We are excited and are very much looking forward to this special time. Governing Council is meeting with Adam Box, the Education Director for Wrattontully, in their first meeting back in Term 2.

### School Assembly and End of Term

Our School's end of term Assembly will be held next Thursday 11th April at 9:00 am. As always, this assembly will be both informative and entertaining. I encourage your attendance where student achievement will feature prominently. The Semester 1 SRC induction will take place at this assembly. Please be aware that early dismissal applies for the last day of term—Friday 12th April. Dismissal is at 2:30 pm. Buses will begin their run at that time.

Olivia

### Dates to Remember

- 5 April**  
SAPSASA USE Athletics
- 11 April**  
9:00 am Assembly
- 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

- 9th April (Week 11)**  
**Pot Luck**  
Helper  
Lissy Orton  
\*Muffins—Tammy Mathews
- 30th April (Week 1, Term 2)**  
**Pies, Pasties, Sausage Rolls**  
Helper  
Kathy Hayes—muffins
- Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner  
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### SRC News

On Tuesday of Week 9 we had SRC Pancake Day and we made \$320 which was donated to Uniting Care. We had lots of great feedback from our peers. Thank you to all the people who helped out.

We have also sent out a Water Fun Day form and Classes are organising times.

*Bailey, SRC President*



### Sports News

On Friday we had Combined Schools Sports Day at Frances. It was a wet day but everyone had fun. Congratulations to the medallion winners. Frances came first, we came second and Mundulla came third. The weather held back but we had to cut 1 session back. Luckily we were still able to run the relay which Padthaway won! Well done to everyone who participated.

On the same day Alex, Bailey, Kiele and Tom competed in SAPSASA swimming. This was held in Adelaide. Sadly, no one from our school got any medals but everyone who participated tried their best.

*Ned, Year 5 and D'Arci, Year 6*



### Choir News

Last week on Wednesday 27th March the Choir members went to Mundulla Hall for a Choir practice. Mundulla Primary, Keith Area School and Bordertown Primary joined us. The songs we practised were *A Song to Sing*, *Minoi Minoi*, *Route 66*, *Himeji* and *The Word of Shu*. Our conductor was Robyn Filmer from Adelaide. A big thankyou to Fi Ward, Kathy Hayes and Mrs English for taking us to Mundulla.

*Lily, Choir Captain*

### 5/6/7 News

The 5/6/7 Class has been having a fun time with Mr Exton this term. As it is coming to the end of term we are all getting excited! For Science the Class has recently started learning about the food chain. We have learnt about the different levels on the food chain and how the food chain started. In Reading we are learning about deep questioning. Deep questions are questions that can be answered in the text but you have to search for it. Sometimes you have to look in more places than one. When the information is right there it is called a literal question. We have been able to get more deep questions as the weeks go on.

*Harry, Year 5*



### PCW Spot

When I was growing up, Easter was a favourite time of year, waiting expectantly to find Easter bunny's surprise under my bed on Easter Sunday morning, followed by the smell of warm hot cross buns wafting through the house. While I still enjoy indulging in these Easter treats and love seeing the joy and excitement on my own children's faces, Easter has a far older origin and deeper significance for me than simply chocolate and buns. Easter is an opportunity for me personally to celebrate something more, and that is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christianity is a relationship with a living God so believers have a living hope. The hope of Christians is in a loving, kind, forgiving God who hears the prayers of all people and always wants the best for every person. No matter how bad life gets, there is always hope for a better future.

The message of Jesus Christ is love and hope, what a great message to reflect on this Easter time.

If you would like to hear more about this hope you are welcome to join Padthaway Uniting Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10am followed by a picnic in the park, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and Easter Sunday at 10am.

How do you catch the Easter Bunny? Hide in the bushes and make a noise like a carrot!

*Lisa*



### Pancake Day–Well Done

Well done to the SRC for a well-run Pancake Day. Lisa experienced her first Tuck Day and was so impressed at the organisational skills the SRC demonstrated to make sure the day ran smoothly. Thank you to our wonderful helpers Mr Eddy and Mr Gale. The pancakes were delicious! Thank you also to Pam Steer and the Bordertown Rotary Club for the donated pancake mix.

Well done to all the students for using their manners when receiving their pancakes. The SRC students identified how polite everyone was and commented that it made the day even better!

*Olivia*

### Aussie of the Month– March



Congratulations to Lily Mathews for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for March.

Lily was awarded Aussie of the Month because she is always encouraging students of all ages, shows good sportsmanship and finishes her work to an excellent standard.

### Susan Excursion

On Tuesday of Week 10 the Year 4-7 students travelled to Naracoorte to attend a Cyber Bullying session with Susan McLean. We learnt that the most frequent type of bullying is cyber bullying. If you are cyber bullied it is really important to tell an adult and screen shot or save what is said to you online. We also learnt that most children who have online social media accounts are younger than the required age which is 13 years of age. The excursion was worth it and it was informative and fun.

*Callum, Year 6*

### McLean

### 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 April 12th.

#### 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.

### 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 your support!

*Olivia*

### Hello from Libby

Hello everyone! I hope you have all had a productive first term, and the children have settled into their classes and learning programmes. As you may be aware this year I am the Director at Carol Murray Children's Centre in Bordertown. This position is for 2019 and I accepted the role after much deliberation. I thoroughly enjoyed my role as Padthaway Preschool teacher over the past 2 years, and I thank you for embracing me as part of the great community that is Padthaway Primary School. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Libby*

### What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

The children have been engaged in hospital dramatic play, acting out different roles, caring for each other and communicating with each other. They displayed negotiating skills, turn taking and sharing. Children were able to express their feelings and develop their oral language.

Some other examples of play that has been happening in Preschool include practising and recognising our names, sorting—separating buttons by colour and shape, measuring using rulers and tape measures, discovering and learning about insects and bugs, weaving, painting a mural on the fence, blowing bubbles and counting.

We also participated in celebrating Pancake Day. We really enjoyed our



yummy pancakes! *Hayley*

### Miss Clothier

In the JP class we have been doing lots of different learning! I am proud of pushing myself to improve in my running because I can now run around the whole oval without stopping. My favourite subject with Miss Clothier is Health because I like learning about all the parts of my body. I look forward to History lessons with Miss Clothier because I enjoy learning about my family. I would like to develop my skipping skills because I want to learn how to jump higher. A goal for me for over the holidays and next term is to eat healthier foods so I

### Barney Stripes

When you visit the 3/4 classroom there are always lots of friendly smiles. You might notice a new one in the form of our very own Jennifer Strunge 'Cotton Monster' whom we have called Barney Stripes. He is always ready for a high 3, to listen to reading or to share in a story.

*"I like Barney Stripes. He is cuddly and he is good to hold as he fits in my arms. I like to read to Barney Stripes because he helps me figure out tricky words in books."* - Elsie

*"I like to sit on the floor with Barney Stripes and write with him. When I hold Barney Stripes it feels like it's your friend next to*



*you."* - Jack

### Finding Out More

In our class we have a time called Inquiry. For Inquiry, everyone gets to pick their own thing to learn about. Sometimes we work with a big buddy from the 5/6/7 Class and sometimes on our own. My inquiry is about dragons and Charlie has helped me by looking for information with me. Some cool things that I found about dragons are that there is a fairy dragon that fairies can ride, some dragons don't have scales and different dragons can have 1, 2, 3 or 4 heads. Inquiry is my absolute favourite time because I get to use books and computers to find out more about something I picked because I like it. I'm