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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"

From the Principal

"A mother is like a flower, each one is beautiful and unique."

Welcome back to school for Term 2. The students have settled in well and Week 1 saw students return to routine

quickly.

This term sees the staff and students further exploring the VCOPs programme and writing in class. Students will be exploring how to make their writing engaging through developing their point of view and analysing their sentence structure. Further developing students' understanding of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation in the context of narratives will be the focus for the beginning of Term 2. Students will build on their learning from Term 1 to continue to write well-structured and planned texts.

Our reading development for the term begins with a focus on the author's purpose. The author's purpose is the intent the author has for their writing. Is it to persuade, inform, entertain, explain or discuss? You might hear your child talking about PIE (or PIE'ED if an Upper Primary student) which is the acronym we use to support student learning. Understanding an author's purpose helps students to understand the content they are reading, the context in which they are reading it and helps students to evaluate bias in texts. Focus on author's purpose will continue until Week 4 and build on the learning about Questioning from last term.

Three Way Conferences

3 Way Conferences finished this week. All families have attended a meeting and feedback has been very positive with goals being set with students and parents learning how their children perceive their personal strengths and weaknesses. Thank you for supporting your child to ensure that they have the best opportunity to grow in learning this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please remember that staff are always willing to meet with you. To book a time either phone the Front Office or write a note in your child's diary.

Dyslexia Information Night

On Monday 3rd June, the School and SPELD SA will be hosting a Dyslexia Information Night for parents. The night begins at 7:00pm and will run for approximately 2 hours. If you are wondering about dyslexia, have children with dyslexia or want to know how to better support children with dyslexia then this is the night for you. Please RSVP to the Front Office on 8765 5028 by May 24th. More information can be found on the flyer insert in the newsletter.

Early Dismissal

On Monday 3rd June (Week 6), students will have an early dismissal at 2:00pm. This provides staff with the opportunity to attend specific dyslexia training targeted at Padthaway students. This is a wonderful opportunity for staff to develop skills in working with children with dyslexia and, in conjunction with the parent session, develops the understanding of parents in our community. Buses will run at this earlier time.

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Jessica Frick and Tom Orton who will be representing the Upper South East in SAPSASA Athletics this year. Jess will be competing in the relay and Tom will be competing in 800m and 1500m. Good luck to Jess and Tom for the upcoming competition.

Students will also be competing in the Cross Country this Friday 10th May at Naracoorte. Students have been practising the cross country run which takes them through the Conservation Park next door to the school to warm up their legs and lungs for Friday.

Parents, please remember that you will be transporting your child to the event at

Naracoorte Primary School. Sam Exton will aim to set the tent up near the finish line. Please look for the Padthaway banner. Good luck to all our runners.

Bike Shed

Thank you to Emily and Clint Congdon for installing our new bike shed. Students love having a space to safely store their bikes and keep them out of the weather. Emily and Clint spent a weekend at the end of last term installing the shed. Thank you for being so generous with your time.

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN testing is approaching. This year students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be participating in NAPLAN testing in Week 3 (14th-17th May) and Week 4 (20th-24th May) of Term 2. NAPLAN testing this year will be online for all students except for the Year 3 writing test. Padthaway School has been a NAPLAN Online school for 3 years. All schools in South Australia will be participating in NAPLAN Online by 2020. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Kathy Leddy—Thank You

Thank you to Kathy Leddy who has been our school cleaner for the majority of the year. Kathy is unable to continue in the role due to commitments to her other job. We appreciate all the work she has done making the school a lovely place to be. We welcome Glenda Fretwell back to clean for us. Thank you Kathy and welcome Glenda.

Weeks 4 and 5

During Weeks 4 and 5 I will be taking leave for 2 weeks. Corinne Brookes will be available in the office every second afternoon if you need to speak to anyone. This will provide a wonderful opportunity of leadership for Corinne during this period and I wish her all the best for the 2 weeks.

Mother's Day

I wish all the mothers and grandmothers a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday. I hope you are spoilt by your family. *Olivia*



What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

The Preschool children are excited to be back at Preschool for Term 2.

The children have been busy making an obstacle course outdoors. This involved using a number of loose parts and climbing equipment. The children developed decision making skills, hand/eye coordination and gained a deeper understanding of spatial awareness and positional concepts. This also encouraged turn taking and gave them the opportunity to move and strengthen their muscles and enjoy being outside in the fresh air!

We enjoyed the company of many families last Friday for Playgroup. If you know of any families that would be interested in attending Playgroup, please encourage them to call the school or visit the Preschool.

Hayley



Learning in the UP

This term we are learning about short films in Media Arts with Miss Clothier. In small groups we are to create a short film. Before we create our short film we are learning about how we can structure our film to communicate our ideas and learn how to portray our topic through the character. We watched a film about movie makers and how they structured their movies. One interesting part I learnt was that if a character goes through many bad times then their victory is better.

In History we are learning about the Magna Carta. The Magna Carta is the agreement of how people got their rights so that the kings or lords couldn't just kick people off their land, tax them or jail them for no reason.

Tom, Year 7

R/1/2 Place Value

I love Maths because we get to play fun games that help us learn. I really like using the Ones, Tens and Hundreds blocks to make big numbers without starting to count from number 1. To make 199, I would use 1 Hundreds, 9 Tens and 9 Ones blocks. The blocks make it easier because I can look at the number before I write it. When we use the blocks we can only have 9 of each kind because after 9 you have to swap to the next kind of blocks. If I had 9 Ones blocks then I wouldn't get another Ones to make 10 because then I can swap it to a Tens block instead.

Missy, Year 1

3/4 Programming

This term in digital technologies I have been controlling robot mice by pressing arrows that are for forward, forward, left, left, forward. It was cute when the noses bumped together and beeped. We tried to push the mice through a maze. *Digby, Year 3*

This term we have been using the school Spheros, which are robots that can be controlled with the SpheroEdu app. There are 3 different ways use Spheros—drawing lines, building blocks and typing in code. We are challenging ourselves trying to figure out the blocks. My group solved an update problem by not giving up. Then we played around with movement, sound and noise.

George, Year 4



SRC News

Last term in Week 11 we had a Water Fun Day with a water fight and giant slide. The students each paid a gold coin donation and we raised \$77 in total. This term we are

having a Crazy Day in Week 6 when students can have crazy hair or clothes. The food will be sausages and bread with coleslaw, onion and sauce and for sweets we are having a 'decorate your own cookie' and for drinks we are having the ever popular spiders! Hopefully we will raise a bit of money! In Week 10 we are also having a Sports Colour Day when we will be fundraising for kids with cancer in hospital to help them get an education while they are in there.

In our last meeting we talked about the football rules as people want to tackle in football. The SRC have come up with rules to keep everyone safe.

Bailey, SRC President



Sports News

Last week the Padthaway Under 13A won their netball game by 2 goals against the Naracoorte Demons. The first Padthaway School Football game is at Padthaway this

Saturday. Cross Country is on Friday. Congratulations to Tom Orton and Jess Frick who are going to Adelaide for SAPSASA Athletics.

Ned, Year 5



Choir News

This term the Choir will be practising on a Thursday to make sure we get all our practices in. I am looking forward to helping Mrs English lead the choir practices this term. One of our songs we are singing is *You, Me and the Wide Open Sky*. This song was written by Dan Walker and is about the Australian bush environment. In this song we sing about the beautiful landscape. Every time we sing this song I think we are singing about Padthaway.

Lily, Choir Captain

5/6/7 News

We have started Term 2 with an awesome 2 weeks. In Economics and Business, we have been starting to work out our ideas and we are really excited. In Health we have been looking at exercise and physical activity. We are creating advertisements for physical activity in our local community. Cross Country is on Friday so we have been practising through the scrub as we do every year. In our reading lessons we have been looking at what PIE stands for. It is an acronym for: Persuade, Inform and Entertain.

D'Arci, Year 6



PCW Spot

What a relief for farmers to receive such a beautiful soaking rain this week. I know our rain water tank has been getting rather low, and we have been trying to ignore that

brown tinge to the water we are drinking and washing in. However as I listen to the rain flowing into our tanks I am reminded of the analogy of the 'emotional tank'. We each have an 'emotional tank' – full of good experiences, memories, times we laugh and moments we enjoy.

But there are things in life that drain our tank – problems at work, hurtful words, loss or illness. The level in our tank is constantly rising or falling, but ensuring that our tank does not drain to empty is our own responsibility. The things that fill my tank are a kind or encouraging word from someone, coffee with a friend, enjoying Gods nature (in the sun preferably), or a soak in the bath.

Children are just the same. When they feel loved their tank is full. When there is a lot of whining, tears or bad behaviour it is likely their tank is empty. Using our words, we can fill up our child's emotional tank by saying words like 'I love you. I'm proud of you. You are special. You did that really well.'

What are the things that fill your emotional tank? How can you help fill your tank and your child's tank today?

How does water say "hello"? It waves.
Lisa

Governing Council News

Governing Council held the first Term 2 meeting on Monday 6th May. Adam Box, Education Director for Wrattobully, attended to discuss possibilities for Olivia's maternity leave and what is in the pipeline for the Year 7s moving to High School. As more information is made available, the School will share this with you.

Items discussed were the upgrade to the Boy's toilets happening this term, upgrades to IT, the progress with the shade structure and the Dyslexia Information Night.

The next Governing Council meeting is in Week 8 (Monday 17th June) at 6:30pm.

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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 May 17th.

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.



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Sam Brammer

I am proud of myself for sitting nicely because it means that I'm being focused and respectful to the

teacher.

My favourite subject is Maths because I love numbers and learning to write bigger numbers. I also like to do adding using the blocks.

I look forward to doing Visual Art at school because I like doing tricky things like cutting spirals and building sculptures.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write all my letters the right size so my tall letters look long and not the same size as my short letters.

A skill I would like to develop is counting up to 1000 because then I can use all those numbers for adding and taking away.

A goal for myself this term is to always cut neatly on the lines so that my work looks really good. If I cut neatly and my writing is neat I will be happy.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because we get to do lots of moving while we learn and get healthier.

Sam, Year 1



Elsie Orton

I am proud of myself for my work in grammar. I am learning about words like nouns and verbs.

My favourite subject is Drama because I like using my body to show emotions and it is a fun subject too.

I look forward to doing Spelling because I like writing words and learning more about what they mean.

By the end of the year I hope to know most of my times tables. To make this happen I am going to practise them at school and at home.

A skill I would like to improve is my Maths because I find working with Maths tricky.

A goal for myself this term is to use my WOW words in my Big Write and when writing in class. When I use WOW words in my writing it makes my writing more interesting.

So far this year I have loved doing the trees in Visual Art. We learnt about warm and cool colours. Warm colours are red, yellow and orange and these are used to warn people of hot things. The cool colours are green, blue and purple.

Elsie, Year 3



Lachlan Hayes

I am proud of myself for my reading. I am reading at my level of reading and this means I can read big words.

My favourite subject is Maths because I like doing times tables and fractions.

I look forward to doing \$20 Boss at School. I really want to run my own business and this will help me to learn. I am thinking of doing something around food for \$20 Boss.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to get a ribbon at Athletics Day. I have won some in the past and would like to win again. To make this happen I am going to make sure I practise hurdles more.

A skill I would like to develop is reading an analogue clock automatically. My parents talk in analogue time and this will mean I can help them more quickly.

A goal for myself this term is write a well structured persuasive piece of writing. At the moment I need to think differently and have a growth mindset.

So far this year I have loved doing Robotics because I like programming. This year we have used the Probots and the Spheros to draw different shapes and words. To begin with it was tricky to program but trial and error helped us to get it right.

Lachie, Year 5

Dates to Remember

10 May

Cross Country: Naracoorte PS

14-17 May and 20-23 May

NAPLAN Online Testing: Yrs 3, 5, 7

3 June

Early Dismissal **2:00 pm**

Parent Session—Dyslexia

10 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

17 June

Governing Council 6:30 pm

27-28 June

Life Education Visit

Tuck Day

14th May (Week 3)

Chicken Tenders and Salad

Helpers

Lissy Orton

Hollie Roach

*Muffins—Vicki Heym

21st May (Week 4)

Hot Dogs

Helper

Cate Orton

*Muffins—Hollie Roach

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DYSLEXIA INFORMATION NIGHT

FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

Are you interested in learning more about dyslexia and the problems encountered by children with dyslexia?

Do you want to know ways to assist your child with dyslexia?

This night is for you!

RUN BY SPELD SA
AT PADTHAWAY SCHOOL
MONDAY 3RD JUNE
7PM-9PM

RSVP TO PADTHAWAY FRONT OFFICE

8765 5028

BY FRIDAY 24TH MAY



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Association of South Australia





Padthaway School Term 2 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	29 April First Day Term 2	30	1 May SAPSASA Netball and Football Trails	2	3
2	6 Governing Council 6:30pm	7	8	9	10 SAPSASA Cross Country
3	13	14 NAPLAN Online Testing Begins Years 3, 5 and 7	15	16	17
4	20 NAPLAN Online Testing Continues Years 3, 5 and 7	21	22	23	24
5	27	28	29	30	31
6	3 June Early Dismissal 2pm Parent Session- Dyslexia	4	5	6	7
7	10 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	11	12	13	14
8	17 Governing Council 6:30pm	18	19	20	21
9	24	25	26	27 Life Education Visit	28 Life Education Visit
10	1 July	2	3	4	5

South Australian School Dates 2019

Term 2 Begins	29 th April
Term 2 Ends	5 th July
Term 3 Begins	22 nd July
Term 3 Ends	27 th September
Term 4 Begins	14 th October
Term 4 Ends	13 th December



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