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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



From the Principal

"The only source of knowledge is experience."

- Albert Einstein

At Padthaway Primary School we work to provide a range of experience for our students. Experiences which support their learning and

challenge their thinking. When approaching these experience the children learn to show persistence, problem solving skills and creativity, allowing them to grow as learners and unique thinkers. We encourage the students to try new things, ask questions and challenge themselves.

As a staff we understand the importance of being strong role models for students in these ways. Giving children the opportunities to see what life long learners look like. This week, I have begun a new experience myself. I have stepped into a new role as the Principal of our lovely school while Olivia takes maternity leave. This new experience involves trying different things, asking questions and needs creative ways of thinking. Even as adults we have opportunities and experiences that can provide us with more knowledge and it is important for us to share that with children. After one short week, I have really enjoyed the many different experiences and the great deal of learning that I have been involved with. I am grateful to have such supportive staff, students and families in our community, and I am looking forward to all the new experiences and knowledge to be shared.

Big Write and VCOP Afternoon

This year the school has focused on enhancing students writing skills through the use of the Big Write and VCOP program. Throughout the year the students have had opportunities each week to develop their understanding of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. Their growing understanding of VCOP has provided the

students with important tools to support their progress with writing. Students from all year levels continue to work on creating more detailed and complex written pieces in the Big Write each week and use this to set personal goals for improvement. On Monday the 9th of September, Week 8, we invite you to attend the Big Write and VCOP afternoon. This will involve a visit to each classroom, where they will share different types of the VCOP games, interactive displays and student work. Further information will be supplied in Week 7.

Farewell Mrs English

At the end of Week 5, Mrs English began her maternity leave. The staff, students and families celebrated her last day at Padthaway for 2019 with gifts, books created by the students, a morning tea and giant balloons decorating her office. We hope Olivia enjoys the last few weeks of her pregnancy and preparation for a wonderful new baby. Everyone is sending their positive thoughts and best wishes to Olivia and husband Francis during this exciting time!

3 Way Conferences

As part of our ongoing assessment and reporting process, there will be optional 3 Way Conferences held in Week 9 and 10 of Term 3. Conferences will last for approximately 15 minutes and can be requested by the class teacher or parent.

These conferences provide an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss learning, progress and goals. If teachers wish to hold an interview with you and your child, they will contact you by phone. If you would like to make a meeting time, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Book Week

In Week 5, we celebrated Book Week! Last Tuesday, the Preschool—Year 7 children participated in 4 activities based on a book chosen by each class. They moved through the classrooms, creating chalk art, 3D bugs,

bear fur designs and moving 2D dinosaurs. Everyone had a fantastic afternoon and many were excited to share their creations.

The Book Week Dress Up Day was last Wednesday. The staff and students embraced the theme *Reading is my Secret Power* with some very creative, colourful costumes and the students all thoroughly enjoyed the parade. Congratulations to Alice Ward, Jack Orton and Nirvana O'Farrell, the winners of the Book Week vouchers for their excellent and detailed costumes. Thank you to all the parents who purchased books form the Fair. As a result the school has received some new books for the library.

Rainbow Day

On Tuesday this week, the SRC held Rainbow Day. It sparked a lot of excitement for students and staff who always love to splash some colour whenever possible. The SRC worked hard to deliver a delicious Tuckday lunch of chicken and beef skewers, fruit kebabs and fruit boxes. They were very organised and showed fantastic teamwork, raising \$336.50 on the day. Everyone loved seeing all the wonderful and creative rainbow outfits. Well done to the SRC members for a successful day!

Staff Training

Tomorrow, Friday Week 6 is a Student Free Day. This day will allow the whole teaching staff to attend training on Learning Sprints with Simon Breakspear in Mount Gambier. The staff attended a training day in Term 1 with Simon and tomorrow will allow further focus on planning in the most thoughtful and effective way to enhance student learning.

Tuesday of Week 7 is another Student Free Day. It will also be used for teaching staff to attend another training. This will be in Adelaide and will support the school focus on writing as it will provide further learning about Big Write and VCOP planning and success. We are looking forward to gaining even more tools and resources to support the learning back at school.



What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

The Preschool children have been creating magic potions in the outdoors. The children were invited to use potion bottles, coloured water, jars, metal bowls, spoons, whisks, pipette's and floral and fruit ingredients. The children worked together creating potions, by mixing, pouring, stirring and experimenting. They shared their ideas and explained what they used to make their potions.



On Tuesday, Preschool enjoyed the company of the playgroup children. The children enjoyed indoor and outdoor play which included clay, playdough, playing with the dinosaurs, painting, making a cubby house, sand play and climbing. A big welcome to Sally and Elliott.

Hayley



Welcome Miss Duel

We think that Miss Duel:

- Is a good teacher because she has good rules and has taught a lot of Padthaway students swimming lessons in the past. Her fitness games are always lots of fun because they're new and different.

Jack, Year 3

- Is really kind and she helps us with our learning. I hope she gets to teach us some really cool art activities this term.

Bryce, Year 3

- Is really helpful. I can already tell that she is a good teacher because she is really kind and funny. She has a laugh with us. I hope she gets to teach us PE lessons because she loves the subject.

Matthew, Year 4

- Is a really good teacher because she helps us and is really clear with her instructions. I like that she is polite and always willing to make sure you're on the right track. She takes notes of literally everything we say and gives us really good feedback.

Archie, Year 4

5/6/7 News

WOW! It's week 6 already and Miss Brookes is now our Principal. We look forward to supporting Miss Brookes this year.

In Technology, we are starting projects to improve the year 2040. We had to choose a topic like class garden or worm farm and start building/collecting materials to complete it. In Civics and Citizenship, we have chosen a problem around our district and we have to conduct an investigation on our topic. We are looking at the Tatiara District Council Strategic Plan.

In Reading, we are inferring with pictures. We have had some great inferences from around our classroom.

D'Arci, Year 6

SRC News



This week we held a Rainbow Day. We sold chicken and beef kebabs, fruit sticks and fruit boxes. Thank you to Mr Eddy for cooking the BBQ, Mrs Turner for cutting up the fruit and Miss Brookes for helping us to have everything organised. We raised \$336.50 after costs. The students either dressed in rainbow colours or casual clothes and all looked great. Thanks SRC for your fantastic work with organising another successful fundraiser for our school.

On behalf of the SRC I would like to say a big thankyou to Mrs English for all her support this year and over her time at Padthaway Primary School. We look forward to having Miss Brookes as our leader this year.

Bailey, SRC President

Sports News



Last Saturday Anna Orton represented South Australia for Cross Country. She went to Wollongong and placed 39th. Everyone was very proud of her effort and

performance. Trials for SAPSASA Cricket and Tennis are coming up so please get your consent forms in to the Front Office as soon as possible. Forms were handed out to those students who showed interest in participating. Tennis trials are held in Bordertown on Thursday 26th of October for 10.00am - 2.00pm for Boys and Girls. Cricket trials are held in Kingston on the 26th of October from 10.00am - 2.00pm for Boys.

Kiele, Sports Captain

Choir News



On Thursday the 29th of August the Adelaide choir members took part in a rehearsal in Naracoorte. The rehearsal went really well. All of the Adelaide

choir members are really looking forward to performing in Adelaide in Week 9.

Last week the choir members had their last choir lesson with Mrs English. We really appreciate all the hard work she has put in to help us sound great and learn the songs. Thank you Mrs English!

Next week, we will welcome Mrs J to our school to do a Choir lesson with us. Just a reminder that Choir lessons will be on all different days so please bring your Choir Book each day. A schedule has been sent home so make sure you use it please.

Lily, Choir Captain



PCW Spot

Wishing dads, step-dads, grandfathers, and all men who act as male father figures a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

I was spending time in the Junior primary class earlier

this week when the children were working on their acrostic poems for Father's Day. What a precious time listening to them giggle and laugh as they thought of words describing their dads' personalities and sharing stories and memories. Not one of the memories that were shared involved money, gifts, events, or theme parks. No... the memories that were shared were about funny conversations around the dinner table, practical jokes, and family banter. Dads, never underestimate the impact you are having in your childrens' lives just by being present in the mundane moments with them. Research shows that childrens' mental development is healthier with a significant male role model in their lives. So to all of the males who are investing in the lives of children, thank you! You are appreciated! You are making a difference! You are a hero!

'Children are not a distraction from more important work – they are the most important work'. C.S Lewis.

Lisa

R/1/2 Big Day Out

On Big Day Out the Preschool, Receptions and Year 1s went to Mount Gambier to watch a play called *Zoom*. In *Zoom* there was a magic light and the girl hopped out from behind the bed. On the way into the show we all got given a light. It started out blue but changed colour during the show. It was really cool how the lights flashed and changed colours.

After the show we went into the cave near the theatre for a look around. We saw some honeycomb and we saw a waterfall coming down the rocks. We had lunch in the park and got to have a play around. It was a fun day!

This week we got a new teacher. Her name is Miss Davey and she will be our teacher for the rest of the year while Miss Brookes is the Principal. We have played lots of games with Miss Davey and it's really fun and good. We have been working on a book to give to Miss Brookes to say thanks for being our teacher. The book is called *What Miss Brookes Really Does After School*.

Jimmy, Reception

Miss Clothier in the UP

In the upper primary class we have been learning about hip-hop and all of the different elements of hip-hop. I am proud of myself for learning new dance moves and having the confidence to practise them because I am really enjoying learning the different types of dance. My favourite subject with Miss Clothier is the Arts because I find it easier to learn than other subjects. I look forward to doing Drama with Mrs Capurso because I enjoy working in small groups and we get to act out using different expressions and voices. A skill that I would like to develop is my research skills so I can complete my research a little faster and then I can move on to the next task. A goal for myself this term is to complete my research in Geography lessons so I can finish my work.

Murphy, Year 5

Community News Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Tuesday of the even weeks of term from 9:00—10:30am. Playgroup is held during the Preschool session and allows greater social opportunities for children.

A morning tea is held in conjunction with Playgroup for any parents who are interested in attending to meet new parents at Padthaway.

If you would like more information, please contact Hayley at school.

Next Playgroup date is 10th September.

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



Skyla Cooper

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is telling stories at the story table. In 'Rosie's Walk' I like how the fox is funny. He is following Rosie the Hen and she goes under, over, around and through.

My favourite subject is Art because it gets me to paint different things, like flowers. We have been learning how to hold a paint brush properly.

I look forward to doing PE and games at school because I get to play different games that I like. My favourite games are *Piggy in the Middle*, *4 Square* and *Rabbits, Hares and Foxes*'

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write a whole page. I am improving my writing and like to write stories.

A skill I would like to develop is skipping because I like to skip lots of times until the bell goes.

A goal for myself this term is to try and read all the books in the world because I like to read them and some are funny. I like to read made up stories.

So far this year I have loved doing painting because I get to find different things to paint.

Skyla, Reception



Toby Longbottom

I am proud of myself for doing Maths at school because I was able to represent chance as a fraction.

My favourite subject is Maths because I like working with numbers. I also like PE because you get to run around and burn some energy. I love reading too. My favourite authors are Dave Pilkey and Tom Palmer.

I look forward to doing Prodigy Maths activities because they are fun and I'm learning valuable Maths skills. I also look forward to VCOP Games, where you pick a letter of the alphabet and write nouns that start with that letter.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write two pages of excellent writing in Big Write and get my pen licence by doing my neatest book work.

A skill I would like to develop is helping others and understanding when they're angry so I can help them cool down and make sure no one is trying to annoy them on purpose.

A goal for myself this term is listening to instructions the first time and not reading at inappropriate times. Then I can get started on tasks straight away and get the task done.

So far this year I have loved Maths because I like that I can help others. I feel like it is one of my strengths.

Toby, Year 4



Matilda Rothe

I am proud of myself for doing Geography because I love working on biomes. I enjoyed doing work on my wetlands which is the biome I am doing.

My favourite subject is Science because I enjoyed investigating natural disasters. We learnt about earthquakes, droughts and volcanoes. I enjoyed the volcanoes the best. I loved the names of volcanoes. Mauna Loa was a favourite one of mine.

I look forward to Girls Group at school because I enjoyed the face masks and nail care session with Mrs Sadler's daughter in law Amy. This week we learnt about mental health with Hanna from Mind. It was great to learn about supporting our friends.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read one book in a week. I like the author Belinda Murrel. She writes about the olden days.

A skill I would like to develop in writing better limericks because I enjoyed doing rhyming ones.

A goal for myself this term is to continue to work in a team in SRC because I really like how we all work together.

So far this year I have loved doing Technology because I really loved working on the idea of plantation. I love planting plants and watching them grow and develop.

In Technology I am currently making a PowerPoint and a speech on plants and will be presenting it to the class soon.

Matilda, Year 7

Dates to Remember

30 August

Student Free Day

2 September

School Closure Day—Show Day

3 September

Student Free Day

9 September

VCOP Afternoon

17 September

ICAS English

18 September

Farmer's Day

19 September

ICAS Maths

Tuck Day

3rd September (Week 7)

Student Free Day

10th September (Week 8)

Ham and Cheese Toasties

Cate Orton

Fi Ward

***Muffins— Brenna Brooksby**

Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner

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insights

Helping kids tolerate discomfort

by Michael Grose



Few right-minded people want children or young people to experience hardships or difficulty. However growing up generally means that kids will experience their fair share of hardships, frustrations and challenges which lead to uncomfortable feelings.

Exercising their discomfort muscles

Tolerating discomfort is an important resilience skill. It refers to an ability to sit with an uncomfortable or emotionally painful feeling such as disappointment, apprehension, nervousness or fear. These emotions can be brought about as a result of not being picked for a team; getting lower than expected marks for an assignment; or going into new, unfamiliar situation such as school camp. These are the sorts of every day situations that can make some kids feel uncomfortable. It's helpful to think of discomfort as a 'muscle' that gets stronger with training. Each time a child or teen successfully tolerates discomfort they're reinforcing their ability to do so and cementing the knowledge that they can overcome emotional challenges.

Opportunities to practise tolerating discomfort

Opportunities for practice are plentiful and are found in common situations such as when a child or teen is: feeling hungry; wanting something they can't have; having to end screen time; contributing to household chores when they don't feel like it; missing out on a job interview; asking someone on a date or not receiving a party invitation.

It's not toughing it out

Tolerating discomfort doesn't mean toughing out an unbearable situation. It's teaching your anxious child to notice how they're feeling, naming their emotions, and practising acceptance of difficult feelings as they occur. This is done in the knowledge that what they're experiencing is temporary and that they're lovingly supported by a warm and comforting adult. Couple tolerating discomfort with social rewards (such as words of praise or shared fun activity) for coping behaviours and you're helping to build their personal resilience.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Update Week 5, Term 3 - 2019

Year 7 will be taught in high school from term 1, 2022.

This means from 2022, year 6 will be the last year of primary school and year 7 will be the first year of high school.

This is a big change for our public education system. We'll be providing regular updates about the move and what it means for your child.

Why we're moving year 7

Year 7 is already part of high school across the country, so we're bringing South Australia in line with the rest of Australia, and with other education systems in our state.

The planning process

We'll be ready for the move in 2022. We've done our homework to make sure there's enough space at high schools. We're investing \$185m in our schools to manage increasing enrolments, which includes providing general and specialist learning areas.

Benefits for your child

Your child's learning is our priority and we want to make sure they get the best learning opportunities from their new high school environment.

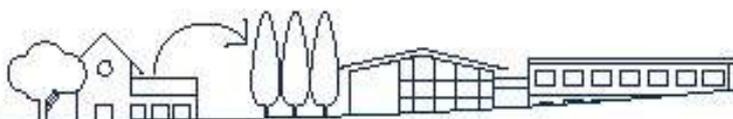
The Australian Curriculum for year 7 was designed to be taught in high school, and your child will benefit from specialist teachers in specialist high school facilities.

We can see in many of our R – 12 schools, and from the interest in our pilot schools, that year 7s are ready and keen for high school.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au.

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



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