



Be Respectful
Act Responsibly
Strive for Excellence

PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



From the Principal

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."
- Lao Tzu

This week the weather is finally warming up as Spring makes itself known. The students have been enjoying the warmer Spring days and appreciating being able to spend more break and class learning time in the outdoors. With the change in weather, students have begun dismantling the fantastic hideaways created during Cubbies over Winter. This means that there will be a reduced risk of snakes in that area with all bark, branches and debris removed as we come into warmer weather. It also gives the children a fresh canvas to build cubbies again next year. Many of the students have also taken a keen interest in basketball since the beginning of Spring. It has been wonderful to witness the game play of students across mixed year levels, playing, communicating and making decisions about rules together. This kind of team work and student leadership is something we value highly here at Padthaway Primary as it involves all three of our school values to *Be Respectful, Act Responsibly and Strive for Excellence*. Spring has definitely sprung and it's great to see the smiles as students enjoy the warmth and sunshine.

3 Way Conferences

A reminder that 3 Way Conferences begin next week. If you have not already and would like to arrange a meeting, please contact your child's class teacher. Alternatively, the class teacher will contact you if they require a 3 Way Conference.

ICAS Testing

In Week 9 a number of Padthaway students from Years 4-7 will be sitting the ICAS Maths and English tests. We wish them all the best with their efforts.

PAT Testing

Weeks 7—9 will see the students in Years R, 1 and 3-7 sitting the Progressive Age Tests in Reading (PAT-R) and Mathematics (PAT-M). These tests are performed online and provide the School with instant results as to how students are performing based on their year level. These results, combined with NAPLAN results, inform our planning and direction for curriculum and learning.

Big Write and VCOP Afternoon

On Monday, each class had the opportunity to share their Big Write/VCOP learning and activities with members of our school community. The children were thrilled to be able to participate in the activities alongside those they care about and celebrate some of their learning. It was also a great opportunity for parents and families to gain a greater understanding of how the program supports the students' writing skills, and gives them the tools to enhance their own writing through practise, application, reflective editing and goal setting. The sessions included sharing of the Big Write experience in the form of a shortened version called Mini Write, games from each area of VCOP, hunting for VCOP in texts, highlighting VCOP and editing the Mini Write. We had positive and supportive feedback about the afternoon. Thank you to those who attended the sessions. We really appreciated having you participate in the learning with us.

Choir

Next Friday, 20th of September, 8 of our Choir students will travel to Adelaide to perform at the Festival Theatre. They have been putting in as much practice as possible and have created a fantastic banner to represent our school. Good Luck to the Choir students! We know it'll be a brilliant performance.

Assembly

The Term 3 Assembly will be held on Thursday 26th of September at 9am.

School Front Safety

The road upgrades to the front of the school are looking fantastic! Installing wider pathways and a crossing have made students feel safer about entering/exiting parents' cars and crossing the road. The change to parallel parking has also made it easier for children to identify parents' cars and for everyone to see traffic travelling along the road. Although the upgrades have improved some aspects of safety for students during pick up and drop off periods, recent traffic data collected by the Tatiara District Council still records vehicles travelling well above the 25 km/h speed limit during school hours. Traffic data is showing that on average, vehicles are travelling 42km/h in the school zone during school hours and this includes the times when students arrive to school and are collected. Please be vigilant about following the 25km/h speed limit in the school zone to ensure we are creating the safest environment for the students.

Staff Training

On Friday the 30th of August, the teaching staff attended training on Learning Sprints with Simon Breakspear. The day provided positive reflection and adjustments for the teachers to continue enhancing their professional practice and planning. Learning Sprints have provided collaborative planning opportunities which help develop consistency for all year levels and have been centred around our site focus on reading improvement. The Student Free Day held on Tuesday the 3rd of September continued to support the teachers with their planning and implementation of the Big Write/VCOP program. From this training day, we gathered a number of games and resources to support what we have already been using in the classrooms. It was also an important opportunity to reflect on our progress, success and how to continue enhancing writing skills at Padthaway.

Corinne



What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

We welcome Indi Broad and her family to our Preschool and hope you enjoy your time with us. An interest which has grown into more complex play for the Preschool children this term has been constructing and building. Children have been intrigued by building, creating and demolishing. The children turned our path into a road using dirt from the mud pit and made signs to direct traffic and people. The children have been exploring activities and materials such as large blocks and, road and car construction materials which have allowed many of the children to learn and practice some amazing skills. Playing with construction materials has enabled the children to plan, design and construct 3D shapes and models. It has also provided many opportunities for learning about mathematical concepts such as measuring.

Hayley, Preschool



5/6/7 News

Two weeks left of school! In Technology we are continuing on with our 2040 project. We are all going really well. In Miss Clothier's lesson we have started a new style of dance. We are doing an Aboriginal dance called Bennelong. On Tuesday, the 6/7 class used fractions to fix a "dodgy" recipe from a "dodgy website". We are doing it because we have just learnt how to add, subtract, divide and multiply fractions. Mr. Exton was challenging us to see what we remembered and had learnt. We ended up making Anzac Biscuits correctly. In Reading, we are still inferring with pictures and we are starting a bit more with text.

D'Arci, Year 6

3/4 News

This term during Visual Arts, we have been busy creating a sculpture that represents something that is important to us.

For my sculpture I constructed a football trophy that is a tribute to my favourite AFL team, the Adelaide Crows. I used the paper mache process, to create the cup shape. I used cups and a paper plate to construct the trophy's stand.

Archie, Year 4



I constructed a rabbit as my sculpture, called *Art Bunny*. I chose to create a rabbit as a remembrance to my pet rabbits, *Cotton Tail* and *Bobbie*. I used plasticine to create my rabbit. I even made some carrots to add extra detail. I am really proud of myself!

Eliza, Year 3



SRC News



Last week we got instructed to take down the cubbies as the weather is warming up and the snakes might be coming out. The students have been playing well in the yard with lots of different sports including basketball. The students have worked out the rules now so the games are very well organised and without any arguments which is great. With only one more term left we are looking forward to camp, Athletics Day and our end of the year concert. We will hold one more SRC Tuck Day next term and will then decide what the students would like to spend their funds on.

Bailey, SRC President

Sports News



In Week 9 and 10, Ian Perryman from SANFL will be coming to the school to run two football clinics with the Year 3-6 students. We look forward to learning more football skills. We

have been playing basketball at recess and lunch and its been fun to play as a whole school. SACA were going to run a cricket clinic in Week 8 but it has had to be cancelled. It will happen at a later date.

Ned Ward, Sport

Choir News



Last week Mrs Jaeschke came to visit the choir students and ran through the songs for Adelaide.

This Wednesday, we are all going to Mundulla with Mrs Turner and Mrs Ward for a practice at the Mundulla Hall. We will practice with Mrs Packer before most of the Choir students go to Adelaide on the 20th September. Good luck to everyone!

Lily, Choir Captain





PCW Spot

Last week in our Christian outreach seminar, Steve Stokes spoke about choices. He talked about the importance of making good choices in life and the consequences that come

with choices – be it positive or negative. He also spoke about how the Bible says that God has chosen to love us, and how we are free to make the choice to show love to others. Some choices are definitely harder than others. I think of my Grandma who is currently in the middle of having to make a choice. She is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer which is spreading throughout her body. She needs to decide whether to continue this treatment, or cease it and live out her days as comfortably as possible. What a choice to have to make! In all of this, her motto has been ‘It is what it is’. She knows that she does not have much control over the cancer, but she does have control over her attitude. She is an inspiration to me because of the way she chooses to find joy in life, and to put others before herself, despite her circumstances. We cannot always choose our circumstances, but we can choose our attitude. *“Our greatest freedom is the freedom to choose our attitude”* - Jewish Concentration Camp survivor Viktor Frankl
Joke: What do you call a dog that can do magic? A Labracadabrador!

Lisa



R/1/2 News

In Visual Arts we are creating silhouette pictures. We drew our designs on to black paper and cut them out. Now we are working on our backgrounds. We made colour wheels to learn about cool and warm colours.

Archer, Year 2



Aussie of the Month– August

Congratulations to Toby Longbottom for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for August.

Toby was awarded Aussie of the Month because he shows good sportsmanship and invites others to join in with different sports. He always makes sure people feel included. Fantastic effort Toby!



Miss Clothier in the JP

In the Junior Primary class we have been busy practising for Athletics Day and learning about water safety in Health.

I am proud of myself for improving my skills of running during PE because it will help me for Athletics Day. My favourite subject with Miss Clothier is PE because we get to do exercise and running, and I love to exercise and run! I look forward to doing Health because we learn about lots of fun topics that help keep us safe and healthy. A skill that I would like to develop is my hurdle skills because on Athletics Day I would like to win the hurdles. A goal for myself for this term is getting better at my long jump so I can jump really far.

Clayton, Year 1



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 24th 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.

Finance

Please remember that the Years 4-7 Aquatics Camp payment and forms are due Week 9, Friday. These must be completed and returned with payment otherwise students will be unable to attend.

Show Success

Well done to the Rothe family for leading cattle in their show teams. They won ribbons in all classes entered, as well as receiving 2nd place in the Novelty Calf Classic Dress-up, themed “The Little Mermaid”.

Also congratulations to former student Ben Frick for his success at the show in the State Meat Sheep Category. Ben has won the opportunity to travel to New Zealand in 2020 to represent SA in the National Young Judges. Great stuff Ben!



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Louis Orton

Something I am proud of doing at school is neat writing because I try very hard to do the neatest letters that I can.

My favourite subject is Technology because then I can learn how to make products and packages.

I look forward to doing Visual Art at school because I get to draw and work on it to make it my best. I love drawing and like to do it at home with my brothers too.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read picture books with the words because I love reading and think it is fun to read to people.

A skill I would like to develop is running because I need to do really good running for Athletics Day next term. I practise running at home too. I do it with my brothers a lot.

A goal for myself this term is to practise adding numbers together so that I can start to do it in my head. It will help if I'm helping my dad at home with counting sheep.

So far this year I have loved having the sleepover that Miss Brookes did for us because it was lots of fun to stay at school for the night. I loved watching the funny movie and eating popcorn with my friends. It was so fun to have glow sticks and tell stories with torches.

Louis Orton, Reception



Grace Mathews

I am proud of myself for doing Buddies because it is hard to get everyone to have a job and working as a team but we can get through it. It is really fun!

My favourite subject is Spelling because I love to write and do fun activities. I have loved new words like livid! I like pyramid words and syllables because I get to cut out syllables and put them in to pyramid shapes.

I look forward to doing Science at school because we are learning about rocks, soils and fossils and I love learning about nature. I like that we had to dig up sand and find fossils and bones.

By the end of the year I hope to be more creative in Art because I really like the different types of shapes in art. We have been learning about sculptures and free drawing.

A skill I would like to develop is Maths because I like to do times tables and other Maths concepts. I find telling the time and doing fractions a little hard though.

A goal for myself this term is to stay focused so I can get my work done without rushing it. I also want to make a good choice to sit and concentrate.

So far this year I have loved doing Art because we have been doing sculptures about something that you love in your life. I did a duck because I love ducks.

Grace Mathews, Year 4



Ned Ward

I am proud of myself for doing PE at school because we are learning about lots of new sports like Orienteering, Gaelic Football and Extreme Frisbee. We have also been doing lots of Athletics training for the upcoming

Athletics Day in Term 4.

My favourite subject is Reading because I have read half of my new novel called the *Ice Monster*.

I look forward to Drama because it is fun to work with the group I'm in of Year 5s. We have a lot of fun!

By the end of the year I hope to be able to finish my novel *Ice Monster*. It is about a girl called Elsie and a mammoth called Molly. It's a great book and is helping me enjoy reading even more!

A skill I would like to develop is to kick a football 40 metres because it will help me next year when I play football for the Padthaway School Football Team again. I hope the football clinics in Week 9 and 10 will help me with this goal.

A goal for myself this term is to get neater at my handwriting because it will help me when I am older.

So far this year I have loved playing basketball with my friends. We have been playing a lot at recess and lunch with all ages. We even get to umpire. All of this is helping with improving my game.

Ned, Year 5

Dates to Remember

17 September

ICAS English

18 September

Farmer's Day

19 September

ICAS Maths

20th September

Adelaide Choir Performance

26th September

Assembly

Tuck Day

17th September (Week 9)

Pizza

Bron Longbottom

***Muffins—Robbie Kirkham**

24th September (Week 10)

Pot Luck

Tanya Frick

Emma Cooper

***Muffins— Emma Cooper**

Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner

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