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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



## From the Principal

*"Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision, and gives us the right stuff to turn our dreams into reality"* - James Womack

Term 4 has been jam-packed and shows no signs of slowing down in these last few weeks. With only 3 weeks left, the students and staff are busy, working to finalise topics, projects and assessments before reports are sent home. Although the end of the school year is nearly upon us, great experiences such as transition, Concert, learning celebrations and Assembly are still heading our way. We encourage our students to maintain their motivation, focus on striving for excellence and end the year at their very best. Padthaway students are capable of magnificent things! Staying committed to their learning and supporting each other to succeed will be a wonderful way to finish the year.

### 2020 Classes

Next year our class allocations will be adjusting from 3 to 4 main classes. There will be an R/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 class until lunch time each day and then becoming R-3, 4/5 and 6/7 after lunch. Making this adjustment to the class structure will provide more contact time between students and their class teacher, as well as provide a more consistent schedule for subjects and support. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

### Behaviour Communication

On Monday, a letter was sent out regarding the new system teachers are using to share students' learning choices with parents. We hope that this regular communication will keep families informed and included in what is happening at school. It has been great to see quite a few Green Slips already sent home this week!

## Reports

It is that busy time of the year when students are working towards the end of year projects and assessments, thoughts of Christmas are already popping up and teachers begin writing Semester 2 Reports. These reports will be sent home with students on the last day of term, Friday the 13th of December. Our teachers spend a great deal of time reflecting and writing about each child's learning, progress and goals. When you receive them, please take the time to go through them with your child and help them reflect on their learning journey for 2019.

## Transition

Next week Transition begins for Pre-entry, Preschool and Year 7 children. On Tuesday the 26th of November, our Year 7 students will be attending their first of two transition days at Naracoorte High School. They will get to meet future teachers, experience different subjects and learn how to navigate the grounds. We wish them the best of luck for their exciting first visit. On the same day, Pre-entry will be attending Preschool and the Preschool children will be part of the Junior Primary Class from 8:30am—10:50am. This is their first of three transition visits before the end of the year and provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore their future learning space and get to know new peers

## Wellbeing Activities

Yesterday, Wednesday 20th November the Wellbeing Ambassadors organised activities for our whole school. For 2 lessons, mixed class groups participated in a rotation of 4 activities that promoted mindfulness, focus and wellbeing. The activities included biscuit decorating, a drawing lesson, STEM challenges and yoga. It was fantastic to see children of all ages supporting one another. Thank you to our Wellbeing Ambassadors for encouraging your fellow students to look

after their wellbeing and mental health!

## Assembly

Our End of Term Assemblies are usually held on the last Thursday of each term. As the students will be travelling to Bordertown to enjoy the end of year celebration at the movies and pool, the Term 4 Assembly will be held on Friday the 13th instead. This will be the last day of the term, beginning at 9am.

## Thursday Night Cricket Training

If your child catches the Lake Roy Bus to attend cricket training at the Padthaway Oval, please ensure that one parent or organiser is there to meet the bus children at 3:40pm. Students are not allowed to get off the bus at the oval unless someone meets them and the bus cannot wait there as this is not part of the formal bus route.

## Uniform

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform including the school hat. Students must wear hats in Terms 1 and 4 otherwise they have to sit under shelter during break times. If children have lost items, remind them to check the lost property in the Front Office and if you need to purchase new uniform items then please contact the Front Office to assist you. In the case that your child needs to wear a different item of clothing besides the school uniform then please let the class teacher know.

## 2019 SRC

Our 2019 SRC members have put in a brilliant effort to support their school and raise money for different projects. Across the year they have fundraised a total of \$1,245.10 for charities including Buy a Bale, Heart Foundation, Red Nose and many others. The SRC also fundraised a total of \$1,380.65 for the school. They chose to purchase new board games, beans to refill the library bean bags and a new table with 5 ottomans for the library space. The purchases are already being enjoyed by all. Well done on a brilliant effort this year SRC!

Corinne



## What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Preschool participated in Outdoor Classroom Day on the 7th November. The children set up an obstacle course on the school oval. They chose to use the balancing beam, hoops, ladder, stepping stones and a ball. We did lots of practice before having a competition to see how fast we could complete one lap. The children took it in turns using a stopwatch to time each lap and to record our times.

The children have also been engaged in many indoor and outdoor experiences. They have been practicing writing letters and numbers in salt trays, playing with slime, making a river system in the school sandpit and pretending to be spiders on the climbing net.

*Hayley, Preschool*



## 5/6/7 News

In Science, we have to perform and write another practical. This time it is separating salt from saltwater. In Dance, we are learning and choreographing our dances for concert. I am doing 'Wake Me Up Before You Go Go' and the class is doing 'Time Warp'. In Indonesian, we are creating our own Indonesian passport. We have to answer and fill in questions and sentences. In P.E, we are learning how to play Speed Ball. In Speed Ball, you pass the ball like in netball, you kick it like in football, you can't pick it up off of the ground like in Gaelic football and you score it like in lacrosse.

*D'Arci, Year 6*

## 3/4 Concert Rehearsal

We have designed guitars for concert. First we did a drawing of our dream guitar and then we copied it onto the blank back of the signs. Next we cut out the shape and added pictures to the front. We are going to show off our air guitar skills at concert using them as props. We think the audience will like it because it's rock and roll. We hope the audience will join in by clapping!

*Henry Roach, Year 3*



We have been learning new moves for our end of year concert item so that we aren't just doing the same boring moves over and over again. Together with Miss Duell our group has choreographed a dance. When I'm

feeling nervous, I look over at my other group members to remember all the moves.

*Jade Beckett, Year 3*

## NIT in the MP

Something I am proud of myself for doing in NIT lessons is learning all different sports in PE, it allows me to practice them to be able to play them in the future, when I grow up. My favourite subject with Miss Clothier is PE because I like getting outside, being active and having space to move around. I look forward to doing Geography with Miss Clothier because I like learning about the world and different countries. A skill I would like to develop is my Geographical skills because I'd like to know how to spell different names of countries and understand different information about them. A goal for myself this term is to understand more about the rainfall of different countries and how much they get each season, in Geography because I enjoy learning about rain.

*Eliza, Year 3*



## SRC News

The SRC held a Tuckday on Tuesday of this week and raised \$235 from selling Fried Rice and Frog in a Pond jellies. The students dressed up as lollies and the prizes for best dressed were handed out during the Literacy/Numeracy Groups so we had 4 winners. The prizes went to Sam Brammer in the R/1 Class, Archer Leddy in the 2/3 Class, Lucy Tiver in the 4/5 Class and Samara Robertson for the 6/7 Class! A big thank you to Lisa and Mrs Mowat for supporting us with cooking for the Tuckday and a big thank you to Tammy for pre-cooking the rice ready for Tuesday. The SRC has persistently worked hard over the year to raise money for the school and other fundraisers and I thank them for all their hard work. It has been a great team this year who have had lots of great ideas. The Tuckday on Tuesday was the last one for 2019 so thank you to everyone for supporting us!

*Bailey, SRC President*



## Choir News

This year the choir members have been invited to sing carols at the Padthaway United Church on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. If your child is interested in coming and singing please make sure you fill out the form and return it by tomorrow. I would just like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have helped the choir this year including taking us to all the rehearsals and concerts. I really appreciate it and the choir does as well. A big thank you to all the helpers behind the scenes at the Mount Gambier concert. They are an amazing team and did an awesome job at making sure that everything was ready for the concert. A massive thank you to Mrs English for leading the 2019 choir team. We all really appreciated it. Our choir has improved so much this year. We learnt the songs really quickly. Fantastic work to Matilda and D'Arci for getting a solo. You girls preformed it very well. We have a phenomenal year this year. Our choir works hard and is amazing.

*Lily, Choir Leader*





## PCW Spot

What do a footy trainer, a scouts leader, a farmer, a karate instructor, a policeman, a stock agent and Mr. Eddie all have in common? Guys Group!

This term the year 6/7 boys have participated each week in 'Guys Group' where positive male role models from the community have come in to the school to share their skills, wisdom and knowledge with the boys.

They have covered topics such as getting through tough times, managing big emotions, decision making, finding your path, violence is never ok, and cyber safety. There are still 3 weeks of guys group remaining and we are excited to hear more great speakers.

A huge thank you to all of the men who have volunteered (many who travelled from Adelaide or Mount Gambier), and invested in the lives of these growing boys. Well done to all the year 6/7 boys who have participated in 'guys group' this term; who have tried new things and engaged in discussions about changes and challenges in life. Also a huge thank you to Mr Eddie who has come along every week to support, encourage and walk alongside the group.

*Lis*

## R/1/2 News

In Science we made slime. The first ingredient was corn flour then we added little bits of water so we didn't have too much water because then it will go too runny. It was fun making it. My buddy was Jassen. It was gooeey, runny, and also slimy and sticky.

When we played with it, it was a bit watery. It wasn't stretchy. It was fun to make

*Missy, Year 1*



In Week 5, Term 4 we made slime in Science. Miss Davey had put cornflour into cups during our reading and in Science we used it to make slime. We put water in with the cornflour, a little bit at a time. During Science my buddy was Ashley. Our slime turned out powdery and some of the other groups had slime that turned out slimy. The difference was that other groups added different amounts of water and if you used too much water you needed to add more cornflour to make it more of a slime. It was messy so we had to make it outside.

*Felix, Year 2*



## 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 3rd December.

## 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 ensure all accounts are settled by the end of Week 8. Please contact Kirilie if you are unsure of what you may have owing or need to organise an alternative payment option.

*Kirilie*



## Sports News

In Week 4 we held the annual Athletics Day. It was a rainy day but we managed to get through all the events. Well done to everyone who won awards and all those that participated. Thanks also

to the helpers, staff and parents that joined us on the day. Well done to Yellow for winning and great job to Blue for competing at a high level. It was a great day!

*Ned, Year 5*

# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Skyla Cooper

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is learning my sounds in Word Work because I get some words right in my test. I feel happy when I learn my sounds. I am learning to write lots more new words that are a bit tricky. We are learning to use tricky 'e' to make long vowels. My favourite subject is Art because I like how we are learning our dance for concert. We play air guitar and do 'wobble legs' in our dance. I'm trying really hard to remember all the different dance moves.

I look forward to doing concert at school because I'm so excited to wear my costume.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read Level 3 because I'm so excited to get to read books now that I didn't know how to read yet.

A skill I would like to develop is counting to 100 because I really want to be able to teach other people how to.

A goal for myself this term is to write a sentence on my own because I would like to be able to help other people to write their words with a whiteboard. I am writing my words on a whiteboard so Miss Davey can check them.

So far this year I have loved doing Choice Learning because I like playing with Indi. Indi is my best friend. We like to play in the pizza shop together and draw pictures. We draw pictures of people and animals together.

*Skyla, Reception*



## Jess Frick

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is getting better at poetry and developing lots of new skills such as poetry, like Haiku, Cinquain and Diamante. My favorite subject is PE because I get

to get out of the classroom and get better at lots of sports that Miss Clothier teaches us. So far this year we have practiced for Athletics Day, and played touch football and netball.

I look forward to Dance for concert because we get to work as a team, pick out our costumes and most of all get to come up with new moves. My group has all the girls in our class.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do my 7 and 8 times tables in less than a minute by themselves. I am already quick at my 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s and 11s. I use my hands for my 9s!

A skill I would like to develop is Level 4 punctuation ALL the time in my Big Write on Thursdays.

A goal for myself this term is working and being nice to everyone in the school, even if they are not my close friends. It would be amazing to be nominated for Aussie of the Month by the SRC.

So far this year I have loved Aquatics Camp because I got to do some activities that I didn't even know existed, like standup knee boarding and paddle boarding! I mastered knee boarding for the first time!

*Jess, Year 4*



## Tom Orton

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is beating my own record by 7 seconds in the marathon event on Athletics Day because I really enjoy running, especially long distance.

Running makes me feel full happy and of energy, and I can do it anywhere.

My favourite subject is PE because we get to run around and we also get to learn brand new sports that we didn't even know existed, such as Gaelic Football. It is tricky to learn these new sports but we all give it our best try and end up having lots of fun.

I look forward to going on excursions at school, like the end of the year learning celebration because it sounds very exciting. We will be going to the pool and watching a movie.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to finish my information report using the correct structure. I am writing about Ford cars.

A skill I would like to develop is to be able to learn a bit more Indonesian because it helps me with my English. We are currently learning about transport and places of interest.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to learn my concert dance in sync with the rest of my group because it will look really good if we all match up.

So far this year I have loved doing Drama because we got to make a radio commercial about vitamin donuts.

*Tom, Year 7*

### Dates to Remember

#### **26th November**

Preschool to JP Information Session

#### **28th November**

Pre-entry Information Session

#### **2nd December**

Governing Council

#### **11th December**

Concert

#### **12th December**

Movie/Swimming Day at Bordertown

#### **13th December**

Assembly 9am

Last Day Early Dismissal 2:30pm

### Tuck Day

#### **26th November (Week 7)**

##### **Pizza**

Rebecca Weller

\*Muffins—Kylie Pethybridge

#### **3rd December (Week 8)**

##### **Chicken Stir-Fry**

Cate Orton

\*Muffins—Emma Cooper

Tammy Mathews, Kirilie Turner

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