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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal

Welcome back! The 2020 school year has already had a busy start. It has been wonderful to hear about all the students' holiday adventures, seeing them

settling into their classes and working with their peers and teachers. With a jam-packed Term 1 already ahead of us, we've had a great start. Let's have a fantastic year!

New Staff

In 2020 we welcome Rebekah Duell as the 4/5 Teacher. In Term 4 2019, Rebekah was supporting our Preschool students as an SSO and is very excited to return to our school in a teaching role. We also welcome Prue McFarlane to our school. Prue works on Tuesdays taking PE for the 4/5 and 6/7 classes and then teaches the 6/7 class on Thursdays and Fridays. Another new teacher we welcome is Nicole Bajszki in the Preschool. Nicole has enjoyed the last 2 weeks getting to know the 7 new Preschool children. We also welcome Lissy Orton as a SSO this year.

New Students

This year we welcome 7 children to Padthaway Preschool - Chase, Ellis, Zeke, Harlyn, Lauren, Riley and Isabella. The Preschool students have been exploring their learning spaces and settling in well. We also welcome Chloe Hewson to Year 7. Chloe has joined us from Naracoorte. Please say hello to these new students and families if you see them.

Governing Council AGM

On Monday 10th of February, the Governing Council will be having their Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm. All families are welcome to attend. If you would like to represent the families of Padthaway School as a member of the Governing Council we look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact Governing Council Chairperson, Sam Ward.

Parent Information Afternoon

All parents and caregivers are invited to the Parent Information Afternoon on Tuesday 11th February. All information regarding classes and times was sent home in a note last week. We look forward to seeing you then.

Community Strength

It has been a very difficult time for many communities with the recent bushfires. Everyone has had different experiences and some of you, your family or friends may have been directly affected. Our thoughts are with all those who have been impacted. Support is available for schools, students and families if needed. There are resources available for parents, to provide guidance on supporting children when these events occur. For more information search for 'after a bushfire' on education.sa.gov.au. It has been a busy summer for our fire fighters, volunteers and those in our community who have been affected by the fires. Thank you to everyone who has put in their time, energy and support to protect our communities. Padthaway and the surrounding areas have an outstanding community spirit to be admired.

Student Representative Council

On Monday, students across the school presented speeches and voted for their new SRC members. The speeches were filled with positive ideas to help improve Padthaway Primary and ways they could support fellow students. Congratulations to our Semester 1 representatives, R/1: Jimmy Orton and Louis Orton, 2/3: Felicity Orton and Sam Brammer, and 4/5: Alex Charlick. We also congratulate our SRC representatives who will lead our school for the entire year, 4/5: Matthew Robertson - Secretary/Treasurer and 6/7: D'Arci Bell - Vice President and Blake Healy - President. All of our SRC members will work hard to ensure our school is filled with student voice and leadership this year.

House Captains

The House Captains for the Blue and Yellow teams were selected on Tuesday. The students split into their teams to listen carefully to speeches from the 6/7 students before voting. Congratulations to Blue Captains: Nirvana O'Farrell and Harry Bell, and Yellow Captains: Lily Mathews and Xavier Rothe. It will be fantastic to see our house captains encouraging students and supporting them with practice in the lead up to the Mundulla Combined School Sports Day in Week 10.

Enviro Warriors

Our school Enviro Warriors were chosen on Wednesday. Students from all classes delivered speeches and spoke about the need to take care of the school grounds, respect the plants and animals and encourage others to keep our school tidy. Congratulations to the Enviro Warriors for 2020, R/1: Jacob Hayes and Chloe Day, 2/3: Felix Bell and Alice Ward, 4/5: Archie McGregor and Henry Orton, and 6/7: Will Turner and Xavier Rothe. Miss Clothier is looking forward to the first Enviro Warrior meeting in Week 4 and beginning some important projects with the Warriors.

Wellbeing Ambassadors

This year we are continuing the leadership role of Wellbeing Ambassadors. Last year the Ambassadors started to help teach the classes about positive thinking and being mindful. It is important to have student leaders who support others and teach them to take care of their physical, emotional and mental health. Today, the 6/7 students shared speeches on these focuses before voting. We congratulate the 2020 Wellbeing Ambassadors Chloe Hewson, Nirvana O'Farrell and Callum Hancock. Lisa, our PCW is excited about working closely with the Ambassadors this year to help support students of all ages and promote a positive and comfortable learning environment.

What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Hi everyone! My name is Nicole and I am the new Preschool teacher this year. I would like to say a big welcome to all the Preschool children, their families and those who attend Playgroup for 2020.

The children are settling in well to their new learning space and they have been super excited and engaged in a variety of learning experiences indoors and outdoors. It has been quite exciting to observe and learn about the vast interests and personalities of all the children I will be teaching this year. My main focus for the first fortnight has been learning about the children and their families. We are also starting to learn and get used to our new routines and rules within the classroom. Furthermore, it has been lovely to observe all of the children being involved in positive social interactions, sharing and being kind to one another. Overall, I'm pleased to say that the Preschool has had a wonderful start to the New Preschool year and I'm excited to continue our learning journey together.

Nicole, Preschool

R/1 News

At school I was in a group with Chloe, Bailey, Shannel and Jassen. I was scared when I was doing swimming lessons and we had to fall forward into the water and yell out "help!". I can do a starfish and lay backwards and kick with my feet. We get to play on the slide after the swimming lesson. It is fun.

Skyla, Year 1

2/3 News

In our class the students have really loved the pet fish. They enjoy having fish so they can learn to take care of them and the 2/3s think they are interesting. We have already had swimming lessons and the students said they like going because they get to learn all different kinds of skills and strokes for swimming. In the 2/3 Class we have also started to use Class Dojo. The children feel proud when they get points and it helps them follow our class expectations. It has been a great 2 weeks back.

Miss Clothier, 2/3 Teacher

4/5 News

We've had a fantastic start to the new school year in the 4/5 class. All the students have been very eager to share their holiday stories. Last week the class spent time delving into our classroom expectations and routines, as well as some pre-assessments and getting to know you activities. This week has been a busy one with swimming lessons in Bordertown. All the students did a fabulous job extending their water safety knowledge and swimming skills. We are keen to begin structured lessons next week and I look forward to seeing all the students grow as individuals and learners. I am very excited to be teaching at Padthaway School and look forward to meeting you all soon at the Parent Information Afternoon.

Miss Duell, 4/5 Teacher

6/7 News

We are nearly finished Week 2 already! This term in Technology we are doing Minecraft Education. Everyone is so excited. In Art we are focusing on Andy Goldsworthy and Indigenous Art. We are focusing on using natural resources just like Andy Goldsworthy did. He used his saliva as glue and used ground down rocks for paint. We are learning the different types of Indigenous Arts like dot, body, bark and rock art. Our class is really looking forward to doing Economics and Business this term. We are looking forward to raising money for the school. This year we are doing it a bit differently to \$20 Boss. So far in English we are reading the book Once by Morris Gleitzman. It is about a young boy who has been put in an orphanage. This young boy finds a carrot in his bowl of soup and he thinks that it is a sign from his mum and dad. I'm looking forward to finding out what happens next.

Lily, Year 7



PCW Spot

Welcome back to school! It was great to see so many smiling faces on day one and students who may have been feeling a little uncertain soon settling in. A special welcome to all the new students, families and

staff. May you be encouraged, inspired and supported by those around you.

My role is Pastoral Care Worker at Padthaway School and I am excited to be here again this year, working with the school community in the area of wellbeing. Wellbeing is a complex combination of a person's physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual health. I am passionate about caring for young people, cheering them on, and providing pastoral and practical support in times of need.

This year I will be working closely with the Wellbeing Ambassadors to help support them as school leaders. They will promote wellbeing by teaching mini lessons and encouraging fellow students during wellbeing events each term.

I will be at the school on Mondays and Thursdays. Please feel free to come and chat anytime. You can contact me through the Front Office.

Lisa

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 Nicole at school. Next Playgroup date is 18th of February.

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.



Padthaway School Term 1 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	January 27 Aust. Day Public Holiday	28 School Begins Term 1	29	30	31
2	February 3 Swimming	4 Swimming	5 Swimming	6 Swimming	7 Swimming
3	10 Governing Council AGM at 6:30pm	11 Parent Information Afternoon	12	13	14
4	17	18	19	20 Student Free Day	21 Lucindale Excursion
5	24	25	26	27	28
6	March 2	3	4	5	6
7	9 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	10	11	12	13
8	16 Governing Council at 6:15pm	17	18	19	20
9	23	24	25	26	27
10	30 Student Free Day	31	April 1	2	3 Combined School Sports Day - Mundulla
11	6	7	8	9 Assembly - 9am Easter Fair School Ends Term 4 Early Dismissal 2:30pm	10 Good Friday Public Holiday

South Australian School Dates 2020

Term 1 Begins	28 th January	Term 3 Begins	20 th July
Term 1 Ends	9 th April	Term 3 Ends	25 th September
Term 2 Begins	27 th April	Term 4 Begins	12 th October
Term 2 Ends	3 rd July	Term 4 Ends	11 th December

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Archer Leddy

Something I am proud of doing this year is backstroke at swimming in Week 2. I am also proud of myself because I have been following the class expectations by listening and I've earned some Dojo points because of this.

My favourite subject is PE because we get to learn new games and play some old games that I have learnt before. I really enjoy all of the games.

I look forward to doing Maths at school because I get to learn new things about Maths like learning the time which is really important.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write neatly. Most people can not read my writing but this will improve by the end of the year. I am going to try really hard with this goal.

A skill I would like to develop is painting especially in Visual Art because then I can paint nicer pictures for my family. My family will like that and they can put them on display at home.

A goal for myself this term is to improve my punctuation skills in Big Write because it will make it easier for my teacher and others to read it.

So far this year I have enjoyed swimming because we get to go under the water and I love learning backstroke.

Archer, Year 3



Jack Orton

Something I am proud of for doing at school is the way I have settled back into the school routine. I am ready to take on Year 4! I am also proud of the first Cold Write I completed. I wrote an interesting recount of my summer holidays.

My favorite subject is PE because I enjoy being outdoors and being active. Spelling is also another subject I enjoy because I am able to improve my vocabulary and use new words in my writing.

I look forward to doing Big Write every Thursday because I enjoy writing and working towards my writing goals. I am also excited for my double PE lessons on Tuesdays so I learn new skills.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to improve in my multiplication so that I can recall all of my time tables especially my 2 to 10 times tables.

A skill I would like to develop is my reading skills in particular my fluency. This will allow me to become a better reader and read more challenging books.

A goal for myself this term is to remain focused and productive during all my lessons. I want to be less distracted by others so I can produce my best work and my learning goals.

So far this year I have loved being back at school and seeing everyone after the holidays. I have also really enjoyed swimming this week because I enjoy being in the pool with my friends and improving my swimming skills.

Jack, Year 4



Abigail Charlick

Something I am proud of myself is making it through the first week of school without too many major dilemmas because sometimes the first week can be a little hectic but at least for me, it went pretty smoothly.

My favourite subject is HASS because I like doing Economics and Business with money. I also like History because I am looking forward to ancient civilisations.

I look forward to completing Year 7 successfully because I want to see and learn more at high school. I also want to see if it's better than primary school.

By the end of the year I hope I am able to know most of the things I need to know that will be helpful for high school because I want to get decent grades and not be behind on some things.

A skill I would like to develop is memorising important information so that I don't always have to be reminded how to do things such as simple equations and referencing.

A goal for myself this term is to get good grades to prove that I'm reasonably smart, I understand what we are doing and that although it may not look like it, I do actually pay attention in class.

So far this year I have loved meeting our new teacher Miss McFarlane and learning her teaching style because every teacher is different. So far she has been pretty good.

Abigail, Year 7

Dates to Remember

10th February

Governing Council AGM

11th February

Parent Information Afternoon

20th February

Student Free Day

21st February

Lucindale Excursion

Tuck Day

Week 3

Pizza

Tanya Frick

*Muffins: Kat Hadfield

Week 4

Hot Dogs

*Muffins: Robyn Kirkham

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