



Be Respectful
Act Responsibly
Strive for Excellence

PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



From the Principal

'The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be' - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Throughout the schooling journey from Preschool to Year 12, children change and grow in every way. Throughout this journey they develop their understanding of curriculum, wellbeing, challenge and progress. As we have reached the half way point of Term 1, there is the need for teachers, students and parents to reflect on the children's progress and learning decisions prior to now. We move forward with the remainder of the term by using these reflections to motivate learners and set goals that develop each student individually, as well as class goals that require team work and support from all. While working to achieve these goals, students are able to take ownership of their learning and find ways to enhance their skills or knowledge in a meaningful way. We encourage our students to use the school values as a guide for learning decisions but also as a way to recognise their full potential as learners. If students place their focus on being respectful, acting responsibly and striving for excellence with the support of those around them, then there are endless possibilities to what they can learn and achieve. Goal setting is an important tool for learning but taking action is equally as important. When setting goals, the steps to achieve them must be clear and students must place emphasis on persevering through and completing those steps to ensure they make progress.

SAPSASA Swimming

In Week 5, 6 of our students participated in SAPSASA Swimming trials. Congratulations to all of those students for putting in their best effort on the day and representing our school. As a result of their success during

trials, Elsie Orton and Alex and Abigail Charlick have made it through to compete in Adelaide. We congratulate them on this fantastic news and wish them the best of luck with training and the upcoming competition.

Parent Club Afternoon Tea

This week, Parent Club coordinator Carly Bell organised an afternoon tea for parents and families from the school community. It was a wonderful turn out which filled the staff room and also provided plenty of cakes, coffee and conversation. The afternoon tea was a great opportunity for newer families to get to know others in the school community. Mrs English and Henrietta even dropped in to say hello. Thank you to everyone who attended the afternoon tea and Carly for her organisation. The parent and family support for our school is fantastic!

Working Bee

On Sunday 22nd of March at 10am, the school will be having a Working Bee to help maintain and improve our school grounds and facilities. If you are able to lend a hand then please come along, bringing any gardening equipment, tools and cleaning products that you think may be helpful. There are plenty of tasks and many hands make light work. Please contact the school if you are able to join us. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Combined School Sports Day

On Friday the 3rd of April, Mundulla will be hosting the annual Combined School Sports Day. This is the day when Frances, Mundulla and Padthaway Primary schools compete against each other in athletics events. Our students have been putting in practice during PE lessons this term and the house captains have now started extra practices during Tuesday lunch breaks for all those interested. At Combined School Sports Day, students R-7 compete with other students of

the same year level in events which include long jump, high jump, discuss, hurdles, sprints, marathon run and shot put. We always finish the day with the school vs school relay which in the past many students have expressed is their favourite part of day. The relay is also personally my favourite event as it is a time when the whole school competes together whether running or supporting, they share pride for our team no matter what the outcome of the race and the cheers of encouragement are a strong, loud, energising reminder of team work. Families will receive more details once they have been confirmed. We hope to see you there.

Pancake Day

On Tuesday the SRC held their annual Pancake Day to raise money for Uniting Care. They worked quickly to make sure they had enough batter prepared and showed fantastic team work to create a production line for toppings and delivery. Thank you to Lisa our school PCW and Mr Eddy for volunteering their time to help with mixture preparation, cooking and cleaning. The SRC greatly appreciated the extra help and enjoyed working with them. A huge thank you also goes to everyone who ordered pancakes, including parents who dropped in to school and local businesses, Padthaway General Store and Nutrien Ag Solutions who ordered pancakes to support the fundraiser. The SRC cooked and delivered 137 pancakes on the day and raised \$343 for Uniting Care. It was a successful and organised Pancake Day. Well done SRC!





What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

The Preschool children have taken an interest to running water in the sandpit where they have continuously made waterfalls and volcanoes. From this, the children worked together to make a real volcano. First, they built the outside of the volcano and then took turns to measure the ingredients to be put inside. Throughout this play experience we discussed a variety of descriptive language such as erupting, exploding, hot, soft, hard, fast and bubbly to describe the volcano. The children have also been engaged in imaginative play where they are acting out different roles and communicating with each other. They displayed negotiating skills, turn taking and sharing. The children were able to express their feelings and develop their oral language. As part of our social skills program we welcomed "Getting along Gertie" to our room. Getting along Gertie likes to share, be kind to others and is a very good listener. The children had some great ideas about how we could be like Getting along Gertie at Preschool, including sharing our toys and taking turns while playing with the playdough. We also had a great time celebrating Pancake Day. We really enjoyed eating our yummy pancakes!

Nicole, Preschool



R/1 News

We have been learning about patterns in Numeracy. Patterns are really fun to make. We used some patty pans, beads and other things to make patterns. We used some instruments to make musical patterns. I like using the big xylophone. We also made patterns on the computer. In Science we have been making experiments and learning about how things grow. We have planted some seeds. I planted some carrots. They haven't grown yet.

Jimmy, Year 1

Choir News

Last week in Choir, we finally received our books and CDs so that we can practice at home. Be prepared to listen to our wonderful choir songs all year! On Monday, we had our first choir practice. We listened and learned some of *When Galaxies Collide* and *I'm A Train*. *When Galaxies Collide* is a commissioned song written by Dan Walker.

D'Arci Bell, Choir Leader



Enviro News

This year we have been coming to Enviro Warrior meetings each fortnight and discussing ways to help our school. We have been watering our garden each day as we are growing fruits and veggies. We are going to plant some more seedlings soon. All the Enviro Warriors are very excited to go on our excursions to the Naracoorte Caves and continue with our 2020 projects. I think we have a great group of Enviro Warriors this year and we will all work hard on our school projects.

Xavier, Enviro Warrior



SRC News



This week we have established new rules to play safely in Four Square, Football and the swing area. We have also had Pancake Day this week and we raised \$343 for Uniting Care. We successfully got all the ingredients just in time to make the pancakes and delivered them all on time. We have also been seeing kids being more friendly around the play area in the school yard. Congratulations to the SRC members for their first successful SRC fundraiser at Padthaway this year.

Blake Healy, SRC President

Sports News



So far this term everyone has been getting ready for Combined School Sports Day. Students are very excited to get back into their favourite athletic events and can't wait to race for the relay positions to see if they will represent the school on the day. The house captains Lily, Harry, Xavier and I are very excited to lead our school at Combined School Sports Day. On Tuesday the captains ran a high jump practice at lunch for any students that wanted to come. Congratulations to everyone who got into the relay team and who participated in the lunch time high jump. You all did very well. A part from athletics, last week the Year 4-7 classes each participated in two volleyball sessions with Justin from Adelaide. He was a great instructor and we really enjoyed trying a new sport.

Nirvana, Blue House Captain

Wellbeing News



This week on Thursday, we are going to go to all the classes before lunch to share a video and a speech about wellbeing before we have our lunch time activity. Lisa helps the Ambassadors, she is at school on Mondays and Thursday. If you need to have a chat about anything and she is away then the Wellbeing Ambassadors are here every weekday. We all love to help you and fix any problems because we care! The Wellbeing Ambassadors meeting with other school's Ambassadors was on Tuesday at Naracoorte High School. I can't wait for our next meeting and to work with other schools.

Chloe, Wellbeing Ambassador



PCW Spot

I was recently asked this question: "Can I forgive someone if they haven't apologised?"

Sometimes it's extremely difficult to forgive, and our hurts can become more painful over time. Unresolved conflict can go very deep – it can even affect our physical health. The good news is that studies have found that the act of forgiveness can reap huge rewards for our health; lowering the risk of heart attack, improving cholesterol levels and sleep and reducing pain, blood pressure, anxiety, depression and stress.

So what is forgiveness? It is more than just saying the words; it's a process in which we consciously decide to let go of negative feelings towards someone *whether they deserve it or not*. Sometimes this can be a long and difficult process, and it may not change the relationship. It will however, benefit our own physical, emotional and spiritual health. Before Nelson Mandela left prison he said "As I stand before the door to my freedom, I realise that if I do not leave my pain, anger and bitterness behind me, I will still be in prison."

Is there anyone you can forgive today (even if they haven't apologised)?

Lisa

2/3 News

We have been busy over the last two weeks getting ready for the Easter Fair, starting to learn about narratives, finishing place value and focussing more on skip counting as well as many other learning experiences.

We are sad because 2 of our fish died–Biggy Bert and Rudolph. Miss Clothier is going to get some more and we're hoping that our new ones will stay alive.

Inquiry has been super exciting and fun as we can't wait for the Easter Fair to sell our items that we have made.

Our guided reading groups have started well and we have been enjoying reading all of the different special books in the classroom.

2/3 Class



4/5 News

For the last couple of weeks in Science, we have been looking into animal and plant adaptations. We learnt about the different types of adaptations that can occur. These are behavioural, structural and physiological. Everyone is looking forward to completing the project into animal and plant adaptations. In English, we are beginning to write narratives and focusing on sizzling starts. Sizzling starts are important to grab the readers attention at the start of the story. In Maths we have been learning about number sequences and multiples, and now we are learning about factors. This week we began karate lessons and it was really fun. We think the instructors are great.

Archie and Axel, Year 5

6/7 News

On Friday in Week 4, the entire school went to Lucindale to watch Tom Curtain sing a few songs and tell us stories. He also told us all about how bullying can impact people and what we can do to stop bullying and make sure people are ok. In English for the last couple of weeks we have been focusing on sizzling starts. We have been doing this to make our writing more interesting. In Maths, we are learning about the order of operations. In PE, we are doing athletics to prepare for the Combined School Sports Day in Week 10. In Science, everybody has two plants to look after. With one plant we have to give it salty water and for the other plant we have to give it water with no added salt. We are trying to see which plants grow better, and whether plants need added salt or not. In History, we are learning about Ancient Rome, most people are looking forward to this as we had to vote on which Ancient Civilisation we wanted to learn about.

Ben, Year 7



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 17th of March.

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



Shannel Beckett

Something I am proud of doing at school is learning about writing because I have been practicing and improving. I can write a whole page all by myself.

I like to write about things I have already done. That's called a recount. It is about things that are true.

My favourite subject is Science because we can do gardening. Our plants are growing. I planted corn seeds. It has started to grow and you can see all the roots in the soil. I hope they get really big so we can eat them.

I look forward to doing the Easter Fair at school because we will get to play games. We have been making necklaces and cards to sell to people. I hope people will like them.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read at level 20 because then I'll be closer to being able to read novels by myself. I like reading funny rhyming books.

A skill I would like to develop is going across the monkey bars on my own because it will make me feel pretty happy. It's really hard to do it on my own.

A goal for myself this term is to read at level 10 because it will show that I have been practicing a lot.

So far this year I have loved doing Choice Learning because we make stuff like necklaces and cards. I like to paint pictures of things and dress up too.

Shannel, Year 1



Missy McGregor

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is moving up levels of reading because I feel great and it helps me to understand things.

My favourite subject is Inquiry because I have really enjoyed planning for the Easter Fair and we have started making our items. We are selling some yummy treats, stress balls and some flowers.

I look forward to doing Maths at school because we get to learn about numbers and I enjoy learning about numbers. We've been learning about place value and skip counting. I have loved playing the games.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to get better at high jump because I feel like I can't jump very high yet but I will keep practising. I have enjoyed practising for Combined School Sports Day.

A skill I would like to develop is asking a friend for help instead of the teacher because I always feel like I ask the teacher and it will help me try things more on my own too.

A goal for myself this term is to read at level 16 because I love to move up levels for reading and get better at it.

So far this year I have loved doing Pancake Day because I loved eating my pancakes with icecream and sprinkles.

Missy, Year 2



Eliza Ward

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is my kindness and friendliness to others in my class and the rest of the school. This allowed me to make new friends and get to know others

better.

My favourite subject is Inquiry because it is something new and exciting that allows me to be creative and learn different things. I am really enjoying working on my Easter Fair project with my group, and I'm looking forward to the Easter Fair and running my stall.

I look forward to doing Arts at school. Especially the Drama games and activities. They are really fun and I get to be creative.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write neatly when completing all my bookwork and earn my pen licence.

A skill I would like to develop is to improve my memory of times tables to help me during my Maths lessons. I want to be able to quickly recall times tables without spending too long figuring them out.

A goal for myself this term is to have instant recall of my three times tables. I want to focus on improving my three times tables because I need to use this quite a lot during Maths.

So far this year I have loved doing the Inquiry lessons. I really enjoy these lessons and working with my group members to create our stall.

Eliza, Year 4

Dates to Remember

9th March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

16th March

Governing Council

26th March

Choir Practice —Bordertown

30th March

Student Free Day

3rd April

Combined School Sports Day —
Mundulla

Tuck Day

Week 7

Chicken Tender Wraps

Luke Leddy

*Muffins: Kylie Pethybridge

Week 8

Ham and Cheese Sandwiches

Carly Bell

*Muffins— Emma Cooper

Kirilie Turner

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R-3 Yoga

Rocket ships, aliens, moon rocks and stars



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
	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
	17	18	19	20 Student Free Day	21 Lucindale Excursion
5	24	25 Volleyball 4-7	26	27	28
	March 2	3 Karate 4-7 Yoga R-3	4	5	6
7	9 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	10 Karate 4-7 Yoga R-3	11	12	13
	16 Governing Council at 6:15pm	17 Karate 4-7 Yoga R-3	18	19	20
9	23 NAPLAN Practice Test	24 Karate 4-7 Yoga R-3	25	26 Choir Practice - Bordertown	27
	30 Student Free Day	31 Karate 4-7 Yoga R-3	April 1 Enviro Warrior Excursion - Naracoorte	2	3 Combined School Sports Day - Mundulla
11	6	7	8	9 Assembly - 9am Easter Fair- 10am - 1pm 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