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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"



From the Principal

'Do things for people, not because of who they are and what they do in return, but because of who you are' - Harold S Kushner

There is a great deal of change happening all around the world at present. Changes to travel plans, events and businesses have caused disruption and disappointments for many. At a time with so much change, Padthaway Primary and Preschool staff focus on remaining consistent, approaching changes calmly and providing ways that we can continue to share positivity and engaging learning with children. As a school we want to ensure as much normalcy as possible for our students and provide opportunities to celebrate students' learning. We encourage our students to show kindness, consideration and responsibility as they navigate the changes to our school events over the remaining 3 weeks of Term 1.

School Open

The Department for Education is continuing to work closely with SA Health given the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and our site will continue to follow their advice and guidelines. We will also continue to send through regular updates as they become available. Padthaway Primary and Preschool still remain open. All department advice and guidelines about events and hygiene are being followed to ensure the health and welfare of our students and the community. As the school is still open, with teachers still running classes as normal, children are still expected to attend. Please be aware that teachers are not required to supply work for students who are not in attendance due to voluntary self-isolation. We do request that if a child is feeling unwell, that they stay home from school until they are fit to return. If your child will not be in attendance please contact the school.

Event Updates

As we are following the current guidelines and information provided by department regarding school events, there will be precautionary adjustments to the remainder of our Term 1 events. Adjustments to events include:

- Term 1 Bordertown Choir Practice is postponed but students will continue choir at school
- 6/7 Hemp Excursion is postponed
- Enviro Warrior Excursion is postponed
- Combined School Sports Day is cancelled and students should attend school as normal
- Easter Fair is postponed
- Working Bee is postponed
- Assembly is a closed event. Previously it was advised that only immediate family could attend. We have since received further advisement and will now hold the assembly for staff and students only. All performances and awards will be shared on the school Facebook page and in the newsletter.

These adjustments are precautionary measures only and should not be cause for greater concern. All postponed events do not have a new set date at this time. Once dates are set, we will notify families and the community as soon as possible.

Casual Clothes Day

As our site are no longer able to attend the Combined School Sports Day on the 3rd of April, our school will be having Casual Clothes Day instead. On Friday the 3rd, Students are welcome to wear their casual clothes and will be able to participate in a range of SRC organised games and activities. For safety, please ensure that children still have enclosed footwear and as previously mentioned in the uniform information, avoid clothing items with hoods or long cords. The SRC and teachers hope to share a positive and fun-filled day with the students.

NAPLAN

Next Monday, 23rd March Schools across Australia will be participating in the NAPLAN Practice Test. This practice test is not used as an assessment but ensures our site can access the user interface correctly and provides students with a great opportunity to familiarise themselves with it before they are required to do the official assessment in Term 2. NAPLAN Testing focuses on writing, reading, numeracy, and conventions of language for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 over 2 weeks in early Term 2. Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will participate in both the NAPLAN Practice Test and official NAPLAN Online testing. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Sharing of Information

Please remember the importance of early notification of changes to routine regarding your child/ren. Staff carry a duty of care for your children when they are attending school. Please remember the protocols for our students regarding information flows from the School Front Office to staff. We are unable to accept information passed through your child/ren. A phone call to the Front Office or a note in your child's diary is acceptable.

Bus

We ask that families please remember to communicate with bus drivers if children are not on the bus in the morning. Bus drivers understand that people may be late and therefore wait the required amount of time at each stop, however if you are aware beforehand that your child will not be on the bus then please notify the driver as soon as possible. This will allow the bus to continue its regular route without delay. Please also continue to update the school directly if there are any changes for the afternoon bus or children's regular bus routine via phone or note to the Front Office.

Corinne



What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

This fortnight the Preschool children have enjoyed messy sensory play with shaving foam. We mixed different colours and further explored what new colours we could make. Engaging in sensory play is important in the early years as it strengthens the children's fine motor skills as well as enhances their language skills through finding new ways to describe objects around them.

The Preschool children also had a great opportunity to bake with Lisa. Throughout this experience the children showed great sharing skills and patience. They especially enjoyed making different shapes with the cookie cutters and dipping their biscuits into the sprinkles. Thank you Lisa for baking with us. The biscuits were delicious!

Nicole, Preschool

R/1 News

In Science some of our plants have died. We think it might be because they got too much water and drowned. Some people have replanted new seeds. In Maths we have been learning about numbers and counting backwards and forwards. We have been playing lots of Maths games, like *Buzz*, *Washing Line*, *Number Spinner* and *Out of the Bag*. In Word Work we have started to learn about diagraphs which is when two letters go together to make one sound. In our phonics song we are moving onto diagraphs from just single letter sounds. My favourite phonics song is /d/ because you pretend you're playing drums.

Jacob, Year 1



Wellbeing News

Week 6 stress ball making went brilliantly. I'm glad that everyone came and said thank you, using their manners. We hope your stress balls are helpful. It was a great opportunity for me to get to know more students. I've enjoyed meeting students from other classes because they are nice. I'm still working on remembering all their names properly. Our next Wellbeing Ambassador meeting in Naracoorte is the 31st of March and I'm really excited to go. If there is anything you want to talk about you can approach the Wellbeing Ambassadors or Lisa (she's here Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons). We are hoping to have another wellbeing event in week 10 so if you have any ideas please let us know.

Chloe, Wellbeing Ambassador



Enviro News

So far this term we have been doing lots of gardening and looking to make a scarecrow. We are all having some great ideas in our meetings and can't wait to get started on the tasks that we have planned for this term and the next one.

We have been very excited about the excursions that have been planned for us even if they have been delayed by the virus and may be held back a bit longer. It just gives us more time to work on our own projects. We are very excited for all the challenges and tasks we have been given to help our school environment.

Xavier, Enviro Warrior



SRC News

The SRC have been discussing new ideas for fundraisers. Some of the ideas so far are Crazy Sandwich Day where you make a crazy gross sandwich or make a really good looking and tasting sandwich, Endangered Species Dress Up Day, Crazy Socks Day where you can get crazy looking socks or opposite socks, and Ancestor Day for kids to dress up as an ancestor from hundreds of years ago. Let the SRC know if you have any other great ideas for a fundraising and we'll share them at our meetings.

Blake, SRC President



Sports News

Term 1 has been very busy and everyone is so excited to be doing athletics during their PE lessons. The House Captains have been running an athletic event every Tuesday for the students to join into at lunch. It's been great to see so many people joining in. The Year 4-7 kids are having so much fun doing karate with sensei Brad and the R-3s are enjoying their yoga. Combined School Sports Day has been cancelled unfortunately but we will still be encouraging people to join in with Tuesday lunch time athletics activities.

Nirvana, Blue House Captain



Choir News

This week we found out that the Bordertown practice was cancelled. We are all down about that but we still get to have our own school practices each week. After the first practice we had two trial members decide not to continue but Archie McGregor has decided to join us. We hope he has fun with us throughout the year. Our practices at school have seen great improvement and everyone makes sure to do extra practice at home. We are starting to learn all of the words to most of the songs and are all sounding amazing.

D'Archi, Choir Leader

Public Meeting For Padthaway residents.

Padthaway Memorial Hall may be closing. Residents are invited to attend a meeting and have their say as to whether the Hall should close or not. The meeting will be on the 7th April at 7.00pm in the Supper Room at the Hall. Contact Wendy Messenger for further information.





PCW Spot

Last week the Wellbeing Ambassadors spoke to each class about how anger affects our minds and bodies. They shared about how it's ok to feel angry, but it is never ok to

hurt others, ourselves, or property because of our anger. The ambassadors taught the 5 simple steps to managing our anger: A – Awareness. Being aware of our anger BEFORE it takes over B – Breathing. Once we are aware that we are feeling angry we can take deep breaths to calm ourselves down so that we can think clearly and stop ourselves from making a negative choice. C – Counting. Counting slowly in between breaths helps to slow our heartrate further. D – Distance. If the above steps haven't helped yet, we can put distance between ourselves and the person or thing that we are angry about. E – Express. It is important that once we have fully calmed down and are thinking clearly again, that we talk about it. The stress balls we made were an example of a positive way for our bodies to release some tension when we start to feel angry. Thank you to the Wellbeing Ambassadors Chloe, Callum and Nirvana. Great work!
Lisa

2/3 News

In Maths we have been learning about skip counting. We went outside and drew number lines and number hopscotches on the cement. We all thought it was amazing. I have been enjoying Inquiry because we have started making our big poster ready for the fair and I can't wait to paint it next week. We have been learning about sequencing in reading and I love this because it is helping me learn how to improve at answering questions about reading.

Missy, Year 2



4/5 News

Last week, we had a fun and interesting Health lesson on self-efficacy. Understanding that self-efficacy is our belief that we can accomplish our goals and be successful. We also got to draw a positive picture for the Dollars For Doonas packaging. It was nice to know we were a part of helping people affected by the bushfires. The pictures that we drew will go into the doonas and pillowcases which are being donated by MiniJumbuk to people in need.

In Maths, we are practising our addition and subtraction mental and written strategies for larger numbers.

We are still working on our Sizzling Starts in English. The Sizzling Starts quick write activities are really fun.

In Science, we have started our projects. We are researching the adaptations of animals and plants in the Australian desert. In Geography, we explored Cool Burning and how the Indigenous people used this to manage the land. We are going to be looking into other methods that also reduce the impacts of bushfires.

Year 4/5 Class

6/7 News

In Week 7, we began working on long multiplication in Maths. Long multiplication is a much easier way to work out your Maths problems and can be used in your everyday life. In English, we have been focusing on tightening tension while writing, the whole class has improved in their writing since we began with tightening tension and we use it to make Big Writes better. Every Tuesday we've been given a scenario where we have to use tightening tension to make our writing interesting. For Visual Art, we finally began working on our Andy Goldsworthy art portfolios after making at least five Andy Goldsworthy inspired arts. In Technologies, we have been learning about automatism, and last week, we started to design and make our own.

Ben, Year 7



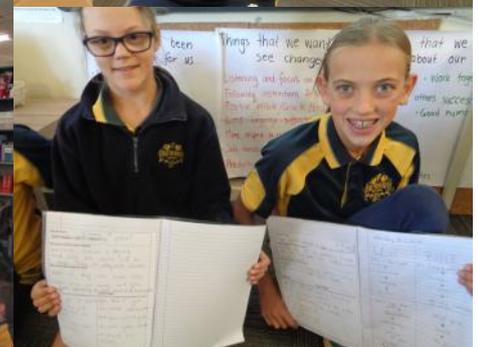
Community News

Padthaway Playgroup

Please be aware that until further notice, our fortnightly Playgroup sessions are on hold. We will notify the community when they are due to resume as normal. Thank you for your support.

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



Lauren Ortlepp

Something I am proud of myself for doing at Preschool is making a kite with lots of colours because it was hard to fly. I look forward to playing with slime and foam and

learning about fish because I love water. A skill I want to develop is to be able to do a headstand because it would be so clever. So far this year, I have loved jumping on the rainbows with no hands with Isabella because we have so much fun together.

Lauren, Preschool



Zeke Congdon

Something I am proud of myself for doing at Preschool is completing the obstacle course we made together because it is hard. I look forward to going on the climbing equipment at

Preschool because it is fun jumping really high with my friends. A goal for myself is to improve on my writing so I can make books because I like to read. So far this year, I have loved making ponds and volcanoes in the sandpit with Chase because they look so cool.

Zeke, Preschool



Chloe Day

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is Big Write because I can write a lot of writing and I am improving. I like to write about mermaids and superheros. I like to write recounts because I get to write about things that I

have already done.

My favourite subject at school is Science because you get to make slime and grow plants. I like doing all different kinds of experiments that look cool.

I look forward to doing Choice Learning at school because I can play with dinosaur eggs and I like to play in the flower shop because I can dress up. I like to paint pictures too.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write a double sided page in Big Write or even three whole pages. I do like to write a lot. I would like to learn more about writing.

A skill I would like to develop is helping others with their learning. I would like to help others to read, like when I worked with the Receptions to read some books.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to use the bigger hurdles in PE and to run faster than Jack and Henry because I want to try to beat every single person at school.

So far this year I have loved doing Maths because we have been learning about counting forwards and backwards. I like to count forwards and backwards so I can get better at counting.

Chloe, Year 1



Jade Beckett

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is making new friends and always being friendly and kind to others. I am also proud of my focus during Maths lessons.

My favourite subjects at school are PE and Maths. I enjoy PE lessons because I like to be outside and be able to run around. Maths is also one of my favourite subjects because I like being challenged and learning new maths skills.

I look forward to always trying my best in all my learning. I enjoy learning new things and being challenged.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write two or more pages in my neatest writing for Big Write. I want to add more description and Wow Words into my writing, to make my writing more interesting to read.

A skill I would like to develop is division with larger numbers. I want to be able to understand division better and use different strategies to help me solve division problems.

A goal for myself this term is to improve at my high jump. I want to be able to jump higher than 1 metre.

So far this year I have loved doing Maths, especially working on addition problems. I also really enjoying seeing my friends at school, and playing games with them at recess and lunch.

Jade, Year 4

Dates to Remember

30th March
Student Free Day

3rd April
Casual Clothes Day

10th April
Good Friday

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuck Day

Week 9
Nuggets and Salad
Kate McGregor
*Muffins: Kirilie Turner

Week 10
Lasagne and Salad
Bec Weller
*Muffins– Hannah Orton

Week 11
Pot Luck
Tanya Frick
*Muffins– Kathy Hayes

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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 Volleyball 4-7	26	27	28
6	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
8	16 Governing Council at 6:15pm	17 Yoga R-3	18	19	20
9	23 NAPLAN Practice Test	24 Karate 4-7 Yoga R-3	25	26 Choir Practice – Bordertown CANCELLED	27
10	30 Student Free Day	31 Karate 4-7 Yoga R-3	April 1 Enviro Warrior Excursion – Naracoorte POSTPONED	2	3 Combined School Sports Day – Mundulla CANCELLED Casual Clothes Day
11	6	7 Karate 4-7	8	9 Assembly - 9am (CLOSED EVENT) Easter Fair- 10am – 1pm POSTPONED 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

4 - 7 KARATE

