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Act Responsibly
Strive for Excellence

PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



From the Principal

'Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end'- Roy T. Bennett

As the situation and precautions surrounding COVID-19 continue to alter the way our state and country function, our community continues to put its best foot forward. During this challenging time, we encourage everyone to do what they can to take care of their loved ones and support the local community and small businesses. Showing kindness, compassion and gratitude in these ever-changing circumstances is crucial. It is important that we are mindful and spread as much positivity as possible. Some of our students have been creating cards this week to thank the local and nearby supermarket and medical staff for their hard work and helping everyone over the past few weeks. They hope to share a little gratitude, brightness and love with others. We should follow the students' lead by remembering to express our thanks to those around us whether it be to people working hard during this time, those who offer their help to make things a little easier, those who do their best to help keep others safe or those who brighten up your day. Remember...

'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted' - Aesop

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brilliant teachers and SSOs that we have working at our school. The last few weeks have been very busy with things changing daily to ensure the health and welfare of our school community. They have done an outstanding job of riding the waves of change, being resilient and positive as well as being a pillar of strength for those around

them. I truly appreciate each of them and the important job they all do.

Casual Clothes Day

Tomorrow the students can wear their casual clothes to school. The day will be filled with activities planned by the SRC and run by the teachers. Throughout the day the students will get to do yoga, fitness, craft, technology, board games and Easter activities. We are all really looking forward to a day of positivity and celebrating the Term 1 learning.

Student Achievement

Although this term our assembly was a closed event for only students and staff, it was wonderful to still have the opportunity to recognise all the effort and achievements made this term. Please be sure to check out the school Facebook page to see photos of the students presenting their work and the award recipients from today. What a fantastic term of resilient learning!

Student Free Days

In Week 11, schools in South Australia have 4 Student Free Days from the 6th-9th of April. These days will provide teachers with dedicated time for planning and preparation to support flexible learning options in Term 2. School will still be open for students to attend in Term 2 as normal, however for those who choose to continue learning from home there will be remote learning options available. Once this planning and preparation is complete, teachers will then have the capacity to teach our students both at school and at home. When there are more details about how this flexible learning will look and function, information will be provided to the school community as soon as possible. This communication will occur while children are not at school over the next 3 weeks as the Student Free Days will need to happen first. That means that is important to ensure you have access to the email address provided to the school and

that if possible, you are connected to the school Facebook page and the Skoolbag app. If we will be unable to reach you through any of these options during the school break, please let the office know on 8765 5028 and we will contact you via phone when we have the information. We appreciate your understanding.

NAPLAN

In the previous newsletter there was a section describing NAPLAN Practice Testing which was due to occur in Week 9 and the formal NAPLAN online assessment which usually occurs in Term 2. In light of the current circumstances as schools require focus on supporting teaching and learning through flexible learning options, the COAG Education Council has made the decision to cancel both the practice and formal NAPLAN testing for 2020.

School Break

As the break approaches we hope that members of our school and local community stay happy, healthy and safe. We hope that the break provides an opportunity to enjoy quality time with family at home. Given the current circumstances we encourage families to stay home and get creative with experiments, crafts, games and physical skills. Try to learn a new trick, find STEM challenges or enjoy some mindfulness activities. A positive and creative mindset can make all the difference to a situation. Please take care of yourselves, be kind to others and we look forward to seeing our smiling students at the beginning of Term 2. Have a very happy Easter!



What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Last week the Preschool children started learning about measurement. We used blocks to measure how tall they all were. During this, they explored various descriptive language such as tall, short, tiny etc. as they counted together to see how many blocks each person was. The Preschool children were also excited to go exploring for insects and bugs. We took our bug kit outside to see what we could catch. Unfortunately we could only find ants, however we discussed where they might live and the children made a home for them by filling up a container with leaves, sticks, sand and rocks. The children then caught some and counted how many they found. They used magnifying glasses to observe the bugs and discussed what they looked like. Overall, it has been wonderful to see how much each child has grown this term especially with their social skills and sharing with one another. I wish everyone a Happy Easter and I am looking forward to seeing what we can achieve in Term 2.

Nicole, Preschool

R/1 News

In Maths we have been learning about rainbow facts. A rainbow fact is numbers that go together to make 10. We have been learning about numbers so that we can get better at counting. We use counters and play lots of counting games. In Big Write I have moved on to lined paper and I am working really hard to remember finger spaces and full stops. I like to write stories about king brown cookie cutter sharks. In Science we have been watching our plants grow and recording how much they have grown. Everyone's plants were growing at the start but then they died because they got too much water. Now my plant is growing and no one else's is. In Indonesian we have been learning foods and we learnt about one where you have to open it up to get the food out of it. I liked Ibu Teresa teaching us the song about the orange.

Louis, Year 1



Wellbeing News

In Week 7 and 8 the other ambassadors decided that we are going to have a kindness award presented at the assembly each term. We are not having our meeting in Naracoorte this term but I am really looking forward to having it at some stage and meeting the ambassadors from the other schools. This will be the last wellbeing report for the term but if you have any questions or just want to speak to someone, you can always come and see us.

Callum, Wellbeing Ambassador



Enviro News

For the last few weeks the Enviro Warriors haven't been doing as much as we would like but we are doing what we can. The reason for that is the virus affecting our school and how we do things, even though no one has it. We have been planting lots of plants down at the veggie garden and we have to walk all the way up to the classrooms to get water because the tap to the chook pen isn't running again yet. The plants are growing pretty well at the moment but we still need to look after them and give them enough water so they survive. We have got a few projects to do and we'll be starting them in Term 2. We can't wait for the excursions and projects. It will be a very full 10 weeks for us Enviro Warriors next term.

Xavier, Enviro Warrior



SRC News

The SRC have organised a Casual Clothes and Activity Day for tomorrow. We are doing many activities throughout the day including fitness and craft. Lately, we have been focused on encouraging students to use Mr Eddy's bench as a buddy bench. We have asked students to continue being kind and reminding them that if they see someone sitting there, to go and ask if they want to play. On Tuesday, the classes got to do an Easter egg hunt. Blake and I got to suggest where to hide the eggs around the playground. The younger classes were very intrigued about the clues and really enjoyed the hunt. The older classes enjoyed the chocolate the most.

D'Arci, SRC Vice President



Sports News

This week the 6/7 and 4/5 classes have still been practicing Sports Day events. Even though we can't have Sports Day this term we have still been practicing during our PE lessons with Miss McFarlane for our own Sports Day in Term 4. Last week we had a PE lesson with the 4/5 class. We practiced some Blue vs Yellow relays and other team sports. For the last few weeks goalie and four square have been quite popular. Goalie is a game which is part four square part soccer. In goalie you are allowed to use all of your body a part from your elbow to your hands.

Lily, Yellow House Captain



Choir News

This week we ran through the songs *Higher Ground*, *Sing, I'm A Train* and *Not Perfect*. We have learnt almost all the words to all of these songs already. We have recently practised with a smaller group as many Choir members are away. We have also been working on our staggering breathes during some of the songs with long lines. Mrs Mowat is doing a great job teaching us and we even had Mrs Turner pop in to sing with us.

D'Arci, Choir Leader





PCW Spot

Life at the moment is full of uncertainty, daily challenges and unknowns. Fear, anxiety and loneliness have become a daily reality for some people in our community.

Padthaway is a fantastic community and at times like this we are great at banding together and supporting each other.

Research suggests that if we can learn to be grateful, hopeful and brave, we can become resilient people and bounce back from difficult circumstances.

So let's focus on what we have to be grateful for. Who are you grateful for in our community? Have you let them know? What are we hopeful for? Let's focus on these things. Together lets encourage each other to be brave, courageous and fearless.

Easter is just around the corner and it will look different for many Christians around the world as they celebrate together in online services rather than attending church services in person. If you would like to hear about the hope that Jesus gives, I encourage you to try something different this year and watch a Christian Easter church service online (your kids might even enjoy this story - (<https://www.lifemattersadl.com/easteronline>),

from the comfort of your own home, even in your PJs. Have a blessed Easter, may it be filled with peace and laughter. Let's make the most of this time with our kids – giving hugs, making memories, spending quality time in play and conversation! Enjoy!!!

Lisa

2/3 News

In Maths we have been learning about skip counting by 10s. We have also been learning about sequencing which is where you put things in the right order. In reading sequencing is knowing what happens at the beginning, the middle, and the end of a story. In Handwriting we are learning how to do little kicks on the end of our letters so then we can get better at writing. In PE we have been learning about high jump. In high jump you need to jump over the bar and not touch it.

Sam, Year 2



4/5 News

In Geography we have been doing a poster about bushfire plans. Grace and I are in a group together. We have to write what you do before a bushfire, what you will need to do if you are staying at home and decide to fight the fire or whether it would be safer to leave your house and go somewhere else. In Maths we have been doing division. We have questions of the board about division. We have to answer them and if we finish them all we get to do some Maths games. My favourite game is called *The Bump Game*. In PE we are still doing Sports Day practice and we have mostly been doing long jump, high jump and the marathon. Also in PE we have been sharing something that was good and something that we could improve on as well.

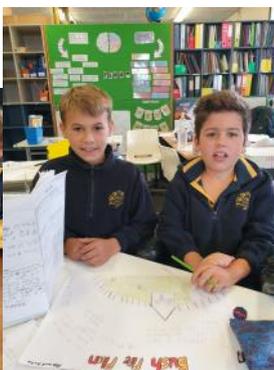
Elsie, Year 4



6/7 News

Over the last two weeks we have mostly been finishing off projects like our History. In History we have been making a museum of ancient Roman artefacts. We have to make a model of an ancient artefact and write an information plaque to go with it. The museum won't open until the end of Term 2 though because we'll also be adding ancient Chinese artefacts as well. Last Thursday we had a lettering artist come in to teach us the art of handwriting. We all enjoyed learning to write a bit fancier. Lately we have been using learning games on the computer like Prodigy for Maths and Studyladder for Science. Lots of us have been getting close to finishing our work.

Abigail, Year 7



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.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Bailey Miller for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for February. Bailey was awarded Aussie of the Month because he is always happy to play with others, is a good sport and tries his best. Well done!

Congratulations to Sam Hayes for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for March. Sam was awarded Aussie of the Month because he always shows the school values and is a good role model. Excellent effort!



Literacy Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the Literacy Awards for Term 1. Well done Ryan Miller, Jessica Frick, Indi Broad and Lachlan Hayes. Keep up the persistence and effort with those writing skills!

Numeracy Awards

Congratulations to the students who received the Numeracy Awards this term. Fantastic effort Sam Brammer, Grace Mathews, Daisy Orton and Abigail Charlick. It is wonderful that you are working so hard on your Numeracy skills.

Star Citizen Awards

Congratulations to Louis Orton, Clayton Parham, Sam Hayes and Lily Mathews for receiving the Term 1 Start Citizen Award as voted by their classes. Thank you for showing outstanding commitment to the school values! You should be proud of your efforts and the example you set for others.

Kindness Award

Each term the Wellbeing Ambassadors will be voting for and presenting a Kindness Award to one student in the school who always shows kindness, care and respect. Congratulations to the first recipient of this award for 2020, Chase Klieve. It is brilliant to see that our youngest learners are working hard to make school a caring place. Well done!

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Ryan Miller

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is doing good spelling. This week in spelling we are learning about king /k/.

My favourite subject is Inquiry because we are

going to do the Easter Fair making. I am in a group with Archer and Jassen and we are going to be doing *Pass the Parcel*. We have been working really hard to get ready for the fair.

I am looking forward to doing the fair because it's like a show and we get to sell stuff and play games. I am looking forward to seeing what the other classes have made.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write a whole page in Big Write because then I can do lots of writing in other subjects as well. I have been trying really hard to get better at writing and to write really neatly.

A skill I would like to develop is doing a back flip because I can almost do a front flip on my legs. I will need to find someone who can teach me to back flip. I will need to practice lots.

A goal for myself next term is to be able to read at Level 15. I would be able to read a novel. I like to read books about ninjas and super heroes.

So far this year I have loved being in a different classroom because I go in the Year 2/3 classroom now and Miss Clothier is our teacher. I like how we have a couch and a reading corner. I like that we have a fish too. The fish's name is Daisy. In the afternoon we join in with the R/1 Class.

Ryan, Year 2



Grace Mathews

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is writing more in Big Write because it is a big achievement for me. I like writing stories and being adventurous in my

writing. My favourite subject is Technologies because we get to learn about bushfires and how dangerous they are and what people go through. We also learnt how high fires can go and what to do to help stop fires from happening. I look forward to doing the School Fair because we are raising money for our camp. My group is going to be playing a fun game called *Pop and Drop*. What you do is throw darts at a balloon and try to hit the ones with stars on them. Henry Roach and Jade are in my group. By the end of the year I hope to be able to get my pen licence because I like writing in pen and I think that it is easier. To be able to get my pen licence I have to be able to write neatly in lead pencil. A skill I would like to develop is to write faster on the computers so that I can get my work done more quickly and to learn to not look at the keyboard.

A goal for myself next term is to not get distracted in class so that I can do all my work and how I will be able to do this is by sitting away from people I talk to. So far this year I have loved doing Science because we are learning about Australian desert animals and adaptations. We have been learning about how they survive, what they eat and the climate that they live in.

Grace, Year 5



Blake Healy

Something I am proud of myself for doing is running SRC meetings and class meetings because I can help everyone try solve problems with the other SRC members.

My favourite subject that I am really enjoying is History because we are learning about ancient Rome and how they battle, how they trained and how they built things. Next term we will get to learn about ancient China. I look forward to doing my school work with my friends instead of doing it at home because I think I work more efficiently at school and I like to share ideas with my friends. By the end of the year I hope to be able to get most of my grades as A's and B's because I m trying my hardest to get them. I put a lot of effort into doing quality work. A skill I would like to develop is to instantly know how to divide numbers from one to fifteen. It'll take practice but if I can do that then I'll be able to work quite quickly in Maths. A goal for myself next term is to improve my self control so I don't get distracted and go off topic from my school work. I want to do my best work and being focused will help me achieve that. So far this year I have loved doing Maths because we are learning a wide variety of topics and it has been really fun learning new things and challenging myself.

Blake, Year 7

Dates to Remember

3rd April

Casual Clothes Day

6th—9th April

Student Free Days

10th April

Good Friday

EASTER BREAK

27th April

Term 2 Starts

Tuck Day

Term 2

To be confirmed

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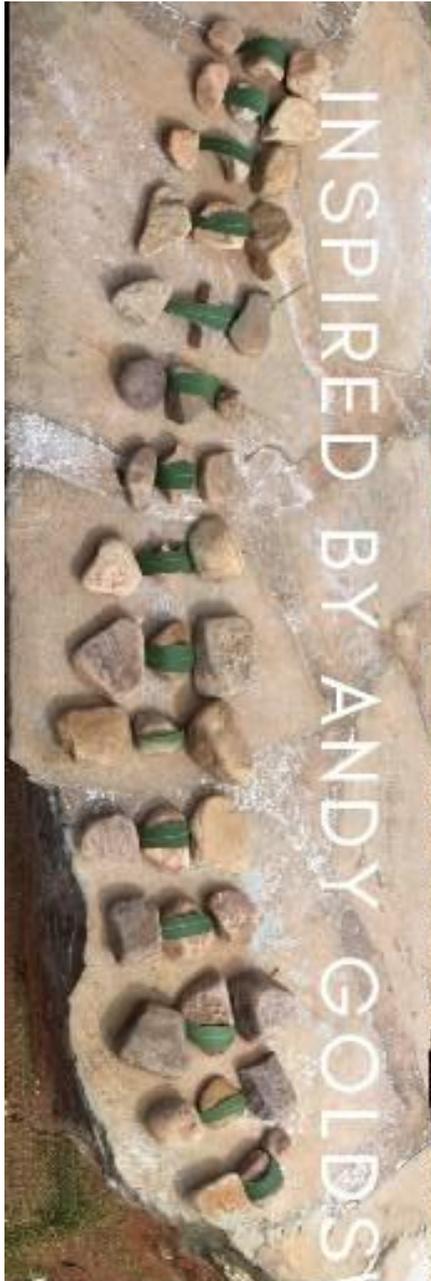
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Padthaway School Term 1 Calendar

	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	24	25	26	27
10	30	31	April 1	2 Assembly - 9am (CLOSED EVENT)	3 Casual Clothes Day School Ends Term 1 Normal Dismissal 3:30pm
11	6 Student Free Day	7 Student Free Day	8 Student Free Day	9 Easter Fair POSTPONED Student Free Day	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



Year 6/7 Land Art

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