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Strive for Excellence

# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## From the Principal

*"Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance"*  
- Eckhart Tolle

### Welcome Back

We have had a successful start to the term for our staff and students. Whether learning on site or at home, the teachers were glad to see all the students ready to learn for another term. There have already been some great new topics started and discussions about possible projects for Term 2. High attendance on site has meant that teachers and students returned to their regular class arrangements as of this morning. The children were rather excited to be getting back into their usual routines and spaces with their teachers and began the day with their Cold Write expositions. The beginning of the term has seen some unique and interesting ways of teaching and learning for all. Our teachers now have more IT knowledge and skills to support communication and sharing students' learning with families no matter where the learning may happen. This term the teachers are continuing to use the SeeSaw app, not only to share student work but also learning activities and projects to ensure that home learners have access to everything they need for each subject. We thank you all for your support as we continue this flexible learning journey together.

### Site Foot Traffic

We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic is still a worrying time for everyone and we want to assure families that we still have a number of health and hygiene protocols in place to ensure that school is as safe as possible. To help maintain the healthy and contained school environment, we are still ensuring that parent and public traffic within the school is limited. We still require students to be dropped and collected at the

school gate if they are not catching the bus. This also includes if a child is dropped off or collected during the school day and in this instance parents should call ahead to notify the office and still remain outside of the school gate. Anyone needing to contact the school should continue to do so via phone or email rather than entering the site. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

### Three Way Conferences

During the first few weeks of Term 2 we would usually be holding our required 3 way conferences with families to work on goal setting and share about students' developing learning and skills. Due to our current need to limit foot traffic on our site, we have been unable to schedule these face-to-face meetings as we usually would. The optional 3 Way conferences that usually occur in Term 3 will now be replaced as the required meetings instead. Information regarding dates and bookings will be sent out at the beginning of Term 3. Although 3 WAY conferences will not be going ahead this term, Semester 1 Reports will still be sent out at the end of Week 10. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about their learning in the interim.

### Uniform

A reminder that the School Uniform is the school dress, the navy and yellow school polo shirt, school jumper or navy jumper with small to no detail and navy or black skirt, shorts or pants. Jumpers with hoods are not allowed due to the possibility of strangulation. This is the same for long cords on jumpers and hats with toggles under the chin. Information about the school uniform can be found in the Parent Handbook or by ringing the School.

### Tracky Dack Day

On May 29th (Week 5) the SRC are encouraging students to participate in Tracky Dack Day. Student will be allowed to wear their comfiest trackies and clothes to school

for a gold coin donation. The day is not just about comfort - it's about showing we care. On Tracky Dack Day, sick kids in hospital will also be getting into tracksuit pants and out of their PJ's to transform their mood and feel a little more cozy like they would be at home. The SRC are inviting students to wear their trackies on May 29th in solidarity with these kids and will be donating the money to TLC for Kids. TLC for Kids is an Australian children's charity which provide both practical and emotional support to sick children and their families. They aim to reduce stress for families and provide comfort for ill children with a variety of resources including their Distraction Box Program which includes therapeutics items to support children through illness and medical procedures. The SRC will send out flyers for Tracky Dack Day closer to the event.

### Succulents

The Preschool children will be planting a succulent garden as their gardening project this term. It is quite a big garden bed and they would like to use a variety of succulents to make it stand out. The children would really like your help with their project. If you have any succulents or cuttings that could be donated for the children to use then it would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help with a succulent donation, please contact the Front Office so that arrangements can be made for collection. We thank you in advance!

### Mother's Day

I wish all the mothers a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. I hope you are spoilt by your children and share a lovely day with them. I know that they will have plenty of ways to show you how grateful they are to have you as their mum.

Happy Mother's Day!

Corinne

## What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

To start off the new term we have been exploring the outdoors. The preschool children were excited to go on a nature walk to collect a variety of Autumn leaves to do a leaf rubbing activity. This encouraged the children to take turns and improve on their fine motor skills. We then looked at and discussed the different patterns and colours of the leaves that we noticed, before we sorted them into different groups. The preschool children have also enjoyed engaging with inside art and craft activities. They created many interesting things that were from their own imagination. This provided the children with opportunities to communicate their ideas and explore their individual interests in their own way. We had some beautiful crowns decorated this week.

*Nicole, Preschool*



## R-3 News

We have enjoyed coming back to school because we have really liked seeing our friends again and playing with them. We have all been in a class together and Miss Davey has been teaching us. This has been good because we get to see our other friends more and we can be more helpful with our learning towards each other. In our reading we have been really focussing on comprehension because this has been our focus lately. In Maths our focus has been learning the jump strategy. We are really enjoying this because it is similar to skip counting which we love. In STEM we have been looking at push and pull which has been very exciting as we were able to experiment with furniture and other objects in the classroom. In PE the game that we have been playing is called Bean Bag Bucket. It is a target game that we get points for depending on where the bean bag lands. This game has been a challenge but it's exciting. For Inquiry, Mrs Mowat has been teaching us and for this term we get to pick a place or animal that we want to find out more about. I (Sam) am doing cheetahs with Belle and I (Shannel) am going to work with Brandon to learn about snakes.

*Shannel and Sam, Year 1 and Year 2*



## Wellbeing News

Towards the end of last term, we taught other students how to make stress balls. There were a lot of students who came and we showed them a fun way to help keep calm. They lined up patiently and got to make a stress ball to keep. The Wellbeing Ambassadors were very thankful for everyone attending our first activity of the year. This term we will be planning two more lunch time activities which we will get to do later in the term. We hope they'll be as popular as the first one. Lisa is going to help us get them organised so watch this space!

*Nirvana, Wellbeing Ambassador*



## Enviro News

The Enviro Warriors have not had their first meeting for the term yet. In our next meeting we will be making a plan for what we'll be able to do together this term to look after our school environment. We were so excited to go on our excursion last term but then found out that it wasn't able to go ahead. We were so relieved to find out that the excursion was still going to happen and it just needed to be moved back a term. We're hoping that we can go by the end of this term or maybe early in Term 3. If you have any helpful ideas about projects for the Enviro Warriors please let your class reps know so that we can share them at our next meeting.

*Xavier, Enviro Warrior*



## SRC News

Welcome back to Term 2! The SRC would like to announce the new SRC Vice President, Lily Mathews. We thank D'Archi Bell for her contributions to SRC in Term 1 and all of her help.

Another change we would like to announce is the new Blue House Captain, Callum Hancock. We thank Harry Bell for his great help with the House Captain role in Term 1, his dedication to lunch time athletics organisation and getting practice equipment out. The SRC also congratulate the new Year 2/3 Enviro Warrior, Eddie Brooksby. Our thanks goes to Felix Bell for his motivation to keeping our school tidy and helping others last term. For the people taking on new positions we wish you all the best and hope you have fun. In SRC this week, we have been discussing new fundraisers and dress ups for Term 2. As SRC President, I would like to encourage students to try their hardest with their school work and strive for excellence!

*Blake, SRC President*



## Sports News

At lunch we are getting through these tough times by playing lots of four square. We are not playing proper footy yet to try to give each other space so we can only kick it to each other, do drills or play the footy game but it's a good start. Yesterday we played basketball at lunch which was good to see because it's nice to play something a bit different than we usually do. Combined School Sports Day, we have to wait for term four now for athletics but we're really looking forward to it.

*Callum, Blue House Captain*



## Choir News

Hi my name is Grace Mathews and I am the new Vice Choir Captain for the rest of the year. I'll be helping out the Choir Captain, Ned and our teacher Mrs Mowat when we have practices at school. The Adelaide Choir performance has been cancelled but instead we are going to make a movie of us singing our songs to send to Adelaide. We have been working really hard to practice the solo and alto parts. We are a bit nervous but happy at the same time. We all need to learn the solo parts so that we have someone or all of us to sing each solo for the movie.

*Grace, Choir Vice Captain*





## PCW Spot

Things I love about my Mum:

She's the best – Felicity  
She looks after us – Missy  
She helps us feed our lamb and calf - Belle

She is very understanding and she cares for everyone – Chloe H

She is a very funny human being – Lily  
She's awesome! She constantly does stuff – Blake

She's a good cook – Lachlan  
She likes helping us with our school work – Alex

She says "good work" when I do good writing – Jassen

She's always making me laugh and trying to help me – Callum

She's the best mum – Will  
She's a very good chef – Kobi

She is very organised. I like pretty much everything about her – Xavier

She's a good cook. She cooks Anzac biscuits – Jade and Shannel

She helps me when I have a bleeding knee – Daisy

She makes cookies with me when I am sad – Indi

She is beautiful – Ryan

She lets us have stories and she sings us songs every night – Ashley

Everything! – Bailey

I like her cooking and her hugs – Alex

She plays Uno with me – George

She gives us chocolates – Louis

She gives us Milo – Jimmy

It's hard saying only one thing. Can I say five? She looks after me, she's the best, she's nice, friendly and kind. Can I do ten more? - Elsie

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Lisa



## 4/5 News

Everyone in the class is excited to be back at school and to see everyone. It feels like such a long time since we have seen everyone. We have all settled back into school well. So far we have been learning about expositions and persuasive devices in English. In Maths, we have started learning about measurement. This week we are learning to find the perimeter of different shapes. In History, we are learning about Ancient China. This is really interesting. We learnt where different things are located in China such as the Yellow River and the Yangtze River, and how these helped the Ancient Chinese. We are now learning about the beliefs of Ancient China like Confucianism and Taoism. Technology is really fun, we are going on a website called code.org and we are learning how to code different characters. We are doing Visual Arts this term and we learning about the different techniques in collage. Last week we completed a media collage that represented us which we used magazines for.

Bryce Year 4

## 6/7 News

In Mathematics we have been learning about measurement. So far in Mathematics we have started working on units of measurement, length, perimeter and area. We are yet to learn about volume and capacity. In English, we have been learning about persuasive writing and making connections. In Science we are learning about Earth and space. In Health and PE, we are learning about relationships, wellbeing, lacrosse and we will be playing netball later in the term. In History we are learning about ancient Chinese civilisations. So far we have learnt about the physical features of Ancient China and their beliefs and values. In Technologies we are learning about coding, debugging and variables. We have also learnt how to use code blocks for moving animated figures. In Visual Arts we are learning about collage and Jeannie Baker. In Civics and Citizenship, we are learning about Australia's system of government, the three levels of government and the process of passing a bill.

Callum, Year 7

## Playgroup

The Playgroup that usually runs in the Preschool space is still postponed until further notice. We appreciate your understanding and will announce when this becomes available again in future.

## 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 Abigail Charlick for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for April. Abigail was awarded Aussie of the Month because she always ensures her work is done and shows great focus when checking her work. Well done!



# Padthaway School Term 2 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>1</b>	April 27 School Begins Term 2	28	29	30	May 1
<b>2</b>	4	5	6	7	8
<b>3</b>	11 Governing Council at 6:30pm	12	13	14	15
<b>4</b>	18	19	20	21	22
<b>5</b>	25	26	27	28	29 Tracky Dack Day
<b>6</b>	June 1	2	3	4	5
<b>7</b>	8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10	11	12
<b>8</b>	15 Governing Council at 6:15pm	16	17	18	19
<b>9</b>	22	23	24	25	26
<b>10</b>	29	30	July 1	2	3 School Ends Term 2 Early Dismissal 2:30pm



*Learning through Play*  
with the R-3's



*creating*



*exploring*



*cooperating*



*investigating*



*experimenting*



*communicating*



# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Felicity Orton

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is getting used to being back at school. I've been doing home schooling for a while so it was a little tricky coming back to school because I'd got used to

being at home.

My favourite subject is Spelling because we have been getting to do fun activities to practice our words like magnetic letters, chalk words and writing on the windows.

I looking forward to doing STEM because it is for three lessons of the week and we have been learning about push and pull. It is fun because we get to experiment with different forces.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to know and recite my 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables to make maths easier at school.

A skill I would like to develop is my shot put because we've been playing a game in PE and I'd like to be able to be more accurate so I can help my team win.

A goal for myself this term is to write more in depth in my Big Writes and have a good amount of VCOP, in particular improve in my range of punctuation because I like achieving my weekly goal and improving in my writing.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because we've been doing plenty of different games, having lots of fun and when we were learning from home we did PE with Joe off of YouTube which was awesome.

*Felicity, Year 3*



## Albie Hancock

Something I am proud of myself doing at school is my work in Maths because I put a lot of effort into my work and always try to stay focused.

My favourite subject is Spelling because I like doing all the different spelling activities, they are a lot of fun. I also like spelling because I am able to learn new words.

I am looking forward to school camp hopefully in Term 3 because I'm excited to see where we go and the activities that we will be able to. I am also looking forward to it because it will be lots of fun like last year.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write two pages in Big Write. I think I have really improved with my Big Write but I hope to get even better.

A skill I would like to develop is always remembering to put my hand up in class. I want to remember to not call out when others are speaking and wait for my turn to talk.

A goal for myself this term is to get better at lacrosse. I want to stay focused during PE lessons so I can get better at my lacrosse skills. I hope to be able to play a full game with the class.

So far this year I have loved Science and completing the Science project. I researched the Rock Wallaby and learnt about its habitat and the adaptations they have to survive. I am also enjoying Technology and working on the coding lessons.

*Albie, Year 5*



## Murphy Heym

Something I am enjoying at school is learning Ancient History and trying to write the most information about it because I like doing assignments and putting heaps of effort into them. My favourite subject is PE

because I enjoy burning energy and working together. I also like learning about new sports and the skills needed.

I look forward to doing PE at school because we will be trying lacrosse which is a sport that everyone must work together to win. Miss McFarlane is teaching us for this fun sport and we have already learnt a lot. We had a few fast and competitive games!

Miss McFarlane is a very knowledgeable and fun teacher.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write a lot neater because then people will be able to read my work a lot better. I have been practising to do my neatest writing a lot because practise will help you get better at everything.

A skill I would like to develop is speaking louder for speeches in class because it is a big skill to accomplish, everyone will hear what I share and I would be very proud of myself if I achieve this.

A goal for myself this term is read more because then I can try more book suggestions. I love buying books from the Scholastic catalogues we get from school!

So far this year I have loved doing Design and Technology because I enjoy mechanics and building cardboard creations.

*Murphy, Year 6*

### Dates to Remember

#### **11th May**

Governing Council

#### **29th May**

Tracky Dack Day

#### **8th June**

Queen's Birthday Holiday

### Tuck Day

#### **Term 2**

No tuck day available this term

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