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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



From the Principal

"Nature inspires creativity in a child by demanding visualisation and the full use of their senses."

- Richard Louv

Cubbies

It's cubby season again! This week students have been hard at work to find a tree space, collect building materials and start their cubby construction. Every Winter, the students always enjoy having the opportunity to be creative and collaborate on their cubby projects during lunch times. In Week 5, the SRC members and Enviro Warriors spent time sorting the natural building materials, cleaning out the old cubby areas and making sure that spaces were as safe as possible before students started building this week. The children were quick to use the materials provided for cubbies as well as search for their own and begin trading with other groups to collect what would work best for their own cubby designs. Having cubby season provides great opportunities for our students to work on design thinking, problem solving, communication, team work and risk analysis. The staff are already impressed by how the cubbies are evolving after just one week as the students are working so effectively together. With the rest of Winter still ahead for cubby building, it is exciting to think what great creations the students will be able to develop. We'll be sure to share their wonderful cubbies with you!

Virtual Cross Country

During Week 6, all students R-7 participated in Virtual Cross Country. To encourage children to continue to be active and compete in athletics, School Sport SA developed the Virtual Cross Country event for 2020. This entailed students participating in the event at their own school and then their times were uploaded. Once uploaded, the

times will be combined with the results from other schools. This creates competition with other children of the same age across the state.

The distances our students ran this week for Cross Country were:

500m— 5 years

750m— 6 years

1000m—7 years

1500m— 8 and 9 years

2000m—10 years

3000m—11, 12 and 13 years

The R-7 students put in a fantastic effort individually and showed wonderful sportsmanship as they encouraged each other to do their best and finish strong. We look forward to hearing the state results for all the age ranges once they have been collated online. Well done Padthaway students!

National Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday 27th of May, it was the 20th National Simultaneous Story Time. At 11am across the country, students read or listened to *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas* by Lucinda Gifford. In our school, the Preschool – Year 7 students followed the story time with activities related to the book. These included chicken handprint artworks, chicken pencil craft, colouring-in activities and using the comprehension strategy of making connections to connect the book to themselves, other texts and the world.

National Reconciliation Week

From 27th of May to 3rd of June it was National Reconciliation Week. Each class spent focused time, learning about Indigenous culture, the meaning of reconciliation, the importance of acknowledgment of country and significant shared historical events. Throughout the week they played Indigenous games, worked on symbol stories, read about Eddie Mabo and watched informative videos about Australia's first people to support their

understanding. There were many thoughtful and meaningful discussions in our school during Reconciliation Week.

Student Participation

Recently there have been a number of students advising teachers that they cannot participate in PE or sporting activities due to various injuries. Some of these injuries have not been communicated to the school. If an injury has occurred at school then a teacher is already aware of this, however if your child is unable to participate in these lessons due to an ongoing injury or injury which occurred outside of school, parents should contact the school. Please notify the Front Office or the class teacher via phone or written note. This will reduce any confusion and ensure students are participating in their regular PE and physical activities safely.

Tracky Dack Day

Last Friday, the SRC held Tracky Dack Day and raised \$100 to donate towards the TLC for Kids charity. The students and staff all looked extra comfy in their trackies for the day. It was brilliant to see the Padthaway students supporting such a great cause and we thank everyone who wore trackies to show their solidarity with ill children and families in hospital. Fantastic idea SRC!

Stone Soup Day

At lunch time today, the Wellbeing Ambassadors shared pumpkin soup with all the students in our school. The Ambassadors worked hard with Lisa to cook enough soup for everyone and were really excited that they could cook something to share with others and support their wellbeing. With the Winter weather setting in, their warm pumpkin soup really hit the spot. Thank you to the generous members of our community, for donating some of the delicious ingredients. Thank you to Nirvana, Callum, Chloe and Lisa for sharing Stone Soup Day with our school. *Corinne*

What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

This fortnight the preschool children were excited to make their own paper aeroplanes. The students had to listen to instructions and follow how to fold the paper. It was great to see the children having a go and trying their best to do it themselves. They were so excited to fly their planes and to see whose could travel the furthest. The preschool children have also made a huge car track inside the preschool. The children and I put different road signs together and discussed what these signs might mean and where we have seen them before. The children knew some of the signs and made inferences about the signs that they hadn't seen before. They did a fantastic job of taking turns to be the drivers, pedestrians and sign holders. The children engaged wholeheartedly and used a variety of descriptive and positional language throughout their play such as over, under, through, fast and slow. They were very excited to yell 'stop' or 'go' to the other children on the road and make up different scenarios as to why they had to stop on the road. Thank you to Will Turner for letting us use his road signs in the Preschool.

Nicole, Preschool



Sports News

The last week or so we have been playing football again because it is most likely that the football season is not going to start. This is a shame because most of

the Year 7 boys have just moved up to Junior Colts. Virtual Cross Country started on Monday the 1st of June. We joined in for it by running laps of the oval with Miss McFarlane. Now that people have started to play football there are even less people playing basketball which has opened up the court. We are now also playing down at cubbies so at lunch times which keeps us very busy.

Callum, Blue House Captain

6/7 News

In the 6/7 class we have finished most of our *Design a Farm* projects that we started a couple of weeks ago in Mathematics. Some of the students have completed their design so they are now making their farm in Minecraft. We have just completed our SA Spelling Tests for Term 2 on Tuesday 2nd of June. Now that everyone has finished their Term 1 projects they can finally do their *Ancient Chinese Civilization* project. I can't wait to see all the projects when they are in our museum. In Science we are making a small booklet with information about all the planets.

Callum, Year 7

2/3

News

In Maths during this fortnight we have been learning how to subtract. I have really loved the games that we have been playing – especially the snap game. During Inquiry lessons I am learning about Polar Bears with Jimmy. Jimmy and I are finding out interesting facts about Polar Bears like Polar Bears can only eat one fish at a time! In Spelling I have just gone up a level which is great because I get to learn harder words to challenge myself. Miss Clothier has just tested us all on our reading and I went from level 17 to 18! I love moving up levels with my reading because it means I improve in my reading. In Art we have been learning about the parts of music like fortissimo, forte, piano and piosomo. PE has been amazing because we got to create our own PE games and we got to teach and play my group's game yesterday and it was really fun and successful. I really like being in the Year 2/3 Class because it's a really colourful learning space and we learn a lot of great things and do lots of hard work!

Missy, Year 2



SRC News

This week in SRC meetings we have been discussing ways to play basketball more efficiently because we have had some people arguing about the rules and how the teams are unfair.

We have also been discussing how we will be monitoring cubbies and we cleaned the cubbies out to make it a safer area to build and play in. Tracky Dack day was really fun and I think most people enjoyed it. The SRC raised \$100 for sick children in hospital.

Blake, SRC President



Enviro News

The Enviro Warriors have started on our Term 2 projects. We have been doing some weeding down at the chicken shed. We have also planted some new seeds in the garden

and some of the vegetables are nearly ready to pull out. We're looking forward to making the rest of the scarecrow. We are hoping it will look nice in the garden and at the same time do its job of keeping the birds away.

We also hope it won't be long until we get to go on the day out at the Naracoorte Caves. We're all hoping we will learn something new while we're there so then we can bring it back to school and make our projects just that little bit better.

Xavier, Enviro Warrior



Choir News

It has been a shaky start for the choir students this term with Covid-19 but we are all still enjoying singing under the leadership of Mrs Mowat. At the moment we are trying out for solos and all the other parts for the big concert in Mount Gambier. Thanks to Grace for filling in for me while I was away.

Ned, Choir Captain



Wellbeing News

This week in Wellbeing we have been getting ready for our Stone Soup Day on Thursday. It is a great story about a community who comes together in sharing and giving. We made two big pots of pumpkin soup. It was free at lunchtime. We hope the students enjoyed the Stone Soup Day and the book.

Nirvana, Wellbeing Ambassador





PCW Spot

On Thursday Week 6 the Wellbeing Ambassadors made pumpkin soup for the whole school. They taught the school the old story of *Stone Soup* which is about a community where people would keep to themselves, but with a little bit of coaxing they came together to share ingredients and enjoy a large pot of soup together. The moral of the story is that sharing makes us all richer. Thank you so much to the generous Christian Church community of Padthaway who donated all these beautiful vegetables. With the current news stories we are hearing, what a great time to teach our children about the spirit of community (that is very much alive in Padthaway), generosity and kindness. What a great effort by the Wellbeing Ambassadors!

Lisa, PCW

4/5 News

We have had another busy week in the 4/5 class. We have started learning about volume and how to find the volume of shapes in Maths. The class is still working on our farm projects, but they are all looking great with some really cool designs. In English, we are now learning about discussions. The purpose of discussions is to write arguments for both sides of an issue. We are now starting to create our Solar System models in Science and completing our fact book about the different planets. In History, our Ancient China projects are looking great. I have created an Ancient Chinese knife out of clay. In PE this week we have started learning about netball. We also had to run laps of the oval to send in as our Virtual Cross Country time. The class has been doing different activities to learn about Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day. To relate to this years theme *In This Together* we also wrote on a hand what we can do to support reconciliation. Miss Duell then stuck all our hands together. The class is also really excited that cubbies are back.

Matthew, Year 5

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 Indi Broad for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for May. Indi was awarded Aussie of the Month because she is always polite on the bus, plays with everyone and makes sure she listens in class. Well done!



Stone Soup Day

R/1 News

It was fun making my parachute. I had to use lots of masking tape, lots of string and lots of air materials which will make it to fly up in the air. We went to the Preschool for Choice Learning. I played in the sandpit and got muddy. We filled the trucks with lots of things like mud, sand and even a millipede. I like learning to read and write in Literacy. In Inquiry we are researching with a partner. Jassen and I are researching pigs. Some pigs can grow as tall as a child. Pigs eat food scraps.

Louis, Year 1



Tracky Dack Day



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Daisy Orton

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is picking up rubbish outside and in the playground and doing the right thing in class. I have never been sent to buddy

class.

My favourite subject is Reading because we get to do teacher table. At teacher table you get to read with Miss Davey and today we got to read a tricky book about some racing cars. The orange car won because it kept going around the mud and the logs.

I look forward to playing games outside at school because it's fantastic and fun. I like doing frog hops where you jump into the hoops.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do the splits because it's tricky. My sisters have been teaching me.

A skill I would like to develop is counting to 100 so then I could play some games with my sisters.

A goal for myself this term is to do a cartwheel because I want to be good at doing gymnastics. I would like to be a teacher and help people with gymnastics. I might like to work on the farm too.

So far this year I have loved playing with my friends because I have been playing with Belle.

Daisy, Reception



Alice Ward

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is moving up a reading level because I can now do harder reading and challenge myself. It is great to pick harder books from the library and

classroom.

My favourite subject is Art because you can use your imagination. We have been doing art stations on class where there are lots of different things to use for our art. I have been adding feathers, glitter and fabrics to our collages.

I look forward to doing cubbies at lunch because you can trade sticks like small ones for big ones. I'm excited about building with my group.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write more pages in my Big Write because I like telling stories and sharing them with my class

A skill I would like to develop is maths games because sometimes they are very tricky and I'm desperate to win!

A goal for myself this term is to complete my writing nice and neatly because sometimes it is just a bit messy and I'd like to improve my work so my teacher is proud of me.

So far this year I have loved doing Art because you can use your imagination and create things that are in your head.

Alice, Year 2



Gus Brooksby

Something I am proud of myself doing at school is improving my listening skills because it helps me achieve my personal best. I have been working hard to become more focused when listening, and I am

becoming better at following instructions.

My favourite subject at school is History because we get to research and create an Ancient Chinese artefact. This is fun because I get to make, paint and glue.

I look forward to being able to walk again at school and not using my crutches anymore. I have four broken bones in my foot, so I always have to be on my crutches. I can't wait to walk again so I can run around with my friends and also do sport.

By the end of the year I hope to get voted in as a member of the SRC. I think that I would do a good job in this position and I would like to help make the school a better place. This is something I am aiming for next semester.

Something I would like to develop is to make more positive choices in class and to not take so many 'chill out' breaks from class. The 'chill out' breaks help me re-focus and return to class ready to learn.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to run again properly without my crutches.

So far this year I have loved doing Art because we are creating collages and we can also do drawing.

Gus, Year 4

Dates to Remember

8th June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

15th June

Governing Council

23rd June

SRC Celebrity Day

Tuck Day

Week 9

SRC Tuckday -

Sausages in Bread & Milo Balls

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PARENT FORUM TRANSITION IN 2020 AND BEYOND

This webinar will provide an opportunity for parents and carers of children and young people with a disability to learn more about the transition process and available support.

You will also hear an update of the planning for year 7 to high school 2022.

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Padthaway School Term 2 Calendar

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

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

National Simultaneous Story Time

