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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Preparing for the future...today"*



## From the Principal

*"Look at questions as keys on a key ring. Questions unlock doors. The bigger your key ring and the more keys you have, the more doors you can unlock."*

- John C. Maxwell

## Book Week

What a week it has been with Book Week! On Tuesday, the students dressed up as a character from a book to match the theme *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds* and got to strut their stuff down the catwalk for the morning parade. Congratulations to the winners from each class who won a Book Fair voucher for Best Dressed.

Preschool—Ellis Richards as the *Very Cranky Bear*

R/1—Belle Orton as the witch from *Room on the Broom*

2/3—Clayton Parham as a monster

4/5—Elsie (head) and Anna (tail) Orton as Macca the alpaca

6/7—Xavier Rothe as Bluey

Thanks to all the children who joined in by dressing up and their families for making some wonderful creations. The variety of creative costumes and characters was brilliant and the children had a blast. After lunch on Tuesday the children formed mixed-year level groups and participated in a rotation of 4 Book Week activities matching a book chosen by each class. They read *Searching for Cicadas, We're Stuck!, Louie and Snippy Save the Sea* and pages from *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals*. Throughout the afternoon they created play dough ugly animals, paper sailing hats, turtle bookmarks, leaf rubbings to camouflage their cicadas and enjoyed some contrast colouring-in, with sea-life and natural elements in bright colours and objects which are harmful to sea-life coloured grey. What a brilliant afternoon!

## Book Fair

The Front Office has been buzzing this week with Book Fair. The children's enthusiasm about books has been outstanding. It has been a pleasure to see so many smiling faces as they buy new books for their collections. If you haven't been in to check out the Book Fair, tomorrow is the last day for purchasing. Please come in and grab some great books to enjoy!

## Police Visit

On Tuesday, Senior Constable First Class Grant Baker 'Bushie' from SAPOL in Naracoorte visited our school. He had sessions with both the Preschool-Year 3 and Year 4-7 students. The children had a wide range of questions, got to look at the equipment, feel how heavy the vests are (10kg!) and have the excitement of the lights and sirens. It was wonderful for the children to hear about the important work that police officers do in our community. Thanks Bushie!

## SRC Tuckday

On Tuesday, 8th of September (Week 8) the SRC will be holding their termly Tuckday. They will be cooking up some delicious beef burgers with optional toppings and serving warm apple crumble with icecream for lunch. The SRC's mouths were already watering as they made plans for the upcoming Tuckday. Order forms will be out early next week.

## Enviro Warrior Dress Up Day

In conjunction with the SRC's Tuckday on Tuesday in Week 8, the Enviro Warriors will be hosting a Dress Up Day. The theme will be Flora and Fauna. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation if they dress up as a plant or animal. If students are not dressed up in the theme then they will need to wear their regular school uniform. The proceeds will be going towards the Naracoorte Caves, along with the money made from their colouring competition. Keep an eye out for the note next week for further details.

## Choir

We received news last week that the South East Primary Schools' Music Festival will no longer be proceeding this year. Unfortunately that means the students will not be performing on stage in Mount Gambier during Term 4. The Padthaway Choir students are disappointed that they won't be able to perform in front of a live audience but have shown resilience and positivity to overcome the difficult news. We will continue to practise the 7 core songs from the Adelaide Festival of Music to help us create a choir movie when the footage is distributed to schools at the end of this term. The children will also be working to refine their songs in preparation for our own school performance.

Corinne

## News From Mrs English

To the wonderful Padthaway community. I cannot believe I have been on leave for a year already. The English family are going well and I have very much enjoyed spending time with Henrietta at home. I am writing to let you know that next year I will be taking an extra year of leave to spend time with my family. This will coincide with us moving to Adelaide so Francis can take up a new opportunity with his work. It is with sadness that we leave this lovely region and the wonderful students, parents, staff and wider community of Padthaway. I will have fond memories of my time as Principal of Padthaway School and will remember each student for their love of learning, positive nature and connection to their local region. I hope to see you all before we leave, to say goodbye. Thank you for the ongoing support you have for the school and I wish the school and community all the best for the future. I hope to stay in touch.

Olivia

## What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

This week the Preschool, children have been engaging in a wide range of imaginative/dramatic play scenarios. In the boat area they have been using a map to follow and direct their play. They took turns being the captain of the ship to lead their crew to the treasure. While they were following the pictures on the map they were communicating to the other children using a variety of positional and descriptive language such as "we have to go over the mountains, through the forest and then we can sail across the sea".

The Preschool children have also been making a variety of delicious foods in our mud kitchen area. They were very excited to use and follow the recipe book. I noticed many of the children were looking at the pictures to see what ingredients and utensils they needed. It was also fantastic to observe the children's confidence grow while they were trying to recognise and communicate the different numbers in the recipe book!

*Nicole, Preschool*



## R/1 News

We have been learning about how to look after special places in Geography. Special places are places like our homes, our state and our land. We can look after these places by not leaving rubbish laying around and making sure the places are tidy so people know that we respect the places that we use. In Literacy, we have been learning about different types of poetry. Onomatopoeia is using a word to describe a sound, like for fireworks we might use *fizz*, *boom* or *pop*! In Numeracy, we have been learning about clocks, half past and o'clock. Half past is when the long hand points down and it points straight up when it is o'clock.



## Sports News



Basketball is back! Students have been participating in basketball at recess and lunch.

In PE with Miss McFarlane, we have played our first games of Basketball.

We did a round robin sort of exercise which worked well.

For our first PE lesson, the 4/5s joined us.

As the Year 6/7 leaders, we had to teach two of the Year 4/5's how to defend, shoot, dribble and pass.

*Lily, Yellow House Captain*

## 2/3 News

In Inquiry we are learning about a topic that we are interested in. I am researching how to speak Filipino and I have learnt the numbers and colours. I also have discovered how to say 'How are you?' which is- *Komister*. In Miss Davey's PE lessons we are learning about gymnastics and my favourite part is doing the lifting games and learning how to do it properly.

During our Maths lessons we have been busy learning about multiplication and I have loved learning how to do it and putting counters and others objects into groups. I am feeling confident doing it on my own. In Spelling I am very excited because I moved up from the dolphin group to the starfish group and I am enjoying the words that we are practicing. For Geography we have been learning how to look up places in Australia in an atlas. I liked looking for different places, especially Shark Bay which is in Western Australia. In Art lessons, sometimes we have time to draw in our Art books and I like to draw pictures of outer space. My favourite thing to draw from outer space is planets.

*Ryan, Year 2*



## SRC News

This week in SRC we have been discussing better ways to play basketball. One of the discussions we had has been about letting students who play basketball outside of school lead the

games and umpire as they know the rules and can teach those who don't usually play but like to join in at recess and lunch. On Tuesday, the SRC helped choose the winners for the Book Week Dress Up Day. They were Xavier Rothe, Anna Orton and Elsie Orton, Clayton Parham, Belle Orton and Ellis Richards. Congratulations to the students who won and we hope you enjoyed spending your \$10 Book Fair voucher.

We also got organised for the Week 8 Tuckday during our meeting. We will be making beef burgers with toppings and apple crumble with icecream. Sounds pretty delicious! We're looking forward to cooking up a storm.

*Blake, SRC President*



## Enviro News

The Enviro Warriors have been talking about what jobs need to be done around the school at the moment to keep it tidy. One lunch time of every second week, we will spend together cleaning up around the school. We'll be working on garden beds, weeding, sweeping and making sure the bin monitors are doing their jobs.

*Will, Enviro Warrior*



## Choir News

Last week we got the news that the Mount Gambier Concert has unfortunately been cancelled. Although we are disappointed, our team will still practice each fortnight for the Adelaide movie being sent to us at the end of this term, as well as performing at our School Christmas Concert. We'll only be improving our singing of the 7 Adelaide songs because we won't need the Mount Gambier songs anymore.

*Grace,*





## PCW Spot

I had so much fun last week cooking with students as we shared our favourite jokes. They had a great collection of funny and terrible jokes and we all joined in with lots of laughter. At one point it didn't actually look like we were going to get any cooking done at all!

There's a reason they say *Laughter is the best medicine*. It's true! It draws people together in ways that trigger healthy physical and emotional changes in the body. Laughter strengthens your immune system, releases endorphins which boost mood, reduces pain and protects you from the effects of stress. A good laugh is a fast way to lighten your burdens, inspire hope, connect with others and keep you grounded, focused and alert. It also helps you release anger and forgive sooner. We are so fortunate to be part of this wonderful school community because laughter and giggling is so often heard echoing through the buildings and out in the playground.

Joke: What do you call a pig that does karate? A Pork Chop

Lisa, PCW

## 6/7 News

This term in Maths, the 6/7 Class have been learning about percentages and how to write them. We even work percentages out which is fun and will help us with buying items that are on sale because then we can know how much money we save. In Drama, our bands have started choreographing music videos. We chose a song and are now developing the dance moves.

We are all excited this week because we found out the date for our School Fair which is going to be on in Week 9. We are looking forward to showing our friends and families what we have created. Ned and I have a stall called *Eat Clean*. We called it that because we are selling delicious food as well as homemade soaps to keep you squeaky clean. I can't wait to serve all the wonderful customers that come to our stall and see what all the other students have to share. Hopefully there will be a yummy mango drink of some kind because that's my favourite flavour.

In English, we are learning about *Dynamic Dialogue* in writing. That's when you use quotations marks, have characters talking in your writing and make the reader use expression because of punctuation. It makes the writing seem more interesting!

Nirvana, Year 6

## 4/5 News

We have had a great couple of weeks in the 4/5 classroom. We have all loved Book Week, it was fun to see everyone dressed up in their different costumes. The activity afternoon was awesome! Our favourite activity was creating the ugly animals. Visiting and buying things from the Book Fair has been lots of fun. The class has been enjoying P.E because we are now playing basketball. We have been practising the different basketball skills and everyone is getting much better. In Maths, we have been looking at decimal numbers. We have learnt how they relate to fractions, how to compare different decimal numbers and how to add and subtract them. In English, we have been looking at the structure of poems and we have written our own structured poems. So far we have written a Kennings poem and a Haiku poem. The class has now moved onto showing our knowledge of forces in Science by investigating the different forces used in sports. We are working together and looking into the forces used for soccer.

Axel, Year 5 and Jade, Year 4



## Wellbeing News

The Wellbeing Ambassadors have recently discussed that we are going to make masks as a school lunch activity, because when

people get bullied badly they may want to metaphorically *wear a mask* and be someone else. Students who feel like this need to know they are not alone. If you get sad, angry or upset, or any feeling other than your happy old self, please know you can always come out and see one of the Wellbeing Ambassadors for support. Callum, *Wellbeing Ambassador*



## Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Tuesday in even weeks from 9:00—10:30am. Playgroup is held during the Preschool session and allows greater social opportunities for children and held in conjunction with a morning tea 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 **8th September**.

## 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 Jade Beckett for being awarded the Aussie of the Month in August. Jade was awarded Aussie of the Month because he is always kind to others, he works hard and shows fabulous focus. Well done!



# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Eddie Brooksby

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is reading because recently I have moved up seven levels—from Level 11 to 18. I like the challenge of my readers now as they are harder than before.

My favourite subject is Maths because I like doing numbers. We have been learning about multiplication. I like this because we have been using counters for making groups and playing some games.

I look forward to doing dress-up days at school because they are lots of fun and I love the different activities that we get to do. I dressed up as a Ninja Turtle for Book Week.

By the end of the year, I hope to be reading Level 25 because I love reading books.

A skill I would like to develop is my spelling in my writing as I need to do a lot of editing after my Big Writes.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to keep running when I feel out of breath because running is very healthy for us.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because we get to learn and play a variety of fun games.

*Eddie, Year 2*



## Digby McGregor

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is becoming better at working by myself in class. I am also proud of how much I have improved in my writing and spelling during Big

Writes.

My favourite subject at school is Design and Technology because we get to build different designs which is lots of fun. I also enjoy Maths because I like adding, subtracting and using my times tables.

I look forward to playing Prodigy in Maths because solving the questions is fun. I also look forward to my lessons with Archie and Mr Edwards because we are learning to get along much better.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write two pages in Big Write. I have been writing more and more each week so I think I can do it.

A skill I would like to develop is to improve my computer skills, especially my typing. I also want to become better at Maths so that I can work on my own more.

A goal for myself this term is to take my name off the *Blurt Board* and make sure I am always listening when others are talking.

So far this year I have loved PE because we get to go outside and play different games.

*Digby, Year 4*



## Nirvana O'Farrell

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is making my writing neater. I have been working on it for a long time. I have also made my Big Writes

more interesting by elaborating on my ideas and ensuring they are easier to understand. My favourite subject is Drama. It is so much fun and it is a way that I can show who I really am. At the moment we are making music video clips.

I am looking forward to the School Fair. It's going to be so much fun showing the community what we have been doing in Economics and Business.

By the end of the year I hope to be the best writer I can be. I want to improve my pencil grip and I will make sure I practise at home. A skill I would like to develop is to *Show, Don't Tell* in my writing, so that I am being descriptive rather than just listing things.

A goal for myself this term is to focus and talk less during lessons so that I can keep up with my work.

So far this year I have loved PE and Drama because they are fun and I like letting loose and getting moving.

*Nirvana, Year 6*

### Dates to Remember

#### **3rd September**

School Photos

#### **7th September**

6.15pm Finance Advisory Meeting/6.30pm Governing Council

#### **8th September**

Enviro Warrior Dress Up Day—Flora and Fauna

#### **10th September**

Big Day Out: Preschool—Year 1

### Tuck Day TERM 3

#### **Week 7—1 September**

#### **Pumpkin Soup and Bread Roll**

Sam or Fi Ward

\* Muffins—Kylie Pethybridge

SOUP DONATIONS - 2L Pumpkin Each

Bron Longbottom

Tammy Mathews

Lissy Orton

Cheryl Merrett

#### **Week 8—8th September**

#### **SRC Tuckday**

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# Padthaway School Term 3 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>1</b>	July 20 School Begins Term 3	21	22	23	24
<b>2</b>	27	28	29	30	31 Enviro Warrior Excursion
<b>3</b>	August 3 Governing Council at 6:30pm	4	5	6	7
<b>4</b>	10 Student Free Day	11	12	13	14
<b>5</b>	17 3 Way Conferences (R-7)	18	19	20	21
<b>6</b>	24 3 Way Conferences (4/5 Class) Book Week	25 Book Week Dress Up Day	26	27	28
<b>7</b>	31	September 1	2	3 School Photos	4 Enviro Warrior Colouring Competition Entries Due
<b>8</b>	7 Governing Council at 6:15pm	8 SRC Tuckday Enviro Warrior Dress Up Day	9	10 Big Day Out P-1	11
<b>9</b>	14	15	16 School Fair	17	18
<b>10</b>	21 4-7 Camp	22 4-7 Camp	23 4-7 Camp	24 School Ends Term 2 Early Dismissal 2:30pm	25 School Closure Day

## South Australian School Dates 2020

Term 1 Begins	28 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 Begins	20 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 1 Ends	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 3 Ends	25 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 2 Begins	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 4 Begins	12 <sup>th</sup> October
Term 2 Ends	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Term 4 Ends	11 <sup>th</sup> December

# BOOK WEEK 2020

CURIOUS CREATURES. WILD MINDS.



