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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



## From the Principal

*"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."*

- Lou Holtz

My how time has flown! We are already well into the swing of Term 4 projects, learning and athletics practice. With a shorter 9 week term ahead, all students and staff have had an extra busy start. This term we have Athletics Day, excursions, Student Leadership Workshops, a Wellbeing Disco, Transitions, Graduation and School Concert. Although we have so many wonderful events this term, I encourage everyone to continue maintaining their focus on learning and striving for excellence in all areas. Keep it up!

### Athletics Day

In Week 4, on Friday the 6th of November we will be holding our school's annual Athletics Day. For the first 4 weeks of this term the students work hard, practicing events and pushing themselves to achieve their personal best so they will be ready to shine on the day. I already know of a number of students who have set their sites on trying the break records this year. During Weeks 1-4, the House Captains support the teams to practice for the R-7 Relay and 3-Legged Race. The Blue Team practice at lunch on Tuesdays and the Yellow Team on Wednesdays. Each Friday afternoon the whole school also get together and practice the Bucket Relay and team songs. Our first fortnight of practices have made for a stellar start. Athletics Day will be a brilliant event for the students, families and staff. We are all looking forward to a day of friendly competition and sportsmanship. GO **BLUE AND YELLOW!**

### Frances Athletics

Tomorrow, we will be visited by the Years 4-7 students from Frances Primary School. They

will join us after recess to compete in High Jump, Long Jump and Sprints until lunch and also stay to share our regular lunch break. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have some friendly competition for these athletics events which will not only extend their athletics skills but also their social opportunities. The students are eager to compete against new people and we are thrilled to offer this opportunity to the students from both schools.

### SAPSASA Athletics

Last term a number of students from Years 4-7 tried out for the Upper South East SAPSASA Athletics Team. It was great to have so many Padthaway students eager to try out and we congratulate them on their outstanding efforts. The USE Athletics Team was announced last week, with 3 students from our school selected to attend the SAPSASA Athletics competition in Adelaide on Week 6 Friday. Congratulations and well done to Jessica Frick, Henry Orton and Elsie Orton. We wish them the best of luck competing on the day!

### Year 7 Transition

For our Year 7s, Term 4 is the busiest. Along with all the normal learning, assessments, projects, extra curricular activities and school events at Padthaway, they also begin their transition to becoming high school students. On Tuesday, the 20th of October, the Naracoorte High School Principal, Assistant Principal and Wellbeing Coordinator visited our school. They discussed what transition would be like for the Year 7s, what subjects Year 8 students do and answered a number of questions. They were also accompanied by a former Padthaway Primary student and current Year 8, Kiele Longbottom. She shared her experience at Naracoorte High School and what she has been working on this year. It was wonderful to have her back in our school and supporting our Year 7 students. As the term continues, there are other

important dates for the Year 7s regarding transition. Next Tuesday, on the 27th October, the Year 7 students will be visiting NHS for an official tour. In Weeks 6 and 8 they will be attending NHS for two full Tuesdays (November 17th and December 1st) of transition. During these transition days they will meet with students from other schools that will also be in Year 8 next year and be introduced to a range of high school subjects and experiences. Transition and change of any kind can be accompanied by a wide variety of emotions for people of all ages. During this time of transition it is important to check in with the Year 7 students and remind them that we are excited for them but also there for support should they have questions or worries. Although we will all be sad to lose our Year 7 leaders at the end of the year, we look forward to having great experiences with them throughout Term 4 and supporting them through this transition period. We will also proudly be celebrating their primary education in Week 9 with their Graduation Lunch and Concert Graduation Ceremony.

### Preschool Transition

Another important transition which occurs between services this term is that of our Preschool children. They will soon become Reception students and Pre-entry children will start their official Preschool year in 2021. Each Tuesday, the Preschool children spend one lesson a week visiting in the Junior Primary space with Nicole, to engage in play which supports their adjustment to a new class, different students, more peers and other educators. Their official transition visits will be Tuesday Week 7 until 10:50am, Week 8 until 1pm and Week 9 for a full day. Term 4 will be a special time for the youngest members of the school and we are excited to support them as they learn and grow during these new experiences.

Corinne

## What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

Welcome back for Term 4. I hope everyone had a fantastic holidays. For the new term, the Preschool children have started to learn about different types of animals. The children were eager to make jungle play dough, making a variety of animals and using a range of natural resources such as sticks, leaves, corks and bark. It was great to see some of their play dough creations, including making animal prints, building different animal habitats and making their own forests.

The children have also enjoyed engaging in our small world jungle area. Throughout this play, they have had the opportunity to explore new materials, act out scenarios from real life, build language and practice their social skills. The children also used this as an opportunity to make connections from home to Preschool through discussing what types of animals they have.

*Nicole, Preschool*

## 2/3 News

During Maths, we have been talking and learning about time. It's been so much fun to learn the hours and the minutes and the difference between analogue and digital time. In our Science lessons we've been learning about the sun. While learning about the sun we watched a video about it and had to come up with some questions. One of my questions is: *How many different constellations can stars make?* In Geography lessons, we have been learning about weather and climate and what the difference is. The difference is that weather is the temperature and the daily forecast, whereas climate is the weather patterns over a longer period of time. In our Reading lessons we have been learning about Authors Purpose and to remember this there is an interesting acronym to remember which is P.I.E. P stands for persuade, I stands for inform and the E stands for entertain.

In PE lessons, we have been practising for Athletics Day and my highlight for PE is when we practise High Jump because I feel like I am improving.

*Brandon, Year 3*



## Sports News

So far in PE we have been practicing Athletics Day events. We have already done Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump and High Jump. At lunch on Tuesdays and

Wednesdays, Blue and Yellow have been practicing their relay for Athletics Day. We have also started practicing the Three—Legged Race. The Sports Captains make sure to help all the younger student so they know what to do on the day.

All the Sports Captains have started organising the Parent/Staff/Sports Captain Relay which will be held after the whole school Bucket Relay towards the end of Athletics Day. We are all very excited for the Blue vs Yellow Athletics Day this term.

*Xavier, Yellow House Captain*



## Wellbeing News

This term the Wellbeing Ambassadors will be focusing on something a bit different than hopefulness, and gratitude which we did earlier in the year. They will however,

be tied together. We are still discussing our exact ideas for Term 4. One decision which we have definitely made for this term is to host a Wellbeing Disco towards the end of the year. It will have all different games and activities about wellbeing. There will be music and lots of people having fun.

*Nirvana, Wellbeing Ambassador*

## 2021 Reception Forms

For students starting Reception in 2021, please return the school enrolment forms to the Front Office as soon as possible. They were distributed last term. If you need another copy, please contact the Front Office.



## SRC News

Welcome to Term 4! All of the students are really excited to be back at school and we are all getting ready for Athletics Day in Week 4.

The SRC were very happy to start the term by presenting the Aussie of the Month for September to Sam Brammar. We decided Sam had earned it for always working hard in class, striving for excellence and making sure he is a kind friend. It's great to see younger students being so responsible.

*Blake, SRC President*



## Enviro News

During the holidays we had lots of rain and sunny weather so now we have lots of weeds that have popped up in the garden. The Enviro Warriors have been busy spending

Wednesday lunchtimes weeding and getting the school tidy so it is ready for Athletics Day.

*Will, Enviro Warrior*



## Choir News

On Monday this week, we had our last full practice of all the Choir songs before making the movie. On Thursday, Week 4 we are filming for our movie, so could the Choir members

please practice at home as much as you can. The rest of our practices for this term will be focused on the 4 songs that we will sing at School Concert. Concert will be the only live performance we have this year so we will be putting in lots of effort to get the songs perfect.

*Ned, Choir Captain*

## Keppoch Christmas Party

Sadly we are unable to have the Keppoch Christmas Party this year due to COVID-19 requirements. The committee is looking forward to being able to hold the event again in 2021.

*Keppoch Christmas Party Committee*





## PCW Spot

I was sent a meme at the beginning of the school holidays of a mother waving to her young children who were dressed in uniform and carrying their schoolbags, walking away from the house. The caption read *I know school doesn't start till next week, just walk slowly.* For some families Term Four couldn't start soon enough and it is already flying by. It is wonderful to see the students straight back into learning and discovering, ready for what is always an action packed term. As we approach the 'Silly Season' where the calendar is filling up, we often feel exhausted from rushing here and there and ticking things off our 'To-Do' list. May I encourage you in this season to make time each day to be present with your children (as they will be feeling tired too no doubt). This can be as simple as sitting down to eat meals together as a family and chatting about the day, doing a chore together or having a game of UNO. You are doing a wonderful job of raising little human beings!

Joke: What do you call a bee that can't make a decision? A Maybe.

Lisa, PCW

## 6/7 News

The last two weeks in Maths, we have been learning about angles, what they are called and how to tell what type of angles they are. These are some of the angles I know: acute, right, obtuse, straight, reflex and full revolution. In English we have been looking at how to write an information report. In Big Write, this week we had to write an information report about any vehicle and I chose to do an army tank. In Art, we have been designing paper mache masks for the end of year School Concert. I chose to do a blue parrot but other people chose trees, elephants, other birds and frogs. Quick Math's joke: Why do plants hate math? Because it gives them square roots.

Kobi Laffan-Greenman, Year 7

## 4/5 News

Welcome back everyone. We are all excited to be back at school and seeing our friends. In English, we are focusing on information reports. We have looked at the structure, how to write clear paragraphs and use topic sentences. During Maths, we have begun learning about chance. We have been using chance language such as, likely, unlikely and even chance to describe and show chance. We have started learning about solids, liquids and gases in Science. We had to look at different examples of liquids and describe the properties of each one, for example, honey is a thick and sticky liquid but milk is a runny and wet liquid. In Geography, the class has started learning about the different environments located around the world. So far we have learnt about the climate, animals and plants located in a deciduous forest, a coniferous forest and a desert. We have also marked their location on a map. In Design and Technology, we learnt the difference between renewable and non-renewable energy sources. Renewable energy can be used again and again, like sun or water energy. Non-renewable energy can't be used over again, they are limited, like coal and gas. PE has also been fun because we are practising for Athletics Day. We have practised Long Jump, Discuss, Shot Put and High Jump.

Digby and Elsie, Year 4

## R/1 News

In Science, we have been creating hats to learn about different materials. Some of the words we can use to describe materials are shiny, pointy, soft, bendy and bumpy. We have been learning about money in Numeracy. We know that one dollar coins are worth more than 50 cent coins even though 50 cent coins are bigger. In Art, we have been painting *Tigers in a Tropical Storm* by Henri Rousseau. We painted our background first and then followed the tutorial to draw the tiger over the top.

Latoya, Year 1

## 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 **3rd of November.**

## 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 Sam Brammar for being awarded the Aussie of the Month in September. Sam was awarded Aussie of the Month because he has been a kind friend to everyone and always works hard in class to make sure he is doing his best. Well done!



# 4/5 Wheels Day

# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Belle Orton

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is reading really well because I am up to Level 7 and I have had to practice lots to get to Level 7.

My favourite subject is

Art because it is fun to make pictures. I liked making tiger pictures because I got to draw it all by myself. We had to follow the steps in the video to draw our tigers.

I look forward to doing Christmas activities at school because it's fun and we are getting ready for Santa to come. I am looking forward to doing our Concert dance because our song is really funny.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to get up to Level 8 readers. I will have to read a lot and practice tricky words.

A skill I would like to develop is counting to 100 so then I could teach other kids how to do it too.

A goal for myself this term is to write 8 sentences in Big Write. If I could write 8 sentences I would be really proud of myself.

I like to write stories about cats and dogs.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because I like practicing for Athletics Day. I like practicing Long Jump and the Relay Race. I have to pass the stick to Daisy in the Relay Race.

*Belle, Reception*



## Alex Charlick

Something that I am proud of myself doing at school is my typing. I have become quite good because I used to be very slow but I am now faster and I'm not looking at the keyboard as much.

My favourite subject is Health because we normally share our peaks and valleys. A peak is a good thing about the week and a valley is a something not so good from our week.

I am looking forward to the School Concert this year. We are all doing the same dance in the class this year instead of smaller groups.

By the end of the year I really want to be able to use my punctuation correctly in all my writing.

A skill I would like to develop is to be able to jump further in Long Jump. I want to be able to jump three metres in Long Jump because I want to get Yellow team as many points as I can.

A goal for myself this term is to write two full pages in my Big Write.

So far this year I have loved doing collage is Visual Art because I've always loved creating art and I love challenging myself with my art.

*Alex, Year 5*



## Lachlan Hayes

Something I am proud of myself for doing is learning about angles in Maths. I have learnt about corresponding, co-interior, alternate, vertically opposite and angles at a point. I can

use my knowledge now to find unknown angles.

My favourite subject is Reading because I like reading big novels that last a long time. My favourite book this year was about the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

I look forward to doing Maths at school because we are learning about angles.

By the end of the year I hope to know all of my times tables. I need to make sure I practise at home and look for patterns to help me.

A skill I would like to develop is my spelling and I would like to get full marks on my tests.

A goal for myself this term is to be on task and get my work done on time. I need to develop my time management skills.

So far this year I have loved running our market stall for the School Fair. We got a lot of customers, so I thought it was very successful.

*Lachlan Hayes, Year 6*

### Dates to Remember

#### **26th October**

Governing Council

#### **27th October**

Year 7s - Naracoorte High School Visit

#### **6th November**

Athletics Day

#### **17th November**

Year 7—Transition Day 1

### Tuck Day TERM 4

#### **Week 3**

##### **27th October**

**Nuggets and Salad**— Emma Cooper

\*Muffins— Hannah Orton

#### **Week 4**

##### **3rd November**

**Hot Dogs**— Fi Ward

\*Muffins— Robyn Kirkham

Kirilie Turner

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# Preschool Term 4

Learning about animals through  
engaging in different play areas



# Padthaway School Term 4 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>1</b>	October 12 School Begins Term 4	13	14	15	16
<b>2</b>	19	20	21	22	23
<b>3</b>	26 Governing Council at 6:15pm	27 Year 7 Visit to NHS	28	29	30
<b>4</b>	November 2	3	4	5	6 Athletics Day
<b>5</b>	9	10	11	12	13
<b>6</b>	16	17 Year 7 Transition Day 1	18	19	20
<b>7</b>	23	24 SRC Tuckday Preschool – JP Transition (until 10:50am)	25	26	27
<b>8</b>	30 Governing Council at 6:15pm	December 1 Year 7 Transition Day 2 Preschool – JP Transition (Until 1pm)	2	3	4
<b>9</b>	7	8 Preschool – JP Transition (All Day)	9 Yr 7 Graduation Lunch School Concert	10 R-7 Bordertown Movie Excursion	11 Assembly School Ends Term 4 Early Dismissal 2:30pm

## South Australian School Dates 2020

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