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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## From the Principal

*"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."*

- Phil Jackson

## World Teachers' Day

On Friday the 30th October, it was World Teachers' Day. On this day we acknowledge the dedication that teachers show to helping children learn and grow, thanking them for the important work they do as part of our team, school and students' learning. This year we celebrated World Teachers' Day with a morning tea kindly provided by our SSOs. A huge thank you to each of our teachers at Padthaway. Thank you for working to build our students up, all the time and effort you put into creating meaningful learning experiences, supporting our school to offer extra curricular activities for the students and being passionate about your work. We appreciate all that you do! We hope that every teacher enjoyed the special day.

## SRC Benches

During the school break three new outdoor benches arrived which were purchased at the end of last term by the SRC. Last week, Mr Eddy visited and helped some of the SRC members build the benches which are already being enjoyed by all of the students. The benches are practical, durable and stylish after many discussions and considered decisions by the members at SRC meetings. Although they are already being used in break times, they will also be great to use for our school events including Athletics Day tomorrow. Thank you to our SRC for purchasing this new outdoor seating for the school. Thank you also to Mr Eddy for volunteering time to work on the benches with our students. Well done SRC, the benches look fantastic!

## Outdoor Classroom Day

Today we celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day. The Preschool children enjoyed plenty of play outside and the R/1, 4/5 and 6/7 Classes took most or all of their lessons outside for the day and did some unique activities like creating bird feeding ornaments and chemical reaction experiments to explore gases in Science. The 2/3 Class used their excursion money from the School Fair to travel to Bordertown for a 1 hour hip hop dance lesson, delicious pizza lunch and afternoon visit to Clayton Farm. The 2/3s were very excited to be able to celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day with a special excursion. We are so fortunate in Padthaway to have so much space outdoors for our student to learn and play in. It's been a great day, reminding us to be active, get fresh air and enjoy the environment.

## Athletics Day

Tomorrow is our annual Athletics Day. Programs were sent out last week and the children have been working hard on practicing for each event. Students need to remember to wear their team colour (Yellow or Blue) as well as bring a hat and water bottle. We will have a coffee van available all day, the Fundraising Committee will have sandwiches, wraps, pies, sausage rolls and cakes available to purchase during break times and the SRC will have cold drinks for sale. A reminder that buses will not run on Athletics Day so please ensure you have other arrangements made. Thank you to the member of the Governing Council and our staff that have helped out with preparations, practices and the Working Bee this term to ensure we have tidier grounds, easier access to Athletics equipment and for the day. We appreciate everyone who has given their time to support the school and the upcoming Athletics Day. We look forward to seeing the students and families ready for a fantastic day of Athletics tomorrow. Go Teams!

## 2/3 Excursion

Today the Year 2/3s travelled to Bordertown in celebration of Outdoor Classroom Day and using their funds raised from the School Fair. Before having a shared pizza lunch from the *Bordertown Food Court*, the class enjoyed a one hour hip hop dance lesson at *Elevated Dance*. During their dance class they learnt 8 new hip hop moves and enjoyed practicing as they put their own spin on things. After lunch they visited *Clayton Farm* where they learnt about the history of the buildings, tools and farm. They were able to watch a blacksmith as he worked and even got a special souvenir to each take home.

## 6/7 Survival and Leadership Skills

On Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 3, the Year 6/7 students had the opportunity to work with Scout Survival Coach, Barry (Bazza) Clark. He has worked with many Upper Primary students and Scout groups, supporting their growing leadership, team working abilities and bush survival skills. He has also worked with some of our 6/7 students in previous years when he supported the PCW initiative Guys Group. Over the two days, Barry worked with the class on bush survival and leadership skills. The students learnt about safely lighting fires, how to attract attention if in need of help, purifying water, types of shelters as well as many other important skills to help them enjoy the bush while protecting themselves in the natural elements. Barry also supported the 6/7s to collaborate, strengthen their leadership skills and enhance their ability to work as a team. They needed to complete a range of tasks which required creative problem solving, clear and positive communication, active listening and persistence. It was great to see our Upper Primary students accepting challenges and working through them together.

Corinne

## What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

This fortnight, it has been great to see the Preschoolers enthusiastic about their reading. They have been taking turns to read familiar books to the whole class. Throughout reading they have been making connections to the pictures in the book and some have been looking at the starting letters of the words for clues. Some of the Preschool children have also had a go at reading books independently and they like to use their fingers to point to the different letters and try to sound them out to form the words. The children seemed very proud of themselves for reading books without an adult. The children have also been more interested in the Book Making area. Here is where they make their own books and we talk about the title, illustrator, author and words. Some children are trying to put these in their own books now. Well done Preschool!

*Nicole, Preschool*



## R/1 News

In Science and Health we have been learning about how hats work and what makes a hat good. We have been learning about different materials that we could use to make a hat. In Geography we used Aboriginal symbols to represent our special places. My special place was the National Park and I used symbols to show goannas, kangaroos, the sun, rain and people sitting around a fire. In Numeracy we have been learning about Place Value and groups of 10. We have been adding them up quickly to make 2-digit numbers.

*Jimmy, Year 1*



## Sports News



This term we have been really looking forward to the annual Blue vs Yellow Sports Day that is finally happening this Friday. On Friday afternoons each week this term,

the whole school have gotten together to practise the team games. This year the house captains have decided to do the Bucket Relay after not doing it for the last two years as well as elected to do a Staff, Parent and House Captain Relay. The team games will be held after the Blue and Yellow Batten Relay and 3-Legged Race on Sports Day. Having team games is always a great way to finish the day because the whole team and school are together cheering each other on. See you at Sports Day!

*Lily, Yellow House Captain*

## 2/3 News

In Maths lessons recently we have been learning about fractions. It is important that when we are dividing something into parts it has to be equal. The fractions that we are learning about are halves, quarters and eighths. During Science lesson we are learning all about the Sun and the Earth. A fact that I have learnt is that the Earth rotates and orbits around the sun. I am looking forward to doing our Science experiment next week. For Inquiry I am learning and researching about how to speak Filipino words. I am interested in this because it is good to know about and learn other languages. To say the word colour in Filipino is 'Kulay'. In PE lessons we have been practising for Sports Day. I have really enjoyed practising the High Jump as I have learnt how to do it properly this year. I am looking forward to doing it on Sports Day to see how I do. For our Art lessons we have been painting and learning about what the different paint brushes are for. Last week we all followed some steps to do a picture of a tiger. They turned out great!

*Ryan, Year 2*



## SRC News

This fortnight in SRC, Mr Eddy and the SRC have finally assembled the new benches that arrived in the holidays. The SRC think the look really good and the students do too.

The SRC are also very excited for Sports Day in Week 4. The SRC will get to welcome everyone to start the day and be selling cold drinks to quench people's thirsts. We all hope everyone will have a great day.

*Blake, SRC President*



## Enviro News

The Enviro Warriors have continued to work on keeping the school tidy by weeding. We have been doing some jobs around the school to help Mrs Mowat and talking to the other students about how to keep the school looking great.

*Will, Enviro Warrior*



## Choir News

In Choir we are practicing our four songs for Concert, Raining on the Plains, Advance Australia Fair, Sing and last but not least, Higher Ground. We are lucky because we will have the Mount Gambier Choir Conductor coming to visit for our final practice in Week 9 and coming to Concert to conduct us. Everyone needs to make sure that they keep practicing at home so we put on our best and only live performance for this year.

*Ned, Choir Captain*



## Wellbeing News

This term in wellbeing our class has been assigned to plan a 25-minute lesson to teach the class of their choice. There are great ideas that people have thought of so far. On Tuesday we had a wellbeing meeting at the ILC located at the Naracoorte High School. It went really well. Its great hearing ideas from the other schools. Next week we'll be getting plans in place for the Wellbeing Disco and discussing how to teach this term's focus on bravery for each class.

*Chloe, Wellbeing Ambassador*

## PCW Spot

Happy World Teachers Day to our incredible teachers (for 30th Oct)! It has been a particularly challenging year for our teachers who have had to navigate their way through the uncertainties of

this pandemic. They have given so much of their personal time and energies into setting up digital learning and ensuring that our school is a safe place to learn, grow and play when we all returned to learning back on site. Many of our teachers have had their own personal challenges, losses and disappointments this year. Despite all of this, they have turned up to school each day, with optimism and positivity, finding joy in seeing our students grow and discover who they are in this world. I am inspired by the way our teaching staff go over and above for each individual student. So a huge thank-you to our passionate, kind, supportive, generous and fun-loving teachers! You are AMAZING!!!

Joke: Why didn't the skeleton go to the school dance?  
Because he had nobody to go with.

Lisa, PCW

## 6/7 News

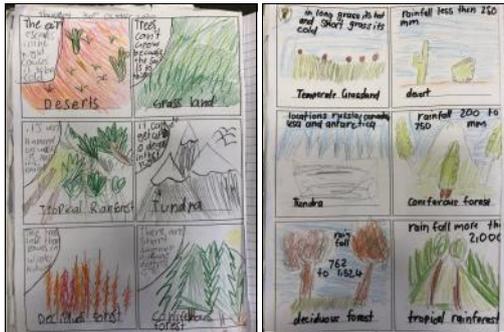
Last week the 6/7 class had Barry 'Bazza' Clark from Adelaide Scouts come to the school to teach us important survival skill. He taught us how we can light fires using flint and steel and a magnifying glass. He also taught us how to collect water and how to attract attention using things like a car mirror and CDs. In Math, we have started Cartesian planes. A Cartesian plane is a coordinate map that is used to pin point a certain place. First you find the number you need on the x axes then on the y axes. We remember this by saying, 'you crawl before you climb'. In English, we have been learning about information reports and how to use good vocabulary to engage the reader. We have been using the 2nd half of our English lessons to research information about our Big Write topics.

Abigail Charlick, Year 7

## 4/5 News

In Maths, we have been learning about data. We have practised making different graphs to represent our data. This included picture graphs, column graphs and dot plots. We also learnt how to make graphs on the computer. Everyone is now collecting their own data by surveying other students in the class and school. I am investigating what everyone's favourite mythical creature is. For English, we have been learning how to write good paragraphs using the hamburger model. Our last Big Write topic was an information report on a sport or animal. I chose to write mine about crabs. During Indonesian lessons we have been focusing on health and exercise. We are working in groups to create a fitness routine, which we have to share to the class. Media Arts has been a lot of fun because we are making our own magazine covers. In Geography, we learnt about all the different types of environments. We are now learning about how important vegetation is to animals and people. Below is a photo of our environments of the world task.

Eliza, Year 4



Eliza, Year 4

George, Year 5

## 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

**17th 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 Digby McGregor for being awarded the Aussie of the Month in October Digby was awarded Aussie of the Month because he has been working hard to make positive choices and striving for excellence in Reading. Well done!



## 4-7 Athletics with Frances



# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Jassen Beckett

Something I am proud of is using all of my ideas in Big Write and trying to get my goals each week. I am proud of this because I want to improve in my structure

of my writing.

My favourite subject is Inquiry because I am able to do a PowerPoint and I am learning all about penguins. A fact about them is they can be found in different places such as New Zealand, Australia and South America.

I look forward to doing Science lessons at school because we are learning all about the sun. I have learnt that the sun rotates in one spot, so it doesn't move.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read Level 17 as I am currently on Level 14.

A skill I would like to develop is throwing the Vortex properly because it helps me to learn better throwing skills.

A goal for myself this term is to try my best and not to ask my teacher too many questions so I can improve on my independent work skills.

So far this year I have loved doing Maths because I am improving in my Maths knowledge and we have just learnt all about money which I loved.

*Jassen, Year 2*



## Elsie Orton

Something that I am proud of is learning my 9 times tables because I can now say them a lot quicker and out of order. I am also proud of getting into SAPSASA Swimming and

Athletics.

My favourite subject is PE because we are practising the different athletic events for Sports Day. I am also enjoying Dance in Art because we are practising for school concert.

I look forward to doing Maths at school because we are collecting data and making graphs with the data we collect. I am finding out what everyone's favourite chocolate flavour is. I am also looking forward to Sports Day on Friday.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to know my 6, 7 and 8 times tables better. I want to be able to say them quicker.

A skill I would like to develop is my drawing. I want to be able to draw people and faces.

A goal for myself this term is to try and get all of my core words correct.

So far this year I have loved camp and Pancake Day because they were a lot of fun. I also enjoyed when we got a free choice topic in Big Write.

*Elsie, Year 4*



## Ned Ward

Something I am proud of doing at school is our School Fair stall. I worked with Nirvana and we sold soaps, bath bombs, marshmallows, strawberries dipped in chocolate and jelly. I learnt that business is a lot

harder and more fun than it looks.

My favourite subject is PE because we can do lots of different sports. This term we have been doing lots of Athletics Day training. I really enjoy High Jump. On Athletics Day, I want to jump 1.25m.

I look forward to doing Athletics Day at school because it is my favourite day of for the whole year. I think the Yellow team will eat Blue for breakfast again.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do a tail whip on my dirt bike but for school it is probably getting all my assignments finished on time. I need to keep chipping away and do one bit at a time.

A skill I would like to develop is to try and get along with everyone in my class and try to not talk as much.

A goal for myself this term is to get my mask for concert made in time. I am making a rhinoceros out of Paper Mache.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because I get to go outside and improve my skills for Athletics Day.

*Ned Ward, Year 6*

### Dates to Remember

#### **6th November**

Athletics Day

#### **17th November**

Year 7—Transition Day 1

#### **24th November**

Preschool-JP Transition until 10:50am

Information session Preschool-JP at 3:45pm

Information session Preschool – Yr 2 4:00pm

### Tuck Day TERM 4

#### **Week 5**

#### **10th November**

**Pizzas**— Kate McGregor

\*Muffins— Corinne Mowat

#### **Week 6**

#### **17th November**

**Ham and Cheese Toasties**— Emma Cooper

\*Muffins— Tammy Parham

Kirilie Turner

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# Year 6/7 Leadership Skills



## 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

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