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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



## From the Principal

*"Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can; there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did."*

- Sarah Caldwell

Welcome back! The 2021 school year has started with a BANG! We have already jumped into a new year of learning, with a busy term schedule planned and a week of swimming lessons nearly finished. It is wonderful to have the students back and filled with enthusiasm. We're excited to have a fantastic year!

### Governing Council AGM

On Monday 8th of February, the Governing Council will be having their Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm. All families are welcome to attend. If you would like to represent the families of Padthaway School as a member of the Governing Council we look forward to seeing you there.

### Parent Information Afternoon

All parents and caregivers are invited to the Parent Information Afternoon on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. All information regarding classes and times was sent home in a note earlier this week. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Yr.7 to High School: 2022-2024

As you would be aware, Year 7 is moving to high school in 2022. This includes regional secondary and area schools. If your child attends an eligible primary school and will be in Year 7 between 2022 and 2024, you can contact the school's Principal to keep your child in primary school if you have a particular reason for wanting them to stay. This is called a 'by exception' exemption and is only available where special circumstances exist, for a transition period from 2022-2024. Padthaway Primary school is an eligible school, as we are located more than 20km

from a high school. For more background information please visit the Year 7 to High School pages at:

[www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS)

### Student Representative Council

On Monday, students across the school presented speeches and voted for their new SRC members. The speeches were filled with positive ideas to help improve Padthaway Primary and ways they could support fellow students. Congratulations to our Semester 1 representatives, R/1/2: Daisy Orton and Skyla Cooper and 3/4/5: Felicity Orton and Brandon Cooper. We also congratulate our SRC representatives who will lead our school for the entire year, Sam Hayes - Secretary, Lachlan Hayes - Vice President and Anna Orton - President. All of our SRC members will work hard to ensure our school is filled with student voice and leadership this year.

### House Captains

The House Captains for the Blue and Yellow teams were selected on Tuesday. The students split into their teams to listen carefully to speeches from the 6/7 students before voting. Congratulations to Blue Captains: Murphy Heym and Toby Longbottom and Yellow Captains: Anna Orton and Henry Orton. It will be fantastic to see our house captains encouraging students and supporting them with practice in the lead up to the Mundulla Combined School Sports Day in Week 11. This year they will also have another important element to their role, supporting their teams to earn house points throughout the year to win the newly designed PPS Values Shield.

### Enviro Warriors

Our school Enviro Warriors were chosen today. Students from all classes delivered speeches and spoke about the need to take care of the school grounds, respect the plants and animals and encourage others to keep our school tidy. Congratulations to the Enviro Warriors for 2021, R/1/2: Ellis

Richards and Indi Broad, 3/4/5: Eliza Ward and Ceejay Smith, and 6/7: Grace Mathews and Albie Hancock. Mrs Capurso is looking forward to the first Enviro Warrior meeting in Week 4.

### Wellbeing Ambassadors

This year we are continuing the leadership role of Wellbeing Ambassadors. Last year the Ambassadors started to help teach the classes about hope, kindness and gratitude. It is important to have student leaders who support others and teach them to take care of their physical, emotional and mental health. We congratulate the 2021 Wellbeing Ambassadors Grace Mathews, Jess Frick and Matthew Robertson. Lisa, our PCW is excited about working closely with the Ambassadors this year to help support students of all ages and promote a positive and comfortable learning environment.

### Uniform

A reminder that the School Uniform is the school dress, the navy and yellow school polo shirt, school jumper or navy jumper with little to no detail and navy or black skirt, shorts or pants. Hats with toggles under the chin are not allowed due to the possibility of strangulation. Information about the school uniform can be found in the Parent Handbook or by ringing the School.

### Congratulations

Formerly known as Miss Hannah Clothier, our Year 3/4/5 teacher now goes by Mrs Drury! In January, Hannah and her partner Matt got married after having to postpone in early 2020. We are all ecstatic to welcome her back as Mrs Drury. Our biggest congratulations to them both as a newly married couple. We wish them every happiness.

### Hats

A reminder that in Term 1, children must wear a hat when outside or stay under the designated shade areas. *Corinne*

## Preschool—Yr 2 News

Students have settled into the year well and the Year 1 and 2's have worked hard to make the new Receptions and Preschool children feel welcome. It has been a busy week going to swimming lessons in Bordertown but students have grown in confidence in the pool and have also become more independent at organising themselves and their belongings as the week has gone on. Next week, we are looking forward to diving into our learning programs.

## 3/4/5 News

For the start of the term Mrs Drury has been letting us colour in some bookmarks, ready for our reading. We have also been allowed to colour in when we have completed all our assessments. In Maths, we have started off by doing a Mental Maths column each day and doing our Prodigy placement test. This year, we are going to be having a game with our fruit break so we have already played lots of different games. This week, we have had swimming lessons and I have been practising my swimming skills. It has been great to work on my freestyle skills. We have Mrs Capurso for History, Civics and Art. In Art, we have started learning about the colour wheel and we have started painting one of our own. I have enjoyed coming back to school, seeing all of my friends, being in my new classroom and seeing Mrs Drury and hearing all about her wedding. I really enjoy being in Mrs Drury's class.

*Missy, Year 3*

## Art Donations

This year Ebony Capurso will be teaching R-7 Art during NIT lessons. To help make the large paint bottles easier to pour and avoid wasting too much paint, we would appreciate any donations of the triangular squeeze sauce bottle lids. Please see the example below for reference. If you have any triangular squeeze sauce bottle lids to spare, please send them into the Front Office and we will pass them on to our Art teacher Ebony. Thank you in advance.



## 6/7 News

We've had a great start to the new school year in the 6/7 class. Everyone is excited to see each other and to share what they did in the holidays. In Week 1, we started doing different assessments such as spelling and reading. In Maths, we are reflecting on some number property concepts such as factors and multiples. We have completed our first Cold Write for the term, which was a recount about our holidays. In Art, we have started learning about the colour wheel and the elements of Art with Mrs Capurso. This week we have been busy writing and presenting our speeches to run for leadership roles within the school. Everyone has done a good job with their speeches and congratulations to everyone that was awarded a position. Swimming has been a lot of fun this week and we have been lucky to have good weather. Below are some personality artworks we completed to hang in the classroom.

*Jess and Alex, Year 6*



## School QR Code

If you have visited our school in the last few days, you will have noticed that our school now has a QR code and automatic sanitizer units. All SA schools have been provided with these to adhere to health directives from the Government. If you visit our site you will find the QR code on the front gates, front door, next to our sign in book and on the door to the Preschool building. As you enter the site you will need to scan the QR code once per visit using your phone. If you would prefer, we have a paper sign in book for you to record your details. This applies to all adults; staff, contractors, volunteers and parents/carers. We appreciate your support and cooperation by scanning the QR code for each visit.



## PCW Spot

Welcome back to school to all staff, students and families. The beginning of a new school year can bring so many emotions as we begin a new chapter, a fresh page of our story. I got a bit sentimental last week as I waved 'good-bye' to my fourth and last child on his first day of kindy. Some of you may have shared similar feelings of pride and love, or maybe hesitation and nervousness, and dare I say even freedom. For others of you it's a child in their last year of primary school, their first year of high school, or sending a child off to boarding school. Whatever chapter of the story you are in, I pray that the narrative that plays out this year for you and your family is one full of laughter, growth, kindness and positive relationships.

Joke: What did the sharpener say to the pencil? Stop going around in circles and get to the point!

*Lisa*

## Community News Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Wednesday each week of term from 9:00—10:30am. Playgroup allows greater social opportunities for children. A morning tea is held in conjunction with Playgroup for any parents who are interested in attending to meet with other parents from Padthaway. If you would like more information, please contact Corinne Mowat via the Front Office. **The first Playgroup date is in Week 4 on the 17th of February.**

## 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.

## Milo Cricket

Milo Cricket will be starting again in Week 4 for the Preschool—Year 2 students. Miss Duell will run the sessions on Thursday afternoons from Week 4 until Week 10 this term. Sessions will be from 3:45—4:30pm each week. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Please be aware that if possible, older siblings should not remain at school. In the event that an older sibling does need to remain at school whilst younger siblings participate, they **must** be supervised by a parent or guardian. Please contact Bek Duell via the Front Office if you have any questions.



# 2021 Year 6/7 Shirts



## Student Representative Council



## Enviro Warriors



## Wellbeing Ambassadors



# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Chloe Day

Something I am proud of doing at school is reading tricky words because then I can learn more things in Science. I like using tricky words in my writing, like *colossal*. Colossal is when something is really, really big.

My favourite subject is Computing because you get to play Reading Eggs and different levels. We get to practice our typing so then when I am older I can type stories on the computer.

I look forward to doing Athletics Day at school because your parents get to come along and when you do the sports you get trophies, medals and certificates. Vortex throw is my favourite event because you have to aim and throw the vortex as far as you can.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read big novels, like Ella Diaries.

A skill I would like to develop is doing cartwheels because I can't do them very well yet. I'll need to practice every day so then I can improve.

A goal for myself this term is to read books at Level 23. I would feel very proud of myself for reading big words.

So far this year I have loved doing swimming lessons because my baby brother Ollie got to come and watch my lesson. I have improved my swimming and now I can swim without my vest on.

*Chloe, Year 2*



## Ashley Ortlepp

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is my writing as I think I have improved and have slowed myself down to make sure I am writing neatly.

My favourite subject is Art because I like being creative and we have started to paint and learn about the colour wheel.

I look forward to doing technology at school because I am interested to learn about where all different foods and materials come from and doing some experiments.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write neater than I already can as this is a goal of mine.

A skill I would like to develop is my running pace to get faster because then I will be able to outrun some other people and get points for Padthaway on Combined School Sports Day.

A goal for myself this term is to be really helpful to all of my classmates because I like helping others and it makes me feel great.

So far this year I have loved doing swimming lessons because it is important to know how to swim and I really enjoy it.

*Ashley, Year 3*



## Jessica Frick

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is being chosen as a Wellbeing Ambassador because I believe I will do a good job in this role and I'm excited to be able to help others in the school.

Being a good leader and setting a good example is important!

My favourite subject is PE because you get the opportunity to be active and play a lot of different sports. I am looking forward to doing PE this year.

I look forward to doing Pancake Day at school because the food is yummy and we get the opportunity to help out a good cause.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to improve my listening skills, so that I am not calling out in class. This is important so that I can strive for excellence in my work.

A skill I would like to develop is improving my writing skills to improve my Big Write's. I would like to be use a more complex connectives and higher vocabulary in my writing.

A goal for myself this term is to know all of my times tables so I am able to instantly recall multiplication facts. This will help me solve more challenging maths problems.

So far this year I have loved being back at school to be able to spend time with my friends in and out of class. I missed them all a lot during the holidays.

*Jessica, Year 6*

### Dates to Remember

#### **8th February**

Governing Council AGM

#### **10th February**

Parent Information Afternoon

#### **5th March**

Student Free Day

### Tuck Day

#### **Week 3**

#### **Pizza**

Kate McGregor

\*Muffins: Kathy Hayes

#### **Week 4**

#### **Hot Dogs**

Fi Ward

\*Muffins: Robyn Kirkham

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