



Be Respectful

Act Responsibly

Strive for Excellence

PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"



From the Principal

"Balance is the key to everything. What we do, think, say, eat, feel, they all require awareness and through this awareness we can grow."

- Koi Fresco

We are already finishing off the first 4 weeks of our first term. The classes have now settled back into routines and begun their formal lesson schedules and topics for the term after completing swimming in Week 2. Over the past fortnight we have started Dance Club, Enviro Warrior, SRC and Wellbeing Ambassador meetings, and had our first Choir lesson as well. There are many exciting plans already ahead with our student leaders wasting no time in their meetings.

Choir Leaders

On Friday of Week 2, the choir had their introduction meeting to find out all the choir details and select the new leaders for this year. Congratulations to Lachlan Hayes our Choir Captain and Nirvana O'Farrell our Vice-captain. They will help the other choir students by running warm ups at the start of each of our lessons and setting up for practices. This year we have 10 members of the Padthaway Choir: Lachlan, Nirvana, Grace, Lucy, Anna, Elsie, Eliza, Gus, Henry.R and Bryce. We held our first choir lesson yesterday to determine whether students will sing the soprano or alto sections, the fundamentals of choir lessons and to practice some of our warm ups. The theme for this year's commissioned work is *Water is Life*. Through these songs, the students will be exploring the idea of water as a crucial lifeline and source of nourishment for people, animals and industries throughout Australia. We are looking forward to getting stuck into the repertoire in our upcoming lessons.

Sharing Information

A reminder of the importance of early

notification for any changes to routine regarding your child or their absence. Staff carry a duty of care for the children at our school and need to be aware of any changes or reasons for absences. Please remember the protocols regarding exchanging this information should flow from parents to the Front Office or teacher. We are unable to accept information told to us by your child. A phone call to the Front Office, notification in person, via Skoolbag or a parent note in your child's diary are all acceptable.

Lost Property

There are a number of items located in the Lost Property cupboard. Items include jumpers, water bottles, containers etc. To avoid students losing items, it would be greatly appreciated if belongings could be clearly labelled. If your child has lost any items, please contact the Front Office, drop in to check the cupboard or send your child to check in Lost Property.

Milo Cricket

Unfortunately due to the high temperature forecast for today, Milo Cricket has been cancelled. We are looking forward to beginning Milo Cricket next Thursday instead. The sessions are for Preschool—Year 2 students. Miss Duell will run the sessions on Thursday afternoons each week until they finish in 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.

Nut Aware School

As we have a student attending our school who has a nut allergy, we are now a Nut Aware School and appreciate your

consideration in supporting the health and safety needs of all our students by ensuring that your child/ren do not bring foods that contain nuts, or are nut based. If you have any questions about foods or ingredients, please contact the school. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Headspace for 6/7s

Yesterday, our Upper Primary Class were joined by the Year 6/7 students from Frances Primary School to participate in important learning about mental health, accessing support services and managing large changes such as transitioning to high school. To support their learning, Paul from Headspace spoke about a range of information and activities for the students to engage with. The students worked in mixed school groups to complete an A-Z list of things to look forward to when going into high school, a sticky note collection of coping strategies for when things become overwhelming and had a balloon juggling challenge to give a physical representation of juggling many things in life at once and that things are more easily managed when they have support people around them to help.

Year 3-7 Golf

This term our Year 3-7 students have had the opportunity to participate in 4 x 1 hour golf sessions in their own class groups over Weeks 3—7. Their instructor Michael, travels from Naracoorte to teach them important skills and aspects of golf. These lessons form part of their PE this term with the other half focused on Athletics events for Combined School Sports Day at the end of the term in Mundulla. The Year 3-7 students have been enjoying learning golf as a new sport that many of them have not had much experience with. You can see some great photos from their golf lessons inside this week's newsletter.

Corinne

Preschool—Yr 2 News

In Science we have been learning about dinosaurs. Last week we got to listen to dinosaur sounds. Some people were a bit scared. They were presumed dinosaur sounds, not actual sounds. That means it's what people *think* dinosaurs sounded like because no one has actually ever heard a real dinosaur. In Art with Mrs. Capurso, we have been painting cold and hot colours and making circles out of them to create a picture where all the circles have to overlap.

Latoya, Year 2



3/4/5 News

In Maths, we have been learning about place value, representing numbers and odd and even. I've enjoyed the challenge of learning maths games and recognising what numbers are odd and even.

During our text type lessons in English we have been focussing on recounts. We have been writing about letters in a recount form and having to fix up jumbled recounts to learn how to put them in order.

In our PE lessons we have been doing golf and other class games in lessons. I have enjoyed the challenge of trying to hit the ball and get it to land in a certain area. I also enjoy the challenge of trying to pick up as many balls as you can (to help bring them back!).

For our Science lessons we have started talking about life cycles. It was really interesting to compare our life cycle in comparison to a lions life cycle— they were really, really different! They were different because lions only have to be five years old when they can have their own babies!

Jordana, Year 4



Sports News

Hi my name is Toby, and I am one of the Blue House Captains along with Murphy this year. I am excited to have been nominated for this position because I like sports and I am excited to lead Blue to a victory this year. This year the House Captains are in charge of giving out house points to students who are showing good sportsmanship out in the yard and during PE lessons. Another important part of my role is making sure that everyone shows respect to the sports equipment during the breaks.

Toby, Blue House Captain



SRC News

This year the SRC are Anna Orton as President, Lachlan Hayes as Vice President, Sam Hayes as Sectary, Felicity Orton, Brandon Cooper, Skyla Cooper and Daisy Orton.

We all are ready to start 2021 off at great speed and we aim to follow and show the school values of *Strive for Excellence, Act Responsibly and Be Respectful*. So far, the SRC have been organising Pancake Day for this term, but I am sure that there will be more events listed for you to enjoy throughout the year. We are all very excited to be leaders in the school.

Anna, SRC President



Enviro News

Hi my name is Grace and I am going to talk about being an Enviro Warrior. This year Albie and I have got the roles for enviro Warriors in the 6/7 class.

We have had our very first meeting this week and we talked about enlightening people to clean-up after themselves and to persuade people to make our school a cleaner place. This year we have started house points so at recess and lunch we will be looking around for people being very kind to hand out house points to them.

Grace, Enviro Warrior



Choir News

For 2021, Mrs Mowat will be continuing to lead our choir to prepare for the Adelaide and South East performances later in the year. Our choir has 9 students from Year 5/6/7 with myself chosen as Captain and Nirvana O'Farrell as Vice-Captain. Rehearsals are every Wednesday in Lesson 6 with the theme for this year being Water is Life. We are looking forward to receiving our choir books soon so we can begin rehearsing.

Lachlan, Choir Captain

Choir Leaders



PCW Spot

Kindness! A smile, a wave, a compliment, holding the door open, taking turns, a pat on the back, saying please and thank you, being patient, a nice note, clearing the table; Kindness

is easy. Anyone can do it. Simple ...or is it?

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors are focusing on the theme "Kindness" this term. We have been talking about how easy it is to be kind to our friends and the people who are nice to us, but it can be really difficult to be kind to people who are annoying and irritating, or who simply are not in our circle of friends. This is our challenge. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have already given out house points to students whom they have seen going out of their way to show kindness to others. Well done Padthaway students! We can all make the world a better place, one small act of kindness at a time. "Kind words are like honey — sweet to the soul and healthy for the body." — The Bible

Joke: What do you call a fish without eyes?
A Fsh.

Lisa

6/7 News

So far this term has been going great. In English, we have been learning about short stories and the structure of them. For Maths, we have been learning about number properties and exploring different multiplication strategies. In PE, we have been lucky enough to have a professional golf teacher to come in and teach us techniques on how to play golf. For Technologies Miss Duell has told us that we will have guest speakers in to teach us about food and fibre production. We will be able to learn about how these industries produce food or fibre and what it is like to work in these industries. In Reading, we have been focusing on summarising. It is a really important skill because it can help us to know the important information when reading larger texts. Visual Art with Mrs Capurso has been great so far. We have been learning about the elements of Art and the colour wheel. We are creating an artwork that visually represents all of the elements of Visual Art. Some elements are line, texture, colour and shape. On Wednesday, we were also lucky enough to have Paul come into our class and talk to use about mental health and how we can manage change. Frances primary school also joined us so it was good to complete this with them.

Jess, Year 6



Community News

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.

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.

6/7

Headspace

Visit



Wellbeing News

Hi my name is Jess and I am your Wellbeing Ambassador for 2021 as well as Grace Mathews and Matthew Robertson. Our job of being the Wellbeing Ambassadors is to teach all of the classes

about their wellbeing, making sure everyone has someone to play with at break time, encouraging people to include others in games, speaking kindly to others and bringing smiles to everyone. We have already had two meetings so far and discussed ideas for term one and we have decided that our topic for this term will be kindness.

Jess, Wellbeing Ambassador

House

Captains



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Jimmy Orton

Something I am proud of doing at school is writing a whole page in Big Write because it is a really big page and it is fun.

My favourite subject is Numeracy because we get to play fun maths games like the *place value game* and *guess the number*. Numeracy is important to learn because when you're a farmer you will be able to count the sheep quicker when they are running through the yards.

I look forward to doing Sports Day because it's fun running, jumping and throwing the vortex. I hope we win this year.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write 2 whole pages in Big Write. I will need to learn how to write faster and also spell words better. My favourite thing to write about is motorbikes.

A skill I would like to develop is reading because it is fun reading and I like to read books fast.

A goal for myself this term is to get up to Level 25 in my reading, which is 2 more levels from where I am at the moment. If I read Level 25 books I would be able to read quicker.

So far this year I have loved doing Numeracy because it's fun knowing how to add numbers and make patterns. We have made body, shape and colour patterns.

Jimmy, Year 2



Sam Brammer

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is learning about food and fibre production. I am proud because I knew that bread was made from wheat but I learnt that the flour goes to a factory and then to a bakery to get made into bread.

My favourite subject is Visual Art because we are learning about all the different techniques and strategies to do Art which is very interesting and fun.

I look forward to doing Tech lessons at school as we have done an experiment to make cottage cheese which was fascinating to see and it is great to learn the processes of food and fibres.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write one whole page of writing in Big Write and I think the writing conferences and VCOP games will help me to achieve this.

A skill that I would like to develop is learning more vocabulary in Indonesian because it's fun to learn new words and I enjoy Indonesian.

A goal for myself this term is to focus and complete all of my work during lesson times so I can go out to play on time.

So far this year I have loved doing swimming because I learnt how to do each of the strokes more and this was great for my swimming skills. I enjoyed freestyle the most because I learnt how to go fast.

Sam, Year 3



Albie Hancock

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is learning how to do large digit multiplication. I am now able to do multiplication or 3 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. I am also proud of being nominated as Enviro Warrior for the year. I am excited to be a leader in the school. My favourite subject is Maths because I find it challenging and I like solving the problems. I also like it because I have to work hard to find the answer.

I look forward to doing golf at school because it is a lot of fun and it's a sport that I wouldn't normally be able to play.

By the end of the year I hope to keep improving in my spelling, especially with my core words. I hope to be able to get all of them correct.

A skill I would like to develop is improving my basketball skills, especially my basketball shooting. I have been practising and Murphy has been helping me at recess.

A goal for myself this term is to not call out as much. I have been working very hard to make sure I put my hand up first and Miss Duell has been proud of the progress that I have already made.

So far this year I have loved doing Maths because we have been learning about different multiplication strategies and how to multiply large numbers which I really enjoy doing.

Albie, Year 6

Dates to Remember

5th March
Student Free Day

8th March
Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

25th March
NAPLAN Practice Test Yrs 3, 5 and 7

Tuck Day

Week 5
Quiche and Salad
Cate Orton
*Muffins: Tammy Parham
Quiches: Kirilie Turner, Kylie Pethy-bridge, Hannah Orton, Tammy Mathews and Hollie Roach

Week 6
Pancake Day
SRC

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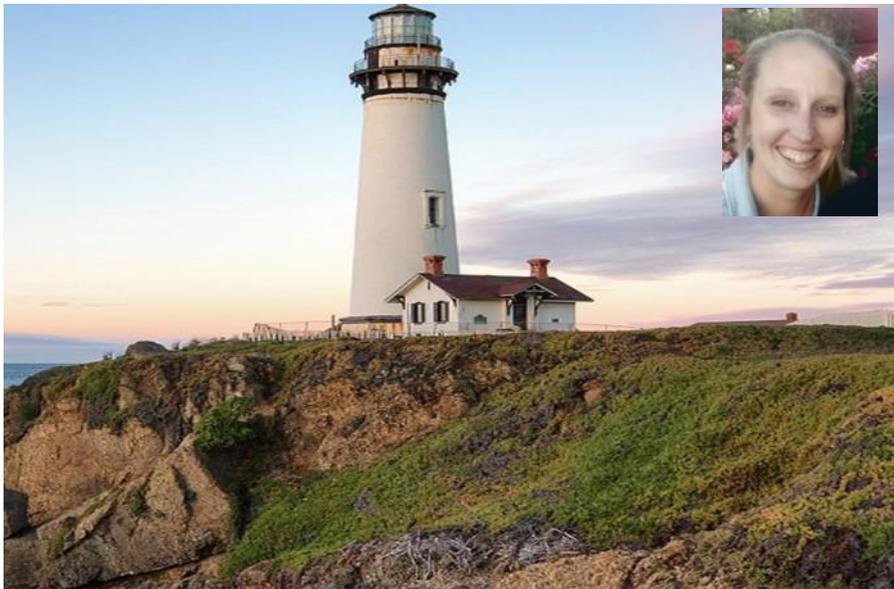
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South Australian School Dates 2021

Term 1 Begins	27 th January	Term 3 Begins	19 th July
Term 1 Ends	9 th April	Term 3 Ends	24 th September
Term 2 Begins	27 th April	Term 4 Begins	11 th October
Term 2 Ends	2 nd July	Term 4 Ends	10 th December

Padthaway School Term 1 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	January 25 STUDENT FREE DAY	26 AUSTRALIA DAY	27 School Begins Term 1	28 Cold Write	29
2	February 1 SWIMMING	2 SWIMMING	3 SWIMMING	4 SWIMMING	5 SWIMMING
3	8 Governing Council AGM 6:30pm	9	10 Parent Information Afternoon	11 Big Write	12
4	15	16	17 Playgroup 9-10:30am	18 Milo Cricket 3:45-4:30pm	19
5	22	23	24 Playgroup	25 Milo Cricket Big Write	26
6	March 1	2 SRC Pancake Day	3 Playgroup	4 Milo Cricket	5 STUDENT FREE DAY
7	8 ADELAIDE CUP	9	10 Playgroup	11 Milo Cricket Big Write	12
8	15 Governing Council at 6:15pm	16	17 Playgroup	18 Milo Cricket	19 Yr 7 – GRIP Leadership
9	22	23 Combined Choir Rehearsal – Mundulla	24 Playgroup	25 Milo Cricket Yr 3/5/7 NAPLAN Practise Test Cold Write	26
10	29	30	31 Playgroup	April 1 Milo Cricket	2 GOOD FRIDAY
11	5 EASTER MONDAY	6	7 Playgroup Big Write	8 Combined School Sports Day - Mundulla	9 Assembly School Ends Term 1 Early Dismissal 2:30pm



SHE IS THE WELCOMING LIGHT IN THE HEARTS
OF OUR CHILDREN

COME AND BE A PART OF THE DEDICATION
SERVICE FOR LISA

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021

PADTHAWAY UNITING CHURCH

SERVICE TO BE AN INFORMAL GET TOGETHER
TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL STARTING
AT 5PM

TEA PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH AT 6PM

MATHONCOURT

Wednesday 5 to 7 year old Basketball with Matho

Unfortunately, due to Stadium commitment's, there will be no 5 to 7 year old Basketball with Matho in Term 1, 2021.

However, it will commence Wednesday, 28 April, 2021 and run for all of Term 2, 2021 (10 weeks).



Junior and Senior Colts Football Training



Starts Thursday, March 4th in Lucindale at 4:30pm

All new players are welcome to attend.

For more information contact:

Nathan Clarke: 0413 141 276 (Junior Colt Coach)

Dan Carter 0476 138 652 (Lucindale Junior Football Club President)

Golf

Years 3- 7

