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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



## From the Principal

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."

- Albert Einstein

We are about to wrap up Week 8 of Term 1 already! My how time flies! This term has been full of fantastic learning, projects, guest speakers, and special events. It has been wonderful to visit in each of the classes and see the students so highly engaged in their learning. Some of the students favourite focuses this term have been; Patterns in Maths and learning about different dinosaurs in the Pre-Year 2 class, Food and Fibre Production in both the 3/4/5 and 6/7 Class and Solutions and Mixtures for the 6/7s. Seeing the Year 3-7 students be so enthusiastic about the local area and food production this term has been a highlight for me. It is great to have our students learning about the community around them in such close detail.

### New Staff

Recently we have welcomed Emma Cooper to our staff. She has taken on an SSO role within our site and has already been doing wonderful work as the new Playgroup Coordinator each Wednesday. Before working as a staff member she very generously volunteered her time to support our Playgroup and the students at Padthaway. We would like to thank her for supporting our school and are excited to be welcoming her to the PPS team. Please say hello if you see her around the school.

### Playgroup

It has been wonderful to see the Playgroup parents and children each week visiting our site. The new weekly sessions this year rather than once per fortnight, as has happened in the past, has meant that Playgroup is more easily accessible to the families in our

community and we can provide a more supportive service. It has been a joy to visit the Playgroup and get to know some of our school families more closely as well as meet other families from our community that are not already attending our Preschool or Primary School.

### NAPLAN Practice Test

Next Week, our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be participating in the NAPLAN Online Practice Test. This test is not reflected in students' final NAPLAN assessment records as the official testing period is not until early Term 2. The purpose of the Practice Test is to allow the students to become familiar with the online platform and ask questions about using the platform, or any changes that may have been made to it since using it in previous years. Giving the students this opportunity helps them be better prepared and more comfortable in preparation for next term's NAPLAN testing. I am the NAPLAN Coordinator for our site so if you have any questions regarding the practice test or the official testing next term, please feel free to contact me.

### Indonesian

Today we were fortunate enough to have the students' Indonesian teacher, *Ibu Teresa* visit each class for their Week 8 lesson. Our weekly Indonesian lessons normally occur online via Open Access but once a term Teresa travels down from Adelaide to work with, and support our students in person. The students always like their in-person visits with Teresa as they often involve some unique props, foods and their favourite stuffed toy orang-utan named *Jingga* (meaning orange). A fitting name considering that he is bright orange!

### Student Travel

An important notice to students and families to ensure that children travelling to and from school need to do so in the safest way possible. Whether walking or riding, children

should cross the road using the school's designated crossing points which are indicated by the hand rails and curb islands. These are the safest places for crossing as drivers expect to see children crossing in these areas and can be more careful. Children also need to be vigilant about checking the road for traffic before walking themselves or their bikes/scooters etc. across the road sensibly. Regardless of whether children need to cross the road or not to travel home, they should still be using the designated paths ways which are a safe distance from the road and in turn enable the students to travel more carefully. Another important reminder is also to ensure that children riding scooters, bikes or skateboards are wearing a helmet that is clipped up correctly. Wearing a correctly fastened helmet when riding is a legal requirement and helps give further protection for children while travelling. We appreciate your support with sharing these reminders with your child/ren.

### Combined School Sports Day

As first term has gone so quickly, this year's Combined School Sports Day is fast approaching. In Week 11 on Thursday the 8th of April, we will be hosted for CSSD in Mundulla. Our students have started practicing the different Athletics events in preparation and are eager to participate after last year's unfortunate, but necessary, cancellation. Next week we begin our R-7 Relay practice and the students are ready and raring to go! As the remainder of this term's PE lessons will be focused on Athletics for all of the classes. Please remind your children to wear sneakers and pants or shorts on PE days to enable them to participate properly and get their best practice in. More specific details about Combined School Sports Day will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Corinne

## Playgroup

We have had a great start with Playgroup this term. The children have been participating in a range of fun-filled activities including play dough, painting, art, bubbles, making mud cakes, building with blocks and sharing their groovy dance moves to the Wiggles. It has been great to see lots of families coming along for morning tea and a chat each week whilst helping the children explore what playgroup has to offer. We have Playgroup every Wednesday from 9–10:30am during the school terms. If you haven't come along yet this term, please join us!

*Emma, Playgroup Coordinator*

## Preschool—Year 2 News

In Health, we have been learning about our five senses. The five senses are smell, sound, touch, sight and taste. We can use our senses to stay safe. Like if there was a fire starting we would be able to smell the smoke and if someone drops your food you could taste that it isn't safe to eat. In Indonesian, we have been learning about our families and how to say names in Indonesian. This week Ibu Teresa came to visit our school instead of teaching us on the interactive whiteboard which is exciting. We are all looking forward to the Easter Raffle and can't wait for Easter. Good luck to everyone in the Easter Raffle. We hope you win something tasty!

*Belle, Year 1 and Jimmy, Year 2*



## 3/4/5 News

In PE lessons, we have been getting coaching and taught how to play golf by Michael Justin. I think everyone has come a long way since we started. I feel like I have improved in lining up my golf stick with the ball as I'm hitting it more frequently when I swing. During Technology lessons, we have been learning how to supply water to plants and having a shut off valve within our irrigation systems. This is a part of our food and fibre learning. In Science lessons, our focus has been on life cycles. It is amazing how the animals transform over each of their different life cycles. All life cycles are different, depending on the animal and they are all very different to our life cycle. For Big Write, we have done a lot of different topics and our current focus is on narratives. I like that we are able to plan the day before because it gives me more ideas and I feel more confident when I start my Big Write. We have been focussing on visualising for our reading lessons which is where you 'paint a picture' in your head as you are reading to help you understand the book and its important descriptions. I am enjoying the activities that we are using to practice visualising.

*Jack, Year 5*

## Sports News



At the end of Week 7, over the weekend, Henry Orton won the 100 metre Sprint in the Little Athletics State Challenge and Individual Championship. Great work Henry! We are all so proud of your efforts. All the classes are now getting stuck into Athletics practice in preparation for Combined School Sports Day. Classes have also been making suggestions to the House Captains for games that they could play in Week 10 to earn house points towards their team. The House Captains will be deciding the events this week.

*Murphy, Blue House Captain*

## Wellbeing News



On Monday, the two Wellbeing Ambassadors from Mundulla, and their Principal, came to our school. They were interested in what we do as Ambassadors, so they came to our school to learn some tips. We talked about our plans for the rest of the year. We enjoyed answering their questions and telling them about what we do to help student wellbeing.

*Jess, Wellbeing Ambassador*

## SRC News



The SRC have worked together and finalized the changes to the school's Acknowledgment of Country. We think the new acknowledgement is even more respectful to the traditional owners of the

land now. All of the classes now have a copy which they have found an important place for so that students can always see it. House points are constantly being tallied in each of the classes and in Mrs Mowat's office. There is excitement buzzing in the playground and in the classrooms about how the teams are going. The House Captains and Mrs Mowat will also be planning a team game that will be another opportunity for teams to win house points. The classes were excited to hear that they will all be receiving a garden bed to manage by the end of this term. The garden beds will be kept by the same classes even when students change. The pavers created by the senior students, past and future, will be used to create the pathway in the new garden area.

*Anna, SRC President*

## Enviro News



Last week all of the Enviro Warriors did some weeding around and in the chook shed, making the space a lot nicer and ready for the chooks. Some exciting news is that we have also ordered some garden beds. Each

class in the school will be assigned one garden bed to look after. The Enviro Warriors will also have one to create a bush tucker garden in. Our meetings have been going really well this term. We are all excited for our new garden beds to arrive so we can do some planting. This week we are going to start weeding some other gardens as well.

*Grace, Enviro Warrior*

## Choir News



During Choir we have been having trouble learning the song *Lifeblood*, because of all of the tricky high, low, short, and long notes. It has been awesome that we can practice at home with our books now which will

therefore give an added advantage rather than just being able to practice in lessons. Next week, our team is looking forward to heading to Mundulla for a combined rehearsal with Mundulla and Bordertown Primary schools.

*Lachlan, Choir Captain*



## PCW Spot

I love this story from Katherine Hepburn's childhood; in her own words. "When I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus.

Finally, there was only one other family between us and the ticket counter. There were a father, mother and eight children; you could tell they didn't have a lot of money. You could sense they had never been to the circus before. It would be a highlight of their lives. The ticket lady asked the man how many tickets he wanted? He proudly responded, "I'd like to buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets, so I can take my family to the circus." The ticket lady stated the price. He leaned a little closer and asked, "How much did you say?" The ticket lady again stated the price. The man didn't have enough money. Seeing what was going on, my dad reached into his pocket, pulled out a \$20 bill, and then dropped it on the ground. (We were not wealthy in any sense of the word!) My father bent down, picked up the \$20 bill, tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket."

My father and I went back to our car and drove home. The \$20 that my dad gave away is what we were going to buy our own tickets with. Although we didn't get to see the circus that night, we both felt a joy inside us that was far greater than seeing the circus could ever provide. That day I learnt the value to Give. The importance of giving. Blessing others can never be over emphasised because there's always joy in giving."

~ Katherine Hepburn

This term, I have been supporting the Wellbeing Ambassadors with their event planning and lessons to teach other students about the importance of kindness. Katherine's story reminds me of just how world changing and meaningful an act of kindness can be for someone. Do the best you can and always remember to spread kindness.

*Joke: I got my daughter a fridge for her birthday. I can't wait to see her face light up when she opens it.* Lisa



## 6/7 News

In Maths, we have completed our work on number properties and working with negative numbers. We learnt how to use a number line correctly, to help us solve different problems with negative numbers. We have now moved onto learning about fractions, which we started by focusing on how to partition fractions, and how we can compare and order fractions on a number line. In English, we are learning about short stories and how to make them interesting. We are also now focusing on narratives in our Big Writes, which the class all really enjoy. For Science, we have done an experiment with Epson salt, warm water, and pipe cleaners. We had to dissolve as much of the salt as we could into the water. We left this overnight with the pipe cleaner and it has started to crystallise, which is a process that can be used to separate mixtures. The class had our final guest speaker last week for our food and fibre production topic. Johnny Orton came into class to speak to us about cropping and the different types of crops you can have. We also got the opportunity to each plant our own seed, each which are now growing outside our classroom. The 6/7s would like to say another big thank you to all our guest speakers who took the time to come into our class and share their knowledge with us this term. We appreciate you giving up your time to come in and help us learn about the lamb, cattle, wine and crop industries. Lastly, during Mrs Capurso's lessons in Art we have made the Great Wave, bubble wrap mushrooms and clay pumpkins. They have turned out really great and it has been interesting to try a lot of new styles and ways of creating art.

Grace, 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 Emma Cooper via the Front Office.

### 100m Sprinter

Well done to Henry Orton for winning a Gold medal in the Under 12 State Challenge & State Individual Championships for Little Athletics in Adelaide on the weekend. He had an impressive run! Congratulations!



### State Challenge & State Individual Championships

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# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



## Skyla Cooper

Something I am proud of doing at school is doing good writing because it is fun and I get to write big stories.

My favourite subject is PE because we get to play games, like *Duck, Duck, Goose*. We have been practicing for Sports Day. I can do hurdles really well.

I look forward to doing SRC at school because you get to cook. We cooked pancakes for Pancake Day. We took turns to do all the jobs and I was in charge of the sprinkles and jam.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write very neatly so Mum and Dad will be happy with my neat writing. To improve my writing I will need to remember to use finger spaces and full stops.

A skill I would like to develop is being good at reading so then I can read bigger chapter books. I need to point to words and sound them out so then I don't lose where I am up to.

A goal for myself this term is to run fast and win a ribbon at Sports Day. I have never won a ribbon before and I would really like to because Mum and Dad would be proud. If I won a ribbon I would put it somewhere special.

So far this year I have loved doing Choice Learning because I get to learn about things that I want to learn about. My favourite Choice Learning activities are making and dressing up.

*Skyla, Year 2*



## Missy McGregor

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is odd and even numbers in Maths, because I understand them more, and I can tell when a larger number is odd or even by looking at the last number.

My favourite subject is Art because we have done lots of different painting using different methods such as dots, dabbing and straight lines. At the moment we are painting flowers in a pot on a dark background.

I look forward to doing Prodigy at school because I learn to tell the time and it helps me because I need to practice that skill. I really like Prodigy because it is fun and help us with our Maths.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to get my 'b's and 'd's the correct way around because I have been working hard to practise them and get better at it.

A skill I would like to develop is my reading and move up a few levels because I like to read a range of books, and moving up will help me to read and understand all different kinds of books.

A goal for myself this term is to write my number fives the correct way around all of the time because I need to practise and work on it. So far this year I have loved doing Technology because we are building water irrigation systems as a part of our food and fibre production learning.

*Missy, Year 3*



## Sam Hayes

Something I am proud of doing at school is learning to have growth mindset during golf. This is because on the first week of golf I was making lots of divots in the ground instead of hitting the ball but now I

am much better and can hit the ball more often. My favourite subject is PE because on Friday for the last four weeks we have been learning golf and our Monday lessons have been fun active games. I am also looking forward to practising for Sports Day.

I look forward to doing Art at school because we have been creating fun things with clay. So far we have made a wave and a pumpkin.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to jump higher in High Jump and throw further in both Shot Put and Discuss. This way I can earn more points for the Blue Team in Term 4.

A skill I would like to develop is my typing because during SRC meetings I have to be able to type quickly and accurately. I would also like to improve my spelling so that I can spell more words accurately.

A goal for myself this term is to jump 95cm in High Jump. My record is 90cm and I want to be able to beat that.

So far this year I have loved doing Maths because I love learning and practising my times tables and becoming quicker at remembering them. We are doing fractions now which is also interesting.

*Sam, Year 6*

### Dates to Remember

#### **23rd March**

Choir Rehearsal—Mundulla

#### **25th March**

NAPLAN Practice Test Yrs 3, 5 and 7

#### **2nd April**

Good Friday — Public Holiday

#### **5th April**

Eater Monday —Public Holiday

#### **8th April**

Combined School Sports Day — Mundulla

#### **9th April**

Assembly  
Early Dismissal 2:30pm

### Tuck Day

#### **Week 9**

#### **Nuggets and Salad**

Kate McGregor

\*Muffins: Lissy Orton

#### **Week 10**

#### **Lasagne and Salad**

Emily Congdon

\*Muffins: Hannah Orton

Kirilie Turner

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# Visual Art

with Mrs Capurso



R/1/2 painted paper and collage, inspired by Howardena Pindell's *Untitled 6F*



3/4/5 acrylic and oil pastels, inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat's *Pez Dispenser*



6/7 air-dry clay and acrylic, inspired by Katsushika Hokusai's *The Great Wave*



## South Australian School Dates 2021

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

## Padthaway School Term 1 Calendar

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

# Working Bee



If you can spare some time to clean up around the school from

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

your help will be greatly appreciated.

This can be anytime during the school day or after. A list of important jobs will be available through the Front Office during that week.

*Corinne Mowat*

*Dan Hayes*

*Bob Brooksby*

*Principal*

*Facilities Committee*

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