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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



## From the Principal

"You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream."

- C.S. Lewis

### Term 2

I hope that everyone had a pleasant and restful extended school break. I always look forward to hearing the many stories that students have to share when they come back from trips, visits and adventures. We are back in action at PPS and already hard at work in Term 2. 2021 is seeming to whizz by in a hurry with so much brilliant learning, growth and achievement happening across the school... as they say *"time flies when you're having fun"*. We have a rather busy term ahead and since the students returned, they have wasted no time in jumping into new topics and projects for the term. Keep an eye on the newsletter each fortnight to read about all the great new experiences our students are having in their classes.

### New Staff

This term we welcome Vicki Heym to the Padthaway Primary School team. You'll see her friendly face in our Front Office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week during the school terms as she works with Kirilie on our school's finance and administration. It has been wonderful to have Vicki join the staff team. Please be sure to make her feel welcome as you see her more frequently around our school.

### House Points

After a great term of hard work and learning in Term 1, I tallied the House Points which had been received in each class. The Term 1 House Point tally has resulted in a current score of Yellow on 308 points and Blue on 381 points. These points will continue to accumulate each term across the year until the final tally in Term 4 to find out which team has earned the School Values Shield. I

encourage our students to continue putting in their best individual effort to uphold the school values, Be Respectful, Act Responsibly and Strive for Excellence as well as to encourage and recognise when those around them are doing the same. It has been a pleasure to hear more of our students commending others on their positive mindsets, persistence and leadership over the past term. Fantastic collaborative effort so far Padthaway students!

### Tatiara Talking

In the last newsletter I wrote about the new Mental Health booklet which was created through a collaborative effort from the Tatiara District Council and each of the Tatiara schools. A copy of this important and easy to read mental health community guide was sent home to each family last week. You'll notice within the booklet, a section about our school, some familiar faces of current and former school representatives from Padthaway featured in photographs, as well as services and resources that are accessible within our community and the surrounding towns. Please take the time to read through it and see what we are able to access within the Tatiara, supporting children and adults with mental health and wellbeing.

### Uniform

The wearing of hats is not compulsory in Terms 2 and 3 of the school year but students are still welcome to continue wearing them, helping to keep them well protected from the sun all year round. 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. Information about the school uniform can be found in the Parent Handbook or by ringing the School. You can purchase a new hat, school bag, shirt or jumper through the Front Office at any time

throughout the term if you need them.

### NAPLAN

In Weeks 3 and 4 this term, from the 11th-21st of May, Schools across Australia will be participating in the NAPLAN Testing online. NAPLAN focuses on assessing the areas of writing, reading, numeracy, and conventions of language for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 over the 2 weeks. Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students participated in last term's practice test and will complete the official NAPLAN Testing in the coming fortnight. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

### 3/4/5 Excursion

Last Friday, the 3/4/5 Class had their excursion to a chicken farm owned by Mrs Drury's parents. It supported their learning from Term 1 about food and fibre production as well as lifecycles. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit, particularly using the fresh eggs to make pancakes. They toured around the free range chicken farm and learnt all about the process of taking care of the chickens, the importance of the chickens for food and how the chickens grow. Thank you to Mrs Drury's family for allowing our students to learn so much on their farm and to our parent volunteers for helping travel the class to and from their excursion on the day!

### SAPSASA

In Week 1, a number of our students participated in the SAPSASA Netball and Football trials. Well done to all the students who went and gave their best effort. Congratulations to Alex Charlick for making the USE SAPSASA Football team and Matthew Robertson and Henry Orton on being selected as reserves. We also congratulate Grace Mathews who made it through to the second round of Netball trials which were held on Tuesday.

## Preschool—Year 2 News

This term we have a dentist set up in our classroom, but not a real dentist because we can't pull people's teeth out. In Health we are learning about teeth because last term we wanted to know more about why and how we lose our baby teeth.

Tomorrow we are having our Mother's Day morning tea and our Mums and Nannys get to come to visit. We are really excited and can't wait to have fun with them. Lots of people have been playing whole school chasey. In Numeracy we are learning about shapes. This week we learnt about 2D shapes and next week we will be learning about 3D shapes.

*Belle, Year 1 and Phoenix, Year 2*



## 3/4/5 News

Last week we went to Mrs Drury's parents chook farm to learn all about chickens and egg production in chook caravans. When we went out to see how the chook caravans work we were allowed to pick up some of the hens. This was fun because the chickens were really quiet and it was really cool to see how the caravans worked. We learnt what was in the grain food that they eat and we got to meet the dogs that protect the chooks. The dogs were Maremmas and their names were Angel and Rabo. To start off with Maths we are going to be learning about factors and multiples. I enjoyed making factor trees with different numbers. I am still learning and trying to understand factors and multiples.

In Art we have started Media Arts and we are going to be making magazine articles for a front page. I am thinking that I will do something to do with the outback or farming. I have just started reading a book called The Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid and so far I am enjoying it because it's really entertaining and the character stole the idea of making a diary off of his friend. I can't wait to read the rest.

I am looking forward to this Term's learning.

*Bryce, Year 5*



## Sports News

This Friday there is going to be cross country at Naracoorte Primary School. We have many different students participating in this event. Good luck to everyone who is going to the cross country try outs. Let's hope we have some students get in to SAPSASA, we have some fast runners in our school. I'm excited to share the results with you all in week four. Well done to all the students who participated in the SAPSASA Football and Netball trials. Congratulations to those who got into the team and as reserves.

*Toby, Blue House Captain*

## Junior Table Tennis

Starts 11th May 5.30pm Table Tennis Hall, Price Ave., next to Michelle De Garis Kindergarten. Second term dates Tuesday 11th May - 29th June 2021. All welcome. Some tuition will be provided. Players to bring a named table tennis bat if they have one. Cost is \$30.00 player for two terms and \$60 per family. Parental help much appreciated. For more details contact Tracy Westover 04 5936 8265 or Mike Waters 8762 1102.

## SRC News



Welcome to term 2 everyone, I hope everyone had a great holidays. This term we have decided to put a gas barbecue into the stone barbecue, which has kindly been offered by Adrian Maywald to pay for the upgrade. Over the holidays the school put in pop-up sprinklers in most of the grass areas which will help keep the school looking fantastic. Last months Aussie of the month was awarded to Alice Ward. She earned this for striving for excellence within class, acting responsibly, showing school values and striving to achieve personal goals. This term we have been planning to do a sausage sizzle and dress up to raise money for the schools. We would also like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped clean the school during our school working bee. The school is looking fantastic.

*Anna, SRC President*



## Enviro News

Last term, the Enviro Warriors purchased some garden beds, one for each class and one for the Enviro Warriors. Those beds have finally arrived and now the Enviro Warriors have to put them together and add the soil. Grace, Eliza, Ellis, Ceejay, Isabella and I need to decide on the seeds to put in it. We also need to weed the chook shed so when we get the new chooks its ready to go. We are also going to do extra weeding around other school buildings and all the classes.

*Albie, Enviro Warrior*



## Choir News

Welcome back everyone to Term 2. To start the term off, we have a new choir vice-captain, Lucy Tiver. Congratulations Lucy, you will do a fantastic job. Our goal for this term is to be able to sing all the songs without using our books. Over the term we our hoping to work on the timing of when the Altos and the Sopranos sing at the same time, as one side becomes quieter. The Altos are working on not singing the same note as the sopranos.

*Lachlan, Choir Captain*



## PCW Spot

Happy Mother's Day to all of the wonderful Padthaway Mummas! Being a Mum is a hard task, but it doesn't go unnoticed. We are blessed to see Mums popping into the school, dropping off and picking up children, volunteering in different areas, taxiing children around to sports and appointments all the way to Adelaide, feeding, teaching, providing, loving, disciplining, and nurturing them. There are many special women who invest in the lives of the younger generations; mothers, step-mums, grandmas, and those amazing female mentors, neighbours, coaches, teachers and friends. You each deserve a medal. You hold it together through the roughest of waves and embrace the calm before every storm. Thank you to every mother and mother figure for your strength, resilience, courage and tenderness. You are amazing! What did the mother broom say to the baby broom? It's time to go to sweep!

Lisa

## 6/7 News

Welcome to our very first Term two 2021 6/7 class report. We all hope that everyone had a fun and safe holidays. The class is excited to be back and seeing everyone again. We are all very excited about PE because we are doing footy! At the moment we are learning all the basic skills like handballing and kicking and then we will get in to the good stuff (meaning the games). In English, we are now learning about expositions and persuasive writing. We have been focusing on writing with the correct structure and how to plan so that we end with the strongest argument. We are also continuing to work on our short stories. We are about to start reading and responding to 'The Loaded Dog' by Henry Lawson. For Maths, we are still learning about fractions. We are focusing on multiplying and dividing fractions. In Science, we are beginning to learn about water and so far we have been reflecting on our knowledge of the water cycle and water use. Miss Duell did a demonstration that showed how there really isn't that much fresh water available on Earth for us to drink. It is less than 1%. In Mrs Capurso's class, we completed our goal in art. All together our class made 1000 paper cranes!!!! 1000 paper cranes is a symbol of hope and we made them because we heard the stories of Sadoko Sasaki. Mrs Capurso was busy in the holidays hanging them up in the classroom. They look fantastic, well done everyone.

Ned, 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.

## Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Alice Ward for being awarded the Aussie of the Month in April. Alice was awarded Aussie of the Month because she has been applying focus in class and striving for excellence to reach her goals. Well done!



## Wellbeing News

This term the Wellbeing Ambassadors are focusing on compassion. We are trying to teach the school about what compassion is and how to have compassion for others. We are also working on doing some fundraisers this term to raise money for the charity, backpacks4kid. This is a South Australian charity who help and support children who have to leave their homes in a hurry with little or no notice, and often have no spare clothing or essential items with them. We will let you know all the details soon with what is going to happen this term. Also, we are going to have a movie in week 9 at the hall and we are going to donate some clothes to backpacks4kids.

Matt, Wellbeing Ambassador



# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNERS



## Latoya Smith

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is reading because it helps me to learn new things. I like to read about whales. My favourite subject is Art because we get to do new things like making stories out of photos. I made a story about Spotty Bear and Kylie Kitten and they were walking to the park, then they went on the swing.

Something I have learnt recently is that pterodactyls were prehistoric animals, not dinosaurs because a dinosaur could not fly or swim. Mosasaurus' were prehistoric animals too.

Something I would like to learn more about is 3D shapes because I would like to know more about 3D octagons. We have been learning about 2D shapes and I know that corners can also be called vertices. A rhombus is kind of like a crooked square. It has 4 sides and 4 vertices, like a square.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to play netball because I am trying to shoot goals but I haven't been successful yet. I am trying to aim better so I can get them in.

At lunch I enjoy playing whole school chasey because it is very fun to try to catch people. I like going high on the swing and climbing on the monkey bars down the hill near the playground. Outside of school I like to visit my friends that live near Murray Bridge. I like going to netball because I get to see my friends and I like going to football.

*Latoya, Year 2*



## Eddie Brooksby

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is that I have been achieving my personal goal and getting enough ticks to earn my reward. I am proud because it helps me to focus and I feel great when I achieve it.

My favourite subject is Art because we have been getting to learn about different types of drawing and painting and I am excited to learn more about Media Arts and make a magazine article.

Something I have learnt recently is that chooks don't lay unless they have a certain number of light hours. I learnt this on our chook excursion.

Something I would like to learn more about is the 3D printers and the technology on the computers that is used to print the items because I think the 3D printers are really cool and fun to use.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do the whole marathon without slowing down, keeping a consistent pace and keeping up with others.

At lunch I enjoy playing whole school chasey and going on the monkey bars with Sam and learning new tricks on them. I also like to play four square and when it's inside play I enjoy going into the library and playing different games.

Outside of school I like to play football, go swimming, ride on my push bike and motorbike and jumping on the trampoline.

*Eddie, Year 3*



## Alex Charlick

Something I am proud of myself doing at school is my Maths work because I have learnt to solve and understand some challenging questions with multiplying and dividing fractions.

My favourite subject is PE because I enjoy playing sports and learning new sports. At the moment we are doing footy and have been doing a lot of fun drills.

Something I have learnt recently is how to structure my narrative writing in the right order to make my stories longer and more interesting for the reader.

Something I would like to learn more about is Visual Art techniques and how I can create new cool and exciting artworks. I have really enjoyed the Visual Art lessons with Mrs Capurso.

By the end of the year I really want to be able to get all my core list words correct. I hope to be able to spell more words independently without help.

At lunch I enjoy playing footy with all my friends and being challenged by the other boys that play footy.

Outside of school I like to ride my motorbike around my house. I love going fast and ripping around corners. I also really like being able to ride Henry and Jack's new motorbike tracks.

*Alex, Year 6*

### Dates to Remember

#### **7—12th May**

3-Way Conferences

#### **10th May**

Governing Council—6:30pm

#### **11-21st May**

Year 3,5 and 7 NAPLAN Testing

### Tuck Day

#### **Week 3**

##### **Pizza**

Kate McGregor

\*Muffins: Vicki Heym

#### **Week 4**

##### **Hot Dogs**

Fi Ward

\*Muffins: Robyn Kirkham

Kirilie Turner

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## South Australian School Dates 2021

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

## Padthaway School Term 2 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	April 				
2					7  Cross Country 
3	10 Governing Council AGM 6:30pm  3-Way Conferences	11	12 Playgroup  Yr 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN	13	14 
4	17  Yr 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN	18	19 Playgroup Yr 7 – GRIP Leadership	20 Cold Write	21 
5	24	25	26 Playgroup	27	28
6	31	June 1	2 Playgroup	3 Big Write	4
7	7 STUDENT FREE DAY 	8	9 Playgroup	10	11
8	14 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY 	15 Governing Council at 6:15pm	16 Playgroup	17 Big Write	18
9	21	22	23 Playgroup	24	25
10	28	29	30 Playgroup	July 1 Big Write	2 Assembly School Ends Term 2 Early Dismissal 2:30pm



# 3/4/5 CHOOK EXCURSION





## Parenting and Family Support Program's

# *My Child and Me*

*Connecting, Understanding, Guiding.... Everyday parenting*

*My Child and Me* is a FREE workshop that helps you as parents and carers build an understanding of your child and their healthy development.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

### Topics to support your parenting include:

- **Brain & child development**
- **Understanding behaviour**
- **Parenting styles**
- **Positive approaches to guiding children's behaviour**

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**

*Light refreshments and creche provided (Bookings essential)*

**Where:** Keith Area School  
Tolmer Road, Keith

**When:** Monday 31 May

**Time:** 6.00pm – 8.30pm

**To Book:** Contact Kristy Clark – *Student Wellbeing Leader* - Phone: 8755 1177

**Everyone is welcome, however bookings are essential**

**\* Please arrive 10 minutes early to register \***

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Parenting and Family Support Team**



## Parenting and Family Support Program's *Living with Young People*

*The teenage years bring a new stage in your child's development and many changes for the whole family...*

*Living with Young People* is a FREE workshop that helps you as parents and carers build an understanding of your teenager and their healthy development.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

### Topics to support your parenting include:

- About young people
- Adolescent development
- What parents can do
- What about conflict?
- A positive approach to guiding behaviour

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**

*Light refreshments and creche provided (Bookings essential)*

**Where:** Keith Area School  
Tolmer Road, Keith

**When:** Tuesday 1 June

**Time:** 6.00pm – 8.30pm

**To book:** Contact Kristy Clark – *Student Wellbeing Leader* - Phone: 8755 1177

**Bookings are essential**

**\* Please arrive 10 minutes early to register \***

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