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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"



From the Principal

"Sometimes the most ordinary things can be made extraordinary, simply by doing them with the right people."
- Elizabeth Green

Cubbies

Monday marked the beginning of Cubby Season (Winter months) and there was plenty of excitement to go around. As the lunch bell rang, students burst out of classrooms in haste, trying to snag a great new cubby for the Winter. They were quick to get to work, cleaning out their spaces, making some initial plans and finding the needed materials that were available. Within the first lunch break there was already evidence of walls and ceilings beginning to form in different cubbies. It was thrilling to see and hear so much enthusiasm from our students of all ages about being outdoors and working together. In the days since, the cubbies have really begun to take shape and students have started to work with other cubby groups to trade work or materials in return for what they need to keep enhancing their own structures.

"Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves."

- Stephen Moss

In our next newsletter we'll be sharing some of the phenomenal creations that the students have been working on since this week's opening of cubby season. I love when I can say "Watch this space!" and share their learning journeys with you all.

SRC Tuckday

On Tuesday, the SRC held their termly Tuckday. They decided on a sausage sizzle and serving ice cream with toppings. They also made it a Dream Job Dress Up Day and it was fantastic to see some of the future careers that some of our students are

aspiring to have. We had a wide variety of occupations including a palaeontologist, movie director, farmer, horse rider, jackaroo, pilot, geologist, builder, fashion designer, fisherman, chef, baby sitter, motocross rider, rock star, ballerina, hunter, footy player, mechanic and so many more. Everyone looked brilliant in their outfits, down to the finer details that really brought their costumes together. The SRC were very impressed by everyone's efforts on the day. Congratulations to the dress up winners from each class, P-2: Farmer Jimmy Orton, 3-5: Pilot Hunta Zilm and 6/7: Jackaroo Ned Ward. They all enjoyed an extra serve of ice cream with their lunch as their prize. The SRC raised an outstanding \$278.84 on the day which they will put towards a student project or student resources to be determined later in the year. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the SRC Tuckday, the wonderful SRC for their hard work and ingredient donations as well as Lisa who helped us sizzle up some spectacular sausages. Well done on a tremendous effort and a successful Tuckday SRC! It was a pleasure to watch you all work so well as a team.



External School Review

As a part of the Department for Education's routine review processes to ensure that schools are providing the best for the students, every 3 years each school is

involved in an External School Review (ESR). At Padthaway Primary School, we will have our ESR this term in Week 9. This process involves meetings with the Principal and Education Director, groups of the staff, students and members of our Governing Council as well as classroom walk throughs and a Principal's presentation of our improvement work. After the review the school then receives a report with recommendations to support our continual journey with improvement work and future focuses. We are looking forward to welcoming the review panel into our school and sharing all that we currently do here at Padthaway. If you have any questions please contact me through the Front Office.

Winter Uniform

As the weather becomes much colder with the arrival of Winter, it makes sense to rug up with beanies, gloves and extra layers of clothing to help us stay healthy and warm. A number of our students are still wearing jumpers and jackets that have hoods despite recent reminders that clothing items with hoods should not be worn at school and this also includes scarves due to the increased possibility/concern of strangulation whilst playing. A reminder that the School Uniform is the school dress, the navy and yellow school polo shirt, school jumper or navy jumper/jacket with little to no detail and navy or black skirt, shorts or pants. To add warmer layers students can also wear white/navy long sleeve shirts and tights under their uniforms which helps them stay extra warm whilst also matching the uniform. Information about the uniform can be found in the Parent Handbook or by ringing the School. You can also purchase a new hat, school bag, shirt or jumper through the Front Office at any time throughout the term if you need them.

Corinne

Playgroup

In Playgroup last week we made photo frames of our families to display at Playgroup. It was great to see some creative talents amongst the children and parents. This week we made pikelets with yummy toppings that everyone enjoyed. Next week in Playgroup, I am looking forward to making pop-up puppets and Small World Play in the cubby block house and doll house with the group. Playgroup is held every Wednesday, 9am - 10:30 am. Everyone welcome!

Emma, Playgroup Coordinator



3/4/5 News

During PE lessons we have been learning about the game of Ultimate Frisbee. We have been learning the three different throws and the skills of how to play the game. I am really enjoying this because I enjoy running around and have learnt how to throw a Frisbee properly.

In our Science lessons our focus has been on food chains and they always start with sunlight. I have learnt that the next step is producers (grass) then primary consumers and these are always herbivores. After this comes the secondary consumers. The secondary consumers are often carnivores or omnivores then comes the tertiary consumers which are usually large carnivores. Food chains finish off with decomposers which are animals like dung beetles. The food chain continues to go around and around and it has been really interesting to learn about. Within our Art lessons with Mrs Capurso we have been doing Media Arts and our focus has been on designing and creating a magazine cover. I made mine about virtual reality (VR) and it's been great learning different ways of designing a poster. Cubbies started on Monday and it was fantastic because we got a great cubby and we were able to start building a few different structures in our trees.

Brandon, Year 4

Sports News

This week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, SAPSASA Football and Netball was held in Adelaide. Grace has been doing a great job with her netball and received best in one of her games on Tuesday. Alex has also been doing well with his Football. We are excited to hear all about it. Both Yellow and Blue teams are still working hard in class to earn house points. It has been good to be able to hand some out for great sportsmanship! At recess everyone has been starting to get back into four square which is a lot of fun.

Toby, Blue House Captain



SRC News

This week the SRC held our Tuckday. For this we cooked a sausage sizzle and served ice-cream with different toppings. Everyone was very happy with the food and all the SRC did a great job preparing everything quite quickly. Thank you to Mrs Mowat and Lisa for helping us to make it all run smoothly. Most of the school dressed up in their dream job outfits for the day. From a designer, to a pilot, we had it all. The winners for best costume in each class were Jimmy from the R/1/2 class as a farmer, Hunta as a pilot from 3/4/5 and in the 6/7 class was Ned as a jack-a-roo. Congratulations to all the winners, who received a free sausage or ice cream. The SRC raised \$278.84 for the school. The SRC will discuss and decide what to spend the money on in our late Term 3 and early Term 4 meetings. Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraiser!

Anna, SRC President



Enviro News

This week, I was lucky enough to attend the YELP Earthkeepers Camp at the Naracoorte Caves. All of the Enviro Warriors were invited but I was the only one who was able to go. It was a lot of fun and I got to do a lot of activities with Enviro leaders from other schools. I went into a cave blindfolded, made a fort and other interesting outdoor activities that challenged us all. I enjoyed meeting and working with students from other schools while trying new things. Back at school, all the Enviro Warriors have been adding more soil to our new garden beds. The different classes are now deciding what seeds to plant in their own garden bed and the Enviro Warriors are making decisions about what to add for our bush tucker garden.

Albie, Enviro Warrior



Choir News

Choir practice has been going really well. We have changed the way we sing one of our songs during our last choir lesson. For better efficiency and now we have worked hard on each song by itself, we are singing from the first song to the last one all in a row. This way we are able to practice more songs more often. Also, we are gradually getting better at the cannons in some of the songs and singing as altos or sopranos.

Lachlan, Choir Captain



PCW Spot

I recently had the privilege of helping to write a loved one's eulogy. We wrote about a few of the important dates and events in their life, but mostly we shared stories

that spoke of their personality and relationship with others. We shared what we loved about them – their warm smile, the encouraging and uplifting words, their sense of humour, the care and kindness they shared for others, and their love for family. How do you want to be remembered? It's a sobering thought, but one you can influence now. In the end money, riches and wealth most probably won't be the things that people will be remembering about us. It will be our nature, our attitude, how we treated others and made time for them. None of us are perfect, but each day we have opportunities to reach out to those around us. Make the most of your opportunities to connect and show kindness!

Joke: What do you call shoes made out of banana peels?

Slippers

Lisa

6/7 News

Over the last two weeks in Technology lessons, we have been having guest speakers come into the class. They have spoken to us about different technology and how it is used in their local businesses. They have all given us some fantastic information and we really appreciate them all coming in. For the last few weeks in Maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide decimal numbers. In PE, we have been learning about field invasion games, focusing on footy. We have been learning how to kick, handball and bounce the ball properly. We have done a lot of different drills to help us practise these skills. Recently, we have also been doing some game play to work on our defence and offence strategies. In Science, the class has just completed our assessment on water use. For this, we completed a waste water investigation where we had to plan and complete our own experiment into flushable and non-flushable items and the impact this has on the environment. One key thing I learnt from this is the impact of flushable wipes, because they are not actually flushable.

Axel, 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 Hunta Zilm for being awarded the Aussie of the Month in May. Hunta was awarded Aussie of the Month because she has been showing respect in class, always being kind to others and working hard. Well done!

Preschool—Year 2 News

We have been learning to do lots of counting in Numeracy and using words like "more than" and "less than". In Literacy we have been adding more words to our *Tricky Word Tree*, like *have, they, there* and *are*. In Health we are learning about our teeth. Teeth are special because when we lose them the Tooth Fairy comes. We brush our teeth every day and every night to brush away the bacteria. Grownups need to brush their teeth too. When we sold our Koala Cupcakes we made \$105 which we will donate towards helping sick and injured koalas. We are excited that cubbies has started! The best things about doing cubbies is that you can make a cubby with your friends and you can trade things with other people to make your cubby even better!

Bailey and Daisy, Year 1

Wellbeing News

The Wellbeing Ambassadors have been busy continuing to plan for the end of term movie night. Everyone is really looking forward to it. Last week, we went around to all the classes to complete a short presentation about compassion. We showed a video of what compassion is and explained how someone can show compassion. After that, we showed a video about what Backpack 4 Kids is and what they do. This way everyone will understand what they are raising money for. So far, we have had lots of generous stationery donations to send to Backpack 4 Kids. Thank you everyone for showing compassion!

Jess, Wellbeing Ambassador



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNERS



Indi Broad

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is listening to the teacher because it makes things quicker and easier to learn.

My favourite subject is Art because we get to do

some fun stuff and create beautiful paintings. We are learning to play *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* on the glockenspiel.

Something I have learnt recently in Numeracy is how to multiply numbers. Multiplying is putting things in groups and knowing how many things there are altogether.

Something I would like to learn more about is how to do some flower pictures and paintings because I really want to do lots of pictures so then we can put them up on the wall. It would make the classroom look prettier.

By the end of the year I hope to be able read novels because I really want to read cool stories. I like to read books about mermaids because I really like mermaids. My favourite mermaid book is *The Little Mermaid*.

At lunch I enjoy playing with my friends. We play *Elsa and Anna* and *Mermaids*.

Outside of school I like to play with my sister Milla. She likes to play with me and she is pretty funny. When I am sad she always makes me feel better.

Indi, Year 1



Clayton Parham

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is learning the three different throws in Ultimate Frisbee. We have been learning how to play it during our PE lessons and

learning the throws is quite difficult because you have to get the grip correct so the Frisbee gets to your target.

My favourite subject is Media Arts because we have been able to make posters for a magazine cover on the computers and I have made mine about holidays. We have also been making posters about the law and I have enjoyed drawing the pictures for it.

Something I have learnt recently in Maths is harder subtraction and I have worked out that if you count-on from the smaller to the larger number you can figure out the answer.

Something I would like to learn more about is how Artificial Intelligence identifies what colours are in each pixel and what percentage of the colours are in each pixel. I want to learn more about this because I am interested in understanding what the computer sees and how it identifies certain objects. By the end of the year I hope to be able to throw a Frisbee straight and to my partner so they can catch it easily.

At lunch I enjoy cubbies because they started on Monday and we found a crate in the cubby which we might use to build a mini treehouse.

Outside of school I like playing with my cat, watching the show *The Wonderful World of Kittens* and riding my motorbike.

Clayton, Year 3



Ned Ward

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is Maths because I am starting to understand it a lot more. I am feeling a lot more confident, and I am able to complete

multiplication with decimal numbers.

My favourite subject is PE because we are doing field invasion sports, so we have been learning about footy. Footy is my favourite sport so I am really enjoying it.

Something I have learnt recently is how to multiply decimal numbers with whole numbers in Maths. I thought this would be really challenging but the more I practise the easier it becomes.

Something I would like to learn more about is different field invasion sports because I really love footy and hopefully I like the other ones too.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to get higher results in my Core List Test because if I can write more words correctly then my writing will improve.

At lunch I enjoy playing footy with my mates because we all love it. We just chat and play, it's a really good time.

Outside of school I like to play footy on the weekends because its always fun playing against other towns and challenging players.

Ned, Year 7

Dates to Remember

7th June

Student Free Day

14th June

Queen's Birthday—Public Holiday

15th June

Governing Council 6:15pm

Tuck Day

Week 7

Lasagne and Salad

Maddie Jonas

*Muffins: Kylie Pethybridge

Lasagne Donations

Mel Tiver

Kate Hayes

Emily Congdon

Brenna Brooksby

Sam Rothe

Week 8

Ham and Cheese Toasted Sandwiches

Eryn Rich

*Muffins: Vicki Heym

Kirilie Turner

Tuck Day Coordinator

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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 2 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	April 26 ANZAC DAY	27 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	28 STUDENT FREE DAY	29 School Begins Term 2	
2	May 3	4	5	6	7
3	10	11	12	13	14
4	17	18	19	20	21
5	24	25	26	27	28
6	31	June 1	2	3	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 Wellbeing Ambassador Movie Night 6pm
10	28	29	30 Playgroup	July 1 Big Write	2 Assembly School Ends Term 2 Early Dismissal 2:30pm



PARENT FORUM – for parents/carers of children and students in government preschools and schools

Mount Gambier

22nd June 2021

You are invited to a Parent Forum for parents and carers of children and young people with disability.

The forum will include a keynote presentation from Director, Disability Policy and Programs, Ian May on 'Supporting learners with disability'.

In addition, there will be presentations on the following topics:

Topic: Anxiety

Facilitator: Angela Falkenberg, President, SA Primary Principals Association

Topic: Inclusive Education

Facilitator: Lynette Corletto and Andrew Fewster from Student Support Services

Topic: What is important to parents/carers about the One Plan

Facilitator: Kerry Parker, Assistant Director Disability & Learning, Disability Policy & Programs and Rosie Copelin, Senior Advisor, Educator One Plan, Disability Policy & Programs

The forum will provide a safe and supportive environment to share your experience, obtain information and helpful strategies as well as providing the opportunity to have your questions answered.

The information you provide will also assist us in the planning of future forums.

This workshop is for a limited number of parents and carers and will be held maintaining current COVID 19 guidelines.

WHEN: Tuesday 22 June 2021

9.30 am – 10.00 am Register/tea/coffee

10.00am - 2.30pm Parent Forum

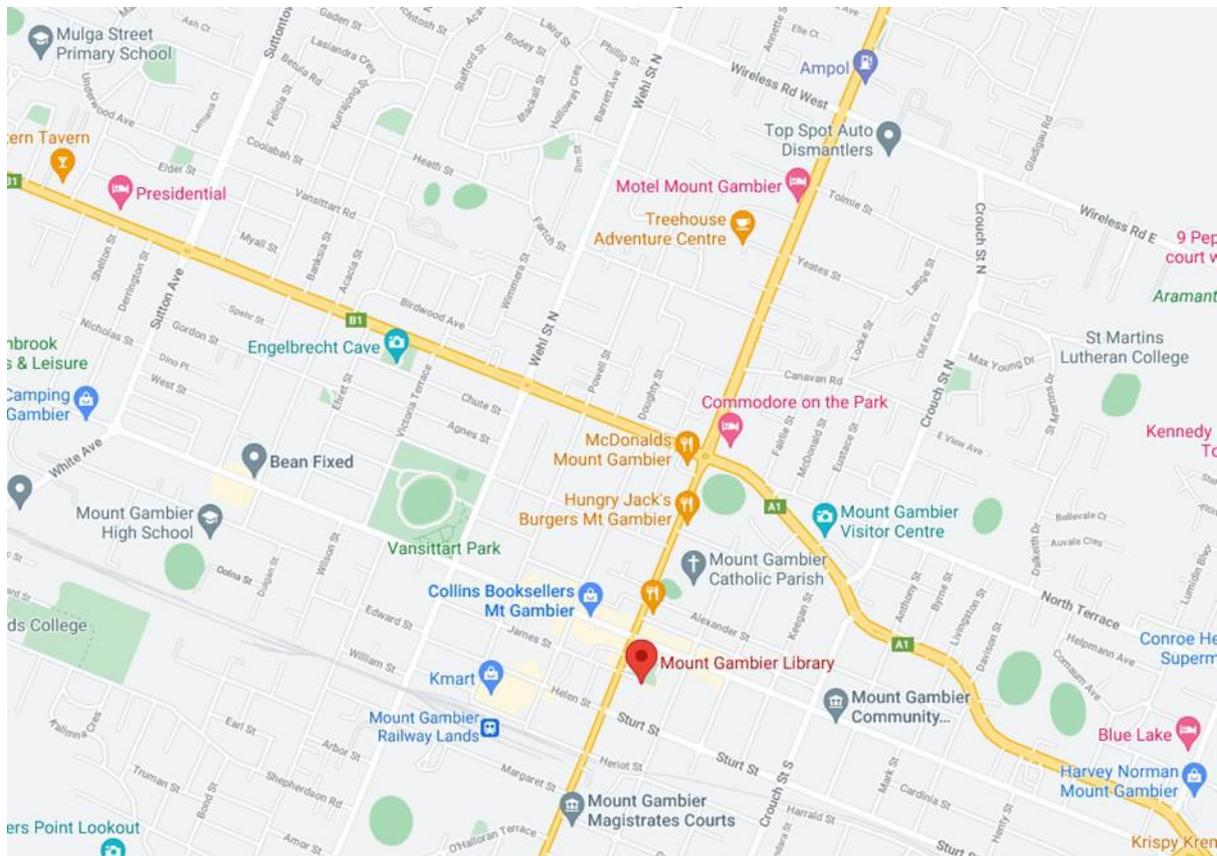
WHERE: Mount Gambier Library, 6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

Lunch/refreshments provided

Contact: Jill at: Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au if you have any questions

Register via: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/june-22-parent-forum-mount-gambier-tickets-156458061273>

Location of Mount Gambier Library





National Reconciliation Week
 More Than a Word
 27 May - 3 June

