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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"



From the Principal

"Embrace change. True success can be defined by your ability to adapt to changing circumstances".
- Connie Sky

What a lovely few weeks I have had here at Padthaway Primary. I have enjoyed every day getting to know all of the students and their families. My favourite part about each day is spending recess outside, having conversations with the children and learning all about their interests, strengths and goals. I am particularly impressed with the amount of kindness and respect every student here displays. I especially enjoy watching the upper primary students positively encouraging and helping their younger peers in play time activities. It's been great to watch everyone show their teamwork and sportsmanship during four square, football, cricket, basketball and cubby building games. Keeping active, displaying empathy and inclusivity is definitely a part of the culture here at Padthaway and that is something to be proud of.

It's a Boy!

We have all been eagerly awaiting the baby news from Mrs Mowat and finally he is here! A big congratulations to Corinne and her husband Ricky who welcomed Connor Ian Mowat into the world on the 29th of July. We wish you all the best for this special time as a family of three. Connor is very lucky to have you as his Mum and we look forward to his first visit.



Parent Engagement Survey

Last week parents should have received a link from the Department via email or SMS to complete the Parent Engagement Survey. The survey measures the level of engagement parents have with the school. It will ask you about how you perceive your child's school, including how well the school supports your child's learning and wellbeing. I encourage everyone to please take some time to complete this survey as the results will provide us information for further school improvement. If you did not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, please contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email.

Book Week

From the 23rd – 27th of August (week 6) we will be hosting book week. Book fair will be open in the library from 8:30am – 4:00pm every day. Dress up day (my favourite day of the year) will be Tuesday the 24th of August. This year the theme is "Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds". I look forward to seeing everyone's costumes!

COVID Restrictions

We still have a number of COVID restrictions in place and are continuing to minimise the amount of adults on site. We encourage parents to kiss and drop at the front gates and masks are still mandatory if you need to enter the buildings. This week we welcomed back our families to playgroup, but Tuck day will still continue to be ran by our wonderful SSO's. Thank you for your understanding while we follow SA Health advice to help keep each other safe.

Writing Conferences

Term 3 is my favourite time of the year. Children are well settled into their learning and therefore willing to take more risks. Teachers are working hard to refine their teaching practice and provide high impact strategies to improve student outcomes. This term teachers are focusing on refining

Writing Conferences in their classrooms, which allows each and every individual the opportunity to reflect on their writing and set new goals. Ask your child about their writing goal and what they are doing to achieve this.



School Boys Football

A big congratulations to the PaddyRoos football team for a successful season. The boys participated in an end of year carnival on Sunday and ended up winning 4 out of 4 matches – what a great achievement! Thank you to all the coaches, umpires and volunteers who all helped in their success. A special thanks to Bob Brooksby, Dan Hayes and Bill Longbottom for organising trainings and games. Without parent volunteers these boys would not have the opportunity to participate and develop their skills further, so we greatly appreciate all your support.



Have a great fortnight!
- Jess

Basketball SAPSASA Trials

This week we had a number of students try out for SAPSASA Basketball. Well done to Lucy, Grace, Murphy, Albie and Toby.



3/4/5 News

In Indonesian lessons we got to create our own pulau (which means island) and put whatever landmarks, flora and fauna we wanted. I had 5 states on my island as well as Australian native wildlife and some Indonesian native animals. One of my five states is called Palm Flats because that part of the island is flat.

During Maths lessons we have been learning about fractions, adding them together and ordering them from smallest to largest on a number line. I feel like I am understanding the concepts of our fraction work and I was able to do them at home independently.

For TECH at home we had to make 3D shapes out of recycled paper and then make a robot out of these. We did this because the Olympics are on and in Tokyo they have lots of technology and different structures that they are using for the Olympics. Now we are back at school our focus is going to be on designing and building a model bridge.

With Mrs Capurso in Geography lessons we are learning about bushfires and what they can do. At home we had to answer questions all about bushfires and then create our own 5 minute bushfire plan. Our plan is to turn on the sprinklers, grab anything that is irreplaceable, open gates for the stock and grab any of our pets.

Gus, Year 5

Sports News

Welcome to Term 3 everyone! The 6/7 class has started doing court invasion sports and we have decided to begin with netball. Later in the term we will be doing basketball and korfbal.

Every body has been very excited for the Olympics and have been wanting to watch it at school. Of course we're all sad to see it over but its good that Australia has got a lot of gold medals in swimming and other sports as well. I think we are all proud of Australia in the Olympics.

Henry, Yellow House Captain

TOKYO 2020



SRC News



I can't believe that it is already Term 3 and we are in Week 4. In the most recent SRC meeting we have decided to do a toilet poster competition. Everyone in the school is able to design what they would like to go on the toilet walls to brighten them up. Everyone who enters will get a spot on the wall up in the toilets. There will be multiple winners which will get a prize and a sticker on their art work that they did. On the posters you will need to include a quote and your name. It has come to our attention that there are holes in the oval that are in need of fixing, so the SRC are going to fill them in on Friday after our meeting. We are also hoping to get the balls down that are stuck up in the new shelter. We are hoping to remove them at the end of the term.

Anna, SRC President

Enviro News



The Enviro Warriors have got some exciting news, we have got some bush tucker plants coming from Lucindale. These will be planted in our Enviro Warrior garden and used for many different

purposes. The classes are still organising their own garden plots. The 6/7 Class are designing a garden bed as apart of Design and Technology. We are researching what plants will grow best, how we organise our garden and how we will best manage it. The best one will be able to have that design in our class garden bed.

Grace, Enviro Warrior

Choir News



In the past couple of weeks, we have achieved more and more without our books. Which is really important because we need to know all of our lyrics off by heart. We are showing Miss Edwards our wonderful voices and are really enjoying having her as our new choir teacher. Also, there will be a practice in Naracoorte where we join other schools and rehearse the songs and find ways that we can improve. It will be great to practice with a larger group. We are preparing for the upcoming Adelaide performance which everyone is all very excited about.

Lachlan, Choir Captain



PCW Spot

Some people love it and others aren't that way inclined...sports! I have to be careful what I say about sports in Padthaway (as we are generally very passionate bunch). I have

to admit I'm not a huge participator or watcher of sports. However, there was something captivating about the Olympics and the way that the media really highlighted the moments of great sportsmanship, kindness and positivity between team mates and rivals. This term the Wellbeing Ambassadors are focussing on physical health; how it effects our mental health, and how to be a good sport. The best way to teach our children this good sportsmanship is at home. You can practice at home by playing games as a family. Remind them to do their best, to enjoy and play for personal satisfaction and friendship. Use the times that you lose as an opportunity to demonstrate friendliness and graciousness, and when you win encourage them for being a good sport, for their resilience, and for giving it their best shot. When you watch sports on TV as a family whether it be the footy or Ninja Warrior, highlight the moments of great sportsmanship. And the moments where sportspeople behave badly...you have just scored a great teachable moment! Joke: How do football players keep cool? They stay close to their fans

Lisa

6/7 News

Welcome back everyone. The 6/7 Class are happy to be back at school and seeing everyone again after online learning. So far this term in grammar, we have been reviewing certain homophones. Homophones are words that are spelt differently but pronounced the same such as to, too and two. All have a different meaning so we are practicing to make sure we use the correct spelling. We have also been focusing on using different punctuation correctly. We have been learning about hyphens and how to use them accurately.

For Maths, we have been doing fast facts which help us with our quick recall. We practice it with division, addition, multiplication and subtraction. Everyone in the class is getting very quick which helps us with our problem solving. We are also still focusing on algebra. At the moment we are doing revision because we have a test coming up. This will include topics like number patterns and sequencing, BEDMAS and finding the value of a variable. It is rather interesting too.

For Reading we have certain groups that we complete our guided reading in. We are also focusing on the comprehension strategy of inferring. We're also doing poetry and studying different types of poetry. This week we looked at song lyrics and how they use figurative language.

For Science, we are learning about food chains but we have only just started.

For HASS, we have been learning all about Australia's government and we were lucky enough to go the council meeting this week, which was very interesting. At the meeting we presented something about how we could make Padthaway a better place to be. There were lots of different ideas such as re-doing the tennis courts and building a pump track, which would all be awesome.

Archie, 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.

PARENT FORUM – for parents/carers of children and students in government preschools and schools Mount Gambier Wednesday, 1 September 2021

You are invited to a Parent Forum for parents and carers of children and young people with disability. You are able to choose a session from either of the times below:

10.15 am to 1.30 pm **OR**

5.15 pm to 8.30 pm

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

[Topic: Inclusive Education - facilitated by Lynette Corletto and Andrew Fewster from Student Support Services.](#)

[Topic: One Plan – Objectives & processes - facilitated by 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. **WHERE: Mount Gambier Regional Office, 64 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.** Contact: Jill at:

Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au if you have any questions

Register via: [https://](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parent-forum-mt-gambier-1st-september-2021-registration-156458061273)

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Wellbeing News

Welcome back everyone! This term the Wellbeing Ambassadors and Lisa have decided to make the theme, physical activity. To encourage everyone in the school to increase their level of physical activity we

thought it would be a good idea to create certain activities during lunch. To start off the term, we chose to do skipping every Tuesday at lunch for the last 2 weeks. Next week we will be holding a skipping competition. We have created different competitions so there are lots of opportunities for everyone to win a prize. It has been great seeing everyone doing skipping at lunch time and enjoying themselves! Throughout the term we will also be doing lessons with all the classes about physical activity and why it is so important to our physical health and wellbeing. We hope to see you all out at lunch skipping!

Matthew, Wellbeing Ambassador

Preschool—Year 2 News

We are very excited to be back at school! We dressed up on Zoom and played games and read books with Miss Davey. I dressed up as a princess. While I was learning at home I got to go outside and play soccer with my sister. I am excited to be back to school because I get to see all my friends and we get to learn again. In Science this term we will be learning about the weather. There has been lots of rain, wind and thunder. From now on the Preschool students will be in our class 3 days each week instead of 2. There are lots of things we are looking forward to this term including Book Week and Big Day Out.

Indi, Year 1

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNERS



Louis Orton

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is reading, because I am doing a better job at it and I have got a lot faster.

Reading is so important in life and I will need it for any job that I do when I finish school.

My favourite subject is HASS with Mrs Capurso because we get to play the glockenspiel. The glockenspiel is fun to play because it is really noisy and sounds great. Something I have learnt recently is to tell the time, now I can read o'clock, half past and quarter past. It is really important to learn the time as we need it everyday. Something I would like to learn more about is telling the time because I want to get better at it.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write a whole page in big write.

At lunch time I enjoy playing cubbies. We have made a stick pile to hide under with my friends.

Outside of school I like to play with my pigs Barry and Babe and ride my motorbike with Henry and Jack on our jumps track. I love riding my motorbike in mud and getting dirty.

Louis, Year 2



Ceejay Smith

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is learning and helping my team field for continuous cricket because I like learning about the game and how it is different to

normal cricket.

My favourite subject is tech because we are learning about how bridges are structured and which parts are important. A triangle is the most used shape on a bridge because it makes the bridge strong with tension and structure.

Something I have learnt recently is how to bid in an auction in our Economics and Business lesson with Mrs Capurso.

Something I would like to learn more about is how to play the song Mamma Mia on a glockenspiel because I am not confident at playing this song yet. I can play a song called Definitely.

By the end of this year I hope to be able to write enough detail in my Big Writes so I can write two pages.

At lunch I like playing cricket because it will help me with playing continuous cricket in PE. I also like to play four square and go to cubbies.

Outside of school I like to have family movie nights with everyone, ride my bike with Latoya and teach Latoya how to play soccer.

Ceejay, Year 3



Toby Longbottom

Something I am proud of doing is the work that I have been putting into Twenty Dollar Boss. This is because I think I have a good plan for it and I

am really excited to work with my partner Archie.

My favourite subject is PE because you get to move around, be active and learn how to play new sports with your friends. We are doing netball at the moment which is a lot of fun.

Something I have recently learnt is what a food chain is and how a food chain shows the flow of energy from a producer to consumers and herbivores and finally to decomposers.

Something I would like to learn more about is algebra in Maths because I like what we are learning at the moment.

By the end of this year I hope to be able to earn \$400 in twenty dollar boss. I know this is a big goal but I think Archie and I will be able to achieve it.

At lunch time I enjoy playing footy with my friends, playing four square and a new soccer game we have made.

Outside of school I like to ride my bike and play footy. I like playing footy outside of school because we get to play by all the regular rules.

Toby, Year 6

Dates to Remember

Week 6

Book Fair

Week 8

Governing Council/Finance Meeting - 6:15pm

Week 9

Big Day Out
Preschool—Year 1

Week 10

Assembly
Early Dismissal—2pm

Tuck Day

Week 5

Quiche and Salad— Emily Congdon

Quiche Donations-

Tammy Mathews

Sam Rothe

Kate Hayes

Emily Congdon

Kathy Hayes

Muffins— Deb Zilm

Week 6

Pasta Bake— Kirilie Turner

Muffins— Lissy Orton

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