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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## From the Principal

Can you believe it's already Week 6? This Term is flying! I am loving being a part of this wonderful school and community. I am especially enjoying listening to learning conversations and watching the children thrive in their classrooms. There is so much high quality teaching happening here at Padthaway Primary, every student here is provided with every opportunity to reach their full potential. We all play a part in our children reaching their goals, let's set those high expectations and work together to encourage them to succeed.

## SSO Week

Last week we celebrated Student Support Officers Week. SSO's are such a vital aspect to our school and we effectively could not run without them. The amount of time and dedication our SSO's put into our students and school is unmeasurable. Their dedication and commitment is highly valuable and we are so grateful to have such a hard working team here at Padthaway. Our wonderful SSO's celebrated with a morning tea and children made special thankyou cards. On behalf of the teachers, students and myself I wanted to say a huge thankyou to Kirilie Turner, Vicki Heym, Byron Edwards, Lisa Graetz, Tammy Mathews, Troy Mathews, Lissy Orton and Emma Cooper. Thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm, nothing ever goes unnoticed and we are all so grateful for everything you do for our school.

## External School Review

Last Term Padthaway was a part of an External School Review. The External School Review (ESR) process provides an external evaluation of a school's capacity to continue to improve student learning. This evaluation provides directions to the school that will amplify the ongoing improvement planning work and identify further improvement

opportunities. We have received our directives from our 2021 ESR and the results are very positive. I encourage parents to look online on our school website at our ESR directives. These directives will drive our improvement focus over the next three years. Congratulations to Corinne and the team on such a positive outcome.

## Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT)

From next week until the end of term students in years 3-7 will be undertaking the annual PAT online assessment. This assessment will provide us with information relating to students learning strengths and needs. Students will be undertaking a Maths, Reading Comprehension, Spelling and Grammar test. These results will provide teachers with helping all students make ongoing learning progress and enable them to target their teaching whilst monitoring their growth.

## PPHS Community Footy Tipping Competition

A big thank you to Brenna Brooksby for organising the PPHS Footy Tipping Competition this year. Brenna organised 22 people to take part on behalf of Padthaway Primary, which meant we were able to receive a cheque for \$1100 for our school. Its valuable parent volunteers like this that provide our students with ongoing opportunities, we are so lucky to have such a supportive community that provide this.

## Goal Pads

We have some excited footballers around the school with our new footy goal pads. The children are particularly impressed with the royal blue and yellow to represent our community and just in time for Athletics Day!

## SAPSASA Athletics

Well done to Anna, Elsie, Jack, Henry, Grace, Lucy, Jess, Toby, Alex and Murphy who participated in the Athletics try outs yesterday at Bordertown. You all worked

hard and should all be very proud of your efforts. We are now waiting to hear who has been selected to represent the Upper South East team in Adelaide.

## Book Week

This week we celebrated Book Week with our Book Fair held in the library and our dress up day on Tuesday. Book Week is one of my favourite weeks as it brings children and books together across Australia to highlight the importance of reading. Thank you to all the parents on your contribution and efforts to your child's wonderful costumes. I loved all the creativity around their favourite book characters - My favourite was definitely Captain Underpants! A big thankyou as well to everyone who has purchased anything in our Book Fair, these funds enable us to buy further books for our library. Book Fair will still be open until 3:30pm Friday.

- Jess





### 3/4/5 News



During Maths we have been learning about division and it has been fun because I like splitting things into groups and sharing to figure out the answers. I am improving in my division skills and am looking forward to learning about fractions. (Sam)

In Spelling I learnt that a prefix goes at the start of the word and a suffix goes at the end. This week our focus is on the suffix of 'able'. (Jade)

For PE lessons we have been learning about different versions of cricket like four bowler cricket, continuous cricket and continuous kick-it. This has been great because I like learning about cricket and the different versions that we can play. (Sam) I have liked learning how to bowl and field in the different versions as they have all been different and it is good to learn these different skills. (Jade)

I have really enjoyed Music lessons because I like learning different notes and songs on the glockenspiel. It is a fun instrument because it has lots of different notes to play and my favourite song to play is Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. (Sam)

In our Geography lessons our focus has been on bushfires. The fire that I have been learning about is Ash Wednesday and there was a lot of lives lost and many wildlife animals were destroyed. 3,770 hectares of land was burnt and 2,080 home were destroyed which was devastating. (Jade)

### Sports News



It has been a very busy and exciting fortnight filled with sport. All the students have been looking forward to all the SAPASA events. Last week members from the 6/7 class went to Bordertown for SAPASA Basketball. The golf try-outs were also held last Friday. Well done to everyone who competed and all the best to George, Alex and Digby who play again this Friday. Student from Year 5 to 7 have also been trailing for SAPASA Athletics. We had to try-out at school first to be able to qualify before they could go to Bordertown to try out for the team. Well done to everyone who qualified and to those who made the Athletics team.

*Toby, Blue House Captain*

### SRC News



Last week in the SRC meeting we decided on the SRC tuckday menu. We are going to have toasties and frog in a pond. This will be in Week 7 and forms were handed out at the start of the week.

Could you please get the forms in by Friday Week 6. This week it is Book Week and it has been fantastic to see the library set up with all the fantastic books and other cool items. Everyone is very excited to spend their money. Thank you to Vicki and Mrs Turner for setting it all up and serving everyone. On Tuesday, we had our dress up day and everyone looked fantastic. The SRC decided who had the best costumes. In the preschool the winner was Nixon, in the R/1/2 the winner was Belle, in the 3/4/5 class the winner was Jack and in the 6/7 class the winner was Henry. With costumes from dinosaurs to characters from Peter Rabbit we had a hard time deciding which costume was the most creative and cool.

*Anna, SRC President*

### Enviro News



Tammy Mathews kindly made a roster for the chickens. This roster will ensure that the chickens are fed, their water is cleaned out regularly and eggs are collected. So big thanks to Tammy. Also, at our class meetings the other students have suggested to get the chickens a feeder, which we will keep in mind. We got some more feed and are hoping to sell the eggs to be able to buy more food. Also, if you have some fresh hay laying around that you're willing to donate we would love some more for the chickens beds.

*Grace, Enviro Warrior*

### Choir News



Last week, we had a choir practice at the Naracoorte North Primary School. A conductor came down from Adelaide and talked us through the songs and choreography for the Adelaide performance. It was really good to have this practice and receive feedback so that we can all improve. We also got to play on the playground afterwards, which was very enjoyable. We are all very excited for the Adelaide performance and will continue working on our singing and choreography.

*Lachlan, Choir Captain*



## PCW Spot

My high school cross country training track was 3kms. It went out around the road, around a block of vineyard, and back through some scrub. It was the most painful, tedious, gruelling time of the week. I spent

most of the time hiding so the teachers couldn't see me taking shortcuts, or dawdling along chatting with friends. I know there could be one or two students at Padthaway who might resonate with me.

They say the hardest part of any physical exercise is putting your shoes on and getting out the door. We all know the physical and mental health benefits of staying active, and feel so good after getting out and about but sometimes we just need a little motivation. So here is your motivation, written by various students at Padthaway: "Reasons we should be active are so that we don't die, so we can stay healthy, so we can have a happy life, so we can get fit, so that we don't worry about anything, and so that you don't turn fat and sloppy."

Great motivation right there!

Joke: What do you call a runner who can make his shoes disappear?

The Great Shoe-Dini

Lisa



## Wellbeing News

Last week the wellbeing ambassadors held a skipping competition during lunch time. This is to help encourage this term's theme of physical activity. We split everyone into two groups, the upper primary

and the junior primary. There were three different competitions so that everyone had a chance to win. We had a winner for each competition and they won a prize which was either a little bag of skittles or a little Kit-Kat. We think a lot of the kids enjoyed it and it was a really enjoyable lunchtime. A big thanks to Lisa who helped plan and run the competition. The Wellbeing Ambassadors are now busy planning the next activity to complete with all the classes based on our theme.

Matthew, Wellbeing Ambassador



## 6/7 News

Over the past two weeks the 6/7 class has been competing many different SAPSASA events. Last week, we had golf and basketball and this week many of us went to Bordertown to try-out for

athletics. Everyone did a fantastic job! For Design and Tech the class is busy completing their garden designs. We will be presenting them to the class soon and it will be good to be able to plant something in our garden soon. In Science, we are continuing to learn about food chains and food webs, and are now learning to make our own food webs. We also learnt that there are different types of consumers, primary, secondary and tertiary. For Maths, we are now starting to learn about measurement, so far we have been converting between different measurements. The class is still focusing on inferring for reading. Lately, we have been inferring images from newspapers and recording what we think is happening in those pictures. In English, we have started our Poetry assessment task. We are choosing a song and discussing the meaning of the song and the figurative language that has been used. We are finishing up with netball for PE and will be moving onto basketball next.

Anna, Year 6



## Preschool— Year 2 News

In Numeracy we have been learning to use chance words, like certain, impossible, likely and unlikely. It is certain that we will go home at the end of the day. It is

impossible that I will fly without any wings. We are looking forward to Big Day Out. We are going to go to watch a show in Mount Gambier then to the Naracoorte Caves for lunch. We are excited for concert. We are starting to organise our dance because Miss Davey will be away for a bit next term. Our dance is a Christmas dance and it will be very funny.

Lauren, Reception

## 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.



# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNERS



## Zeke Congdon

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is learning more sounds because I can read and write more words. I like to write about my family.

My favourite subject is computers because we get to play games. I have been learning to type and put in pictures. I found a picture of a snake and it scared Miss Davey.

Something I have learnt recently is to write. I have practiced making my letters neat.

Something I would like to learn more about is how to make my letters neater. I will have to keep practicing.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write a story. I like writing stories about dinosaurs. My favourite dinosaur is a T-rex.

At lunch I enjoy playing games with my friends.

Outside of school I like to do Auskick so then I can kick goals.

Zeke, reception



## Archer Leddy

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is learning division skills in Maths because I am improving in knowing how division works and using

different methods to use to work out the answer.

My favourite subject is PE because we've been doing cricket and it is a very fun sport to be learning. We have been learning how to play different versions of cricket which has been interesting and awesome.

Something I have learnt recently is in Science that heat will travel from a hotter object to a cooler object and heat doesn't stay in an object as it will always flow to the cold.

Something I would like to learn more about is division because I like learning about it and I enjoy the challenge of doing the equations.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write neat enough to be able to maybe get my pen licence.

At lunch I enjoy playing with my friends at cubbies, building volcanos in the sandpit, help to clean up the yard and play made up games with my friends.

Outside of school I like to visit my friends' houses, do jobs at home, go bird watching with Dad and play with my dogs.

Archer, Year 4



## Henry Orton

Something I am proud of doing is my efforts during the school athletics try-outs. I qualified for all of the events I wanted to so now I can go to Bordertown to the try-

outs and hopefully make the Athletics team. My favourite subject is PE because I love playing sports and learning how to play new sports.

Something I have learnt recently is how to convert between all different units of measurement. I can now convert between length, grams and kilograms and litres and millilitres.

Something I would like to learn more about is what different food webs look like in different habitats. I would also like to learn more about what animals are omnivores, carnivores and herbivores.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to win the big cup for Yellow at Sports Day. I also want to be really independent with my Maths learning.

At lunch I enjoy playing footy with all my friends. I love practising my footy skills and kicking goals.

Outside of school I like to spend a lot of time outside. Especially, riding my dirt bike everywhere.

Henry, Year 6

## Dates to Remember

### 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 7

SRC Tuckday—Toasties & Frog In a Pond

### Week 8

Pizza - Emily Congdon  
Muffins— Hollie Roach

Vicki Heym  
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