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# PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## From the Principal

Wow! I have blinked and the term is almost over. Looking back at the last ten weeks we have all achieved so much. Here is a glimpse of our busy term... SAPSASA, Adelaide Choir, PAT testing, Book Week, an Indigenous perspective guest speaker, a Big Day Out, Padthaway Premiership football players visit, a Cricket Blast Carnival, the list goes on and it all started with a COVID lockdown. It's a good opportunity to take in all those moments we are grateful for. It's so important to pay attention to the things we have right now, and not worry about what we don't have. We can practise this by noticing the positives that exist around us.

## Staffing News

As you may be aware, our 3/4/5 teacher Hannah Drury is expecting her first child. We are so excited for Hannah and her husband Matt as they enter their new journey of parenting. Hannah will be commencing her maternity leave at the end of this term, her last day will be tomorrow the 24th of September. Next term we will welcome two new staff members, Kylie Rodda and Tracey Walsh. Kylie is well known to the children as she has already undertaken a number of relief teaching days at our site. Tracey Walsh is new to the Padthaway community, but we look forward to getting to know her and welcoming her to our team. Both teachers come with a wealth of knowledge and expertise, which will provide the children with a range of opportunities in Term 4.

I would also like to advise you that I have won the Principal position for 3 years at Naracoorte South Primary School, commencing January 2022. I am very excited for another new challenge, but also very sad to leave the Padthaway community. I will still be here for Term 4 and look forward to spending that time with you all.

## NAPLAN

This week you would have received your child's NAPLAN results if they are in Years 3, 5 or 7. Please take the time to look over these results and share with your child. Overall we have seen some fantastic results for Padthaway Primary, every child who participated should feel very proud of their achievements. If you wish to discuss these results and explore learning strategies to improve your child's capacity in literacy and numeracy, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Moderation with Frances Primary

Last Tuesday we held a shared staff training and development with Frances Primary. This was a great opportunity for teachers to collaborate and reflect on their writing task designs. It was fantastic to see some engaging conversations, which enabled the teachers to reflect on their writing samples to ensure all students were given every opportunity to succeed and to be intellectually stretched.

## Cricket Cup

Yesterday we had a team of boys represent our school at a Cricket Blast Tournament in Naracoorte. Well done to Toby Longbottom, Ned Ward, Matt Robertson, Sam Hayes, Bruce Rothe, Gus Brooksby, George Longbottom, Alex Charlick, Clayton Parham, Ceejay Smith, Eddie Brooksby and Sam Brammer. Special thanks to Cheryl Merret and Kathy Hayes for taking the boys to Naracoorte and assisting throughout the day. Parent volunteers are so valuable within our school, without them our children wouldn't be able to participate in these types of events so we really appreciate your support.

## SAPSASA

On Monday we had a number of children representing the Upper South East in SAPSASA athletics in Adelaide. We had Henry Orton in the 1500m and relay, Grace Mathews in shotput, Jess Frick in 100m 200m and relay, Lucy Tiver in discus and Jack Orton in relay. George Longbottom also represented Padthaway in the state golf tournament. Well done to all these children, a fantastic achievement!

## End of Term

Don't forget tomorrow is our last day of term before the holidays. We will be holding our end of term assembly at 9:00am, please ensure you wear a mask if you wish to attend. School will also be dismissed an hour early at 2:30pm. Wishing you a lovely and safe holiday with your families - Jess





### 3/4/5 News

In Maths we have been learning about fractions and learning how to divide shapes and collections. I have learnt what the numbers mean when you write a fraction— for example if you have  $\frac{2}{4}$  you divide the shape into four parts and then shade in two so this would be two quarters.

During Science lessons our focus has been on learning about the Earth's surface and how different things affect it. I have found out that different climates and weather can change the surface in different ways through chemical or physical weathering.

For Geography lessons we have been learning about different bushfires. We had to find out information on the computer about a specific bushfire that we chose and I researched about Ash Wednesday. I learnt that Ash Wednesday burnt land in South Australia and Victoria and it killed 75 people. The date of when it happened was 16th of February of 1983.

For our writing lessons we have been learning about different poems and trying to put these in to our writing. At the moment my goal for my writing is to make sure I am putting in capital letters at the start of each sentence.

Jassen, Year 3



### Sports News

It has been another busy couple of weeks with sport. On Monday Grace, Lucy, Jess and I went to Adelaide and competed at Santos Stadium for SAPSASA Athletics. We all had a great day and it was a fun day out competing at a higher level. Some of the students from the 6/7 and 3/4/5 class travelled to Naracoorte this week to compete in a Cricket Cup against other schools. Congratulations to Anna Orton who has made the Girls Football team. She will be going to Adelaide in Term 4 to compete. The House Captains also came together this week to plan their end of term game. This term we are going to do a game of limbo. It will be Blue vs Yellow but we will be awarding points for good sportsmanship

Henry, Yellow House Captain



### SRC News

In SRC this week we have been talking about a fundraiser for the end of the term. This Friday the school is going to dress up in their footy team colours to fundraise for kids for cancer. It would be very much appreciated if you came dressed up, if you decide to dress up you will be required to bring along a gold coin donation. It has come to our attention that the headphones have been misused or lost in the computer room, they have been replaced with old ones, but this has caused students to steel the 'good' ones. So now the SRC and Miss Edwards are going to go around the computer room and see which computers need more head phones and order new ones. We will label the computers with all different numbers that will be the same a one headphone, so then when you get a computer with the wrong number on it you now it is not yours.

Anna, SRC President



### Enviro News

Lately in Enviro Warriors, we have all been following our roster to look after the chickens. The selling of the eggs is going great, we have sold quite a lot of the eggs and the chickens are laying a good amount of eggs. Also, we have weeded the garden beds so now they are ready to plant our plants in. We are so excited to start forming our bush tucker because it still has a bit of work to do on it. On Monday a lady called Natasha came in and spoke to us about how we are going to set up our gardens and gave us some ideas about it. Yay!

Grace, Enviro Warrior



### Choir News

Last week all the choir members travelled to Mundulla to complete a practice with the Mundulla and other school choir groups. This was in preparation for our Mount Gambier performance. It was really good to be able to practice with an Adelaide conductor. Our weekly practices with Miss Edwards are also going really well. We are singing the songs while we complete the final touches to our banner.

Lachy, Choir Member



## PCW Spot

We made it through another term! We survived! And the holidays are a well-deserved break for all of our hard working students and staff. Lately when I ask how people are going, the most common response I am given is “busy”. I can so relate to that! It has been a busy term. There’s been so much going on at school, and in our work and personal lives, and many feel tired from juggling it all. There can be countless things in life that leave us feeling drained. Can I encourage you to pick a few things that fill up your emotional tank, and make them a priority in the school break. I hope that you enjoy a rest from the school routine, that you’re able to get out and enjoy the sunshine with your children, and come back into term four feeling refreshed and renewed (with no broken bones from any students!!)

Joke: My wife told me I to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.

Lisa



## Wellbeing News

This week we completed the Mini Olympics activity afternoon with the school. The Wellbeing ambassadors and Lisa designed and set up the different activities that resembled sports found in the Olympics. The different sports we had were Javelin, ping-pong throw, basketball and sponge throwing. It went really well and everyone had a great time. We split the school up into four groups (countries), Scotland, Brazil, New Zealand and Russia. In the end Brazil won, but it was a good effort from everyone and we saw fantastic sportsmanship. We completed this activity afternoon to promote physical activity. Being active is not only good for your physical health also your mental health.

Matthew, Wellbeing Ambassador



## 6/7 News

In Science, we have been learning about biological control on invasive species. For this, everyone in the class chose their own invasive species and researched why it was considered invasive and if there was any biological control. We started to present our science assignments on Tuesday. Some of the options were European red fox, European wasp, water buffalo and camels. In English, we have been learning about procedures and to write procedures with clear and concise steps. We all wrote our own procedures, we wrote an aim, the equipment we need and the steps. Some of us did things like 2 minutes noodles, hot chocolates and how to do a lay-up. We then had someone else in the class complete our procedure and provide feedback on our writing. In Maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter of shapes like parallelograms, triangles and composite shapes. In Business and Economics everyone has collected their \$20 ready to purchase their items for \$20 boss. Some people in the class are working as partners and some are working individually. There are lots of great ideas being shared and we are all very eager to begin this next term. The whole class is very excited for the 2 week school holidays and I’m sure we’ve all got good plans for the holidays. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holidays.

Axel and Albie, Year 6  
Murphy, Year 7



## Preschool— Year 2 News

We made adjective posters. Adjectives are describing words so people can understand better about something. We have made board games to take home in the holidays in case we get bored. We have learnt even more letters in Word Work. Some digraphs we have learnt recently are *ee*, *qu* and *ck*. We need to keep learning more sounds so when we are older we will be able to read to our own kids. On BDO we went to the caves and we watched a show in Mount Gambier. The show was the best thing and I liked the coloured sticks.

Chase, 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



## Lauren Ortlepp

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is dealing with arguments by walking away because it could just go on for hours otherwise.

My favourite subject is Health because I really like knowing how to look after myself. I need to brush my teeth, go to bed at an appropriate time and get lots of rest.

Something I have learnt recently is how to do a tally. You do 4 lines and the 5th line goes across so it's quicker to count them. When we collect data we use a tally then put the information into a graph.

Something I would like to learn more about is money in Numeracy so then I could count up money and give it to people.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to know how to play the piano because my Grandma knows how to play lots of songs. I would have to learn what the different keys are.

At lunch I enjoy playing 4 Square. I play it lots and its fun getting.

Outside of school I like to go to the swimming pool. If Cockatoo Lake wasn't open we could just go there instead. I like splashing in the pool.

Lauren, Reception



## Felicity Orton

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is in Maths I have nearly learnt all of times tables. I have done this because I knew I needed to practice them more

so Mum and Mrs Drury have helped me and given me extra time to do this. I feel more confident with them now.

My favourite subject is PE and Art because in PE lessons at the start of the term we did different versions of cricket and I really enjoyed being the batter and learning the different versions and rules. I enjoy Art because we have been learning about music and it has been interesting learning a different instrument like the glockenspiel. Something I have learnt recently is in Science what the layers of the earth are called— outer crust, mantle, inner crust and then core is in the middle.

Something I would like to learn more about is how to up-level my writing and how to write a really great story so my readers love them and want to read more.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to be able to gallop on my horse properly.

At lunch I enjoy playing four square with my mates, hula hooping and doing dance club.

Outside of school I like to ride my pony, spend time with my family and friends.

Felicity, Year 4



## Lachlan Hayes

Something I am proud of is always trying to improve my Big Write in ways where it is more interesting and engaging to reader. Also always striving for excellence, being respectful, being

responsible and trying to help someone whenever I can. My favourite subject is Science because we've been learning about invasive species if there is a biological control for that animal. Also we're doing projects on Australian invasive species and if there are a biological control. Something I have learnt recently is how to play the glockenspiel in Mrs Capurso's Music class. Also in Mrs Capurso's class during geography we have been learning all sorts of things about Asia and how its home to the tallest Mountain in the world Mt Everest 8,849m above sea level. Also Asia is home to the deepest place in the world The Marina Trench which is -11,034m below sea level. Something I would like to learn more about Ways our school could be more waste friendly so that we are disposing of our rubbish correctly by putting things in the correct bins. By the end of the year I hope to feel prepared, ready and organised for high school. At lunch I enjoy Playing football, playing 4 square or just talking with the other year 7 boys. Outside of school I like to Play farming simulator 17 & 19 and ride the motorbike on the small 5 acres that there is to ride on. Otherwise just watching Netflix in the lounge.

Lachlan, Year 6

## Dates to Remember

### Week 10

24th September

Assembly 9am

Early Dismissal—2.30pm

### Term 4

11th October

Term 4 Starts

## Tuck Day

### Week 1

Hot Dogs— Dannielle Fiebig

Muffins-Kathy Hayes

Vicki Heym

Tuck Day Coordinator

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