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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"

From the Principal

World Teachers day

Last Friday we celebrated our wonderful teachers we have here at Padthaway for World Teachers Day. Our SSO's provided a morning tea and special cards made by our students. We are so lucky to have all of our dedicated and enthusiastic teachers here at PPS who always go above and beyond for the school. They spend their time and energy to guide, support, inspire, love and care for our children. Thank you for all you do!



2022 Principal

It is my pleasure to announce that Judy Goodes, has won the Padthaway Primary Principal position for Terms 1 and 2 of 2022. Judy is currently Deputy Principal at Penola High School, and comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Judy has previously taught at Padthaway Primary, and is looking forward to returning to the school and being involved with the community. Padthaway Primary are lucky to gain an inspirational and enthusiastic leader who we can all learn from. Congratulations Judy, we look forward to welcoming you to our school and community.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the South Australian Premiers Reading Challenge this year. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read and engage in more books and improve literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

Mount Gambier Choir

On Friday the 22nd of October, we had 6 students participate in the SE Regional School Choir Performance at the Sir Robert Helpmann theatre. This was a great experience for these students to end the year showcasing all their hard work they have been practising with Mrs Mowat. They did a wonderful job and should be very proud of their performance.

Aquatics Camp

Last week we had the year 4-7 Murray Bridge Aquatics camp. The weather really turned it on for us while we were there. I am so proud of all of the children who attended and represented our school. Everyone was willing to give all activities a go, whilst building their resilience and independence. They were all focused, on task, respectful and willing to help out wherever they could, which made the camp so enjoyable for staff and everyone involved.

High School Transitions

On Monday we had the year 6/7 students visit the high school for their first orientation. This will be followed by weekly visits for the rest of the term. The bus from Padthaway is able to take these students into town on these days and parents have been asked to contact Wayne Tanner if they would like a place on the bus for these transition days.

Thankyou!

Thank you to Enviro Tech in Naracoorte for donating and delivering a bin to hold our chicken feed. Also a big thank you to Maddie Jonas for generous donation of chicken feed. Donations of chicken feed are always welcome. Eggs are also for sale in our front office, we appreciate your support.

Sports Day Friday

Looking forward to seeing all our families cheer on our students for Sports Day on Friday. Students have been eagerly practising all our events and can't wait to show off their skills and abilities. Please note parking will be outside the gates this year and you will need to COVID Safe check in using the QR codes provided as you enter through the front gates. We will have a coffee van available on the day and a BBQ lunch. I can't wait to see all students competing and trying their best, whilst displaying their positive sportsmanship skills for their house team.

Who will be this year's champion of the Verco Shield?

- Jess





3/4/5 News

Last week when the Year 4's and 5's were on camp we had some fun activities at school with Mrs Vogelsang and Mrs Capurso. On Monday we went to mini golf, on Tuesday we had a pyjama party and watched Farmington and on Wednesday we brought our bikes, scooters, skateboards and roller blades to school and got to ride them around.

This week we have had Ms Rodda teaching us. We have been learning about building structures in Science. Ms Rodda has been showing us how to write poetry, we have been reading famous poems and learning new language to write our own. We have also been writing procedures to build board games. We have to read and follow each others instructions to play each others board games and then write a review on their game. In Maths we have been learning multiplication, we are getting really good at our 6 times tables. We have been doing lots of reading. Our favourite books at the moment are Rise of the Mythics, Pig the Pug, Bad Guys and Weirdo. We are all looking forward to Sports Day, we are mostly looking forward to seeing all our families watch us and cheer us on. We have been practising all of our events and we can't wait to show everyone how much we have improved. Our favourite is the long jump, marathon and high jump.

The year 4's and 5s had a great time on camp. Our favourite part about camp was knee boarding, sailing and small boat handling. We were a little nervous about staying over at camp, but in the end it was very fun.

Brandon, Digby, Jassen and Ashley



SRC News

This week on Friday we have Sports Day, which everyone in the school is extremely excited about. We hope that you can all make it to cheer us all on.

The SRC are going to have a drink stall, so be sure you come and visit to help us raise some money for the school. The \$20 boss project is finishing up at the end of this week so be sure to buy some things. In Week 7, the SRC are going to be doing the SRC tuck day, we are planning on using the BBQ. The BBQ will be used for sports day as well.

Anna, SRC President



Enviro News

On Tuesday Albie, Eliza and myself went to Robe for the Enviro Warrior YELP day. We did all sorts of activities such as the fire ceremony which everyone walks around

a little fire. After that we figured out what their groups were for the rest of the day, I really enjoyed doing the magic place. The magic place is when you go find a spot somewhere such as the beach and you sit by yourself for a few minutes and just relax. We were also able to throw a boomerang and we all learnt about the red-tailed black cockatoo. The YELP day was really fun. When the day was over Mrs Capurso kindly bought us all an ice-cream each.

Grace, Enviro Warrior

Sports News



Everyone has been very excited for Sports Day, we have all been practising for the day. The 6/7's recently practised high jump, with the other classes also spending their PE lessons practising all of the activities. The whole school has also been busy practising in our teams for the team relay. The Blue and Yellow teams have also been practising for their relays in lunch time. We have all been waiting for the day to decide which team (and I know) will beat the old 7 on 7 tie.

Murphy, Blue House Captain



Choir News

Two weeks ago the choir group travelled to Mount Gambier for our final performance of the year. It was a fantastic night and we all really enjoyed it. The choir group would all like to thank our family and friends who came to watch our performance. Now, our practises will focus on preparing our songs for concert at the end of the year.

Lachie, Choir Member



PCW Spot

Is there a difference between city and country kids? At camp an instructor commented that he can definitely tell the difference, and that the students from Padthaway

stood out as being country kids who were generally 'more excited' than other students who visit the camp. Well, what's not to be excited about?! We had three beautiful days away, with perfect weather, amazing food, and great company, making lasting memories. Some of my favourite camp moments were seeing students out of their comfort zone but with such a positive can-do attitude. I loved that when I asked students to volunteer to sweep and mop the floor, they actually put up their hand to help (and did an awesome job). I love hearing students yelling out words of encouragement and support to their classmates. I love seeing students get excited, having fun, being resilient, growing, showing kindness and empathy. So if that's what country kids are like, I'm proud to be from the country!!!

Joke: What is a cowboys favourite car? It's an Audi, partner!

Lisa

6/7 News

In our class we have been doing sports day practice during PE lessons. We have been practicing high jump, long jump and hurdles. We also have been practising for our whole school relay ready for Sports Day. The whole class is very excited for Sports Day and excited to see who wins.

Last week we went on camp and we had so much fun and it was nice and hot. We did a heap of different activities such as skiing, knee boarding, sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding and small boat handling. My favourite part was doing knee boarding.

With Miss Duell we have been talking about end of the year celebrations. We have talked about a couple of cool ideas.

We have also started talking about concert ideas and what we would like to do.

We have also been practicing and rehearsing scripts in drama with Mrs Capurso. Everyone is working in groups and we have our own play to practise. Hopefully we will be performing our plays in front of the class at the end of the term.

The class is doing their last week of \$20 boss. Everyone has been selling their products really well and raising lots of money. I have sold out making my boot removers.

Will, Year 7

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.



Padthaway Playgroup

Wellbeing News

Wow, this term is going so quickly! This term is so busy with sports day, concert, camp and many other things, that's why we've decided to keep it simple this and only do

one activity. We just want to remind everyone to stay kind and show lots of compassion. These are some things you can do when you feel sad drink some tea, clean your head space, write down your feelings, get some sunlight, challenge your negative thoughts, read a book, turn off any electric devices and listen to motivational talks! Even though these are just a few ways to make you feel better they are really good tools you can use!

Preschool—Year 2 News

Last week we went to the Caravan Park to play some mini-golf. We were in pairs and had to work around the different holes. It was challenging because the balls kept getting stuck in some of the holes.

On the Tuesday we got to wear our pyjamas and learnt how to do tom-boy knitting with Mrs. Capurso. After lunch we watched a movie. We watched Shaun the Sheep: Farmageddon. The best part is when the alien eats all the lollies and has 3 drinks and goes crazy.

On Wednesday it was Wheelie Day, which meant we got to bring our bikes, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades.

We have been learning about money. I know that two 50c coins make \$1.

Our teacher came back last week and now her name is Mrs. Vogelsang. We have been trying to remember her name. Some people accidentally call her Miss Davey still.

Latoya, Year 2



Jess, Wellbeing Ambassador

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNERS



Chase Klieve

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is writing because it is really fun. I like to write stories about my dogs.

My favourite subjects is PE because we get to do

lots of running around. I like playing *Duck, Duck, Goose* because we get to run and catch people.

Something I have learnt recently is writing really neatly. I have kept writing and writing until I got it. The trickiest letters to write are the diagraph /sh/ because I sometimes get really confused about which letter goes first.

Something I would like to learn more about is foxes so then I could know how fast they run so then I could catch one.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write 'fun catching foxes'. There are lots of tricky sounds and diagraphs I will need to learn.

At lunch I enjoy playing with Jimmy, Jacob and Louis in the sandpit. We usually makes dams and sometimes we make motorbike tracks.

Outside of school I like to play with my brother. We play hide and seek. Sometimes someone helps Ryder to hide so he gets good hiding spots.

Chase, Reception



Gus Brooksby

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is starting basketball because I can play *King of Court* with my friends at recess and lunch on the basketball court.

My favourite subject is technology because we get to design and make our own things.

Something I have learnt recently is how to make a board game. It was fun and made me more be creative. I now think about board games a bit differently.

Something I would like to learn more about is rust. How it appears, why it happens and how you get rid of it. This is a bit different I know but its what I like!

By the end of the year I hope to be able to get over a metre in high jump. We have been practising and I am keeping my fingers crossed for Athletics Day on Friday to see if I can get my metre.

At lunch I enjoy playing *King of Court* which is a basketball game. I like doing it because I like playing with mates.

Outside of school I like to ride my motorbike, even though I have broken six bones! This hasn't stopped me though!

Gus, Year 5



Will Turner

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is learning how to tell time. This is because I find it hard but also fun to read the time.

My favourite subject is Science because I like doing experiments. I liked doing the experiments where we learnt about friction.

Something I have learnt recently is at camp I learnt a lot of stuff about safety of boats. If you are in danger you can use a flare to get some help.

Something I would like to learn more about is learning about the different Australian states in Geography because I would like to learn more about Australia.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write neater for all of my bookwork and projects. I would also like to be able to read longer and more challenging words.

At lunch I enjoy being with my friends. I like playing different games with them.

Outside of school I like to do jobs around the house. I like lawn mowing, spraying, using the lawn snipper and blowing the leaves away with the blower. I missed doing all these jobs when I had my broken leg! And my mum missed me helping so much as well!

Will, Year 7

Dates to Remember

Week 4

5th November—Athletics Day

Week 5

6th November—Yr 6 High School

Transition day 1

Week 6

16th November—Yr 7 High School

Transition day 1

Tuck Day

Week 5

Fried Rice—Fiona Ward

Muffins—Tammy Mathews

Week 6

Pizza— Eryn Rich

Muffins-Cheryl Merrett

Vicki Heym

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