



Padthaway Primary School
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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 March Open night & Governing Council AGM
- 1 March Pancake Day
- 11 March Pupil Free Day
- 18 March School closure for Lucindale Field Days

Combined Sports Day has been moved to Term 3 due to Covid restrictions

It is fantastic to see all students back at school and we have had a wonderful start to 2022. We welcome Justin and Harlyn to the Reception class as they start their primary schooling and a big welcome to our pre-schooler James Beckett. I would also like to welcome our new staff member Holly Bottroff who is the year 3/4 classroom teacher.

I would like to thank students and families for the very warm welcome I have received over the last few weeks.

A little about myself, I have a son Will who is a second year apprentice for Deland Engineering Penola, his trade is fitting and turning and a daughter Emily who is in her final year of primary school. I am lucky to be able to work within two very different careers that of teaching and farming. My family are beef cattle farmers at Penola, where we breed Angus and Hereford cattle. While my role on the farm is limited to holiday and weekend activities, I have been assigned the weekly role of minister of finance, as my role mostly involves book work. I am very active in my local community a member of many local groups such as CWA, Monbulla tennis club and the Penola show society. This is my second time working at Padthaway and it has been lovely to return after nearly twenty years to see all the amazing changes that have taken place, especially to the classrooms, the grounds are still impressive and our students are so lucky to have such a large area to play and explore in. One thing that has not changed is the Padthaway students who are respectful, kind and eager to learn. As restrictions ease I am looking forward to meeting you all face to face.

Site improvement Plan

We have just started a new three year cycle for our Site Improvement Plan, we are focusing on the literacy areas of reading and writing. This does not mean we are not working towards building our students knowledge and skills in all learning areas, but we are specifically building teaching skills and knowledge in these two focus areas.

Newsletters

As we now include all of our events and many special activities on our Facebook page we are moving to publishing our newsletter in week 3,6 and 9 of each term, instead of fortnightly. Our newsletter will be emailed home, please make sure your email address is up to date. Classes will also communicate through class online platforms such as seesaw as well as class newsletters.

Swimming

With current Covid School restrictions we will be unable to have school swimming lessons this year, as it is now difficult to find swimming instructors, with many of the trained instructors having returned to their university studies and term four is already quite busy with sports day, excursions and concert. We may look to do a swimming day to the Naracoorte Lake to do a swimming carnival if restrictions are lifted after week four. A huge thank you to the Redback Tourers Motor Cycle Club SA and Andrew and Mandy from the Willalooka Tavern who have generously donated \$500, to be used towards a whole school excursion. This money was raised in December from a motor cycle rally held at the Willalooka Tavern.

Governing Council AGM

Please consider nominating to be a member of our governing council

Participating on Governing Council is a great way to be informed about our school community and be involved in the decision making process which steers the quality functioning of the school. It also provides the opportunity to meet people and work in a collaborative team. Commitment to Governing Council is not an onerous one. We generally have two meetings per term, the meetings generally last for approximately one hour. In 2021 Governing Council meetings were on Monday evenings at 6:30. Councillors are elected for a term of two years.

The role of the Governing Council is to

- set the broad direction of the school after considering student, parent, staff and community input
- develop policies which match the school's vision
- monitor the school budget

Governing Councillors are required to have:

- Child Related Employment Screening clearance
- Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care Certificate (this training is available online)
- Covid vaccination certificate or SA Health medical exemption (to be sighted by the Principal)

If you are interested please fill in the nomination form that is being sent home this week.

The following Council members still have one more year to serve on Council: Bob Brooksby, Kylie Pethybridge and Hannah Orton.

The following council member's terms have been completed but they may wish to renominate for Governing Council, Sam Ward and Lissy Orton.

The Governing council AGM will be held at Padthaway Primary School on Tuesday the 1st of March as part of our Open night. All members of the Padthaway Primary School Community are welcome to attend. A short governing council meeting will follow on from the AGM to elect the Office bearers and subcommittee members for Fundraising, Parent Club, Sport and Facilities and set financial delegations for the year.

Naplan

Attached to this newsletter is the privacy information for families of students in year 3 and 5 who will take part in the Naplan testing in term 2. A practice session will be held in March for students to know what the platform is like, as well giving them the opportunity to answer a selection of questions similar to the test.

School fees and school card

Consent forms and invoices for school fees were sent home with students in Week 1. Please arrange for return of these forms and payment as soon as possible. If you would like a school card application, please speak to Vicki in the front office.

School uniforms and hats

We currently have a good stock of new and second hand school uniforms, please pop into see Vicki or Tammy if you need new or additional t-shirts and jumpers. We also have new hats if your child has misplaced their hat or needs an upgrade.

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOOL LEADERS!

Gus – SRC President

Hi my name is Gus. I was elected as your SRC President. I hope to make the school cleaner, better and more fun. I think I will do well because I can represent everyone in the school well. I thought I would run for SRC this year because I think I will do a really good job and because I have been SRC.

Henry – Wellbeing Ambassador

Hi everyone, I am Henry and I've been elected for Wellbeing Ambassador. I was a bit nervous to read my speech so thank you everyone for listening to me and choosing me. As Wellbeing Ambassador I want to encourage everyone to be kind and look out for each other.

Bryce – Enviro Warrior

Hi I'm Bryce. I was elected as Enviro Warrior this year. I will be helping out with the different projects such as the bush tucker garden. I went for this role because I like the environment and want to care for it and encourage others to care for it.

Digby – SRC Vice President

Hi my name is Digby and I was elected as SRC Vice President. I will help the school the best I can. I went for this position because I want to help and I've never been SRC before. As SRC I hope to plan a lot of fun fundraisers to help the school so we can buy more furniture and equipment for the school.

Jack – Yellow House Captain

Hi I'm Jack and for my leadership role I was elected as Yellow Sports Captain. So far, Elsie and I have set up the Ping-Pong table for everyone to use at recess and lunch. I hope to set up many more games for recess and lunch. I am looking forward to supporting everyone on sports day.

Brandon – Blue House captain

Hi my name is Brandon I was elected as one of the Blue team sports captains of 2022. I will help anybody on the Blue and Yellow teams if they are struggling, don't know where to go, don't know what to do, don't know what's happening or you are worried about someone or something. I will be there for you.

Elsie – Yellow House Captain

Hi I'm Elsie and I was elected for Yellow Sports Captain. My role is to ensure that all the sports equipment is taken care of and I'm encouraging everyone to do their best and be good sports. I ran for this role because I know I will be good at cheering everyone on.

Felicity – Wellbeing

Hi my name is Felicity. I have been elected by my peers to take on the role of Wellbeing Ambassador. I will care for my friends and class mates. I think I will be great at this role because I've always wanted to have this role. I went for this leadership position because I love making this world a better place.

Eliza – Wellbeing

Hi everyone I'm Eliza and I was elected as the Wellbeing Ambassador. I went up for this position because being kind and caring to everybody is important. This term our goal is to make a Wellbeing display. The display will have lots of fun and supportive quotes and pictures to motivate you to be kind and happy.

Archer – SRC Treasurer

Hi I'm Archer and I was elected as SRC Treasure. I am proud of myself for being elected in this role and I really want to do a good job. I think I will do a good job because I'm kind, a great listener and I'm responsible. I also want to plan lots of yummy tuck days like a nachos day at school. I'm excited to organise tuck days.

Jade – Enviro Warrior

My name is Jade and I was elected as an Enviro Warrior. I am excited to be in this position as I get a chance to help the environment and make our school a better place. This term we are aiming to finish the Bush Tucker garden. I hope I can help others in the school look after and care for the environment.

Jordana – Blue House Captain

Jordana has been voted in as Blue Sports Captain by her peers because they all believe she would be good at encouraging others, being a good sport and caring for sports equipment. The Blue Team are looking forward to Jordana returning to school and being their captain.

Sam Brammer - SRC Secretary

I will be a good SRC because I will help out other people and help them when needed. I will make sure people are OK when they get hurt or injured and I will follow the golden rule and act responsibly and strive for excellence. I will make sure other people follow the school rules and pick up their own rubbish and I think I will be a good SRC.

Alice Ward - Publicity Officer

I will be a good SRC because I will be kind to others and help everyone that needs it. I will follow the golden rule - I will be respectful and responsible and strive for excellence. I will be a great SRC and role model. I will be the best SRC I can. Whenever I need to go to a meeting I will do it, and everything I get called out to do. Every time someone is feeling down I will do my best to cheer that person up.





Jimmy - Enviro Warrior

I wanted to become an Enviro Warrior because I want to help pick up rubbish and protect the gardens. I will make sure that I do all that I can to be a good Enviro Warrior by picking out weeds, plant more plants and anything to make the school look better.

Ashley -Enviro Warrior

I became an Enviro Warrior because I think the environment deserves better so it is important that we all look after it. I will make sure that I encourage others to look after the school environment and keep the yard tidy by picking up rubbish.

Jacob - Enviro Warrior

I'm excited to be an Enviro Warrior because I want to care for the environment and also help others realise they should care for the environment. I hope to help finish the Bush Tucker garden and pick up more rubbish around the yard.

Isabella - Enviro Warrior

I went for Enviro Warrior because I get to look after the chooks and collect the eggs. I also like keeping the yard clean. I'm excited to help finish the Bush Tucker garden.

Daisy - Enviro Warrior

I am excited to be an Enviro Warrior because it will be fun and I really want to look after the plants and the chooks. I will also make sure that I am helping others to keep the school yard tidy.

Indi - SRC

I chose to run for SRC because I love to help people and do helpful things at school. As SRC I hope to make some fun things happen at school so that we can have more fun at school.

Lauren - SRC

I went for SRC because I think that I'm a great help. I will make sure that I help the school and if anyone is feeling down, I will make them feel better. I'll encourage everyone to be kind and will plan lots of fundraisers. I'm also really excited to wear a SRC badge.



Eliza Ward

I am proud of getting Wellbeing Ambassador this term. I am excited to be looked up to by others and to encourage everyone to be kind and caring.

My favourite subject is art because I can be creative in all ways. I love doing lino cuts which is what we are doing this term in art with Mrs Caperso.

Something I have learnt recently is how to dribble and score a goal properly in PE. Something I would like to learn more about is Maths. I would like to learn how to do all the angles and memorise all the different types of angles.



Hunta Zilm

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is trying my hardest in everything that I do.

Something I have learnt recently is that dogs' noses are wet so they are able to smell better.

Something I would like to learn more about is animals because I love them and they are so cute.

At lunch I enjoy playing different games with my friends.

Indi Broad

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is being very good, I think because I work hard.

My favourite subject is health and art because I love health and art.

Something I have learnt recently is that Math is good. I like what I have learnt and I like learning about numbers.

Something I would like to learn more about is spelling, because I want to do good stories.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write neatly because I need to be good at writing.

At lunch I enjoy playing with my friends.

Outside of school I like to play with Milla, my sister and play "Get the Tree".



FROM LISA



Hello! Welcome back to school to all students and families. I hope you had an enjoyable and refreshing break. I am excited to be back at Padthaway Primary School as Pastoral Care Worker for my fourth year. I really enjoy getting to know our students and am passionate about equipping them with tools and techniques to navigate the ups and downs of life. I engage with students one-on-one, in small groups or classroom settings and connect with them during break times. Pastoral Care Workers are in schools to be positive role models, mentors, supports, encouragers and listeners. I am looking forward to working with our three new wellbeing ambassadors this year. Our first meeting was a brainstorm of ideas and they blew me away with their creativity, enthusiasm and understanding of mental health and wellbeing. Watch this space! I can be contacted through the school office on Thursdays and Fridays 10:30am-3:30pm.

INTRODUCING HOLLY BOTTROFF

For those who I haven't met yet my name is Holly Bottroff. I have recently completed my double degree: Bachelor of Education (Primary R-7/Special Education)/Bachelor of Disability Studies at Flinders University. I have always had a passion for teaching and I am excited to begin my teaching career here. I come from a small town in the Adelaide Hills, so Padthaway already feels very much like home. In my spare time I enjoy playing sport and spending time with my family and dog. I look forward to meeting each of you as the year continues.



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Governing Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 1st March
Time to be advised

**All parents are encouraged
to attend**



NOMINATION FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL 2022

I _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

Nominate _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

to be elected as a member of Padthaway Primary School Governing Council.

I _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.
- I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed, my membership of Padthaway Primary School Governing Council will cease.