



Padthaway Primary School
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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6 April Excursion to Keith
- 7 April Assembly 2:30pm
- 8 April Movie Night
- 11-12 April Three Way Conferences
- 14 April Final day of School - 2:30 finish
- TERM 2
- 4 May Aboriginal Perspective Day
- 10-13 May NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5
- 18 May Year 5/6 Market
- 20 May Cross Country

Last week I sat in on a Wellbeing session which was organised and run by Eliza Ward and Felicity Orton. The theme of their session was Kindness. They demonstrated that kind words were a little like using toothpaste, that once toothpaste comes out of the tube, it can't be replaced easily and makes everything a little messy. Just like unkind words, once they come out, they cannot easily be taken back and they make everything a little messy. We then gave examples of all the kind words we could use, we had lots of examples. What a wonderful message girls and I really enjoyed your Wellbeing session.

Another wonderful teaching lesson I watched was in the R/1/2 class, they were solving a mathematical puzzle, which behind each piece of the puzzle was a word. The class solved the puzzle which revealed a very special message, Mrs Vogelsang is having a baby! This is very exciting news, Congratulations Hannah and Ethan who will become parents in September.

Staff have completed their first day of our Berry Street Training, which had the theme of 'Body', we looked at self-regulation, de-escalation and mindfulness and being ready to learn. All classes have implemented welcomes circles, where we check in each morning, or before a lesson to see how we are feeling and if we are ready to learn. It is a chance to share important information and events and to do a positive primer which is an activity to engage all students and make sure we are ready to start our learning.

Governing Council

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Andrew Orton to the Padthaway Primary School Governing Council for 2022. Governing Council members for 2022 are:

- Sam Ward – Chair Person
- Bob Brooksby – Vice Chair
- Lissy Orton – Treasurer
- Kylie Pethybridge – Secretary
- Kate McGregor – Fundraising
- Hannah Orton – Fundraising
- Andrew Orton – Facilities

Sunsmart Policy

Our Sunsmart policy has been updated after seeking advice from the Sunsmart Council who have recommended that students wear hats in Term 1, 2 and 4, due to the UV being over three during these terms. The Governing council, staff and SRC have agreed with this recommendation and have updated our SunSmart school policy. Students who do not have a school hat in term 1, 2 and 4 will need to play in the shade.

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Home reading tips

Ease into the book

Get your child thinking about what the book might be about by asking some questions before you start reading. Here are some examples of what you could ask:

- What do you think this book is about? Why?
- Do you think this is a story (fiction) or a fact book (non fiction)? Why?
- Can you read the title? Does this give you some more clues?
- What can you notice about the picture on the front of the book?

Don't tell them, guide them

If you tell your child every word they get stuck on, they won't learn to use the reading strategies they are learning at school and will expect you to tell them every time. This isn't going to help them to develop and grow as readers.

Here are some basic reading strategies your child may have been taught in the classroom:

- Can you use the picture to help?
- Stretch out the word – so for the word shouted – sh-ou-ted
- Can they chunk the word, or see smaller words in the larger words
- Can they sound out the word?
- Get them to read to the end of the sentence for further clues. What would make sense?

Three Way interviews

Remember to return your note about three way interviews in week 11, Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th of April. This will be a chance for your child to share their terms learning, for you to ask questions, and for all to set learning goals for term two. If you are unable to attend during the dates listed above, please contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

Indonesian Teacher Visit

This week Teresa, our Open Access Indonesian teacher visited all classes, this was a wonderful opportunity for students to ask questions about the Indonesian culture and language. I heard lots of singing and fun coming from the classroom. Take the time to ask your child about what they learnt today, you may even learn a word or two of Indonesian.

Judy

REMINDER

Please remember to return your Easter Raffle books (sold or Unsold) by Wednesday next week, as the raffle will be drawn at our assembly on Thursday 7th April.

Fundraising



"the more
that you read,
the more things
you will know.
the more
that you learn,
the more places
you'll go."



R-2 NEWS

In Science we have been learning about mini beasts. Earlier in the term we went on a hunt to see what kinds of creatures we could find living in our school yard. Each week we have been learning about a different mini beast. Here are some facts that we know:

Snails have a foot at the bottom that makes it stretch out and move- Bailey

Mini beasts can be all shapes and sizes. The ladybug is my favourite mini beast because it is very beautiful. This is a bit disturbing but they actually eat their own babies- Lauren

Worms have segments that keep it together and also help it to stretch and shrink to make it move- Isabella

Worms don't have eyes but they can sense when it is light or dark- Daisy

Worms have a part called the saddle that helps to keep them together and helps them to be able to move- Belle

CHOIR REPORT

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Capurso took some of the 5/6 students to Mundulla for a choir practice. We had a conductor for Adelaide come and teach us more about the songs and the dance moves that go with songs. There was one really interesting song where we had to sing in a different language, which is a bit challenging. We were all the Sparanos and the Mundulla students were the Altos. It was good to be able to practice with more people and to learn more about how to sing the songs.

Elsie and Eliza

FOOTBALL

On Wednesday, Brandon, Gus and I travelled to Naracoorte Oval to try out for SAPSASA Football. We ended up playing six games for the whole day and they went for about 20 minutes each. Our team was joined up with Frances, Naracoorte South and Sunrise Christian School. The tops were supplied from Sunrise School. It was a really fun day and everyone played well. It was good to be able to play other schools.

Jack

FROM LISA

What Easter traditions do your family have? When I was a kid, my Dad started this funny Easter tradition. A couple of days before Easter my siblings and I were armed with makeshift butterfly catchers, made from old squash rackets. The task was to capture a monarch butterfly and bring it home unharmed (to be released again on Easter Sunday morning). Harder than it sounds when we lived smack bang in the middle of the town. We'd be running down the street, up over the neighbour's fence, in trees, around cars, squealing with frustration and delight. And I can proudly say that we caught one every single year. This year will be my first Easter without my Dad here on earth.

The butterfly is a symbol for Easter because just like the grub that goes into a chrysalis and emerges as a beautifully transformed butterfly, Christians believe that Jesus was dead and is now alive. And he offers that new life, freedom, and hope to all of us too. Occasionally when I see a monarch butterfly gliding by I am reminded of my Dad and the hours spent chasing butterflies, but more importantly about the new life and freedom because of Easter.

I know with covid finally reaching us here at Padthaway it has brought with it uncertainty, fear and frustration. So may you have a refreshing Easter, and be filled with peace, hope, and of course, chocolate.

Joke: What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole? Hot Cross Bunnies.



Lisa



Brandon Cooper

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is becoming a Blue Sports Captain because it's a big responsibility and I feel proud to represent the Blue team.

My favourite subject is Maths because you have to solve tricky problems and use a lot of your brain power. Another subject that I really like is PE because you get to run around, learn new sports and learn new games.

Something I have learnt recently is that there are these things called simple machines and they are machines with few or no moving parts. For example, a wheel and axle, a pulley and a lever are all simple machines.

Something I would like to learn more about simple machines so that I can use this knowledge to help me create a very good toy for my Technologies assignment.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to use Show, Don't Tell in my writing. This will allow me to improve my writing so that I can make it more exciting and the reader will be able to visualise my piece of writing.

At lunch I enjoy playing different games with my friends and if I forget or lose my hat, I also enjoy reading a book in the rotunda.

Outside of school I like to play video games like Fortnite and Gang Beasts. I also like to play with Skyla and my dogs outside. We play lots of different games together.



Ceejay Smith



Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is having a go at big write because I haven't done it in a while.

My favourite subject is maths, because I find it fun. It also has lots of different ways to do it.

Something I have learnt recently is the morning circle. I've learnt that it has 4 steps to greet others. The first step is the greeting. The second step is a question and what you like about it. For example, what is your favourite ice cream flavour etc.

Something I would like to learn more about is tech, because you need to learn about how to be cybersafe.

By the end of the year, I hope to be able to get along with everyone.

At lunch I enjoy playing chasey and playing with my friends.

Outside of school I like to do karate because it helps with self-defence.

Belle Orton

Something I am proud of myself for doing is writing really big words, because I like practicing my letters.

My favourite subject is Art with Mrs Capurso, because I get to paint really cool things like concentric circles.

Something I have recently learnt recently is to write big words like "remember".

Something I would like to learn more about is ponies, because I have my own pony called George and I will know how to look after him.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do times tables.

At lunch I enjoy going on the monkey bars and doing cool tricks.

Outside of school I like to ride my pony George out in the paddock.

