



Padthaway Primary School

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

Preschool - Year 7

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Dates to Remember

9 February

6.15 pm Parent Information Evening
7.00 pm Governing council AGM

16-20 February

Swimming: Bordertown

20-21 March

Lucindale Field Day



EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE

Tuesdays and Thursdays in the
Front Office

2015 School Dates

Term 1

27 January – 10 April

Term 2

27 April – 3 July

Term 3

20 July – 25 September

Term 4

12 October – 11 December



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to our School for what promises to be a busy, productive and fun year! I trust your holiday was a good one with ample opportunity to relax and enjoy time together as a family. It was indeed a special pleasure to observe our students during the first week of School as stories were exchanged of summer experiences, renewal of friendships and enthusiastic energy in preparation for the year ahead. Thank you to our parents for ensuring students were in our School uniform, with hats (compulsory for terms one and four) and encouraging healthy lunch choices. Happy students are an important component to success in learning. Teachers support this process through development of quality teaching practice that positively encourages students to challenge themselves and expand their thinking. Working together, students, teachers and parents can make a positive difference to the academic achievements of our most precious and wonderful asset – children.

The first week of term is now past and what a busy week it was. Students are to be commended for quickly establishing routines with their classroom teachers. I have enjoyed visits by students to my office or in the schoolyard to share holiday experiences and look forward to these conversations in the future. Our school community welcomes Hannah Davey (Year R/1/2 teacher on Thursday and Friday), Taylor Sherwin (SSO on Monday and Friday) and Jesse Briggs (Technology Support fortnightly on Thursday).

All classes, from Preschool to our Upper Primary class have wonderful, inviting classrooms thanks to the endeavour of their teachers. I commend our teachers for the extra effort outside expected work hours to achieve a very pleasing result. Please take the time to drop by the school for a look when next in our neighbourhood. We especially

welcome new students Tnika (Year 2) and Jade (Year 1) Darcy to our school. As well, we welcome new Preschool students Gus, Dakota, Charlie, Molly, Digby, Elsie, Jack, Kristy-Leigh, Bryce, Lacey and Eliza.

Our School has long been blessed with great volunteers offering many rewarding and valuable experiences to our students and staff. Forming positive relationships with our community reflects a positive School. The list of tasks that our volunteers do for the School is both an endless and precious resource. If you would like to volunteer, whether on a regular or occasional basis, you now require a Criminal History Screening Check and induction as a School volunteer. Please see the Front Office for the necessary forms. Once submitted, the Criminal History Screening can take some weeks to process so please make this an early priority. As well, notes regarding our Parent Information Evening and Governing Council AGM were sent home recently. Keep Monday, 9th February in your diary for this meeting.

Students are now considering nomination for the School's Student Representative Council. Those who choose to nominate prepare an expression of interest for presentation to respective class groups. Our School has long valued student involvement in decision making and this is one of many ways we provide students with opportunities for involvement in developing this important leadership skill.

I would request that parents contact our School when necessary to discuss changes to student schedules, bus passes, messages, etc. I know you will support this process by making timely requests for assistance when required. The school welcomes visits from our community members. If parents/caregivers require an appointment with a teacher please contact the office to confirm a date and time.

While most of the facilities projects are now complete there is an ongoing process regarding the garden area and the oval (cricket pitch). Our Facilities Manager, Will Franklin, will soon meet with interested parties to discuss these projects.

Our swimming program commences week four, Monday through Friday, at the Bordertown Pool. Information regarding the swimming program has been forwarded with R-2 students receiving the one lesson and 3-7 receiving two lessons each day.

Our bus drivers remain unchanged with Mary continuing with the Marcollat bus run while Jo continues with the Lake Roy bus run.

As always, our door is always open for a visit. Feel free to drop by at any time to say hello. Take care. No doubt our paths will cross soon.

Harry

Attendance at School

Regular attendance at school is not only beneficial and important to the education of our students, but it is also compulsory, unless there are mitigating circumstances such as illness.

Where a student averages one day per week being absent, it equates to a whole term of lost learning over the course of a school year. Throughout a student's primary schooling it could add up to two years of missed school.

Attending school every day enables students to learn and understand the need for commitment and develops a sound foundation for their later years.

Being on time, organised and ready to start each school day at the required time of 8.50 am, also adds to this foundation.

It is important for parents to communicate regularly and effectively with teachers when absences occur. The teacher is then able to follow up on any work that may be required to be made up or completed.

Emergency Home Contact

In order to contact a parent quickly (eg child illness or accident) it is essential that contact information be kept up to date. Thank you to the families who have returned their updated forms for 2015.

Please notify the school as soon as you can if there are any future changes in home address, phone numbers or emergency contact details.

Harry

Credit Card/EFTPOS

Credit Card and EFTPOS facilities are now available at the Front Office on Tuesday and Thursday. Alternatively you can complete the credit card details on the remittance form and return with your consent forms. Once payment is completed credit card details will be destroyed in accordance with DECD EFTPOS guidelines. Payment can still be made by cash, cheque or direct payment in to our school bank account. If you have any enquiries about this please contact Deb or Kirilie at school.

Headlice Checks

A reminder to families to please be diligent and check your children's hair each week, particularly during this changeable weather.

Harry

Milo Cricket

An enthusiastic group of promising cricketers were in attendance at last Friday's Milo Cricket Training. Our community is very fortunate to have George Verco as our Milo Cricket Coordinator. There is still time for additional students to join this merry group each Friday after School for the remainder of the term.

Harry

School T-Ball

The first round of competition saw an entertaining draw (9-9) between the Roos and the Redbacks on the Padthaway School T-Ball Diamond last Tuesday after School.

Additional places are available for any student R-4 who may now wish to participate. See Harry for details.

SRC Opportunity

An exciting opportunity to be part of your Student Representative Council:

If you think you could put a tick in some of these boxes, you could be just the person to be on the SRC!

- I love having fun with my friends
- I am a good friend to others
- I enjoy helping others
- I am a good listener
- I show respect to my teachers, all staff and students
- I want to help make our school an enjoyable and fun place to be.

I would love to be part of the SRC to...

- bring class ideas to meetings
- help out at SRC Tuck Days (starting with Pancake Day)
- organise special days, eg Dress Up days
- be part of the student leadership
- work as a team.

Which boxes did you tick? Talk about these points with your parents or teachers or Mr Long or Mr Eddy so they can help and encourage you to be part of SRC.

All students can make our School an even better place to be, whether on SRC or not!



Tuck Day

10th February (Week 3)

Chicken Tender Wraps

Helpers

Glenda Hughes

Priscilla Lamb

[Muffins – Vicki Heym]

17th February (Week 4)

Pizza

Helper

Kate McGregor

[Muffins – Fi Ward]

Priscilla Lamb-Hollis, phone 0499 058 489

Glenda Hughes, phone 0435 472 882
Tuck Day Coordinators



PSW Spot

The smell of new books, classrooms that have been changed around, and new teachers in the Upper and Junior Primary classes bring excitement to a new school year. In most schools the first day at school for Reception students (and parents) can be quite traumatic and tearful but for our Reception students they have the advantage of being part of school life as preschool students.

They do still appear to be wide eyed and excited as they enter their Junior Primary class for the first time but soon settle into their work under an equally excited Mrs Owen and on Thursday with new teacher Miss Davey. Our new Preschoolers under Mrs Lampard's guidance have settled well into their class having had a taste of preschool as Pre- Entries last term. Meanwhile the Year 7s from last year have settled into High School and are enjoying the opportunities presented there but I am sure they still hold PPS close to their hearts.

Did you notice the different acronym at the start of my newsletter spot? PSW stands for Pastoral Support Worker with the C before being for Christian. No, I haven't stopped being a Christian; it's just a change of terminology by DECD but my role still stays the same and I am still supported by my local churches – in fact the "Tatiara Chaplaincy Support Group" is funding the PSWs in our area for the first 6 weeks of term until government funding becomes available.

Sean W Smith, an amazing children's presenter, musician and singer was at our school two years ago, even involving Year 7 boys in activities at a Christian Outreach. We have been able to get him to appear at the annual "Kids Camp Out" on the 14th March. Lock this date in today – I will have application forms soon.

Cheers

Stephen

Scouting News

A new State leader has been appointed. Mr Harry Long, our much loved Principal, is the new Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia (SA branch) as of 1st February 2015. His Excellency, the Governor of South Australia, Hieu Van Le invested Harry into this role on Thursday night.



Harry has been involved in scouting since he joined as a cub well over 50 years ago. Older people among us would remember Sir Baden Powell who founded the Scouting movement in Australia in 1908. More recently Bear Grylls, whose TV adventure series captivated us, was Chief Scout to the scouting movement worldwide so Harry joins elite company.

Our School Community congratulates Harry and we will support him in this new adventure.

Whole School Art Project

Please keep collecting plastic bottle caps for our whole School art project! We aim to start making these in Term 3. Any sized plastic lid is great and any colour. The more the better!

Thank you, Olivia

Art Smocks

Our art smocks are looking very tired and missing lots of buttons. We would love donations of large shirts if you have any spare at home. Please drop them off at the 5/6/7 class area when you bring them in!

Olivia



SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children.

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au



February 5th – February 26th
6.30 pm
At the Padthaway Football Club

Thursday Night Schnitzel Teas

are prepared for you tonight by the
Padthaway Uniting Church Family

Money raised will support
Bushfire Relief

Schnitzels, Salads & Chips \$10

Kids meal \$5

Chicken or Beef

Bucket of chips \$3

If you fancy joining us, we worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am ☺

Community News

Saturday Junior Tennis

commences on Saturday, 7th February at 8.45 am for registration. 7 week program finishing on Saturday, 21st March. Contact Cathy Cobbleddick on 0429 208 203 for further details. Registration forms available from Naracoorte Sportspower.

Naracoorte Cricket Lightning Carnival

SACA are running a FREE cricket Lightning Carnival for 8-11 year old boys and girls in Naracoorte and would like to invite interested young cricketers from the Upper South East area to participate.

When: Sunday 15th March 2015

Time: 3.00 pm – 6.35 pm

Where: Wortley Oval, Naracoorte

To register you must send your name, date of birth, town, parent/guardian mobile number and email address to attend to Jed Dobre at SACA. This can be done by email to southcentraltrainee@saca.com.au. Registrations are open until Thursday 12th March 2015.

For more information please phone SACA Country Cricket

Officer Shelley Nitschke on 0447 081 634 or email snitschke@saca.com.au

International Karate Organisation Kyokushinkaikan

The Naracoorte Martial Arts Academy operates on Tuesdays from 4.00 pm. All ages are welcome. For more information contact Andy Boston, phone 0417 839 734, email andybostonni@yahoo.com.au, Face book andyboston7@outlook.com or see Lara Brown for business cards.



Amazing Saturday

Organised by SE Kid's Camp Out

At NARACOORTE (NORTH) PRIMARY SCHOOL

12:30pm to 8:30pm Saturday, 14th March 2015

Swimming ~ Canoeing ~ Kayaking ~ Ice Blocking ~ Dunking Tank ~ Face Painting ~ Craft
~ Faith Building Music ~ Drama and Song for primary school children ~ age 7 up.

Registrations forms available at all Primary Schools in Naracoorte, Frances, Lucindale and Padthaway from Wednesday 11th February 2015.

Completed forms and fees should be returned to the school office.

Registrations close Wednesday, 4th March 2015.

For further information contact: Robbie Williams Ph: 8762 0214 Mob: 0407 788 791



Child Safe Environments – Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect training

Part of the church's ongoing best practices is to provide training opportunities for people to understand their legal responsibility for Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect.

This is the accredited Families SA package and meets the compliance of the national unit of competency CHCHILD401A. It is recognised for use by teachers, childcare workers, and anyone who may need this as a requirement for employment.

Wednesday 18th February

Padthaway Uniting Church

Under section 11(1) and (2) of the Children's Protection Act 1993, any person who is an employee of, or volunteer in, an organisation formed for religious or spiritual purposes (ie the Church) are obliged by law to notify the Department (Families SA) if they suspect on reasonable grounds that a child/young person (under 18) has been or is being abused or neglected and the suspicion is formed in the course of the person's work (whether paid or voluntary) or in carrying out official duties.

Notification to the Child Abuse Report Line (13 14 78) must be made of that suspicion as soon as practicable after he or she forms the suspicion.

Who should attend?

This is educative awareness training for anyone within the community who would like to understand their legal obligation, eg Ministers, Leaders of Sunday School, Youth Group, Pastoral Care Visitors, Crèche, Childcare, Playgroup, Administration staff, members of Church Council, etc.

It is a requirement that those in placements/positions and in specified ministries/leadership roles within the Uniting Church will participate and complete training in this field once every three years.

In order to meet accreditation requirements, participants need to attend all sessions.

There is an expectation that participants attending this training have an adult level of maturity, understanding and emotional intelligence. Presenting material about child abuse and neglect can be challenging to participants. Youth, 16 years and up who are being mentored in leadership positions with children, may wish to consider carefully their attendance to this training on the understanding that a trainer's task is to deliver fairly challenging realities to the group.

The training covers:

- What is child abuse and neglect?
- How to identify it
- Why, when and how to make a notification
- How to respond, support and protect a child or young person who has been abused

Length of day: 6½ hours training module, **commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing by 8.30 pm.** Scheduled breaks are provided for afternoon tea and a light dinner.

A Certificate of Attendance is posted to the participants after the course.

Registration form

Please complete and return to:
Padthaway Uniting Church
C/- PO Padthaway SA 5271
Padthaway.uc@bigpond.com
by Friday 13th February 2015

Name: _____

Phone (after hours): _____

Mobile: _____

Cost for attendance is: \$20.00 for non- Church members.

Payment will be accepted on the day. Please ensure you have the correct cash on the day.

A tax receipt will be issued on payment.

Catering:

Afternoon Tea and a Light Dinner will be supplied.

Please indicate special dietary needs below:



\$10 per adult
\$5 child u/12
\$25 family of 4

Lots of Family Fun

- Jumping Castle
- Apex Train
- Face Painting

Friday 6th Feb
Naracoorte
Show Grounds
Gates open
6.30 pm



Major Fundraiser for
Naracoorte North
Kindergarten

Start your Taste Festival with a film your whole family will enjoy

Tickets at the gate. Movie commences on dark.

Snacks and drinks available for sale. Strictly no food or drinks to be brought into the grounds.

BYO chairs and blankets.

