From the Principal
What excitement last week with the victory of the mighty Padthaway Lions at Mundulla Oval!! The buzz has certainly carried over to this, our final week of Term 3.

Combined Schools TriSkills Day
What a fabulous day! The weather was “just right”, according to several visiting families, and the friendly, relaxed, well-organised event was certainly appreciated by everyone I spoke to. Although the format was different from a formal Sports Day my observation was that most students were active for most of the day! I bet they all slept well that night! Thanks again to convenor Pam Steer and the marvellous Parent Committee for presenting Padthaway in the best possible light, not to mention our friendly students and staff who were great ambassadors on the day.

Choir Performance
The following day was the Schools’ Choir performance at the Adelaide Festival Theatre. By all accounts it was an exciting new experience. Sadly, Saskia was unable to participate this year, so she will be really ready for that opportunity in 2015. Thanks to Olivia Martin for all of her hard work in preparing this enthusiastic and talented group. I am looking forward to seeing them onstage at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in Term 4.

SAPSASA Success
We congratulate Will Charlick for achieving second place in the High Jump with a jump of 1.22m at the SAPSASA Athletics competition this week. This is a great result and a reward for all of his hard practise and determination.

NAPLAN Information
Recently the School received results from the NAPLAN tests which were held for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 last term. Staff have examined this data during T&D meetings to inform future teaching and learning, and the information will be sent home to families tomorrow. In the meantime I have some data to share:
- In 2014 the mean score of Yr 3 students went up in Reading from 370.4 to 394.7 and in Numeracy from 400.4 to 403.3, with 100% of students meeting the National Minimum Standards in Spelling.
- The Year 5 group improved on last year’s cohort in Writing (435.5 – 444.4) and Spelling (449.5 – 496.1) with 100% of our students meeting the NMS in Spelling and Grammar/Punctuation.
- Although the Year 7 student group did not show an improvement over last year’s larger class group, they all achieved the NMS in Reading and Numeracy this year.
- The data also shows that our current Year 5s are progressing in their learning (on average) at a better rate in Reading and Numeracy than students nationally. Unfortunately we do not have similar data for the Year 7 group as it is statistically too small (less than 5 students in 2012).
- Although information comparing our NAPLAN growth with that of similar schools is not yet available for the 2012-2014 period, the news from last year was positive: Padthaway students have maintained a level of achievement which was higher than the average for all students nationally between 2011 and 2013. Numeracy results show that our students not only maintained a higher level of achievement from Yr 5 to Yr 7 but that this actually increased in 2013.

If you are interested in seeing these results in graph form please visit the My School website at http://www.myschool.edu.au.

Concert Date
Thank you to the families who voted for their preferred Concert date. I can now announce that the date of the Padthaway Primary School Concert is Friday 5th December.
2014. Please mark this in your diaries – we know how busy it gets around that time of the year!

**Christmas Boxes**
Mr Eddy and I presented information about the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project at a recent assembly. It is wonderful to see that we have 10 boxes to send off overseas to make 10 needy children feel loved and special! Thank you to those who supported this project.

**Early Dismissal**
Tomorrow, the end of Term 3, will be an early dismissal day. The final bell will go at 2.30 pm. Please adjust your bus schedules accordingly.

**Staff Thanks**
I would once again like to acknowledge the tremendous work of the staff of Padthaway Primary School. The expertise of Debbie Brown as our Finance Officer and Sandi Key who has a wealth of experience in school protocol help to keep things running smoothly. Kirilie Turner, Steph Key, Teshia Wilkinson and Michelle Maynard all work patiently and encouragingly with students, and are willing to work flexibly to suit the needs of the School. Michelle Lampard provides wonderful experiences for our 10 Preschoolers who are flourishing under her care. Olivia Allinson-Martin, now finishing her first year of teaching, works tirelessly to ensure that each of her students is working at their capacity – no mean task in a multi-level classroom. Pam Steer strives to provide her class with a wide variety of experiences and skills to engage them in their learning. Jessie Cope encourages her students to become independent, self-motivated learners through her strategic planning to accommodate their interests within the demands of the curriculum. Thanks must also go to our skilled Indonesian teacher Shirley Dickson, who travels out every week to provide our students with a grounding in a second language. Peta Fraser presents motivating and creative opportunities for all classes through her Visual Arts lessons. Tristan Taylor’s work in preparing students for the upcoming Athletics Day continues to inspire them to “greater heights”! Nigel Clarke efficiently manages his hours as our Groundsperson and is always prepared to “go the extra mile” when issues crop up around the school. Mary Stevens and Jo Loft capably provide the often thankless but vital service of driving the buses. Mary, and Michelle Maynard are also to be thanked for the attention and energy they give to the cleaning of the school each day! Last but certainly not least I mention our wonderful CPSW Stephen Edwards, who I can truly say is a support and blessing to each of us – both at school and in the wider community.

These individuals combine to make a great team, and one which I am proud to have been a part of for the past 6 terms.

**In Closing…**
I have been privileged to be at the School during a time of renovation and change.

The ongoing physical changes, when the building is finished, will add to the aesthetics of the outdoor areas as well as providing increased access for all students. Our Preschool assessment has highlighted improvements in the service which we provide, and this is continuing. One of our teachers was recognised as an exemplary Beginning Teacher this year. Our Upper Primary students have embraced the challenges of leadership in a variety of ways. Our NAPLAN results show that we are moving in the right direction in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. This term’s Open Day and Combined Schools’ event were both well attended and received highly positive feedback. And the good news continues… Thank you all for the support and friendship you have extended to me during my time at Padthaway Primary School. This is a wonderful School and there is much to be grateful for. I wish you all the very best for the future, and look forward to visiting next term!

Take care,  
Cathie

**Congratulations Choir!**

Well done to the Choir girls who performed at the Festival Theatre in Week 8 for the Primary Schools’ Festival of Music. The night was fantastic. All their hard work paid off! Thank you for the support of parents in taking the girls to rehearsals and listening to the girls practising! Keep up the good work girls! We are performing again at the South East Festival on Friday 24th October (Week 2, Term 4) and I look forward to the night.

Olivia Martin  
Choir Trainer

**LAP Thanks**
Thank you very much to our LAP Friends Tammy, Jenny, Sam, Aimee, Bron, Helen, Fr Wayne and Eloise! Your involvement in the LAP Programme this term has made a real difference to the students you are working with.

Look what we have made for the cubby!
Facilities Thankyou
A big thankyou to Mark Murphy and his little tractor for helping to spread the mountains of bark.
Tammy Mathews
Facilities Coordinator

Tuck Day
Reminder:
14th October (Week 1)
Pies/Pasties/Sausage Rolls
Helpers
Kathy Hayes
[Muffins – Kyh Browne]

21st October (Week 2)
Hot Dogs/Ham & Cheese
Sizzlers
Helpers
Tammy Mathews
[Muffins – Hanna Orton]
Kathy Hayes, phone 0433 104 943
Bron Longbottom, phone 8765 6025
Tuck Day Coordinators

CPSW Spot
The mighty Lions are celebrating their wonderful and emphatic win in the KNTFL grand final last Saturday. People came from near and far to be part of the day. Many of our students (and lots of parents) went to great lengths to dress in Club colours for the day. There were former residents from as far away as Queensland and many from Adelaide, the Riverland and everywhere in between. Our small community was indeed proud of our team. Remember these times; sometimes they come around rarely although we would hope for similar success next season.

Who remembers what happened 21 years ago? Some important events happened. The World Wide Web was born, Bill Clinton became the 42nd president of the United States of America, the country of Czechoslovakia split into two countries – The Czech Republic and Slovakia – and Paul Keating remained Prime Minister of Australia.

The biggest news though of 1993 was Padthaway winning the first ever KNTFL grand final. Mums and Dads, how are your memories? What age were you then? I am guessing one of our teachers wasn’t even at Primary School, another maybe just and for the rest of our staff, well just do the maths. Mandy, our youngest daughter, was 11 then and she wore a football jumper with number 22, the number of Bradley McElroy even though her brother was playing. (Mark was aged 15 and playing in the B grade final).

So treasure the memories and those for the players – not many get to be part of a winning grand final team: I played in the first ever Padthaway football team in 1967 and played in 4 losing grand finals! Enough about football.

To all students, staff and parents enjoy a fun filled holiday.

Cheers
Stephen

SAPSASA News

Athletics
On Monday 22nd September Will Charlick and Poppy Moyle-Read competed in the Athletics Country Championships in Adelaide. Poppy came 8th in the long jump and was unlucky not to win a medal in the relay team. Will Charlick won a silver medal in the high jump with a jump of 1.22m. The gold medallist, who was from the Riverland, jumped 1.29m. Will thanked Mr Eddy and Cody Marshall for the extra coaching lessons they gave him in the lead-up to the competition.

Will Charlick, Year 4

On Monday 22nd September I competed at Santos Stadium in the 10 Year Old Girl’s long jump and relay at the Country Athletics Day. I missed out on a place in the long jump but I was pleased with my jump, as I increased my distance at the Keith trial day by 40cm.

Unfortunately, in our relay we were sitting in 2nd place when our last runner took a fall, so we didn’t progress to the final in that event.

Overall I had an exciting day and saw some great athletes perform really well.

Poppy Moyle-Read, Year 4

Student Success
Our congratulations to:
Lukis Reed who won the Redlegs Hockey Club Under 16 Most Improved for 2014.
Lukis played in the Naracoorte District Hockey Association 2014 Under 16 grand final. His Redlegs team were Runner Up Premiers.

School Transport Policy Review
The Department for Education and Child Development is currently undertaking a review of the School Transport Policy. The Policy includes information relating to bus services for regional students.

Interested individuals and organisations are invited to participate in the review process by completing the online Survey available at http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/schooltransportreview2014

The Survey will close on 3rd October 2014.

The above website also includes the following information:
• School Transport Policy
• School Transport Review Terms of Reference
• Media Release 26/06/2014: School bus services in regional areas to be reviewed.

Lost
A navy Padthaway school top in a green Woolies shopping bag.
If found, please return to Poppy Moyle-Read.
Community News

**Kool Kangas**

Term 4 dates to be advised.
Cost: $3.00/child or $8.00/family (3+ children)
The cost covers afternoon tea and some craft activities.
Time: 3.40 pm – 5.00 pm
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 8765 5120.

Joanna Schutz, Team Leader

**Padthaway Playgroup**

When: Friday 26th September
Where: Padthaway School
Time: 10.00 am
Cost: $2.00 per family per session
Contact: Kylie Pethybridge 0417 862 861

**Sunday School**

When: 4th Sunday of each month – next session will be Sunday 28th September.
Where: Padthaway Uniting Church
Time: 10.00 am
Contacts: Pam and Matt May, phone 8765 6116

**Bordertown Walk, Run and Ride**

On Sunday 19th October (not 26th) at 8.30 am the Bordertown Rotary Club is holding its annual Walk, Run & Ride. Participants have the opportunity to walk/run 5km or 10 km or ride the 14km or 37km course. All events start at the Bordertown Racecourse. Teams can also enter. It would be great to have a Padthaway team entering.
This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our School as a percentage of the profits will come back to the School. The more people from Padthaway who enter means the greater the amount of money that the School gets.
Participants can nominate which school they want their entry money to go to. Entry fees: Open $15, Children 5-12 $5 and Family $40.
Forms are available from the Front Office. Please contact Pam or Chris Steer with any questions.

**Kids Camp**

8th -19th October in the next school holidays!
We are so excited about our 2014 Kids Camp this year with the theme…Circus!
Come along all those who are aged between 7-14 for an amazing circus themed camp. There will be loads to do with circus activities, games, skits, puppets, songs and so much more!
Contact Suzanne Flint for more information on 0439 003 599 or email wirregavineyards@activ8@net.au
Karen Stuckey, Administrator
Highway Christian Centre

**Naracoorte Junior Tennis**

Hot Shots Junior Tennis commences on Saturday 18th October. Contact Cathy Cobbledick on 0429 208 203 or email windyhill23@bigpond.com for further information.
Registration forms are available at Naracoorte Sportspower after Thursday 25th September.
Cathy Cobbledick

**Pizza and Movie Night**

Want a night off in the school holidays? Why not send your children to the Pizza and Movie Night on Wednesday 1st October at the Anglican Church Hall from 6-8 pm. Cost is $5.00. Children will be supervised by adults with police checks. Contact Heather Ludwig 8762 0290 for further details.

**Bridal Gown Extravaganza**

A Bridal Gown Extravaganza will be held on Friday 24th October in Seymour Hall at the Anglican Church from 7.00 pm. Glass of bubbly and supper provided. Lucky door prize.
Tickets $15.00. Bring along your wedding dress. You can model it or have someone model for you or just have it on display. Makeup will be done by Karen and Danielle from Beauty on Rivoli. For further details contact Margie Mott 8762 2114 or Barb Teague 8762 0420.
Karaoke Night

Friday, 10th October 2014 at 6pm
(School Holidays)
Cost: $5.00 (up to 12 years old)
$10.00 (over 12 years old)
Including finger food & ice-cream

At Seymour Hall, Laurie Crescent (Anglican Church)

Contact Cathy Cobbedick 0429 208 203 or
Lisa Eastwood 0428 896 721 for further details

Water Safety Program
2014-2015

This year Tatiara District Council will be running the
Water Safety Program at both the Bordertown and Keith

What will be on offer is the following:

**Bordertown:** 15th – 23rd December 2014 (no weekends)
VACSWIM program Level 1-7
Royal Life Higher Awards programs – run by Royal Life

**Keith:** 5th – 13th January 2015 (no weekends)
VACSWIM program Level 1-7

The only changes are the dates the programs are offered and
that the VACSWIM program will be run by Tatiara District
Council. Enrolments and payments will be through both the
Bordertown & Keith Council offices – *not* VACSWIM.

If you are enrolling in the Royal Life Higher Awards programs
this will still need to be done through RLSS-SA
(Tel: 08 8210 4500 or www.royallifesavingsa.com.au)

You can use your current logbooks from previous years if you
have done either program before.

VACSWIM – Enrolments open on 1st October 2014 and forms
are available at both Council Offices or can be downloaded at

Enrolments close – BORDERTOWN – 27th November 2014 &
KEITH - 19th December 2014

If you have any questions regarding the Water Safety Program contact
Council’s Aquatics Coordinator Tracey Grosser on 0431 885 649.
Naracoorte Tennis Club Quiz Night

Rescheduled Event
Come along for a great night and help raise money for the Naracoorte Tennis Club.

Run by Bel Beggs, former organiser of the infamous 'Who wants to be a Naracoorte High School Brainiac?' Quiz Night!

Date: Friday 24th October 2014
Venue: Williamson Hall, Naracoorte High School
Time: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start (Round 1)
Cost: $10 per person
(plus spare change for raffles/games)
Maximum 8 people per table
BYO food and drinks (licensed event)
Closing date for entries: Wednesday 22nd October 2014

To book a table, contact Bel Beggs:
Text/call 0402 437 793
Email bel.beggs921@schools.sa.edu.au

Naracoorte Tennis Club is seeking donations for prizes. Please contact Bel if you or your business can help out.

Understand Your Teenager
FREE Parenting Teenagers Workshop
Which will give you the skills to:
- Build a positive relationship with your teenager
- Become more confident in handling challenges
- Be able to identify behavior that needs your attention and what to let go
- Learn how to engage your teenager in important conversation
- Find a balance between boundaries and freedom

For more information or to register to attend this workshop, call the Family Relationship Centre on 8721 3500 or 1800 880 913.

Help us to reach our potential!

Venue: Seymour Hall, 1 Laurie St Naracoorte (besides St Paul’s Anglican Church)
Dates: Saturday 11th October 2014
Time: 9.30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Light meal provided
Enquiries: 08 8721 3500 or 1800 880 913
1st Registrations: Sara Teague 8762 0420 or ac.care 87213590