From the Principal

Athletics Day
A wonderful day of physical activity and fun was enjoyed by students, staff, parents and school supporters on the occasion of our annual Athletics Day. While conditions became progressively hot as the day unfolded, the early start and amended program allowed all students to participate in a full program of events culminating in the Verco Shield being awarded to Yellow House for the first time in eight years. Well done to our community for bringing into focus how the Padthaway School manages the transition from challenge to that of opportunity. The School recognises the special effort of Pam Steer and Sam Ward in coordinating this event and to the numerous members of our community for their contribution to its success.

School Camp
The annual School camp proved an outstanding success based on feedback and conversation with both students and staff. While the weather was variable, students enjoyed a full range of outdoor activities at Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills. Conversations centred on Challenge Hill (many completing this strenuous physical challenge on multiple occasions) and the walk to Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens. Apparently the food was good, the conversation at bedtime great with sleeping a secondary consideration! Pam Steer, Jessie Cope and Stephen Edwards all contributed to this activity’s success and we thank them for the part each played in making this a wonderful learning journey for our students.

Jump Rope for Heart
I am pleased to announce that final figures recently supplied to the School by the Jump Rope for Heart organisation reflect total fundraising of $1514.70. This represents a monumental effort on the part of our School community and compares most favourably when compared to larger neighbouring schools.

SAPSASA Cricket
Well done to SRC President, Tom Moyle-Read, for his positive contribution to the Upper South East District SAPSASA Cricket Team. We look forward to reading his report within this newsletter.

School Cricket
The School Cricket program continues weekly with practices held at the School Oval and at Western Flat Oval in alternate weeks. Under the steady leadership of Captain Harrison Rayner and Vice-Captain Lara Brown the students are showing consistent improvement in play. Coach Andrew Frick, in conjunction with a number of other supportive parents, adds quiet leadership to the team and is to be commended for ongoing support of this wonderful School program.

Softball
The School Softball program recommences this week after a short recess for the School camp. Roos play both ends of a double-header this week with all three teams recording at least one win so far this season. The games always provide a spectacle and supporters are most welcome to observe the games. Considerable entertainment value is guaranteed!

Teacher Training and Development
Teachers are required to participate in sixty out-of-school-hours of training and development over a three year period. To our teachers this presents no real challenge as all teachers at our school participate in training far above the accepted norm. This term training remains an ongoing feature of out-of-school-hours’ work and reflects the School’s present strategic plan and the requirements of the National Curriculum Framework.

NAPLAN Analysis
Olivia recently participated in training and development hosted by the Naracoorte High School that unpacked our school’s NAPLAN results and analysed deeper understanding of where our School
can improve both curriculum delivery and pedagogical understandings. This will provide a focus for teacher professional development and discussion in literacy and numeracy through semester one of next year.

Annual Concert
Now that a host of major term events are behind us the School begins to focus on end-of-year concert and presentation night. Already the school is alive with the buzz of set preparation, costume design and practice. We continue at a busy pace! Have a good week.

Harry

Athletics Day
Congratulations to the Yellow Team who won the Athletics Day for the first time since 2006. This was a wonderful achievement, in very hot conditions, by all the students of both teams.

The House Captains are also to be congratulated on their preparation and assistance on Athletics Day. Lukis Reed and Harrison Rayner were the Yellow House Captains and Luke Leddy and Stacey Hayes were the Blue House Captains.

A big thank you to Sam Ward who organised the set up for the events with the help of the volunteers from Treasury Wine Estates (Mat Lampard, Paul Goodridge, Colleen Goodridge, Tash Dean and Adam Aston), Anne Townsend for scoring, the wonderful parents who catered and cooked the barbecue under Tammy Mathews’ guidance and to everyone who came and supported the students. The support from Treasury Wine Estates and the parents who helped measure and time the events was greatly appreciated by the students and teachers. Thank you also to the parents and former students who participated in the team games.

It was a wonderful day which finished before lunchtime because of the hot weather. It was great to see the sportsmanship and encouragement shown between all the students.

Winners of the championship trophies kindly donated by Peta and Danny Fraser were:

Junior Boys
William Charlick 20 points
Brody Hazel 10 points

Junior Girls
Poppy Moyle-Read 21 points
Madeleine Bryson 11 points

Senior Boys
Thomas Moyle-Read 18 points
Lukis Reed 15 points

Senior Girls
Lara Brown 20 points
Stacey Hayes 16 points

(Poppy gained the maximum points possible.)

There were no records broken this year.

Sportsmanship medals kindly donated by Tara and Simon McCarthy were awarded to:

Rec/Year Xavier Rothe
Year 2 Mason Hancock
Junior Boys Benjamin Frick
Junior Girls Ella Longbottom
Senior Boys Luke Leddy
Senior Girls Stacey Hayes

Pan Steer
Athletics Day Coordinator

SAPSASA Cricket

On 3rd November I went to Adelaide to play a week of cricket for the Upper South East SAPSASA side. We won 2 out of 4 games and my score on the first day was 2 runs. I was given out lbw and I kept the opening bowler out. The second day I made 40 out not with an opening partnership with Luke Peddler of 104 off 20 overs. The third day I was meant to open but I was sick so I didn’t play. The fourth day I made 17 runs, caught at cover. So I had a pretty good week.

Tom Moyle-Read

School Softball
On 6th November softball was on again. Everyone thought the afternoon was fun. The Red Backs played 2 games. Big congratulations to Callum who played as a fill-in. Well done to Lukis who got 2 home runs.

Jayde Fretwell, Year 5

SRC News
Tuck Day
On 18th November our SRC Tuck Day went very well. I would like to thank everyone for helping out. The amount raised will be out later on.

Tom Moyle-Read, President

Tuck Day
Reminder:
25th November (Week 7)
Pasta Bolognase
Helper
Priscilla Lamb-Hollis
[Muffins – Mel Tiver]

2nd December (Week 8)
Nuggets and Salad/Ham Salad Roll
Helpers
Lissy Orton
Kate McGregor – muffins
Kathy Hayes, phone 0433 104 943
Bron Longbottom, phone 8765 6025
Tuck Day Coordinators

CPSW Spot
Two major events in the life of our school have happened over the last two weeks – the annual Athletics Day and the Year 3-7 Camp. Both were very successful and enjoyable events despite very hot weather. No-one seemed to complain about the heat and the shortened Athletics Day allowed students to escape the afternoon heat.

Last week 28 students and 4 staff ventured to Woodhouse Scout Camp in the Adelaide Hills. All students and a couple of adventurous staff took on the challenge course, not once but twice, which both the
Crows and Port Power have tackled. Highlights for most were the ropes course, the mouse trap and the giant slide. Then at the end of the course there are ropes across a small creek which many students seemed to end up in on Wednesday. Well it was very hot and our children are rather an adventurous lot!

Friday saw us walk up and down hills to see the beautiful Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens before boarding the bus and heading home with tired but happy students. I cannot help but reflect on how fortunate we are as a School to have camps away each year to amazing places and teachers willing to give up their time to run them. From well before the bus leaves and all the time away teachers are responsible at all times for students and really have no breaks. Great work Jessie and Pam.

Mrs Steer organised the camp and most of the details as well as running Athletics Day which involved an enormous amount of time. Perhaps when you see Pam or Jessie a little thank you would be encouraging. And maybe tell your children how fortunate they are to have such a wonderful school with so many extra-curricular activities.

Cheers
Stephen

Community News

Kool Kangas

Monday
24th November, last one for the year.

Cost:
$3.00 per child
$8.00 per family (3+)

Time:
3.40pm – 5.00pm

We will be focusing on the “Gift of Giving” as we head towards the Christmas break.

Joanna Schutz, Team Leader
Phone 8765 5120

Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup will be on Friday morning of Weeks 6 and 8 this term.

Playgroup starts at 10.00 am to 12.00 pm in the Padthaway Primary School Preschool area.
- 21st November
- 5th December – End of year party in the Padthaway Apex Park

Cost is $2 per session to help cover Insurance Costs (first session is free). We will supply morning tea for you and the children but we ask that you bring their water bottles and hats as we often play outside.

There is a set of scales at Playgroup for anyone who wants to weigh their baby, available for use any time.

Jane Michell from Child and Youth Health can help with tracking growth measurements, ‘Ages and Stages’ assessments, or any other questions you may have about your child’s development. Please call CYHS for an appointment on 1300 733 606.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Kylie Pethybridge on 0417 862 861.

Sunday School

When: This Sunday 23rd November.
All families welcome.
Where: Padthaway Uniting Church
Time: 10.00 am
Contacts: Pam and Matt May,
phone 8765 6116

Messy Church

Come along to a Messy Church Christmas party on Tuesday 2nd December at Anglican Church Hall, Naracoorte. Doors open 4.30 pm. Craft 5.00 pm followed by a story, singing and party food. Contact Cathy Cobbedick on 0429 208 203 for further details.
School Camp

On Wednesday 12th November the 3/4/5/6/7s went on camp to Woodhouse for 2 nights and 3 days.

We were on the bus for at least 3½ hours. We watched Tad the Lost Explorer and listened to music.

We stopped at Tailem Bend for a break and David (the bus driver) hit the kerb. We played on the hills and the big swing.

When we got to Woodhouse we got our luggage and we were told which cabin we were sleeping in; we got our beds ready. Our first activity was Challenge Hill. That was fun especially when we got to go in the creek. For dinner we had lasagna, salad and crusty bread; we had to do our own dishes and dry them. We went to bed at 9.00 pm and fell asleep at 10.30 pm. The activities that we did were: Challenge Hill, Orienteering Course Hard and Easy, Wetland Quiz, Friznet Golf and Walk to Mount Lofty. The walk to Mount Lofty was hard – there were so many hills to go up. When we got there we went for a walk around some of the Botanical Garden.

Everyone was sad to leave.

Jayde Fretwell, Year 5 and Jorja Doecke, Year 5