From The Principal

Welcome back to school!

We have had a busy start to the term so far and students are settling back into routine. We welcome Ebony Mitton to the school. She is enjoying working with the 5/6/7s and the students are enjoying their time with her.

The Preschool is abuzz with life as students begin learning about different animals. R/1/2 is exploring book making and editing their own work. 2/3/4 is learning about the history of Naracoorte and students are looking forward to their research. The 5/6/7 Class is busy learning about space and reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis.

Teachers are looking forward to the start of what looks to be another busy term. We are looking forward to the Peter Combe visit, Choir Performance in Adelaide, Big Day Out, Combined School Sports Day at Frances, 4-7 Camp, Athletics at SANTOS and Book Week as well as much more! Here at Padthaway we are lucky to have these many opportunities for extending student learning and engagement. Many hours of organising and support go into having these opportunities available and I would like to thank those that have spent time to make these opportunities the best they can be.

Whole School Art Project
This term the students begin the Whole School Art Project. We have been collecting plastic bottle tops for one year now and have enough to fill four panels for our mural. This means each class will be able to work on their own panel. Students have begun the term by learning about sustainability, a common theme for the mural, sorting bottle tops, designing and collating their ideas and prepping the board to begin painting and gluing the bottle tops. The students are very excited at seeing this mural transform. Teachers are thinking the mural will go on the outside of the R/1/2 building across from the toilets, to brighten up the undercover eating area there.

Student Teacher
This term we are welcoming Corinne Brookes, a student teacher in her final placement from UniSA. She will be in Pam’s class for 6 weeks and has enjoyed her two lead in days earlier this week. We welcome Corinne and hope she finds her time here valuable to her learning and development.

Computers
It is time to celebrate! We finally have new computers and a new server! This means the computers will be faster and improve the time spent loading programs. This comes at a good time as the new Technologies curriculum includes a wide range of programs to improve student skills, which the new computers will be able to run better than the old computers. These computers will be up and running for Week 3.

ICAS Test
On Tuesday six students sat the English ICAS test. I was very impressed with the students’ focus while taking the test. These results will be available later this term. Science ICAS results went home this week. Please take time to review the results. Congratulations to students who took part in the Science test.

NAPLAN
In Week 5 teachers will be able to access 2015 NAPLAN results for the Year 3, 5 and 7 students. Teachers will work hard to analyse the results and identify where students have misconceptions with their learning. This will inform future practice and help develop student learning. Results will be available to parents around this time.

Garden Project
This term Tammy Mathews is working with small groups of students every Friday to develop the garden of Padthaway Primary. The students are improving an area at the front of the school near the chook shed. This means the chooks are
easier to access and also creates an area for students to explore. Work began this week with students laying gravel for the pathway and transferring plants from other areas of the school. Please refer to the colour insert for pictures from the first session.

**Sports Shed Shelving**

Over the holidays our sports shed underwent a transformation. We were very lucky to have Sam Ward and Paul Elsden build shelving to help with storage of sports equipment and Athletics Day items. This has created a lot more space and means it is easier for students and staff to access items. Thank you to the Ward family for this kind donation.

I look forward to the next two weeks as Principal before Harry returns. I hear from Helen he is safe and well.

**Olivia English**

**Permanency**

I would like to announce that Olivia English has been awarded permanency at Padthaway Primary School as the Upper Primary Teacher. We look forward to working with her and know she is excited to be taking on this position. We wish her all the best. Congratulations, Olivia.

**Harry Long**

**Camp, Big Day Out and 2/3 Excursion**

Later this term the 4/5/6/7 students will be attending an Aquatics Camp at Murraylands Aquatics Centre in Murray Bridge. The Preschool/R/1 students will be attending Big Day Out and the 2/3 students will be enjoying three days of activities with one activity being an excursion to Cockatoo Downs.

Information about the Camp and Big Day Out was sent home with students this week. Please read all information carefully and return reply slips to school by the requested dates. Students are very excited!

**Olivia**

**Term 2 Assembly**

The following photos were taken at the end of term Assembly on Thursday 2nd July when awards were presented to students.

**Book Fair**

The School will be holding a Book Fair to coincide with Book Week. The Fair will run from Monday 24th August until Friday 28th August. A selection of books from Scholastic will be displayed in the Library. Books will be available for sale at the Front Office during school hours from 8.30 am until 4.00 pm each day. We invite all families to participate and discover that Books Light Up Our World, this year’s Book Week theme.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

If your child is reading books at home, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books and get them signed off by you or their teacher as they go. The Challenge finishes on Friday 4th September. The Challenge is to read 12 books in total: 8 of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website and 4 of their own choice, which can include class novels and research texts.
Harry would like all students to complete the Challenge this year.
Enjoy the Challenge!

**Instrumental Lessons**

Are your children interested in learning clarinet, saxophone or piano? Peter Majoros is new to Naracoorte and teaches music to Primary and Secondary school students. Peter is available on Fridays for instrumental lesson tuition. If you are interested, please contact Peter on 0437 715 892 or by email thescaly1@gmail.com.

**SAPSASA News**

For all your SAPSASA information including District and State

www.usesapsasa.org.au
or www.decs.sa.gov.au/sport
Sharon Miels, USE SAPSASA Convenor

**PSW Spot**

My theme for this report is second chances; the reason, well its second week in Term 3 and I missed Week 1. Last week was our annual Schools Ministry Conference in Adelaide where 350 PCWs gathered from across the state to listen to outstanding speakers, seek out new ideas and ‘network’ with others.
One of our speakers was a former Premier of the state, Lyn Arnold. Among his many voluntary roles is Justice Advocate for Second Chances along with patron for Prison Fellowship Australia as well as recently being ordained as an Anglican minister. In one of the workshops I attended we looked specifically at how to help someone take their second chance. There is a saying, “Be careful what you wish for.” That very evening I met with a mother who had helped her 16 year old find another school giving him a second chance at life. The funny thing about this was I had been sitting next to the PCW of the school where this young man was about to start and I have been able to contact her just to touch base with him. What is the likelihood of this happening and all we can hope for is with this second chance he can pursue his dreams of being an electrician. Everyone deserves a second chance and all of us can be part of someone’s second chance when that window of opportunity arises.
Meanwhile I am excited to be back in this second week of school!

*Cheers, Stephen*

**Tuck Day Reminder**

4th August (Week 3)
*Pizza*
**Helpers**
Michele Moyle-Read
[Muffins – Carolyn Brown]

11th August (Week 4)
*Chicken Tender Wraps*
**Helpers**
Kim Doecke
Lissy Orton
[Muffins – Vicki Heym]

*Kim Doecke, Tuck Day Coordinator*
Ph 0498 190 972

**Tatiara District Council**

Tatiara District Council will be holding its August meeting on 11th August from 2.00 pm until around 3.30 pm in the Padthaway Sporting Complex. The Council meeting is open to the general public and there will be plenty of seating provided at the back of the room for people to sit in the gallery. Padthaway Primary School’s Upper Primary Class will be attending the Council meeting to see how Local Government operates and to address Council on any issues of interest or concern or to ask Council about any issue.
Council continues to have a Public forum at the start of each meeting, which provides an opportunity to any resident to address Council on any subject for approximately 5-10 minutes.

They can make a statement or ask a question.
*Rob Harkness*
CEO, Tatiara District Council

**Community News**

**Padthaway Playgroup**

Padthaway Playgroup is for parents and children aged 0-preschool to get together, share information and have fun. Playgroup runs from 10.00am to 12.00pm at the Padthaway Primary School Preschool area.

Dates for Term 3:
- Week 2 – 31st July
- Week 6 – 28th August
- Week 10 – 25th September (the last Friday of term).

Cost is $2 per session (first session is free) and we will supply morning tea for you and the children. Please bring water bottles and hats as we sometimes play outside.

There are scales at Playgroup for anyone who wants to weigh their baby – available for use anytime. We also try to organise someone from Child and Youth Health to come to at least one session per term.
For more information please contact Kylie Pethybridge on 0417 862 861.

**Padthaway Medical Clinic**

The Padthaway Medical Clinic is open every Tuesday from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm or until the last appointment. Please contact Keith Surgery on 8755 1766 to make appointments. Immunisation and all Health checks are available.
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**AUG 12**

Lunch with Angela Coode
12.30pm

Angela works on a farm near Naracoorte and is the author of 5 books. Join her for lunch at 12.30pm in the Tatiara Civic Centre conference room for her stories about life on the land.

Tickets $10 includes 2 course lunch, tea & coffee

Contact the Library on 8752 1473

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**AUG 19**

**baby play workshop**
2.30pm or 3.45pm

This free workshop will give you practical ideas for play with baby. Create simple toys and activities from things around the home—and you don’t need to be crafty! Two workshops available, starting at 2.30pm or 3.45pm. Limited to 10 participants for each session. Babies welcome

Contact the Library on 8752 1473

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**AUG 13**

Children’s book week
6pm

Andy Jones
3 performances for Tatiara primary students

For further information contact the Library on 8752 1473

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**AUG 21**

**Evening with Marlyse Carroll**
7pm

Author of “Am I going mad?”

Marlyse is a retired therapist and meditation teacher, writer, speaker and artist who lives in country Victoria. Light supper provided

Contact the Library on 8752 1473

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**SA RURAL WOMEN’S GATHERING**

Bordertown | 26 - 27 September 2015

Registrations are now open!!

www.saruralwomensgathering.org.au

Enquiries phone Cathy on 0428 720 157

Registrations close on Monday 10th August or until sold out, so register now.