From The Principal

Where has the beginning of this term gone! It is hard to believe that 4 weeks have nearly passed. Students have been busy developing new knowledge and are now into the swing of learning. The computer room is functional again with the new computers and students are enjoying the faster loading speed and larger screens. Thank you to Jesse Briggs for all the work and effort he has provided to getting these up and running.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Padthaway community for their support over the last four weeks. I have enjoyed my time as Principal and this time has been a fantastic opportunity to see if leadership is an area that I am interested in for the future. I have enjoyed being able to communicate with staff and parents and enjoyed sharing in learning moments with students from all classes. I have felt supported by the staff, students and community and would love to take on this opportunity again.

Thank you

A big thank you to Ebony Mitton for all her work and effort with the 5/6/7 Class these last four weeks. The students have loved their time with you and you have been an asset to Padthaway Primary. Hopefully we can work with you again soon!

Peter Combe

Peter Combe is visiting on Monday! I hope everyone is ready to brush their teeth with orange juice! Peter Combe will be performing at 1.30 pm at the Padthaway Hall. Please arrive before the starting time. Everyone is welcome and children will be able to get up, dance and sing along. Students at school will be walking to the Hall and visitors from Mundulla and Frances Primary Schools are coming. Everyone is very excited for Peter Combe to visit!

Event Information: Monday 17th August at 1.30 pm in Padthaway Hall.

Exciting News

Congratulations to Bradley Hayes and Henry Orton who have been placed 3rd in the 2015 Credit Union Christmas Pageant Mini Float design competition. In Term 2 the R/1/2 and 5/6/7 students worked together in Buddies to design a float for the Christmas Pageant. Students worked on a plan and thought about all aspects of their float including accompanying characters and music. Students then created their design and sent this to be judged in Adelaide. Well done to Brad and Henry for their creative Snowman design. Credit Union has donated $100 to the School for use in Design and Technology programs.

Tatiara District Council Meeting at Padthaway

The 5/6/7 Class attended the Tatiara District Council Meeting on 11th August at the Padthaway Bowling Club. Jayde Fretwell and Jorja Doecke spoke about the Cyber Safety training the students went to in Bordertown last term. The Council were very interested in the students’ perceptions of the event and asked questions of the girls. Maddi Bryson raised a concern with the local roads in Padthaway and the Council Projects Officer responded explaining the cause of this. The girls spoke very well and I was impressed with the maturity they demonstrated. I was also impressed with how the Class presented themselves and we received many compliments from the Council members. Thank you to the Council for inviting us to the event.

Staff Training and Development

Staff have had a busy start to the term. Michelle Lampard attended a week of Work Health Safety Training and enjoyed the week. The education around policies and procedures is invaluable to Padthaway Primary School. Staff are constantly training and developing skills around different teaching styles and how best to prepare our students for the changing world we live in. All staff training and development ensures students are receiving the most up to date information and teaching methodologies. Padthaway Primary School is lucky to be able to support
teacher learning and hence student learning in a range of areas.

Book Week
Book Week is coming up in Week 6! We are very excited to celebrate this with the students. On Tuesday afternoon, students will be working in small groups to focus on different books. Each teacher will be running a session. On Wednesday, we will be holding our dress up parade. The theme for Book Week this year is Books Light Up Our World. To keep with the theme, students will be dressing up as a character that ‘lights up’ their world. To win a special prize, students will need to tell us why the character lit up their world.

Choir News
The Padthaway Choir has been lucky to have 2 students awarded with solos this year for the South East Primary Schools Choir Festival. Jayde Fretwell will be performing Song of Australia and Poppy Moyle Read will be singing ANZAC Biscuits (solo 1) and Reflection. These girls will be performing them on the Thursday night Choir concert in Mt Gambier next term. The concert is on Thursday 22nd October and is part of the South East Primary Schools Choir Festival. This will see the 5/6/7 Class perform with over 200 students. Congratulations girls! What a fantastic opportunity.

ICAS Maths
On Tuesday 11th August, seven students underwent the ICAS test for Mathematics. Students worked very hard to solve problems and many were pleased with how they completed the test. Results will be out in the next few months.

Combined School Sports Day
Combined School Sports Day is coming up later this term. The day this year will be held at Frances Primary School on Friday 11th September. More information will follow.

Olivia English

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.

Student News
Tatiara District Council Meeting
On Tuesday 11th August 2015 the 5/6/7 Class, Miss Mitton, Mrs English and Mr Eddy went to the Council meeting.
It was interesting to see how the meeting was run and watching them putting their hands up if they agreed or disagreed. The Council spoke about a number of local issues such as roads and funding for the Padthaway Grape Growers website.
Jorja Doecke and Jayde Fretwell gave the Council members feedback from the CyberSafety session, saying it was a success and giving them some tips for their own kids to be cyber smart. Maddi Bryson requested that Bell’s Road be fixed.

We were also invited to stay for afternoon tea. There were savoury foods such as sausage rolls, pies and pasties. The sweets were lamingtons with whipped cream in the middle, hedgehog and choc chip slice. The drinks were creaming soda, lemonade and lime and orange punch. It was delicious.
We would like to thank the Council members for inviting us. It was interesting to find out about local issues.

Isabel Hancock and Jess Reed, 5/6/7 Class

Choir News
Jayde Fretwell and Poppy Moyle-Read have both earned solos for the South East Music Festival at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on Thursday 22nd October 2015.
The whole Class are very excited to be going.
Jorja Doecke and Jayde Fretwell, Yr 6

SAPSASA News

Girls’ State Cricket
The past few months I have been trying out for Girls’ State Cricket in Adelaide. I have had the privilege to train with some of the Scorpions women’s cricket team players and to be coached by the Scorpion’s current coach Andrea McCauley. Our coach Daniel Ranken is away so Andrea will be taking some of the trainings as well as some of the Scorpion’s players.
The South Australian team will compete in Brisbane in January next year.
It has been such a good experience to train at the Adelaide Oval indoor nets, and I have had a great time even if I don’t get to go to Brisbane.
Lara Brown, Yr 7

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SRC News

Tuck Day
The SRC will be running Tuck Day next Tuesday. We will be cooking steak sandwiches and making milkshakes.
Steak sandwiches will cost $3.00 each, a large milkshake will cost...
$2.00 and a small milkshake will be $1.50. Order forms will be sent home this week.

**Disco**
There will be a whole School Disco on Wednesday, Week 7. SRC are organising the event. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

**PSW Spot**
Bright colours bounce off the Upper Primary class wall with their Salvador Dali face sketch and the thought bubbles accompanying it. The colours in some are quite startling and vibrant and it was a lot of fun to be helping out some of the students with their ‘bubbles’. Once they have planned the thought bubble they then colour them in a variety of colours.

As adults we too colour in without realising it – most of us when talking on the phone doodle on pads, diaries or any paper left lying around the office. Imagine my surprise when I read an article in last weekend’s Australian newspaper written about adults indulging their passion for colouring in and how relaxing it is, even improving sleep and clearing a cluttered mind.

Last week the colouring book The Mindfulness Colouring Book was Australia’s top selling book with 10,355 copies sold. I am sure colourful children’s author Dr Seuss if he were around today would be delighted, after all he did remark that adults were in fact just obsolete children. So there you are, get your own colouring book and start colouring in and feel the tension go.

The Upper Primary has been very fortunate to have Ebony Mitton as their teacher while Olivia English has guided our school as Principal for the past four weeks. Ebony has connected strongly with her Class and the School in general and it has been an absolute delight to have her about and hopefully it will not be the last time we see her. Next week we will welcome back Mr Long and I am sure he will have lots of stories to tell of his scouting adventure in Japan. Cheers, Stephen

**Tuck Day Reminder**

18th August (Week 5)
Steak Sandwiches and Milkshakes

Helpers
SRC

25th August (Week 6)
Special Fried Rice

Helpers
Megan Charlick
Cheryl Merrett
[Muffins – Hannah Orton]

Kim Droeke, Tuck Day Coordinator
Ph 0488 190 972

**Baby News**
Congratulations to the Teague family who have welcomed a new addition to their family. Blake welcomes a new baby brother Zachary who was born in Week 2. Congratulations!

Olivia

**Peter Combe**
On Monday 17th August Peter Combe will be selling CDs, DVDs and Sing Along books for purchase after the performance. Prices range from $10 to $30 with specials priced at $5.

Olivia

**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 6 – 28th August
- Week 10 – 25th September (the last Friday of term).
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**AUG 12**

**Lunch with Angela Goode**

12.30pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Contact the Library on 8752 2473

Angela works on a farm near Nangarro 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.

Angela’s books will be available for purchase.

Tickets $10 includes 2 course lunch, tea & coffee

**AUG 19**

**Baby play workshop**

2.30pm or 3.45pm

FREE

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.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 8752 2473

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**AUG 13**

**Children’s Book Week”**

**Andy Jones**

3 performances for Tatiara primary students

GENERAL PUBLIC WELCOME

For further information contact the Library on 8752 2473

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**AUG 21**

**Evening with Marlyse Carroll**

7pm

FREE

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.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 8752 2473

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