From The Principal

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.
Mark Twain

Peter Combe
Peter Combe enthralled his audience last Monday week when Padthaway School hosted his concert. Frances School, Mundulla School and a number of local families were entertained by the full range of Peter’s many family song favourites. He proved a hit to the full range of ages represented. Everyone was very excited in anticipation of Peter’s visit and he did not disappoint. Thank you to the McGregor family for their wonderful sponsorship of this event.

Staff Training and Development
As Olivia reported in our last newsletter our 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. Our School is lucky to be able to support teacher learning and hence student learning in a range of areas. This past fortnight has seen our teachers attend Numeracy training, WHS training and Choir training in their efforts to ensure best practice for student learning.

Choir News
It has been many years since our School has had two students awarded solo opportunities at the South East Primary Schools Choir Festival. Jayde Fretwell and Poppy Moyle-Read will be singing with our Choir members at the Mount Gambier concert in October. Our sincere gratitude goes to Olivia English for giving our Choir the wonderful opportunity to perform as part of a Choir with over two hundred members.

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. This event is always an important precursor to our own keenly anticipated Athletics Day early in Term 4. If you or someone you know would like to assist our student athletes with practice for a specific event please contact the School. Your assistance is always acknowledged by the active participation of our students.

Reception/1/2 Class
Ashlea has announced that she will commence parenting leave on Wednesday 4th November. Her position will be filled by Ebony Mitton who recently assisted the School while I was in Japan.

Principal and Teacher – Japan World Jamboree
The recent World Jamboree held in Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan, was a wonderful and unique opportunity to witness Scouting principles from a world perspective. Over 33 000 Scouts and Leaders from over 160 countries lived together in close proximity for the ten days of activities, program and social interaction made possible by the incredible goodwill of those present. Highlights were many and included: the Hiroshima Peace Program, Exploring Nature, Cross Roads of Culture, City of Science, Community Service, Water Activities, the Global Development Village and the opportunity to try international foods and, of course, to experience the culture, language and people of the host country, Japan.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful efforts of Olivia and Ebony as Principal and Year 5/6/7 Teacher while I was away. It is nice to know that the School was in very capable hands while I was away and the positive acknowledgement by the community for both Olivia and Ebony’s work is gratifying.

Harry
**Book Fair**

The School is holding a Book Fair in the Library to coincide with Book Week. The Fair will conclude tomorrow, Friday 28\(^{th}\) August. You still have time to select books from the Book Fair. Staff will be available after school on Friday to assist you.

Thank you to the families and students who have generously supported our Book Fair. Scholastic gives the School a percentage of sales in books for our Library. Students have discovered that *Books [do] Light Up Our World*, this year’s Book Week theme. There were many wonderful characters who paraded Tuesday morning. Students dressed as book characters who have ‘lit up their World’ (see the coloured insert).

**Jump Rope for Heart**

This term we are participating in Jump Rope for Heart and by now everyone should have received information and a sponsorship form. By participating in Jump Rope for Heart we can raise much needed funds for the Heart Foundation as well as have the chance to win some cool prizes. Our Jump Off will be on the last day of Term 3, Friday 25\(^{th}\) September. For more information please contact Miss Davey.

**Plastic Bottle Tops**

To finish the whole School Art project we need a few more orange, pink and green plastic bottle tops! Please start collecting so we can finish!

**Student Banking**

Keith & Districts Community Bank Branch would be delighted to help your children catch the ‘savings bug’.

Please contact Kirilie if you would like your children to participate in the Student Banking Program. Forms are available from the Front Office.

**SAPSASA News**

For all your SAPSASA information including District and State

[www.usesapsasa.org.au](http://www.usesapsasa.org.au)

*Sharon Miels, USE SAPSASA Convenor*

**SRC News**

**Tuck Day**

Last week the SRC had their Tuck Day. We made steak sandwiches and milkshakes. The Dress Up theme was dress up as something on a farm. We raised $266.80. It was a very successful day and we all had a good time.

*Lara and Stacey, Co-Presidents*

**Disco**

There will be a whole School Disco next Wednesday (Week 7). SRC are organising the event. The disco will be held in the Activity Room from 6.30 pm until 7.45 pm. Cost of entry is $1.00 per student. The dress code is students’ own choice. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

**PSW Spot**

“Love people/do stuff”. This is the mantra adopted by Schools Ministry Group, who employ the Pastoral Care workers across the State, as part of a special week where the Church community seek to bless the School communities. In our school this involved a delicious morning tea on Thursday for staff along with popcorn for the students.

After morning tea volunteers from local churches moved the woodworking bench to its new location, cleaned out and moved all the wood and tools from the Activity Room as well as removing some old shelving giving much more space in this area. Jobs such as lining up the velcro on the goalposts under the shade structure and general sweeping were also achieved by the volunteers. Many wore red, this being the colour of love. Interestingly Stephen Probert, Chair of the Tatiara Chaplaincy Support Group who held their Term 3 meeting at our school Wednesday night, had spoken about love and the chapter from Corinthians (a city of ancient Greece) on love used at many weddings. His comment was that it is very difficult to show love when we are angry, tired or stressed. In other words it is hard to help others when we are in the wrong frame of mind. It is when we are unwell with the flu, tired and stressed from stuff in our lives that we rely on others to show love to us which gets us through the tough patches.

*Cheers, Stephen*

**Tuck Day Reminder**

1\(^{st}\) September (Week 7)

Hot Dogs

Helper

Sue Bryson – jellies

[Muffins – Brenna Brooksbys]*

8\(^{th}\) September (Week 8)

Lasagne

Helpers

Ariane Goldfinch

Kate McGregor – muffins

**Term 3 Tuck Day Update**

Thank you to the reliable volunteers who continue to go on the roster each term and it is also lovely to see some new people offer their time and/or donation of goods. I really appreciate all those involved for their contribution and support.

You would have noticed from the Term 3 roster that some new food choices have been added. I’m sure that the Fried Rice on Tuesday was popular and the Lasagne in Week 8 will also be a huge hit. I do have some ideas for the next term’s menu, however if you would like to suggest something that you think the children would like, please feel free to let me know.

*Please Note – On Tuesday 15\(^{th}\) September (Week 9) Tuck Day will be cancelled, due to most children being away for camp and a day trip.

*Kim Doecke, Tuck Day Coordinator

Ph 0488 190 972*
**Fundraising**

*Educational Experience* catalogues were issued last week.

Families are able to order online. Please nominate Padthaway Primary School on the order as *Educational Experience* give 20% of all purchases to the School in vouchers for the School to purchase items.

Please contact the Front Office if you require more information.

Tammy Mathews  
Fundraising Coordinator

**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).

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.

**Naracoorte Tennis AGM**

The Naracoorte Tennis AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 7.00 pm in Billy Mac’s breakfast room. All are welcome. Apologies to Cathy Cobbledick, phone 0429 208 203.

Ian Barry from Tennis SA will also be attending the meeting. If anyone would like to have dinner beforehand with Ian, please let Cathy know.

**Kool Kangas Thank You**

The Padthaway Uniting Church thanks Joanna Schutz for leading the Kool Kangas program from Term 3, 2013 to Term 2, 2015. We appreciate all of the time, hard work and ideas that Joanna put into the sessions over the past two years. We hope she enjoyed leading this program as much as the children loved attending.

Thank you, Joanna, for your contribution to the Church and community. We wish you and your family all the best in the future.

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**Family Focus**

A big thank you to all the Kool Kangas leaders, helpers and volunteers who supported this program for the past 13 years. We also thank all the children who attended during this time.

Although we will not be continuing with Kool Kangas, we will be aiming to hold at least two events each school term for children and their families. These events will have a family focus and be lots of fun for all the family.

Our first event is a Father’s Day night/BBQ to be held at Padthaway Uniting Church on Friday 4th September from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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**Celebrate Father’s Day Together...**

**When:** Friday 4th September 2015

6.00 pm for BBQ – meat and bread supplied, bring salad or sweet to share

**Where:** Padthaway UC Hall

**Who:** Dads, mums, kids, grandparents, friends

**What:** Games, crafts, songs, lots of fun with Dads

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Hear the story of...

The Dad who Dared... Could this be you?

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For more information contact: Heather Edwards, 0427 608 254

Please note: There will be no service at Padthaway UC on Sunday 6th September – time to cook Dad breakfast!
The Padthaway Christian community say ‘thank you’ to the Padthaway School staff, students and volunteers for their on-going support and commitment at the school. 20/6/2023