From The Principal

World Teachers’ Day
Last week we celebrated World Teachers’ Day with a special morning tea. This day provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the positive contribution teachers make to the lives of their students; the opportunities teachers create and the inspiration teachers provide that encourages each generation of young people to make a difference within their community. Our community has been blessed with a wonderful group of dedicated teachers over many years at our school; each genuinely caring for the well-being and achievement of best possible educational outcomes for our students. Take the time to thank our current group of educators for their wonderful efforts when you next see them.

School Staffing
This week we bade farewell to our highly respected R/1/2 teacher, Ashlea Owen. We wish both Ashlea and Brad every happiness with the birth of their second child. In Ashlea’s absence Ebony Mitton will assume responsibility for instruction of our R/1/2 Class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Of course, Hannah will continue her teaching role for our R/1/2 Class on Thursdays and Fridays.

Transition Programs
Our School Transition Programs for both Pre-Entry to Preschool and Year 7s to High School has begun. What a wonderful group of Pre-Entry students attend our school this term. What energy and enthusiasm each has! Our Year 7 students are working together collectively to support each other through the transition to Naracoorte High School, ably supported by our Staff and the Naracoorte High School staff. We have already had a visit to our School from the Naracoorte High School Principal, Kym Grant, with other visits to follow.

Preschool Development Update
Will Franklin, our DTEI Facilities Manager, visited our school last week. He indicated that plans for the Preschool Redevelopment are progressing. He suggested that while the redevelopment of the Preschool would start by Christmas, the anticipated completion date was the end of Term One. Will indicated that the process for establishing a new bore for the school should be complete by the beginning of the new School year.

Athletics Day
What a brilliant day of fine weather for our annual Athletics Day! Thanks to the wonderful effort of groundperson, Nigel Clarke, the oval looked magnificent. As is the norm, a wonderful group of supporters made up of extended family, old scholars, community members and friends of the School witnessed a very keen competition between the two houses with Yellow House narrowly defeating a spirited Blue House. As our School has come to expect, the House Captains (Blue – Stacey Hayes/Jorja Doecke and Yellow – Lara Brown/Brody Hazel) displayed excellent leadership skills. Both William Charlick (long jump and high jump) and Poppy Moyle-Read (marathon) broke longstanding School records and most of our athletes achieved personal bests as each competed throughout the day in a range of athletic events. An event such as this does not achieve success without the wonderful efforts of many people. Our School Staff, led by Pam Steer and Kieron Hicks, along with our Parent Club and Governing Council representatives, community members and our friends from Treasury Wines all combined to realise a wonderful day of competition for our students. Thank you to all!

School Reports
While it is hard to believe, the school year is rapidly drawing to a close. Teachers begin to turn their attention to writing end-of-year reports. For 2015 this process has begun. The report writing format has changed little since the end of last year and should be familiar to you. We are not reporting on the General Capabilities this semester as each follows a two-year continuum. New subjects requiring grades include:
The Arts (Dance and Drama), Humanities and Social Science (Economics and Business – Years 5–7), Humanities and Social Science (Civics and Citizenship – Years 3–7) with Health and Physical Education now a combined grade.

Choir Performance
I attended an outstanding South East Festival of Music event when the School Choir travelled to Mount Gambier’s Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Olivia and each Choir member are to be commended for the quality of the performance and I would like to make special mention of our two outstanding soloists, Jayde Fretwell and Poppy Moyle-Read. This year the Choir’s song cycle commemorated the Centenary of ANZAC Day. The Choir obviously enjoyed learning and performing the songs with this attitude reflected in the high quality of the performance.

Social Media
We live in an age where social media is ever-present. At times, it can intrude on us in unexpected ways. With recent events at the school including Choir performance and Athletics Day it is appropriate to remind our community that photographs of children other than our own cannot be posted on social media sites without the permission of parents.

School Photographs
Next Thursday morning (12th November) Frank Monger, our school photographer, will visit the school to take individual, class group and whole of school photographs. We look forward to seeing all of our students dressed appropriately in their new school shirts.

Harry

Thank You
My last day at school was yesterday and I have now begun maternity leave. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me back this year and for your support. It has been a great year sharing a classroom with Hannah and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children grow and learn. I will miss the school world but am very excited about becoming a mum of two. Brad, Isla and I will stay in touch and will let you know of our news. I wish you all the very best for the rest of the school year. Ashlea Owen

Athletics Day
I would personally like to congratulate all the students on their sportsmanship on Athletics Day, shown not only to their team members or classmates but to all students competing. Three new records were an outstanding achievement. Poppy Moyle-Read and Karla McCarthy both broke the Junior Girls Marathon record which had been held by Karla’s sister, Alex, since 2009. William Charlick broke two records – the Junior Boys Long Jump, and the High Jump (by 9.5 cm) which had been held by Archie Longbottom since 2002.

The determination etched on everyone’s faces and endeavours to do their personal best was inspiring to see. This year, students gained a point for their team for each event they competed in with 1st place winners achieving 4 points, 2nd place winners 3 points and 3rd place 2 points. The scoring was very close with points also being allocated for the R-7 relay, three-legged race and team games. Although Yellow were the winners this year, the Blue team should be equally proud of their efforts. Since the introduction of only the Yellow and Blue teams in 1996, both teams now have 10 wins each.

A big thank you to the House Captains – Lara, Brody, Stacey and Jorja – who each did a tremendous job in organising and inspiring their teams. Also thanks to Tash Dean, Adam Ashton and Barry Smith from Treasury Wines Estates Padthaway who helped set up and assisted classes with the events, along with Kim and Andrew Doecke, Tom Moyle-Read, Sarah Hinge and Peta Fraser who took the Junior Boys. This day would not be as successful if we were not well fed. So a big thanks to the Fundraising Committee, Governing Council and to the many parents who donated the wonderful cakes and slices. The School appreciates the generous donations of the trophy donors, Peta and Danny Fraser and the medallion donors, Tara and Simon McCarthy. Once again Mr Luke Leddy has been our photographer extraordinaire. Some of his professional looking photos are on the colour insert.

To all those parents, friends and grandparents who were able to attend, your support was appreciated by the students and the School. The students also enjoyed watching the adult relays. There are many talented athletes in this community. The Athletics Day truly is a wonderful tradition that Padthaway School has had for many years.

Results:

MC Verco Shield
Yellow 358 points
Blue 340 points

Championship Awards
Junior Boys
William Charlick 27 points
Benjamin Frick 14 points

Junior Girls
Poppy Moyle-Read 28 points
Karla McCarthy 16 points

Senior Boys
Blake Teague 27 points
Brody Hazel 22 points

Senior Girls
Lara Brown 26 points
Madeleine Bryson 16 points
Stacey Hayes 16 points

(Poppy gained the maximum points possible.)

Sportsmanship Awards
Reception Sam Hayes
Year 1/2 Lily Mathews
Junior Boys Tom Orton
Junior Girls Madeline Redden
Senior Boys Brody Hazel
Senior Girls Lara Brown

We have enclosed a copy of past results for your interest. Year 3s have been included in the Junior Cup since 2008 (previously 4/5s).

Pam Steer
Athletics Day Coordinator
SRC News
This term the SRC will be having a Culture Day. The main meal for the SRC Tuck Day in Week 6 will be Italian spaghetti bolognese, with a few different entrees to try from other cultures. The Dress Up theme will be to dress up as a person from a different culture.

Stacey Hayes and Lara Brown
SRC Presidents

SAPSASA News
For all your SAPSASA information including District and State
Sharon Miels, USE SAPSASA Convener

PSW Spot
Advent – have you ever heard of this word; know its meaning? The first dictionary explanation is “a coming into place, view or being; arrival”. Now this fits with so much that will happen this term and certainly fits with Ashlea and Brad Owen. Ashlea finishes her Term Four this Wednesday to prepare; to wait for the arrival of her second child. The staff and students will miss you Ashlea but we are excited for you and Brad as you await the birth of your baby.
Advent comes from the Latin word adventus, meaning coming. It is also the word describing the season Christian Churches observe as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Our local Christian community is preparing for the Carols Night to be held this year at the Football Club on Sunday night 6th December – perhaps Ashlea could come as Mary!
Teachers will be preparing for the arrival of the School Concert and many hours, both in school hours and way beyond, will be spent in preparation of Class plays, props and award preparation. If we approach these tasks with joy and a sense of excitement then it becomes much easier. Use your approach to the Christmas season with this attitude and don’t stress about the small stuff and the Advent season can be one of anticipation, excitement and joy.
Churches have seemed to have always used difficult to understand words for the seasons such as Advent and Epiphany and it is, I think, because they are never explained in simple terms. I didn’t ever get the word epiphany until one of my hero’s Bono from the Irish band U2 used it – then I got it. It is an experience of sudden and striking realisation; not only has Bono had an epiphany but Isaac Newton and Archimedes had them too!
Cheers, Stephen

Tuck Day Reminder
10th November (Week 5)
Hot Dogs
 Helpers
Sue Bryson
[Muffins – Melissa Thompson]

17th November (Week 6)
Spaghetti Bolognese
 Helpers
SRC
Kim Doecke, Tuck Day Coordinator
Ph 0488 190 972

SA Water VACSWIM
The SA Water VACSWIM program will be available at both the Bordertown and Keith Pools.
Bordertown: 14-18 December 2015
Keith: 4-8 January 2016
Enrolments close for Bordertown: 5th December 2015
Enrolments close for Keith: 18th December 2015
SA Water VACSWIM enrolments and payments at both Council Offices.
RLSSA: Higher Awards program will be held at Bordertown on 14-18 December. Enrol by either calling RLSSA on 8210 4500 or on-line at www.royallifesaving.com.au

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 4:
• Week 6 – 20th November
• Week 8 – 4th December (TBA, usually held at the Padthaway Apex Park).
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.

Save the Date
Christmas Carols at the Club
Sunday 6th December
6.00 pm for free BBQ tea and ice cream
Celebrate Christmas with family and friends at the Padthaway Football and Cricket Club
More details later.
Contact Heather Edwards, phone 8765 5065
Thursday Night Schnitzel Teas

are prepared for you by the
Patthaway Uniting Church Family

Money raised will support:
Frontier Services, Chaplaincy and Outreach

Schnitzels, Salads & Chips $10
Kids meal $5
Chicken, Beef or Pork
Bucket of chips $3

If you fancy joining us, we worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am 😊

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Christmas shopping on your door step!

Don’t drive for hours, fight for a carpark and walk through endless shops –
just pop in to the Dandelion Markets and find something for everyone.

Loads of handmade, boutique and party plan businesses

Enjoy our yummy food court for lunch and refreshments
and activities for the children.

Saturday, 21st November, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Keith Institute, Heritage St, Keith

Raffle with all proceeds going towards the Keith & District Hospital

Contact Louise Harmsmann for more info 0428 063 867 or louise@harmoide.com.au

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Dandelion Markets
Bringing fun boutique markets to the country

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You are invited to the launch of

**Between the Vines**
by bestselling author Tricia Stringer

**Where:** Conference Room,
Talban Civic Centre, Bordertown

**When:** 7pm Tuesday 17th November

**RSVP:** Bordertown Public Library
library@mtbwr女孩子, sa.gov.au
or phone 8792473

Free event
Snack provided

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Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and
ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.
All babies, children and young people 0-17 years are
welcome to attend.

School Dental Service clinics are open during the
Christmas school holiday break.
Phone your local School Dental Service clinic now for
an appointment. For clinic details visit
www.sadental.sa.gov.au