From The Principal

For a School, community engagement is not delivering your child to the school gate. Rather, it is a visible presence, over time, within the physical environment of the school.
Harry Long

While the School year is rapidly drawing to a close, there is still much to do! Formal course work and selected year examinations in areas of literacy assist to maintain our curriculum delivery focus while the School concert and presentation evening provide our community with the opportunity to share a social focus. No doubt, you will observe (and be called upon to assist) the busyness of our concert preparation and I will no doubt be called upon to provide transport to and from the community Hall!

Staffing News

I am extremely pleased to announce the appointment of Ebony Mitton as our Year 5/6/7 teacher for 2016. She will replace Olivia who will lead our Literacy and Numeracy school-wide initiative as well as assume responsibility for all non-instruction time (NIT) teaching. Kieron has announced his intention to follow pursuits outside of teaching, but within the local community. We all wish him well and thank him for his outstanding service to our School. As well, after a period of eighteen years, Shirley Dickson has announced her retirement as our Language teacher. We acknowledge her wonderful work at our school over many years and wish her well. As you know, both Ashlea (parent leave) and Hannah (Oodnadatta Aboriginal School) will not be returning to our school next year. In their place Cara Mahney (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Corinne Brookes (Thursday, Friday) will take responsibility for our Junior Primary classroom next year. Cara brings many years of successful classroom practice to our School while Corrine is a new graduate with unlimited potential as a classroom teacher. As our community discovered this year, having an experienced teacher working with and mentoring a teacher with great promise can work wonderfully well. Pam will maintain her role as our School’s Middle Primary classroom teacher. As well, I have informed Governing Council that I will not return to our school from the beginning of Term Two next year. I have worn many hats throughout the past year, not the least of which was serving this wonderful community as its school’s principal. However, the reasonable demands of family and my commitment to Scouts South Australia have kept my calendar extremely full. The clearly defined objectives and goals agreed by Governing Council and myself regarding my return to the community have now been achieved. The School finds itself in a positive place and well-integrated within the wider community. Surveys of students, staff and parents clearly indicate strong support for the School’s present direction. At the age of 66, it is time I devoted more of my energy to my family. In all likelihood, my position will be filled internally for at least two terms next year until a permanent replacement has been determined for 2017. Governing Council, School Staff (PAC) and my Education Director (Stan Hagias) support this succession plan.

Our dear school friend, Mary Stevens, has announced her retirement from bus driving and school cleaning, effective from the beginning of the 2016 school year. While this is sad news to our School community, Mary realises the time has come to put her personal health first. The School has contacted the contractors for both the school bus and the cleaning and is providing assistance to each contractor to ensure both positions are filled in a timely manner.

School Buses

When I was last your Principal our community developed a pool of relief bus drivers that could, at short notice, assist the School with bus driving. That pool of relief drivers is now exhausted and given the news above, it is timely to re-establish this list. If you have a heavy duty
driver’s licence (HR or MR) or are interested in obtaining such a licence please contact the School to make an appointment to see me. I will then describe for you the role and responsibility for this valued assistance.

Registration of Interest
Nigel and Mandy Clarke have recently sold their property and will move to Bordertown in the new year. Nigel has been our groundsperson for almost a decade and has proven an invaluable member of staff. Our community takes great pride in the school’s appearance and Nigel has played an integral role in ensuring our school always presents well. Please contact me by the close of business, Friday 4th December 2015 if you would be interested in applying for the groundsperson position at our school. The position requires 11 hours of onsite work each week.

School Assembly and Art Show
Please ensure you have reserved Thursday 26th November for our last School Assembly for the year. Class awards for the term and class work will remain a feature of this event. However, this assembly will also feature our Art Show. Among the works of art on display will be our wonderful bottle top collage that has been erected outside the Junior Primary classroom. The mural is an artwork produced by the whole School as part of a sustainability study in Term Three. Students reviewed environmental sustainability and created posters for both classrooms and outside play areas.

After School Programs
The School requests that our families remember that after-hours school supervision by parents is required of all students not directly involved in after-school activities. This includes both softball and cricket. We have recently had some accident ‘near misses’ involving students not participating in after-hours programs, but still at school.

School Safety Awareness
Recent events in local news remind us that continued vigilance is required when supervising children in and around the school yard and indeed, the wider community. Rest assured that our School seriously addresses the supervision of students during recess, play and before and after school. Your assistance is provided through adherence to students presenting themselves at school within the hours of supervision (8.30 am until 3.40 pm) and the use of the sign in booklet at the Front Office. Together, we can best ensure the safety of our most precious resource, our youth.

Family
Most of you know that our younger son, Chris, and his fiancée, Holly, are to be married on 28th November at the Mount Shank Uniting Church. Chris spent much of his teenage and young adulthood years in this community when I was last your Principal. He worked on farms and played football locally when home from school on holidays. Much preparation is involved in a family event of this magnitude and, combined with the recent events associated with Helen’s parents and the wider community. Rest assured that the School will be fully involved.

SAPSASA News

Athletics Day
Last newsletter we enclosed a copy of Athletics Day records. If anyone is able to supply names of winning House Captains from 1963–2000 please contact Sandi at school.

SRC News
On Tuesday the SRC had their Tuck Day and Dress Up Day. It was a cultural day. We made Vietnamese cold wraps, sushi, spaghetti Bolognese, tacos, rice pudding and served mini pavlos made by Mrs Tara McCarthy. We raised $161. Thank you to Mr Eddy and Mrs Wilkinson for helping.

Well done to everyone who dressed up. Many cultures were represented. Overall it was a great day. The funds we raised will go towards next year’s SRC.

Stacey Hayes and Lara Brown
SRC Presidents

Tennis
Last week I played SAPSASA tennis in Adelaide. I was in a team of six boys and six girls and I changed between number 1 and 2. I made lots of friends and came across some really challenging matches. On Monday after tennis our team went on an excursion to the Beach House; it was heaps of fun! Overall I learnt lots and hope I can do it again next year.

Poppy Moyle-Read, Year 5

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
What words, what actions would you cry out in a crisis? Wasn’t it inspiring to see and hear the French football crowd sing their national anthem in response to what had happened in Paris? They seemed to be saying, “We will stand firm and not be intimidated.” It is a situation we pray and hope we will never have to face. But to the French, “Viva la France!”

Many good things keep happening in and around our school. Recently the School cricket team which combines with Western Flat had former Redback and current Adelaide University captain Andrew Delmont take a Thursday night training session. I spoke with Andrew afterwards and he remembered every player I mentioned and their attributes. This after just a brief time with them and I am sure the whole team benefited from this session. Perhaps Andrew might be keen to come back? The weekend before he came he scored 4 runs but after his visit to Padthaway he scored 153 the next Saturday! Perhaps Andrew might be keen to come back? The weekend before he came he scored 4 runs but after his visit to Padthaway he scored 153 the next Saturday! Then just last Tuesday we had the School band from Eastern Fleurieu play at our school – they were a big hit and engaged very well with students and staff. With just one teacher and Cathy, their PCW, with them they were a wonderful and fun-loving group who seemed to enjoy their time at Padthaway. I wonder what is in store the next few weeks?

Cheers,
Stephen

Tuck Day
Reminder
24th November (Week 7)
Chicken Nuggets and Salad
 Helpers
Tanya Frick
Luke Leddy
[Muffins – Brenna Brooksby]

1st December (Week 8)
Hamburgers
 Helpers
Bron Longbottom
Kate McGregor – muffins

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.royallifesavingsa.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 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in the Padthaway Primary School Preschool area.
Dates for Term 4:
• Week 6 – 20th November
• Week 8 – 4th December (to be held at the Padthaway Apex Park – please bring a plate of party food to share).
Please bring water bottles and hats for outside play.
For more information 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.

Messy Church
Messy Church will be held on Tuesday 24th November in the Seymour Hall (next to the Anglican Church on Laurie Crescent) in Naracoorte.
Theme: Christmas. Doors open at 5.00 pm with craft activities followed by singing and a short Christmas story. Party food for tea. Hope you can make it. Enquiries to Margie Mott, phone 8762 2114.

Thursday Night Schnitzel Teas
are prepared for you by the Padthaway Uniting Church Family
Money raised will support: Frontier Services, Chaplaincy and Outreach

Schnitzels, Salads & Chips $10
Kids meal $5
Bucket of chips $3

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

Padthaway Bowling Club
Sunday Tea 29th November
Fish and Chips or Salt & Pepper Squid with Chips
Dine In or Take Away
Phone orders taken from 1.30 pm onwards
Phone Maria Day 0408 521 747 or Anthony 0417 833 074

Bar Open
Everyone Welcome

Save the Date
Christmas Carols at the Club
Sunday 6th December
6.00 pm for free BBQ tea and ice creams
Celebrate Christmas with family and friends at the Padthaway Football and Cricket Club
Flyer enclosed
Contact Heather Edwards, phone 8765 5065
Padthaway Bowling Club
Christmas Dinner
Saturday 12th December
Traditional Style Meal
RSVP by 10th December
Anthony Haines 0417 833 074
Maria Day 0408 521 747
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Everyone Welcome

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 Hennemann for more info 0408 063 957 or louise@nugget.com.au

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Dandelion Markets
Bringing fun boutique markets to the country

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