From The Principal

As this is the last school newsletter for term one may all staff wish all our families a safe and happy school holiday period. No doubt, for many families the school holiday period presents the opportunity for travel and I trust you will stay safe on our roads.

School Financial Audit

Last week our School completed its annual financial audit. We received a glowing report from our auditor and I congratulate both Deb Brown and Kirilie Turner for their efforts in the preparation of this process.

Deb Brown

As many of you now know, Deb has decided to take extended leave from her position as our School Finance Officer. Deb has been with us since January 2006. When a principal has a finance officer with the honesty and integrity of Deb, they can more easily attend to the day to day leadership of the School and in particular, promote school and community engagement. I have certainly appreciated the wonderful effort of Deb in ensuring the financial position of the school was never compromised. No doubt, one of the reasons our school is in such a sound financial position is the strong ethical practice of Deb and the scrutiny she gave to each financial transaction – including certain principals and their periodic order of pencils and sports gear!!

Three Way Conferences

Early Term Two will present families with the opportunity to share with the child and child’s teacher learning success during our Three Way Conference program. These conferences are an important aspect of the reporting process and are designed to give you a clear picture of your child’s successes and challenges. Please make sure you return your attendance preference slips as soon as possible. The Three Way Conference dates will be the 4th, 5th and 6th May.

NAPLAN

The annual national assessment of students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will occur in mid-May. Preparation for the tests is targeted at familiarisation of both language and format the students will see and use during testing. NAPLAN results are released in late Term Three.

MILO In2Cricket

Our last session for this popular program was held last Friday. Our collective vote of thanks goes to old scholar, George Verco, who has coordinated this program for our students throughout the season. George has coached between ten and fifteen of our students at each cricket session this term.

T-Ball

Our last match of the T-Ball season was completed on Tuesday. After a slow start to recruitment, the season commenced with two teams (Redbacks and Roos). However, more and more students presented at each session. By season’s end the school was catering for twenty-eight participants each week. This number was far more than that required for three teams! End of season presentations will be held in conjunction with our end-of-term Assembly.

SAPSASA Sport

SAPSASA trials for netball and football will be held on Tuesday 7th April at the Naracoorte netball courts and football oval. Early indication is that we have a strong group of girls trying out for netball, but our students will undoubtedly form part of a combined team of netballers on trial day. These events are ‘individual selection events’, meaning that students who show exemplary skill are selected to district squads in their representative Upper South East team sport.

In further SAPSASA news, our School congratulates Lara Brown and Jayde Fretwell for their team’s success in winning the Division III State SAPSASA Softball Championship played at the West Beach softball complex.
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Blake Teague Choir Secretary

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We will be able to announce the amount raised for our school in the next newsletter.

**Car Boot Sale**
Padthaway Primary School is holding a stall for the Novita Car Boot Sale on Sunday 3rd May. We are looking for donations of books, plants and cupcakes. Could you please fill out the enclosed form and return to school by the end of term?

Thank you.

Tammy Mathews
Fundraising Committee

**SAPSASA News**

Dates for your calendar…

Tuesday 7th April – Football/Netball Carnival, Naracoorte

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

**Softball**

On the 16th of March we had the SAPSASA Softball Carnival at Barat Reserve, West Beach. In our team were Eva Day, Haley Whetherald, Tahlia O’Sullivan, Jayde Fretwell, Nikki Ballinger, Kirilee Wade, Emile Dowling, Clare Langley, Lara Brown, Lucy Steer and Lara McLellan and our coach Kerri Foulds from Bordertown. We played eight in division three and we were undefeated. The teams we played were Hills, Murrylands, Central Eyre Peninsula, Western Eyre Peninsula, Onka South, Salisbury, Para Districts and Kangaroo Island. The catchers were Haley, Lucy and Eva, the pitchers were Lara McLellan, Clare and Jayde. Jayde’s favourite part of the week was going as a team to the Beach House and playing against the Hills. Lara’s favourite part was hitting a home run in the real sand diamond.

Jayde and Lara

**Athletics**

Congratulations to Poppy Moyle-Read and Will Charlick for making the Upper South East SAPSASA team. Will is competing in High Jump and Poppy in 800m, discus and the relay.

*Poppy starts the 800m at Keith*

Well done to everyone who tried out. The encouragement shown to other participants by all PPS students is to be commended.

**Student Sport**

**Swimming**

This year some students did Dolphins at Bordertown. This included William Charlick, Maddi Bryson, Ella Longbottom, Patrick Fraser, Kiele Longbottom, Abigail Charlick and Karla McCarthy.

The people in this photo won trophies or medals. An award was given to Maddi, Kiele and Patrick for most improved. Ella, William and Patrick got a medal for breaking 14 times and Maddi won a trophy for breaking 17 times. Training occurs on Monday nights where we train for swimming events. On some Sundays we have carnivals to beat your own time or with other swimming clubs. Congratulations to all the swimmers!

Maddi and William

PSW Spot

As I write this report Heather and I are in recovery mode after bushwalking from Cradle Mountain across the Black Bluff Range to Leven Canyon starting at 700 metres and climbing up to 1200+ metres, then back down to 350 metres at the finish. Three days walking across some of the most exposed areas of Tasmania.

It has been an invigorating few days as well as resting, taking in some magnificent views and catching up with Heather’s brother and his wife along with two of their daughters and seven of their grandchildren including six girls. I do look forward to being back amongst the children of PPS.

Easter is fast approaching and some of you will head off somewhere for a break with your families. For me as a Christian Easter is “The Main Event” for my faith journey. Without the Easter story there would be no Christian faith, just a collection of stories about a man who challenged, taught, healed and cared for many. The miracle of Easter changed his impact far wider than just the shores of the Galilean Lake and the area around it.

For many Easter and Christmas is the time when they might attend church. So wherever you might be this Easter perhaps you might take in an Easter service. At Padthaway the Vineyard Church meet at 9.00 am on Sunday in the Ambulance Centre. The Uniting Church will hold a Tenebrae (candle-lit service) at 7.00 pm Thursday night and 10.00 am Sunday when the message will centre on the empty cross. We would love to see you there!

Cheers, Stephen

**Tuck Day**

7th April (Week 11)

**Pot Luck Helper**

Mel Tiver

[*Muffins – Tara McCarthy]*

Priscilla Lamb, phone 0499 058 489
Glenda Hughes, phone 0435 472 882

Tuck Day Coordinators
Community News

Padthaway Medical Clinic
The Padthaway Medical Clinic is now 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.

Kool Kangas
Term 2 dates:
Monday 4 & 18 May 2015
Monday 1 & 15 June 2015
Cost:
$3.00/child/session
$8.00/3 or more children/session
Reminder:
A bus pass is required from school so your child/ren can be dropped off at the Uniting Church.

On Monday 4th May we would love to invite all our Mums for an Afternoon Tea at 4.30 pm to celebrate Mothers’ Day. This will be prepared and served to you by your children.

If you have any questions please contact me on phone 8765 5120 or email schutas@bigpond.com
Joanna Schutz
Team Leader

Redlegs Hockey Club
Training begins Tuesday 31st March.
Juniors - Under 13 and Under 16 at 4.30 pm
Seniors - Men and Women at 6.30 pm
New players are welcome.
Our Association also holds Hooked into Hockey for students aged 5-9 years, teaching rules and skills of hockey and playing in a game.
For more information please contact Kelly Gale on 0430 158 077 or email redlegshc@hotmail.com

OzKick
OzKick is gearing up for another year.
Training will begin on the first Thursday of Term 2 at the Football Club from 4.00 pm until 5.15 pm.
Bill and I are always looking for extra help from parents so, if you are able, your time will be much appreciated. Registration is available online only again this year at a reduced price due to a State Government sporting rebate. You can Google ozkick and follow the prompts to register. Be sure to select the government discount and by choosing the re-register option, you will be able to select an AFL guernsey of your choice rather than another bag and pack as your child may already have one. The cost is $60 per child but the rebate is $50 so you only pay $10. Please ensure you haven’t already claimed this rebate for another sport this year for your child as each child may only claim once.
Look forward to seeing you all there.
Sam Ward

‘Bringing up Great Kids’
A 4 week program for parents of children from birth to ten years.
• Learn new skills and build confidence in your parenting
• Better understand your child’s behavior
• Tips to communicate more effectively with your child
• Ways to build a positive relationship with your child
• The importance of your child’s self esteem and how to improve it
• Become the parent you want to be

For more information or to register to attend this workshop, call the Family Relationship Centre on 8721 3500 or 1800 880 913

Help us to reach our potential!

Venue: ac.care Naracoorte Office
79 Smith St, Naracoorte
Date: Week 1: Wednesday May 6th 2015
Week 2: Wednesday May 13th 2015
Week 3: Wednesday May 20th 2013
Week 4: Wednesday May 27th 2015
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
This program was developed by the Australian Child Hood Foundation.

Tickets $15.00 each
$60.00 Family -
2 adults & 2 children
1 adult & 3 children

Purchase tickets from the South School, Amali or on main.

Lollies, popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase on the day.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Padthaway Primary School is holding a stall at the Novita Car Boot Sale on Sunday 3rd May at 9.00 am.

If you have any goods you would like to donate for sale can you please fill out and return the slip below with the number of goods you can donate? The theme for our stall will be Books, Plants and Cupcakes. If you can’t donate please come along and buy to support our school and Novita.

Kind regards

Tammy Mathews
Fundraising Committee

I ______________________ am happy to donate goods for the stall at the Novita Car Boot Sale

- I can donate ___________ Cupcakes
- I can donate ___________ Books
- I can donate ___________ Plants
- I can donate my time on the stall YES/NO