From the Principal

The weather has been kind to us this week as we participate in the school swimming program at the Bordertown Pool. It was wonderful to see students not only enjoying their aquatic experience, but also extending their swimming skills.

While on the aquatic focus, I am pleased to announce Governing Council endorsed our proposed Upper Primary (Years 4-7) Camp to the Murraylands Aquatics Centre located near Murray Bridge. The camp, with a strong focus on a wide variety of water and boating skills, will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Week Nine, Term Three.

Our Middle Primary Class has been invited to participate in the Frances Folk Gathering Education Program. A number of activities including folk dancing, song writing and instrument playing are planned. No doubt, many new talents will be discovered!

Student Representative Council

Our School has long valued student voice. Student Representative Council members are a valued resource for School initiatives and report directly to the Principal and Governing Council. Meetings, held regularly under the guidance of Mr Eddy, are one way of empowering our student leaders and extending leadership skill development. For the 2015 school year the following positions were filled following a democratic process: President – Lara Brown and Stacey Hayes Secretary – Ben Frick Treasurer – Blake Teague Representatives for Years 2/3/4 – Ella Longbottom, Karla McCarthy Representatives for Years R/1/2 – Xavier Rothe and Ned Ward Congratulations to all student leaders. No doubt they will have a busy, but productive, year of service to our School.

School LAP Program

LAP will be commencing over the coming weeks. This program, run by community volunteers, supports nominated students weekly. LAP has been a part of our School program for many years and both our students and participating community members gain from the experience. We would welcome additional LAP friends. If interested in this program, please contact the School for further information. It is necessary to undergo a DCSI Criminal History Screening check. The School can assist with this requirement.

Last year, our School became part of the Tatiara/Wrattonbully Partnership made up of Schools from the Upper South East. Our new Education Director is Stan Hagias, based in Murray Bridge. Stan visited our School recently to introduce himself and to become acquainted with the best School in his Partnership! I attended, with hundreds of other school principals, a two day conference in Adelaide earlier this week to discuss both Department and Partnership priorities for 2015. One of these will be a strong focus on numeracy.

I would like commend teachers for their work in preparation for our Acquaintance Evening held prior to the Governing Council AGM. The serious business of unpacking an overview of your child’s learning program, the program’s goals and teacher expectations, was well attended and a credit to our school community.

In closing, I commend our community for its support of our School as witnessed by the successful Governing Council AGM. Councillors for the year are: Carolyn Brown (Chair), Sue Bryson (Treasurer), David Charlick, Luke Leddy, Bron Longbottom, Tammy Mathews, Cheryl Merrett, Lissy Orton and Sam Ward with Staff Representative Olivia English, Finance Officer Deb Brown and Harry as Principal. Each parent member of the Governing Council will soon call you to indicate they are your Governing Council contact for the year. Of course, you may visit the School at any time to
discuss any matter related to School business or program.

_Harry_

**SRC News**
Hello everybody.
The elected leaders for SRC this year are –
President: Lara Brown and Stacey Hayes
Secretary: Ben Frick
Treasurer: Blake Teague
Representing the Middle Primary Class are Ella Longbottom and Karla McCarthy and the Junior Primary representatives are Xavier Rothe and Ned Ward.
All the SRC representatives are very excited to begin their jobs, especially the SRC Pancake Day on Tuesday 10th March.

_Ben Frick_  
SRC Secretary

**Tuck Day**

24th February (Week 5)  
Hot Chicken and Gravy Rolls

Helpers
Megan Charlick  
[Muffins – Peta Fraser]

3rd March (Week 6)  
Chicken Pasta Bake

Helpers
Priscilla Lamb  
[*Muffins – Kate McGregor]

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 open every Monday from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.
Please contact Keith Surgery on 8755 1766 to make appointments.
Immunisation and all Health checks are available.

This Sunday 22nd February at 10.00 am, there will be a time in the service to dedicate Stephen Edwards as a Pastoral Support Worker in your school.
Children and/or families who have been helped/encouraged or inspired by Stephen are invited to come along and support him.
There will also be Sunday School on this day.

_Kim Doecke_  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Padthaway Uniting Church

**PSW Spot**

Although it is hot and dry at the moment water seems to be at the forefront of many activities happening over last weekend and through this week and beyond. Several children from our school took part in the Kingston triathlon on Sunday along with some of their parents, most taking part in the swim leg. This week swimming lessons take place for our students at the Bordertown pool on what seems to be a warm but not uncomfortable weather week. Then, in just over three weeks on Saturday 14th March, children have the opportunity to take part in “Amazing Saturday” at the Naracoorte Primary School and the swimming lake with ice-blocking, swimming, kayaking and many other fun activities. See me or ask for registration forms at the Front Office. Water is a key symbol in the Christian faith. Many stories feature water – the parting of the Red Sea, John the Baptist in and around the Jordan River, the woman at the well and so many other stories around water (some even include fish). One story pertinent to our vigneron is the first miracle of Jesus at a wedding when he turned water into wine of the very best quality just as our grape growers do here turning their quality grapes into fine wine!
A question asked by many students of their teachers this week is, “Will you jump in the pool and join us?” Mrs Steer has been the brave teacher each day!

_Cheers_

_Stephen_

**KYB (Know Your Bible study)** will be fortnightly starting this Thursday 19th February.
Starting 1.30 pm in the Padthaway Uniting Church.
Looking at: Jesus of Nazareth – Who is Jesus really?
For further information: Betty Burge 8765 6048.
All ladies welcome.

_Kim Doecke_  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Padthaway Uniting Church

**Kool Kangas**

Term 1
Monday 16 March 2015

Term 2
Monday 4 & 18 May 2015
Monday 1 & 8 June 2015

Cost:
$3.00/child/session
$8.00/3 or more children/session

We are hoping to see some or all past and present children at Kool Kangas this year. We will be splitting our sessions into 2 age groups so that we are able to offer age appropriate activities.
Please also let us know if you have any skills that you are able to offer us such as music, craft, woodwork, cooking, drama, candle making, card making etc. We appreciate any time that can be offered.
Don’t forget to organise a Bus Pass from the Front Office so that your children can be dropped off at the Uniting Church.
If you have any questions please contact me on phone 8765 5120 or email schutas@bigpond.com
Kind regards
Joanna Schutz  
Team Leader

**Naracoorte Cricket Lightning Carnival**

SACA are running a FREE cricket Lightning Carnival for 8-11 year old boys and girls in Naracoorte and would like to invite interested young
Announcing...The Bird Day Out!
A free, family day at Naracoorte Caves – Sunday 8 March.
The Bird Day Out aims to celebrate and raise awareness of the diverse bird faunas of Naracoorte Caves National Park and World Heritage Area – past and present. The event also launches the SE Region’s Parks Week program.
The program for the day includes:
• A talk by world-renowned palaeontologist Dr Trevor Worthy on a giant duck-like bird and other fowl relatives that roamed this region alongside the megafauna
• A talk by PhD Student Amy Slender on learning behaviour in Superb Fairy Wrens
• A presentation from Cassie Hlava on habitat restoration for declining woodland birds
• Children’s storytelling with Evelyn Roth’s Nylon Zoo
• Dawne Chorus bird call and tales extravaganza
• Fossil sorting
• Guided bird walk, and more…

Full program details and times are available on the Naracoorte Caves website:
This event is supported by the Naracoorte Lucindale Council and The School of Biological Sciences, Flinders University.

Natasha Dawson
Environmental Education Coordinator
Padthaway Netball Club

Registration & Training Night

**WHEN** – 5th March 2015  
**TIME** – 6pm  
**WHERE** – Padthaway Netball Courts

All players between 9 & 15 years of age  
Younger players welcome to join in for the fun training session  
(more info to come for our interested younger players)  
New players welcome

Online registrations will be rolled out this year  
Please refer to our new website for all the information  
www.padthaway.sa.netball.com.au

Naracoorte Scout Group

**present:**

**FRIDAY 20TH February, 7pm**  
**Town Hall**  
Doors open 6:15pm for a paper plane competition  
(Materials supplied)

**Red Cross First Aid Seminar For Mums and Partners**

We know that First Aid is a life skill we should all learn. But the reality is that most of us haven’t found the time or opportunity to learn about first aid for children.

So would you really know what to do in an emergency?

Naracoorte mothers and community youth have teamed up with the Red Cross to host a seminar to help your family know what to do.

First Aid Seminar Topics:  
Burns and Scalds  
Choking and things getting stuck  
Falls, breaks and injury  
Unconsciousness and resuscitation  
Poisons, allergies and convulsions

**Other Questions**

**Seminar is limited to 20 people per session**  
Additional seminar available, dependent on expression of interest

**Date:** Wed 25th February 2015  
**Time:** 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm  
**Venue:** Naracoorte Hospital Conference Room 1, Naracoorte Hospital,  
101 Jenkins Terrace  
**Cost:** $30 per person

**Payment:** C Monzel BSB: 015670 AC: 518933622 Reference: surname  
Bookings essential, payment no later than Friday 20th February

For bookings and enquiries contact:  
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