From the Principal

Another fortnight has flown past, with plenty of activity!

Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Off was again well attended and I am very happy to report that we have once again achieved the goal target set: an incredible $1500! A real bonus is the renewed enthusiasm for skipping at every available opportunity! A short movie of the Jump Off will be presented at the end of term Assembly.

Big Day Out

Last Friday our Preschoolers and students from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 boarded a bus at 7.30 am, headed for Mt Gambier. Shared experiences of a trip to the theatre, a nature walk, a play in a big playground and an ice cream from Penola’s Toffee and Treats were enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Miss Olivia Martin and Mrs Michelle Lampard for organising and running this wonderful excursion.

Upcoming Events

With the Combined Schools TriSkills Day coming up this Friday I now advise some other significant dates as agreed by staff and Governing Councillors. Our end of term Assembly will be on Thursday 25th September, beginning at 9.00 am. The Padthaway Primary School Athletics Day will be held on Friday 7th November. Meanwhile the date for our Annual Concert was suggested as Friday 5th December 2014. This date will clash with the Naracoorte Christmas Pageant (as was the case last year) so it was decided by Governing Council that we canvass our School families: the choice will be either Thursday 4th December or Friday 5th December. I invite you to nominate your preferred date (if you have one) by completing and returning the slip on the back page of this newsletter by Friday 19th September. The result will be announced in the next newsletter.

Information for Camp

Earlier this term we sent home information about the upcoming Years 3-7 Camp. The cost for the Camp has been set at $127 per child and $115 for a second child. If you would like to make alternative arrangements, such as scheduled payments, please feel free to contact Debbie Brown at the school.

Open Morning Feedback

It was great to see so many people in attendance at our Open Morning. Staff have given positive feedback, as did several of our guests. Apart from seeing the students at work, it was a good chance for people to see the outdoor projects and building progress. I am pleased to report that the shelter shed and dedicated Preschool play area will be finished in time for our TriSkills event this Friday!

TriSkills Day

This is shaping up to be a great day. The three participating schools will each be identified by their School colours: please send students in a blue School top if possible, to assist with identification. Thanks to Mrs Pam Steer for her hard work as Convenor of this event, with the support of her committee and Governing Council.

Choir News

Our Choir is set to perform on Saturday at the Festival Theatre in Adelaide. This promises to be an exciting and memorable experience.

Furniture Sale

The furniture from the old CPC has been sorted, photographed and “priced” in anticipation of a catalogue to go home in this week’s newsletter. So far we have sold a handful of items, and it will be great to see all of our surplus items finding a new home! If you are interested in purchasing anything please contact the School. Monies raised from the sale of the furniture will go to the SRC.

Principal Update

As I informed you last Friday, the Principal selection process is complete and Mr Harry Long has won the position for a period of 5 years. At this time I do not know whether Harry will begin next term.
or in Term 1 of 2015 which is when his tenure actually begins. As a previous Principal of this School Harry’s return is eagerly anticipated by many, and I am sure he will visit in the meantime. I will send a formal letter when details are confirmed.

Take care,
Cathie

Fathers’ Day Raffle
1st prize: Naracoorte Hotel $150 voucher – Darryn Rothe
2nd prize: Waratah pliers and wire cutters – Tom Orton
3rd prize: 6 mixed bottles local wines – Fretwell Family.

Thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets. We raised around $400.

A big thank you to the Bryson Family for donating the Naracoorte Hotel voucher, Landmark for donating 2nd prize and all the local grape growers who donated their wines for the 3rd prize.

Tammy Mathews
Fundraising Coordinator

Tuck Day
Reminder:
16th September (Week 9)
Chicken Tender Wraps
Helpers
Megan Charlick
Kathy Hayes
[Muffins – Kirilie Turner]

23rd September (Week 10)
Pot Luck
Helpers
Priscilla Lamb-Hollis
Tammy Mathews
[Muffins – Mel Tiver]

Kathy Hayes, phone 0433 104 943
Bron Longbottom, phone 8765 6025
Tuck Day Coordinators

CPSW Spot
This week the local Christian Churches who have CPSWs in their districts are involved in Schools Ministry Week. By the time you read this article some of the ‘surprises’ planned will have happened. The theme is Love People: Do Stuff, simply meaning our local church community recognises the wonderful work our school community does for our children. You may have read or heard about the High Court case brought against the Chaplaincy Program Australia wide. The court ruled there was no constitutional problem with chaplains serving in schools; their decision was only about the funding model. This has changed to funding through state/territory grants and can go ahead as before.

Previous Federal Governments, both Labour and Liberal, have provided funding to 2,900 chaplains and the new funding will fund chaplains until 2017.

The Federal Government has written to the Education Ministers asking them to participate in the National Schools Chaplaincy Program, asking them to respond by 12th September to be eligible for the NSCP. The rest of the states have already accepted but our State says they will not introduce it until the Federal Government backs down and allows secular social workers under the program. Currently less than 4% are in this category so the program could be rejected and 350 CPSWs across the state will not be in state schools next year.

I have no intention of giving up my job so the next few days will be a bit stressful. If you feel strongly enough about this an email to our local State Member of Parliament, Mitch Williams, at mackillop@parliament.sa.gov.au or the Minister of Education, Jennifer Rankine, at minister.rankine@sa.gov.au might be a place to start.

The highlight of last week was definitely the trip to Mount Gambier and watching the performance of The Cranky Bear! The wide eyes of staff and students alike afterwards was worth seeing.

Cheers
Stephen

Community News

Kool Kangas
Term 3

Dates to remember:
- Monday 15th September
Cost: $3.00/child or $8.00/family (3+ children)
The cost covers afternoon tea and some craft activities.
Time: 3.40 pm – 5.00 pm
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 8765 5120.
Joanna Schutz, Team Leader

Padthaway Playgroup

When: Friday 26th September
Where: Padthaway School
Time: 10.00 am
Cost: $2.00 per family per session
Contact: Kylie Pethybridge
0417 862 861

Sunday School

When: 4th Sunday of each month – next session will be Sunday 28th September.
Where: Padthaway Uniting Church
Time: 10.00 am
Contacts: Pam and Matt May, phone 8765 6116

Rotary Walk, Run & Ride

The date of the Rotary Walk Run & Ride in Bordertown is Sunday 26th October.
A reminder that the more students involved then more funds are directed to your school.
Monica Jenkin
President Rotary Club of Bordertown
Ph 0428 165 844
Naracoorte Tennis Club Quiz Night

Rescheduled Event

Come along for a great night and help raise money for the Naracoorte Tennis Club.

Run by Bel Beggs, former organiser of the infamous ‘Who wants to be a Naracoorte High School Bronzie?’ Quiz Night?

Date: Friday 24th October 2014
Venue: Williamson Hall, Naracoorte High School
Time: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start (Round 1)
Cost: $10 per person
(plus spare change for raffles/games)

Maximum 8 people per table
BYO food and drinks (licensed event)

Closing date for entries: Wednesday 22nd October 2014

To book a table, contact Bel Beggs:
Text/call 0402 437 793
Email bel.beggs921@schools.sa.edu.au

Naracoorte Tennis Club is seeking donations for prizes. Please contact Bel if you or your business can help out.

Understand Your Teenager FREE Parenting Teenagers Workshop

Which will give you the skills to:

- Build a positive relationship with your teenager
- Become more confident in handling challenges
- Be able to identify behavior that needs your attention and what to let go
- Learn how to engage your teenager in important conversations
- Find a balance between boundaries and freedom

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: Seymour Hall,
1 Laurie St Naracoorte
(besides St Paul’s Anglican Church)

Dates: Saturday 11th October 2014
Time: 9.30a.m.—3.30p.m.
Light meal provided

Enquiries: 08 8721 3500 or 1800 880 913
To Registrations: Barb Teague 08 8721 3300 or ac.care 8721 3300
Ann Baker Maths

This year the R/1/2 Class has been using the Ann Baker method to learn concepts in maths. The students learn through performing mental routines to build automaticity with numbers and number patterns and practise their strategies through solving problematised situations.

The students enjoy this as they can see how their learning changes over time and when they develop new strategies.

Learning number strategies and to visualise number patterns helps students when understanding concepts and computing numbers in more difficult tasks.

This has been a big change of mathematical language for some students, however we have seen a great improvement in strategies used and the ability to compute numbers.

Problematised situations are given to students on a weekly basis. Students can choose which strategy they use to solve these. Once finished, they share their ideas with others. This develops their mathematical language and builds understanding of different strategies. This then helps develop the skills they use.

Below is an example of a problematised situation that the R/1/2 students would receive.

If you or your family can solve it – you could win!

Please provide named answers to Miss Martin by Wednesday of Week 9. Winners will be announced in the Week 10 Newsletter.

Olivia Martin
R/1/2 Class Teacher

Problem:

The SRC need to bake some cakes for an End of Term Party! 64 people are coming. One cake serves 16 people.

How many cakes will they need?

What happens if everyone had 3 slices? How many cakes would they need then?

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Please complete and return this slip to the School by Friday 19\(^{th}\) September.

Preferred Date for Padthaway PS Concert

The most convenient date for us would be:

- [ ] Thursday 4\(^{th}\) December
- [ ] Friday 5\(^{th}\) December
- [ ] Either (no preference)
- [ ] Other (give details if you wish)

Name (optional):