From The Principal

A School, by nature, is community based and must maintain strong links with its community to function well.
Harry Long

DECD Restructure

In 2011 (a year after I retired) Families SA and the Department of Education and Children’s Services (DECS) amalgamated to form the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD). Recently, most Principals and Preschool Directors attended a meeting in Adelaide to announce a restructure of DECD as a result of an audit by KPMG (a professional advisory firm with offices worldwide). One consequence of this restructure is that the DECD corporate office will consist of five sections: Office of the Chief Executive, Office of Strategy and Performance, Office for Corporate Services, Office of Child Protection (with links directly to Families SA) and Office of Education and Early Childhood (with links directly to schools and preschools). This new approach is expected to have DECD engaging more with school and preschool leaders in co-designing, planning and implementing a range of initiatives.

As indicated widely in the media, three hundred staff from DECD headquarters in Flinders Street will be relocated to work more closely with schools. The details regarding which staff will be relocated and how this initiative will be implemented to support schools have not been clarified.

Another initiative is the replacement of the twenty year old education management system – EDSAS, which while out-dated still works. EDSAS is used to manage staff, student and parent information and school finances. The new version of EDSAS involves significant investment by DECD and will be more interactive and accessible to users.

Combined School Sports Day

The Combined Schools Sports Day held last week at Frances Oval proved an outstanding success. Great weather, great sportsmanship and many personal bests led to many successes on the track. Many of our students featured prominently throughout the day in many events. In the end we finished a close second (less than half a point) behind the eventual winners – Frances. As well, our School won the hotly contested Relay Race against strong opposition. Well done to all students, parents and staff for a wonderful day of student success.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our own Athletics Day will be held on Friday, Week Three, Term Four – 30th October. If you or someone you know would like to assist our student athletes with practice for a specific event please contact the School. Your assistance is always appreciated.

Staffing News

The School community would like to congratulate Hannah Davey on her permanent appointment to Oodnadatta Aboriginal School from next year. Hannah won this permanent appointment to the Oodnadatta Aboriginal School in competition with many other teachers.

Big Day Out

Junior Primary and Preschool students had a wonderful time while attending the Big Day Out in Mount Gambier last week. The presentation, The Moon’s a Balloon, at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre was a great success (the students were so quiet during the performance that you could have heard a pin drop), while the visit to the Penola Theme Park and Miniature Railway Exhibit was filled with adventure. All students (and teachers) can be justifiably proud of their effort!

School Camp

The Upper Primary School Camp to the Murraylands Aquatics Centre proved a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills and improve on old skills in a variety of aquatic disciplines. Activities including knee boarding, small boat handling, kayaking, canoeing, sit-ons and sailing. Instructors from the
Murraylands Aquatics Centre were very impressed with the listening skills and capacity of our students to acquire new skills. Students and Staff, in turn, were impressed with the quality and professionalism of the instructors. Students were able to visit the Port Mannum Museum and toured the PS Marion paddle steamer. As well, we had a game of ten pin bowling and taste-tested the soft serve ice cream at the McDonald’s Family Restaurant. Olivia, Stephen, Peta and I were impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the students and their capacity to be active learners and keen supporters of fellow students.

After School Activities: Softball
We still have room for players in the School’s after hours softball program. If your child/ren would like to play softball next term please forward the permission slip to the School as soon as possible.

Cricket
Our School’s In2Cricket program commences early Term Four with the student registration process managed by Kirilie at the school. Please call the School if you require any assistance with this process.

Choir
Our School Choir participated in the Adelaide element of its concert program with great success. Ben Frick, Lara Brown, Maddi Bryson, Jorja Doecke, Jayde Fretwell, Emily Fretwell, Brad Hayes, Stacey Hayes and Poppy Moyle-Read attended the program at the Festival Theatre. What an honour for these students! Another concert is planned early next term in Mount Gambier that I look forward to attending.

Around our Community
Much excitement is generated within a community when a local team plays in the Grand Final of a sporting fixture. Witness recent (for me) finals in netball and football over the past ten to fifteen years and everyone could feel the excitement (and tension) build as the game approached. Last Friday a number of players who featured prominently in the Grand Final team for Padthaway visited the school (after an enjoyable and somewhat noisy bus ride with the students) and participated in an Australian Rules coaching clinic. What a delight for the students to see, talk to and work with their local ‘footy heroes’ at the school. The School (thank you to the Upper Primary class and Preschool Teacher Michelle Lampard) ably supported ‘our team’ by constructing the banner for players to run through on the big day. Padthaway has had marked success over the past few years in football after a lean period when football finals seemed a bridge too far. Our School feels a close connect to the wider community and our students have shared the enthusiasm of the football team’s journey to success this season. To the players, coaches, members and supporters of the Padthaway Football and Netball Clubs may we say thank you for sharing your success with us. Congratulations on a well-deserved Premiership. Good luck next year!

Harry

Jump Rope for Heart
Jump Rope for Heart is this Friday. Please remember to bring in fundraising money and hand to Kirilie Turner. On Friday, there will be a ‘jump off’ for students only.

Hannah Davey

Hats – Reminder
Please remember hats are to be worn in Term Four during recess, lunch and on excursions.

Harry

SAPSASA News
On Monday 21st September, I went to Adelaide for SAPSASA Athletics. We had to arrive at 8.30 am for photos. My event, which was High Jump, was at 12.10 pm and I jumped 1.42m. I really enjoyed the day and hope to do it again next year next year when I am taller.

Will Charlick, 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

Tuck Day

Reminder

13th October (Week 1)

Pies/Pasties/Sausages Rolls Helper
Kathy Hayes – jellies
[Muffins – Kirilie Turner]

20th October (Week 2)

Hot Chicken and Gravy Rolls
Helper
Megan Charlick
[Muffins – Ariane Goldfinch]

Kim Doecke,Tuck Day Coordinator
Ph 0488 190 972

Choir

Well done to the Choir members who performed in Adelaide! The performance was captivating and fantastic to watch. Thank you for working hard! I look forward to the Mt Gambier performance!

Olivia English, Choir Trainer

Choir

On 17th September nine students from the Upper Primary class and Mrs English went to the Festival Theatre in Adelaide.

Thursday morning there was a three hour rehearsal to practise all fourteen songs and learn some of the choreography. All students were very excited. At 6.15 pm, all Choir members had to return to the Festival Theatre for the performance. We had to share Row 6 with Lameroo and Truro.
The performance concluded at around 9.15 pm, when the curtains closed and we were led to a room under the stage. Everyone had a great time and was pleased with how well the performance went. Over all, the performance was a success and it was a good experience for the Year 5s that hadn’t done it before.

Jaye Fretwell, Year 6 and Ben Frick, Year 5

4/5/6/7 Camp
On 14th-16th September the Year 4-7s went on camp to the Murraylands Aquatics Centre. Everyone got to participate in water activities like knee boarding, sit-ons, small boat handling, sailing catamarans, kayaking and canoeing. The Year 6/7s also got to try skiing. We went to McDonald’s to get a soft serve icecream on the first afternoon. On the second afternoon we went to the museum in Mannum and got to see the Paddle Steamer. We then went back to the camp site to have tea. We then jumped back on the bus to go ten pin bowling. Everyone had a fantastic time on camp.

Stacey Hayes, Year 7 and Emily Fretwell, Year 5

Combined Sports Day
On Friday 11th September, Padthaway, Mundulla and Frances met at the Frances Oval for Combined School Sports Day. There were many activities such as vortex (R-5), javelin (6-7), high jump, long jump, hurdles, shot put, sprints and long distance run. After the activities were complete, the fastest people from each year level from the three schools got together to run the annual baton relay. Padthaway won the relay but Frances won the day overall on points. We had a great time.

They would like to thank Bron Longbottom, Lissy Orton and Megan Charlick who kindly transported the students.

On Wednesday the students played Mini Golf at the Padthaway Caravan Park which was a lot of fun.

Matilda Rothe, Year 3

Animals Anonymous
On 22nd September, Animals Anonymous came to our school. First they spoke to us about what Animals Anonymous was and what they do.

We saw lots of animals such as Eclectus Parrot called Rocky, A Common Scaly Foot (a legless snake), a Rufous Bettong called Banshee, a Central Bearded Dragon called Big Red, two Stimsons Pythons, a Mertens Water Monitor called Gary, a freshwater hatchling Crocodile called Stan, a Squirrel Glider called Lil Jackson and a Coastal Carpet Python called Lucy. Lucy is a boy. Our favourite animal was Rocky because he flies to you and lands on your arm on call.

Another reason we like him is because he is bright and colourful.

Jorja Doecke and Isabel Hancock, Year 6

Cockatoo Downs and Mini Golf
Last Tuesday the 2/3 Class went to Cockatoo Downs. They enjoyed feeding the camel, kangaroos, emus, ducks, geese, deer, water buffalo and chickens.

The students enjoyed canoeing and rafting on the lake.

PSW Spot
We did it! Our local football team won its second grand final in a row and I am sure Padthaway Primary school students can claim some of the credit as they hosted the players both on the school buses and at school last Friday.

From all reports the players were quite taken by their visit to the school. Mrs Lampard organised the banner which students made and the school. Mrs Lampard organised the banner which students made and the players ran through before the match.

As I walked around the oval I saw our students all dressed up in yellow and blue, some with face paint and streamers. It was quite evident that the whole community and so many who had connections with Padthaway turned out in big numbers to cheer our team on.

The players felt this support and rose to the occasion. The biggest moment seemed to be in the last quarter when Bill Longbottom, father of Ella, Kiele and Toby, marked and then kicked a goal. Players rushed from all parts of the ground to congratulate Bill and I think the crowd saved its biggest cheer for this moment.

Kieron Hicks, one of our teachers, was also part of the team, having
missed last year’s grand final with injury. At the end of the match players sought out their parents and families and many had their photos taken with family AND the premiership cup!
Our community has always prided itself on its support for each other. The quote, “It takes a village to raise a child,” surely is true of our community. Never hold back in supporting each other through the good and the not so good times in life. With School Camp, Big Day Out and Choir behind us, the holidays are fast approaching. A time for recharging the batteries and return for a hectic last term for 2015.
Cheers, Stephen

Community News

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.

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 pm at the Padthaway Primary School Preschool area.
Dates for Term 4:
- Week 2 – 23rd October
- Week 6 – 20th November
- Week 8 – 4th December (To be announced, 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.

Little Athletics Season, Get Set, Go!
The Naracoorte and Districts Little Athletics 2015/16 season is set to start with an Open Day on Sunday 11th October commencing at 11.00 am. The Open Day gives prospective participants and their families a chance to find out more about the Club as well as the various track and field events that make up the sport of athletics. A BBQ lunch will be held, so come out to the Naracoorte High School and find out more about the local Little Athletics Club.
Registrations can be completed online at www.salaa.org.au from 1st September. The SA State Government $50 sports vouchers, available to all primary school-aged children, can be used towards fees. Little Athletics has a Come and Try program which provides two sessions for nil cost for new members who wish to find out a little more before committing to season registration. The regular 2015/16 season beings at the Naracoorte High School at 4.00 pm on Friday 16th October. A Special Meeting will be held at this first Friday meet to discuss the uniform.
Remember, the Little Athletics motto is Family, Fun and Fitness! Little Athletics is one of the few sports that encourage family participation, which is imperative to ensure smooth operations, so get involved. The Club has skilled officials who will provide advice and training on technique and recording for all events to family helpers as well as the athletes.
Little Athletics is fun, with a range of events to try, personal achievements are recorded and when participants improve their best record in any of the events five times, they receive achievement rewards. Participants get to encourage their fellow competitors, fostering communication and an inclusive environment. Fitness is an important aspect in child development, promoting healthy lifestyles. Little Athletics provides a fun, family oriented setting which encourages different skill sets. Whether you can run fast, have endurance, are strong or can jump, there are events at Little Athletics that will enable any young person to discover personal achievement.
For further information contact NDLA Committee President Tony Bedworth on 0419 865 496 or Secretary Belinda Boston on 0434 963 800.

Bordertown Rotary Walk, Run and Ride
Everyone is invited to participate by walking, running or riding their bike on Sunday morning November 1st starting and finishing at the Bordertown Race Course. All the entry fees of participants from Padthaway will come back to the School. Entry forms available next term!
Pam Steer, Bordertown Rotary Club
You are Invited to
2015 Combined Padthaway / Lucindale
Junior Presentation Night

Combined Under 13 & 17 Netball
Combined Junior & Senior Colts
Padthaway Auskick & Schoolboys

When: Saturday, September 26th
Where: Padthaway Football Club
Time: 4:30 arrival for 5:00PM start
Tea: Roast Meat Rolls - $5.00
Dessert: Icecream $1.00

Trophy Presentations and Videos throughout the night.
Oval lights will be on weather permitting

Bar Facilities available
All Welcome

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School Holiday Workshop

HAPPY FAT CHOOK
PAPER MOSAIC WITH URSULA SMITH

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

3 SESSIONS - $20 PER CHILD
10AM TO 11:15AM  11:30AM TO 12:45PM  2PM TO 3:15PM

PLEASE PHONE 0478 609 868 OR
EMAIL: naracortegallery@gmail.com FOR BOOKINGS

@ THE NARACORTE GALLERY, 91 ORMEROD ST, NARACORTE
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
Thursday, October 1st
2 o'clock
CRAZY CARNIVAL GAMES

Try your hand at fun and silly challenges with the Bordertown Public Library. Make sure you have a good time by bringing your sense of adventure!

Face painting from 2pm–3pm

Bookings Recommended 8/52 1473
**Don’t become a snake bite statistic this Spring**

**A message from Minister Jack Snelling**

South Australians are being warned to be on the lookout for snakes who are most active during Spring. Health Minister Jack Snelling said the SA Ambulance Service responded to an average of 53 snakebites each year and last October was the busiest month for snakebites in four years. “Snakes are most active during Spring and it is important to keep an eye out for snakes and if bitten take immediate action,” Mr Snelling said. “Our paramedics and ambulance officers are experts at responding to these cases but there are also immediate steps that can be taken if you or someone close to you is bitten by a snake. If someone is bitten by a snake, triple zero (000) should be called straight away. In many cases our emergency call takers will explain how to perform life-saving first aid over the phone. These are simple, life saving tips and I encourage South Australians to keep them in mind during the coming warmer months.”

SA Ambulance Service intensive care paramedic Chris Cotton said it was important to know what to do in the case of snake bite. “The first step is to keep the patient, and especially any bitten limbs, as still as possible and call triple zero (000) for expert emergency medical assistance,” Mr Cotton said. “A firm bandage should be quickly applied along the while bitten limb, including over the bite site. By keeping the limb as still as possible the venom is prevented from moving as quickly into the bloodstream. If people don’t have a bandage available, items of clothing can be used to apply a firm and even compressing force over the bite and limb – about as tight as you’d bandage a sprained ankle. Unfortunately we still see people using tourniquets to treat snakebites which can lead to a loss of blood flow and this can be more detrimental to the patient than the snakebite. “It is also important not to wash venom off a bitten area as it can be used to work out which type of snake had bitten the person and which treatment may be needed at hospital.” In October 2014, SA Ambulance Service responded to 15 bites, the highest number in any month for nearly four years. So far this year, paramedics and ambulance officers have responded to 23 snake bites, with seven being in metropolitan areas. On average, three people in Australia dies as a result of snake bites each year.

**JUNIOR TENNIS**

**Hot Shots Junior Tennis commences on:**
Saturday 17th October, 8.30 am for Registrations

This year we will be running a 14 week program so there will be 9 weeks prior to Christmas and we will start again in early February, 2016 and run for another 5 weeks.

We have elected Coordinators for each division:

Red Ball (approx 5-8 years) Coordinators: Phil Pedler and Rachel Mahney
Orange Ball (approx 8-10 years) Coordinators: Matt Waugh and Steve Biggins
Green Ball (approx 10+) Coordinators: Chris Eastwood and Will Malone

Children can be registered on the first Saturday morning and will be told which courts their Coordinators will be on.

Given that there will be a lot of people registering on the first morning and to make it quicker can parents either email us or pick up a registration form from Naracoorte Sports Power and fill it out ready to be handed to the Club with payment on the first Saturday morning? Alternatively there will be registration forms available on the day.

Cost: $90 per child for full 14 weeks - Term 4 (2015) and Term 1 (2016). Our Club is registered for eligible players to claim $50 Sports Voucher bringing subs back to $40. Further discounts available for families with more than one child.

**Payment can be made by cash, cheque, EFT (with the Tennis Club’s account details being on the registration form), or PayPal (on the morning of Registration Day we anticipate this will be available).**

Registrations start from 8.30 am at the courts.

Please feel free to pass this information onto anyone else that maybe interested in tennis.

Any enquiries please contact: Chris Eastwood 0427 799 572, Rachel Mahney 0427 564 029 or email naracoortetennis@gmail.com