From The Principal

Week Six and the School has already reached midterm! What a fast and furious start to the School year once again. With the exception of last week the weather has been temperate. However, the hot spell during our School Swimming Program was welcome as students were happy to participate in the full program of aquatic activities.

Student Resilience

One could help but be impressed with the positivity around the School, both in the classroom and in the schoolyard. While student resiliency is always tested in term one and particularly after the completion of the school swimming program I would like to commend both teachers and students for their continued positive approach to teaching and learning. Positive attitudes make for positive learning experiences and there is much to commend regarding both within our School. Naturally, I am proud of everyone’s contribution to this persuasive attitude.

Lisa Burman Professional Development

One demand of current teachers is that of ongoing professional development. As a consequence, it is imperative that the professional development opportunities for teachers are relevant, challenging and engaging. Such was the experience for our teachers, Ashlea and Michelle, who recently attended the Lisa Burman training at Penola. Lisa reinforces the view of all good classroom practitioners that the learning environment has the potential to act as a teacher – that space can be engaging to the learner in promoting active powerful learners. Our School is very aware of the positive effect to engaging learning space and our teachers are always looking for inventive ways to do this. Lisa explained what good teachers know: playful pedagogies in conjunction with inquiry learning strengthen student relationships with the world around them.

The last two weeks have been busy for me as well. The focus of two days of conferences focussed on DECD’s Strategic Directions and Partnership Priorities with a clear focus on learning improvement and increased resilience for students.

SAPSASA

Our School has long had a proud tradition of representative sporting success. Several of our Upper Primary students have been involved with SAPSASA trials recently. Softball and swimming have featured with athletics trials just around the corner. Congratulations to both Lara Brown and Jayde Fretwell for being named to our district SAPSASA softball team. Further congratulations to William Charlick, Patrick Fraser, Ella Longbottom and Poppy Moyle-Read who have been named as members of the district SAPSASA swimming team. I commend Kieron Hicks, our School Physical Education teacher, for organising athletic training and trials for the upcoming Upper South East District SAPSASA Athletics Trials in Keith.

School Buses

Over recent weeks I have had the opportunity to travel on our school buses. Impressive has been the attitude of our students in the cooperative manner each has displayed in getting along with others and in the respect each shows the bus driver. With recent excursions to Bordertown (swimming) and Frances (Folk Gathering 2-4) and with further excursions planned for Naracoorte (Wipe Out Waste R-4) it is pleasing to see this prevailing attitude of good behaviour. Well done, students!

 SRC Induction

Our School Student Representative Council Induction Ceremony will be conducted on Thursday 19th March at 9.15 am with special guest speaker, Mandy Job (nee Edwards) at a School assembly to which all members of our community are warmly invited. As well, our traditional SRC Pancake Day is
coming soon! This will be the new SRC’s first fundraiser for the year. This event is always well supported by our entire community and this year will be no exception. I am sure the SRC will soon have wide smiles on their faces as they announce the amount of money raised.

Stand Like Stone
For many years our School has been fortunate to receive support from the Stand Like Stone Foundation. Recently, Stand Like Stone Director Carol Koch visited our school to present this year’s vouchers. These vouchers help support students and their families to access school-related items. Our community thanks the Stand Like Stone Foundation for their ongoing support to our School through this program.

Harry

Student Resilience
We often hear the word resilience being used when discussing positive attributes in behaviour, but what does the word actually mean? Resilience is the capacity to cope with life’s positives and negatives. A young person’s resilience can be enhanced when they:

• are loved unconditionally
• have an older person outside the home that they can talk to about problems and feelings
• are praised for doing things on their own and trying to achieve
• can count on their family being there when needed
• know someone they want to be like
• believe things will turn out all right
• have a sense of power greater than themselves
• are willing to attempt new things
• feel what they do makes a difference

like themselves
• can focus and stay on task
• have a sense of humour
• make plans, set goals for both short and long term.

Young people develop these skills and qualities over time, initially through their experiences in coping with small stresses with assistance from supportive adults. When larger stresses occur, children can draw on the successful strategies each has learned to cope and feel better. Looking to others for support continues to be an effective way of coping with stress. This development enables young people to develop:

• Trust – that the world is safe and that people care enough to assist them
• Belief – in their ability to do things for themselves and achieve their goals
• Feeling Good – about themselves and feeling valued for who they are by parents
• Optimism – that things will turn out all right
• Ability to Manage – their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

Adapted from The International Resilience Project and first seen by me in the Naracoorte South Primary School Newsletter. Harry

World of Maths Roadshow
The World of Maths Roadshow is visiting our school on Friday 20th March. The Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations. Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also various maths principles which are part of their curriculum. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!

We welcome helpers and parents to attend the Junior session in particular from 9.00 – 10.10 am. The younger year levels will require assistance to ensure they get the most out of the session.

Harry
Young Leaders’ Day
On Tuesday 4th March the Year 7s and Mr Edwards went to Young Leaders’ Day in Adelaide. They got to go to the Convention Centre and listen to inspirational stories. There were 5 speakers this year – Mike Martin, Andria Broud, Rachael Leahcar, Matt Cowdrey and Victoria Cox. They all talked about what leadership meant to them and how they found leadership in themselves. This year’s theme was, “Nothing incredible, enduring or amazing ever starts out that way”.
Everyone really enjoyed Young Leaders’ Day. Blake’s favourite speaker was Mike Martin, Stacey and Lara really enjoyed Rachael Leahcar and her guide dog, Ella. They also liked Matt Cowdrey and Jess liked listening to Victoria Cox.

Lara, Stacey, Jess and Blake

Congratulations
to past Padthaway Primary School student William Brown.

William received a subject merit for English Communications in Stage 2 SACE last year. William was presented with his certificate at the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House on Tuesday 10th February 2015 by John Coetzee, Professor of Literature, University of Adelaide, and winner of Nobel Prize in Literature.

Information kindly provided by Naracoorte Herald and Daniel Dew, SACE Board Media and Communications Coordinator.

PSW Spot
Four student leaders of our school and myself left Padthaway around 5.00 am Tuesday morning for Young Leaders Day in Adelaide. We listened to five speakers, two being Matthew Cowdrey, Australia’s most decorated para-Olympian and singer Rachael Leahcar who inspires others in many ways (Rachael is legally blind).
I asked one of the students who went whom she regarded as a great leader. Her reply was Mr Long! Two leaders I have huge admiration for (along with Mr Long) and who have inspired those both in their own country and perhaps even more strongly around the world are Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther-King. They influenced so many and brought massive change for the rights of their people in the last half of the 20th century. Nelson Mandela died just over a year ago in his 90s and Martin Luther-King was taken far too early by an assassin’s bullet in 1968.
A quote by Nelson Mandela which I believe fits Mr Long and is a fine model of leadership we could all embrace is, “It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership.”
To our team of young leaders may they enjoy their year as leaders of this school and gain insight into what life has in store for them.
Cheers, Stephen

Tuck Day
10th March (Week 7)

Pancake Day
Helpers
SRC

17th March (Week 8)

Nuggets & Salad/Ham Salad Roll
Helpers
Sue Bryson
Kate McGregor
[*Muffins – Hannah Orton]

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.

Padthaway Ambulance
Could you help on the ambulance?
SA Ambulance Service is urgently seeking people from Padthaway to train as volunteer ambulance officers and help their community.
Lloyd Tonkin, SA Ambulance Service acting regional team leader for the Central South East, said the team of six volunteers were doing a great job but more were needed.
“We’d love to hear from anyone who thinks they could help their community by going on the ambulance roster a few days or nights a month.”
Lisa Longbottom, a volunteer ambulance officer at Padthaway, said it was important for Padthaway to have its own ambulance service.

“It’s important for our little community to have that. If an ambulance had to come from a neighbouring town, it’s half an hour away.
“It’s nice to be able to give back to the community. It’s a bit of a social outlet.”
For more information, contact Lloyd Tonkin on 0417 843 515, the SA Ambulance Service volunteer recruitment hotline on 1800 655 306 or visit www.saambulance.com.au.
Or visit the SA Ambulance Service stand at the South East Field Days on 20 and 21 March.

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

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 cricketers from the Upper South East area to participate.

When: Sunday 15th March 2015
Time: 3.00 pm – 6.35 pm
Where: Wortley Oval, Naracoorte

To register you must send your name, date of birth, town, parent/guardian mobile number and email address to attend to Jed Dobre at SACA. This can be done by email to southcentraltrainee@saca.com.au.

Registrations are open until Thursday 12th March 2015.

For more information please phone SACA Country Cricket Officer Shelley Nitschke on 0447 081 634 or email snitschke@saca.com.au

Naracoorte United Soccer Club

For those interested in joining the club, the training sessions are as follow:

Under 12 & Under 14 - Every Wednesday 4pm to 5pm
Under 17 - Every Wednesday 5.30pm to 7pm
A & B grade - Every Tuesday and Thursday 6pm to 8pm.

Please feel free to contact us if any further information is required.

Dominique Armoogum
NUSC Secretary

The Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia (MRCSA)

MRCSA welcomes community donations towards assistance for the children of the VICTOR family.

Those donations will be made available to the immediate relatives who will be looking after the children. We thank you for your compassion to assist in this very sad situation.

The MRCSA is a charitable organisation and will provide donations of $50 with a tax receipt.

Please forward cheque or cash donations to:
Support for the VICTOR Family to 13 Eleanor Street, Mt Gambier SA 5290.

Or for electronic donations to:
Victor Family BSB: 085 005
Account number: 564209985
Account name: MRCSA
Operations A/C
MRCSA ABN 42 131 904 410

FREE Performance!
Wally and the Wipe Out Waste Wizard

This performance is an entertaining, interactive and educational 40 minute show which looks at reducing food packaging in schools and preschools, recycling systems, and use of two and three bin systems.

Families attending receive a lunchbox sticker and resources. You can find out more about the Less to Landfill Challenge at www写道sa.gov.au

Play the online board game with your child/children and see suggestions that may assist to help wipe out lunchbox waste up to 50% of items in school bins!

We’d love you to come, enjoy the show and take some resources!

Red Cross First Aid Seminar For Mums and Partners

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

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

Naracoorte mothers and community health 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

Date: Wed 25th March 2015 Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Venue: Naracoorte Hospital Conference Room 1, Naracoorte Hospital
101 Jenkins Terrace
Cost: $30 per person
Payment: C Memo, BSB: 015670 ACB 18913622 Reference: surname Bookings essential, payment no later than Friday 20th March

For bookings or inquiries contact: Caroline Menzel Mobile: 0466064558
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