From The Principal

I trust everyone had a great school holiday period and that our families are looking forward to a productive Term 2. Our teachers enjoyed a wonderful professional development opportunity at the Naracoorte Town Hall on 27th April presented by the Teaching for Excellence in Learning (TfEL) team, focussing on the concept of Powerful Learners.

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Lara Brown who successfully competed in the State Girls’ Cricket competition in Adelaide in Week 10 of last term. Lara’s team won several games and all team members extended their cricket skills. On Tuesday of Week 10 several of the Upper Primary girls competed in the SAPSASA Netball Carnival in Naracoorte. Congratulations to Stacey Hayes who was shortlisted to try out for the team that will compete in Adelaide. While Stacey did not make the final squad she is to be commended for both her effort and skill. Thank you to Michelle Maynard for serving as an umpire for the carnival.

Come Out

Out biennial Come Out Festival proved a big success during the last week of Term 2. Numerous class-based art and craft lessons were complemented by classes in ceramics, kite-making and woodwork. The school is indebted to Grant Miller, Jan Thiele and Colin Gregson. Jan and her husband, Graeme, travelled from Mannum to be part of our celebration. Children were able to produce (and take home) their own personal woodwork, ceramic and kite-making projects on the last day of term. Our School community can take great pride with the spirit of cooperation and assistance provided by all members of staff to make the Festival such a success for our students.

Assembly and SRC Induction

During Come Out we conducted our end-of-term Assembly that included recognition of student success in a number of learning areas.

Literacy Awards – Gus Brooksby, Poppy Moyle-Read, Jessica Frick, Karla McCarthy

Numeracy Awards – Lacey Thompson, Abbey Charlick, Maddi Bryson, Callum Hancock

Star Citizen Awards – Jorja Doecke, Xavier Rothe, Bailey Turner

Our twenty-eight participants in the School T-Ball program were recognised.

As well, two old scholars were recognised at the assembly. George Verco completed a wonderful season of leading our Milo In2Cricket sessions while Mark Edwards discussed with our community the true meaning of leadership while inducting this year’s School Student Representative Council (SRC) members. SRC members for the
year include: Stacey Hayes (President), Lara Brown (President), Blake Teague (Secretary), Ben Frick (Treasurer), Ella Longbottom, Karla McCarthy, Xavier Rothe and Ned Ward. We congratulate this august group of school leaders and look forward to seeing their continuing contribution to our School as the year progresses.

Light Horse Visit
As part of our School-wide study into the history of the ANZACs we were delighted to host the Naracoorte Brigade of the Australian Light Horse regiment. Eight members and their horses as well as period-dressed nurses spent a delightful morning with our Middle and Upper Primary students discussing a wide variety of topics related to ANZAC history.

RFDS Exhibition
During the same week students travelled by bus to Bordertown to participate in the local chapter of the Royal Flying Doctor Service’s Interesting, Odd and Unusual Exhibit. Students were able to observe a catwalk display of period dresses through the ages as well as be entertained by a valuer of antiques as he discussed the relative merits of items brought to the exhibit for valuation.

Student Teachers
This term we are delighted to announce that no fewer than three student teachers have chosen our School to participate in their practicum program. This is a singular honour that celebrates our standing within the wider educational community. Taylor Sherwin (Mrs Steer), Jamie Clarke (Mrs Owen/Ms Davey) and Jillian Bedworth (Mrs English) will be a part of our classroom teaching programs for periods ranging from two weeks to eight weeks this term. We warmly welcome them and the contributions each will make to our School.

New Bus
This week our School has taken possession of a wheelchair accessible bus. This will allow all of our eligible students to access the bus to travel to and from our school. We acknowledge and thank DECD’s Transport Services for the collaborative support they have provided our School in progressing this process.

Training
Day one of Term 2 saw teachers attending our Partnership training and development opportunity at the Naracoorte Town Hall. The 21st century will require students to think critically, creatively and to be problem solvers. (Actually, this was true of 20th century students, as well – Harry!) Monday’s training opportunity focussed on how to better develop problem-solving dispositions and expectations for students. Teachers were given opportunities to both share and develop numerous strategies and techniques for engaging and intellectually stretching all students. Teachers specifically engaged the General Capabilities aspects of the Australian Curriculum Framework in designing meaningful learning tasks that built on and extended students’ resilience and provided for long-term student achievement. Facilitators for the day included Mandi Dimitriadis, Marianne Nicholas and Deb Merritt.

NAPLAN
Traditionally, Term 2 is the term when teachers and students concentrate on learning programs with the least disruption to classroom routines. As well, Term 2 is NAPLAN test term. Our staff expends much effort in preparation for this assessment process and to be well-prepared student attendance is critical to this process. All of us realise that an important adjunct to learning is attendance. Our school has always prided itself on outstanding attendance figures. Please ensure your students minimise absences and in so doing maximise their learning opportunities.

In closing, it was great to catch up with many of you at our School’s Three-Way Conferences, an important aspect of student achievement reporting. As well, I will no doubt see many of you at the Governing Council special morning tea for parents next week.

Harry

Webpage
The School’s website has been renewed. Our thanks to Randy Pagatpat from DECD for launching our new look with assistance from SSO Steph Key.

Morning Tea
Governing Council is holding a Morning Tea next Tuesday 12th May at 10.00 am in the Staff Room to welcome new families to our school. All families are welcome to attend. Please contact Cheryl with any queries.
Caryl Merrett, phone 8765 6007

Car Boot Sale
Thank you to the families who donated goods for the School stall and supported the Novita Car Boot Sale last Sunday. We raised $100.10 for our School funds.
Tammy Mathews
Fundraising Committee

Christian Outreach
On Wednesday we had Christian Outreach with Matt and Stuart from Adelaide. They talked about support, good friends, kindness and forgiveness. We played games to help us understand. One game was with balloons to demonstrate support. It’s far easier to hold up three balloons with two people than one! Everyone had fun and we look forward to seeing them next term.
Maddi Bryson and Lara Brown
SAPSASA News

Dates for your calendar…

Friday 15th May – South East Cross Country Championships at Naracoorte Primary School

For all your SAPSASA information including District and State

www.use.sapasa.org.au
or www.decs.sa.gov.au/sport

Sharon Miel
USE SAPSASA Convenor

Student News

Congratulations to William Charlick.

Following the School Cricket Lightning Carnival held in March 2015, William has been selected as one of 31 players to be part of an Upper South East Under 12 squad next season.

Players were selected from Tatiara, Naracoorte, Millicent and Kingston/Lucindale associations.

A team will be chosen to represent the South East in the BankSA Country Cup in November.

PSW Spot

Do you have a “Golden Rule” which is the basis for your family? Last Wednesday morning Matt and Stuart from Schools Ministry Group asked students if they knew the golden rule. I think they were quite surprised to hear from students that, yes, they did and it was displayed in their class! “To treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.”

Imagine if the parliaments of Australia, especially our Federal Parliament, were to start their day with this rule. They say everything happens in threes and if this is true I expect to hear this rule mentioned again very soon. Why? Well on Sunday night the church I attend had an evening service and the minister posed the question to the children, “Do you know the golden rule?” Yes they did, because it is the key to the rules of Padthaway Primary. The SRC will have met by the time you read this and they will discuss among other things how the School might implement cubbies for this term and the rules around them. This is a much anticipated decision by students. Many nations, including Australia, have based their ethos and laws and statutes on Biblical principles. The golden rule comes from a Bible quote in the Gospel of Matthew, “So in everything, do unto others what you would have them do to you.”

Cheers, Stephen

Tuck Day

12th May (Week 3)

Pizza

Helper

Kim Doecke [*Muffins – Vicki Heym]

19th May (Week 4)

Chicken Tender Wraps

Helpers

Megan Charlick

Fi Ward [Muffins]

Kim Doecke, phone 0488 190 972

Tuck Day Coordinator

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

Share Celebrate Reward

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards.

The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state.

Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: www.dec.d.sa.gov.au/awards.

Like us on facebook and follow the progress of the Awards:

www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards

Nominations close 5.00 pm, 3rd July 2015.

For further information contact the Awards team on 08 8226 3079 or email DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au

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.

Kool Kangas

Term 2 dates:

Monday 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.

If you have any questions please contact me on phone 8765 5120 or email scihtus@bigpond.com

Joanna Schutz

Team Leader

Junior Table Tennis

The Junior Table Tennis 2015 season starts on Monday 11th May from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm at the Table Tennis Hall, Price Avenue, Naracoorte (next to the Michelle De Garis Kindergarten).

Second term dates are 11th May to 29th June. Third term dates 20th July to 14 September.

Beginners and players with experience are all welcome; players can come when they are able to. Some tuition will be provided. 

Parental help is very much appreciated.

More details contact Tracy Westover on 8762 2818 or Derek James on 04 1881 8871.
SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au