NARACOORTE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal .... Sharing the good news!

Welcome all!

The term has proceeded smoothly given the extremely hot weather and the Same Day Same Start policy, commencing for Reception children. A particular welcome is extended to the young cohort pictured below. Staff is looking forward to great partnerships with these families in raising resilient and capable young citizens. Other student who have joined us in 2014 are Banan Noori, Hussain & Ali Ibrihimi , Jason Roberts, Naleek Hayes and Beowulf Sia.

Acquaintance Night

Thank you to the many families who participated on Tuesday evening. Teachers were well prepared enabling them to advise parents of curriculum expectations and classroom routines. Getting to know one another over a sausage sizzle as well as hearing class teachers share their plans for student learning, was appreciated by all. Special thanks to Brian and Paul for cooking the sausages.

Grounds

I extend special thanks to Micheal Becroft and his children Emma and Matthew, who spent time hand watering as well as restoring the garden beds and pots at the front of the school. This was particularly important as we welcomed new families to the school. Unfortunately the ovals look rather poor. Water Dynamics have detected a broken float in the tank preventing re-fill, and, that some sprinklers had been inappropriately adjusted, thus restricting the automated system in front of the gym. To all people who took a role in caring for the chooks, you are appreciated!

Catastrophic Fire Days

I thank families of students who travel by bus for your support and understanding on day one, when Catastrophic conditions were forecast. Should we experience further Catastrophic days, deputy principal Kirsty Lush has set up a group text message, alerting families on the night before the Catastrophic conditions occur, which informs families that school buses will not be running.

student Free Day
Friday 7th march

Diary Dates

Friday 7th February
4.00pm Coffee orders for new parents meet & greet closes
Monday 10th February
9.30am New parents Meet & Greet in hall
Wednesday 12th February
1.15pm Public Speaking Group
Thursday 13th February
10.30am Bounce & Bop
Friday 14th February
12.00 noon KIC Assembly
Monday 17th February
7.00pm Governing Council Meeting
Wednesday 19th February
1.15pm Public Speaking Group
Thursday 20th February
10.30am Bounce & Bop
Friday 21st February
10.00am JP Assembly
Thursday 27th February
Next Newsletter
Friday 7th March
STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday 10th March
Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup Day
ADVANCED NOTICE
Friday 28th March
Sports Day

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Swimming lessons similarly will be cancelled on such days, given the policy that buses do not run in catastrophic weather conditions. Many have queried why the High School closes and this school does not. The reason is to do with access and exit gates from each school. We have many exit gateways on several of our school boundaries. At the High School, the exit is on one boundary only, directly onto the Riddoch Highway. You can imagine the chaos and danger should an immediate evacuation be necessary in the event of fire. Meanwhile we regularly hold practice emergency evacuation and evacuation drills at this site.

Way2Go program

You would have noticed the council work completed on roads over the holiday break. Bicycle lanes and symbols have been installed along Cedar Avenue. Where appropriate, walking or bike riding to and from school is encouraged to avoid congestion at peak times. To support the safety of all road users and in particular children, I remind car drivers that the speed limit for the entire section of our school boundary along Cedar Avenue **is 25kms per hour when children are present. This applies to traffic running both ways whenever children are present on the footpaths or bicycle lanes within the school zone. The school zone extends either side of the school crossing – almost the entire length of the school boundary along Cedar Avenue. It is not merely the crossing itself.**

I remind parents to use the extensive car parking area at the gymnasium when dropping off and picking up children. It is the shortest route to many classrooms - not to mention the safest. Please do not park in the bus zone or the space for disabled persons, or, the staff car park.

Bounce and Bop

This year the program for toddlers and babes in arms is up and running again each Thursday morning, in the school hall. Cara Maney has garnered the support of Tracy Ebert and together they will lead parent / grandparents, carers and pre-schoolers in music, song, dance and story book rhymes. We know that oral language experiences are essential in building communication and literacy skills in youngsters. Please come along, meet one another and join in the fun.

Governing Council

The governing council will meet in the staff room at 7.00pm on Monday 17th February. The council members represent all families, working together to make decisions affecting resourcing, major works, educational projects and special events as well as the general overview of expenditure and future plans. Greater insight into curriculum, learning, and, the department – with its current changes, is gained. For example our school is now aligned with the Wrattonbully-Tatiara Partnership. Our Education Director is Mr Frank Mittiga who is based in the Murray Bridge office on Beatty Terrace. The governing council meeting is open to all interested parents, who may also be elected onto Council at the AGM in late March if nominated. The process for nomination will be advised in the next newsletter. You are most welcome to participate. To give you forward planning time, last term the governing council approved a Student Free Day for Friday 7th March. The day is to support the teaching of Geography as per the Australian Curriculum. All public schools in Naracoorte will participate. The following Monday 10th March is the Adelaide Cup Public Holiday.

Toy Library

2014 Memberships are now due. $35.00 (early bird deal until the of February) allows for borrowing of up to 5 toys fortnightly. A superb opportunity and great value with a variety of toys, games and outside equipment available.

Opening times are:

Monday 9.30 - 10.30am
Thursday 9.30 - 10.30am

You may obtain and return a membership form from the school office at any other time.

Rosalie Masters
President

Relief Cleaner

Naracoorte South Primary School requires relief cleaners. This is not regular work but only to fill in if someone is not available.

If you are interested please contact : Jenny Verbena, Menzies International on 0437 856 746 for further details.

Assembly Dates

Junior Primary Rec - 3
Begins at 10:00am
Friday
Week 4 - 21/2/14
Week 8 - 21/3/14
Week 10 - 4/4/14

Primary Yr 4 - 7
Begins at 10:30am
Friday
Week 5 - 28/2/14
Week 11 - 11/4/14

Parents and friends welcome

Change to Kids Camp Out

In March the annual event run by SE Kids Camp Out will be a little different. David Hogarth has advised that many of the lead supervisors are unable to attend. Hence the event will be held at Naracoorte Primary school as 'Amazing Saturday' on Saturday 15th March. There will be the usual activities of Camp Out except the actual camping overnight. See the flyer in the Community News on the back page.

Uniforms

We have now finished the transition period into our new navy and gold school uniforms which look very smart. An order form will be going home next week to enable you to ensure that your child/ren comply with the Uniform Policy.

Anna

Public Speaking

From next week, Week 3, a Public Speaking group will be formed for students Year 3 -7 which will meet in the hall during lunch break on Wednesdays.
This group will learn how to

- Exercise and warm their vocal chords
- and then use their speaking voices
- regulate volume and pace for best effect
- present items to be read
- present speaking items,
- use eye contact
- how to stand and where to stand on stage or in front of a group, while speaking,

This group will also learn how to present items for assembly, and how to begin debating. It is hoped when ability and confidence have grown sufficiently, that competition can be participated in around the town, region and perhaps the state.

Any enquiries,
Jacquilyn Shea

Canteen

Welcome to 2014. What a great start to the year with this great weather. Icy grips are on sale at the canteen, great for eating your Zooper Doopers and not freezing your hands. Pop in and have a look. Cost $2.50.
New on the menu this year is Tuna mornay for $4.50.
If anyone is interested in volunteering in the canteen please just pop in and let me know of leave your name with the girls in the office. It is great to see some new names on the roster that was sent home this week. Let me know if you did not receive your copy.

Wk 3	10th Feb *	11th Feb Carolyn Williamson	13th Feb *	14th Feb Ellen Konnecke
Wk 4	17th Feb Mary Anne Hole	18th Feb *	20th Feb Virginia Harvie	21st Feb Donna Sneath

Glenda Herron
Canteen Manager

Harmony Day

Wanted - Photographs, Arts and Crafts for Harmony Day Display

Throughout the week of Monday the 10th until Friday the 14th of March, Naracoorte will be celebrating Harmony Week, with the theme of Everybody Belongs. Part of the celebrations will include several displays in the town square. Our school is organising a photo/arts/craft display with works from all around the world.
We are looking for families who are willing to lend us these items for the duration of the week. Photographs will be scanned and the copy will be used, and all items will be supervised in the day and locked securely at night. If you have any items from different cultures that you would be willing to add to our display, please bring them along to the front office before Wednesday the 5th of March. Any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call me at the school.

Kirsty Lush
Deputy Principal

Happy Birthday

TO...

Natasha Downs who was 9 on 29th January
Faried Rezaie who was 5 on 30th January
CJ Sopha who was 6 on 1st February
Savannah Mackenzie & **Harley Davies** who were 9 on 2nd February
Chad & Maisy Hoskin were 6 & **Brad Castine** was 13 yesterday, 5th February
Mikaela Todarello will be 12 tomorrow, 7th February
Ali Ibrihimi will be 7, **Chloe Kennedy Jones** 11 & **Amy Lacey** 13 on the 8th February

Community News

Naracoorte United Soccer Club

Naracoorte United Soccer Club
Junior Come 'n' Try & Registration Day
For U9's – U17's

Wednesday26th February @ 4pm
N.U.S.C Grounds,Stewart Terrace
Bring water, Hat, and lots of energy!

Any Queries Contact - Dale Masters 0409 077 976
Leanne Shouksmith 0417 867 501

Literacy Competition

Laura Literacy Awards

Prose and poetry

Prizes of $200 for adult winning entries.
Young adult (13-18yrs) $50
Primary students $25
Junior Primary $15

Enter some writing from last year's school work or be creative and write a story or poem on any topic of your choosing.
Entry forms available from www.rockyriverriters.webs.com
Closing date February 14th 2014

Tennis

NARACOORTE TENNIS CLUB commences junior tennis on Saturday 8th February for an 8 week programme, finishing on Saturday, 29th March. Red ball (ages 5-8) $40; Orange ball (ages 8-10) $50; Green ball competition (ages 10-14) $50. For further details, please contact Cathy Cobbledick on 87 623101 or 0429 208 203.

Violin or Viola Lessons

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN VIOLIN OR VIOLA?
WHERE: Naracoorte Uniting Church.9 Foster St
WHEN: Wednesdays 3 – 7pm. Term time only.
COST: $25 for a 30 min lesson
You will need your own instrument, or hire one.
For further information and to book your lessons please contact Catriona Giles on 0435102288.

Cricket Carnival

Cricket Lightning Carnival – March 2014
The South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) is running a lightning carnival at Naracoorte for girls and boys aged 8-11 years old. SACA would like to invite any interested young cricketers from the South East area to participate.
Date: Sunday March 16
Time: 3:00pm until 6:45pm
Venue: Wortley Oval, Naracoorte
To register to play or for more information, please contact Ben Johnswood at SACA at bjohnswood@saca.com.au or on 0438 860 048.

Amazing Saturday

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Brought to you by
SOUTH EAST KIDS CAMP OUT 2014
at NARACOORTE (NORTH) PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL
Saturday 15th March 12.30pm to 8.30pm, 2014
Co-ordinators David & Yvonne Hogarth & Diana Agnew

Due to difficulties with available dates and key team leaders, SE Kids Camp Out has had to be modified to an **"Amazing Saturday"** on Saturday 15th March from 12.30pm until 8.30pm.

This will include all the features and attractions of Camp Out except the camping overnight.
The sponsor of this event, the Uniting Church in Australia recognises its responsibility under its Duty of Care Policy, to ensure communities, such as Amazing Saturday, provide a safe and secure environment for all.

All Leaders (over 18yrs) and Junior Leaders (over 15yrs) have been subject to Police Checks.
Groups are restricted to not more than five children.

The Registration form will be available soon and should be completed as soon as possible and returned with your fees to the School Office or to Yvonne Hogarth. 27 Cedar Avenue.

"What to bring" packs can be collected at this time.
Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 5th.
No forms will be accepted after this date.

We will allocate places in the order that registration forms (with payment) are received.
The number of kids accommodated is totally dependent on the number of adults who are willing and able to be leaders.
There will be a full refund for any children who cannot be accommodated due to shortage of leaders.
Please note that Co-ordinators need to be fully aware of any custody issues affecting your child.

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CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE CONDITIONS VERIFICATION

In line with district directions, we are required to have an absolutely up to date system with your current information. This enables all families or carers to be contacted as required.

ONE FORM PER FAMILY

Student ..... Teacher: .....

Student ..... Teacher: .....

Student ..... Teacher: .....

Student ..... Teacher: .....

Residential address: .....

Home Phone: ..... Silent Y/N

Mother / Caregiver 1: Name: ..... Place of work: .....

Mother / Caregiver 1Work phone: ..... Mobile Phone: .....

Father / Caregiver 2: Name: ..... Place of work: .....

Father / Caregiver 2Work phone: ..... Mobile Phone: .....

Emergency contacts: ..... Home Phone: .....

..... Home Phone: .....

If applicable Bus Route.....

Emergency collection persons who will be required to sign my child/children out in the event that I/we are unavailable. I/we give the person(s) below permission to collect my/our child/children.

Name of collection Person:

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Their phone numbers:

Home .....

Work .....

Mobile .....

Name of collection Person:

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Their phone numbers:

Home .....

Work .....

Mobile .....

Parents/Caregivers Signature ..... **Date** .....

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