From our Principal.....Sharing the Good News!

Staffing update
Life is full of ups and downs! We have just got underway with our full compliment of teachers - (a warm welcome to Jarrad Kilsby in Year 6/7) when one of us is to undergo a knee re-construction. At present we are looking at ways to cover Jessie Willmott's class during the time of her 3 week recovery. Having consulted Russell Bartlett from Human Resources, I will shortly be able to announce how we will provide continuity for Jessie's Year 5/6 class. The Personnel Advisory Committee is in the process of allocating support hours for the library, facilities, IT and student support. In the absence of a Curriculum ITC person, the High School will outsource their technician Matthew Hood to us for trouble shooting here. Meanwhile I acknowledge Kirsty Lush who has commenced her Literacy Partnership work with all classes and Glenda Herron, whose happiness and goodwill from the Canteen is contagious! As mentioned at Acquaintance Night Patrick Diesslin has advised us of his full time IT appointment with the Naracoorte Lucindale Council. I congratulate Patrick on this appointment. Patrick has been casually employed by DECS in this and other sites for more than 10 years. On behalf of my colleagues I extend appreciation and thanks to Patrick and wish him every success in his new role. We will continue to see Patrick about the place in his parenting capacity. Congratulations to Kym & Scott Shepherd, who with their children, Rachel & Heidi, celebrated their wedding last weekend.

Acquaintance Night
On behalf of staff I thank all who attended the information sessions and sausage sizzle on Tuesday evening. It was a pleasant occasion during which the important parent-school partnerships were strengthened. As shared with you then, all classes have been establishing their values and practices/routines around how to be successful learners. Success is concerned with not only what you do but how you do it. It comes in small steps and so does failure. Failure is not a single event. Failure comes with a few errors of judgement repeated every day. These small errors matter- eg -one more late for school day, one more missed reading opportunity, one more skipping of homework, one more late school night spent watching television, one more excuse for not completing a learning task/project; these while not showing an immediate impact, do have a cumulative result. Support the positive self- help choices your children make. Choice determines direction. Decision determines destiny. Feeling defeated is a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent. Teachers don’t want perfect students, they want students to try hard.

Student Safety
It is with pleasure that I announce that our new SAPOL liaison officer is Chris Mailley. Chris and I have been corresponding and are developing a combined proactive approach to keeping your children safe in their community. Chris has

Welcome,
Mr Kilsby

Assembly Dates
JP Assembly @ 10.00am
Rec-Yr 3

Primary Assembly @ 12.30pm
Yr 4-7

Week 5 - 4/3/10

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already been helpful in reminding some drivers of the law regarding the 25kph zone along all school boundaries when children are present on the footpath. He plans to get council support in erecting NO U TURN signs along Cedar Avenue. With Chris and his police colleagues’ verbal warnings and these newsletter reminders, we anticipate that expiation notices may not be required!

Child Protection Curriculum and staff training is ongoing, especially in regard to providing children with self help strategies and adult support. Given the recent media coverage regarding student violence and bullying in schools (and via electronic devices), I bring to your attention that we take a united approach at Naracoorte South in addressing every incident reported. Last week staff reviewed and discussed our collected data over several years. I am overjoyed to say that anti-social incidents of violence or intimidation - including verbal harassment have quite markedly diminished over the past five years and continue to do so. Using consistent Restorative Justice approaches and in following Grievance Procedures, a high level of student trust and accountability is most evident. Please continue to work with us in listening to all children and supporting them to make safe and fair choices in their interactions with others. Being adult and modelling what we expect of children is vital.

Catastrophic Fire Event
Thank you families for completing your contact details in the event that they may need them- hopefully not! Naracoorte High School has an Extreme Fire Danger rating and so will close when conditions for catastrophic bushfire weather is forecast. Therefore if the region is declared to have a catastrophic fire rating on the ABC radio 1161 broadcast before the news at 6.30am, 7.00am, and 8.00am, this school remains OPEN, and BUSES RUN. Should a catastrophic fire rating be declared on ABC radio1161 broadcast the evening before, this school remains OPEN but the BUSES WILL NOT RUN. This school will remain open for those families who choose to have their children attend school.

In the event of fires threatening a bus or bus routes, any affected buses will not be permitted to leave the school until it is declared safe by the CFS. Children will be kept at school and cared for by staff as long as is necessary. Families will be contacted as soon as possible. Children will be released only to:
1. their parents
2. other persons authorised by the parents
   in writing
   or a documented phone call

On TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS there will be no travel out of town for student activities when the forecast is for extreme temperature. Excursions out of town will be cancelled if the forecast is for temperatures 36°C and over. Swimming lessons which are within the town will go ahead. Swimming will only be cancelled when there is a danger of thunder and lightening strikes.

A quick reminder to students who occasionally travel on buses for purposes of birthday parties or visits to a friends house, it is essential that bus drivers are communicated with prior to the event and that Bus Passes are collected at the front office.

Governing Council AGM
The date has been set for the annual general meeting. It is at 7.00pm on Thursday 31st March. Nomination Forms will shortly be available from the front office. Please consider joining this wonderful decision making forum.

Cricket
Cricket resumes this weekend, 19th February with our team having the bye. Our season will resume on Feb 26th at Naracoorte Primary against NPS White. All players should have a received a copy of the draw, if not call into the office to collect a copy.

We have fielded one team this season. Thanks to Cam Watson and Amanda Edwards for volunteering to guide these enthusiastic youngsters.

Paul McCarthy
PE Co-ordinator

Performance Levy
The school’s Governing Council is continuing a pre-paid performance levy of $25.00. This will cover each child attending at least 1 performance each term.

Please note that your child will not be able to attend these performances unless payment is made prior.

Our first performance is King Arthur on Thursday 24th February.

Please call at the front office if you need further assistance

Wendy Burford
Finance Officer

Uniforms
Uniform orders close on Wednesday 24th February. Please think ahead, it will get cool in the morning soon!!! Order your jumpers now!!

Deb Henschke
Office Manager

Attendance Data
Attendance data for week 2 was 94.75%
Swimming is fun and you can also learn to do freestyle, backstroke and dives. We also learn to not be afraid if the water is too deep.

Ciaron

Swimming

We have fun at swimming and the instructors teach you how to swim well.

Vince

I liked it when you have to dive down to grab the black weight box.

Grace
More Room 12
Swimming

I liked doing the frog kicks, duck diving and using the life jackets.

Amy R

I enjoyed practising my swimming. It is fun. I’ve learnt how to dive properly. Swimming in all your clothes was easier than I thought, so if I ever accidently fall out of a boat it would be easier for me.

Josh
Happy Birthday to...

Amy Lacey was 10, Lockie Kovac was 11 & Taliah Storan was 12 on 8th February

Jack & Sam Thomson were 7 & Callum Masters was 12 on 12th February

Sam Barker was 11 & Seamus FitzGerald was 12 on 15th February

Sky Pulic is 11 today, 17th February

Zac Thring will be 10 tomorrow, 18th February

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Kids Camp Out

This popular event is held on the Naracoorte High School Oval on March 5th & 6th.
Registrations close February 25th. Numbers are limited, first with forms returned, first accepted.

Forms are available from the office. Further details contact David Hogarth 8762

Frances Folk Gathering

The Frances Folk Gathering is in its 12 year and this year some of the 6/7 students were fortunate to work with Dave Greenslade to compose some verses for a song which they will perform on Saturday. In addition to this, there will be many other great activities for kids to be involved in during the Frances Folk Gathering, including juggling!

Come along and enjoy a wonderful festival of sight and sound in a family friendly relaxed atmosphere. I hope to see lots of our South School students supporting this great local event.

Cathie Biggins
Music Teacher

GLENDA’S SPECIALS

I will be having pancakes available each Friday at small, 20c medium, 50c and large $1.00

Fresh Fruit salad cups are available at 50c cup

Fresh Fruit in season 10c slice

Glenda Herron
Canteen Administrator

Canteen

Cathie Biggins
Music Teacher

Toy Library
OPEN
Tues -4pm & Thurs 9-11am

Naracoorte South School
Lib
Children’s Choir

Week 3 – Friday Feb 18  GO
Starring the blitz band, awesome games and much more!
-Meet at Blitz Central (12 Robertson Street *New Location*) 7:30pm-10pm
Blitz Youth is for any young person in year 7 – 18 years of age. For more details about Blitz Youth please don’t hesitate to ring Peter Hutchesson 0438696090 or Chris Marshall 0400176819 or checkout our newly updated website www.blitzyouth.com

Week 4 – Friday Feb 25  NO BLITZ
no Blitz due to WATOTO performing in the town hall. Check them out at www.restoretour.com.
All welcome

Community Foodies

What are Community Foodies?
Community Foodies are local people who support local communities to make healthy food choices. Community Foodies are trained in basic nutrition and community education skills and encourage people to improve their health with better nutrition. For more information go to: www.communityfoodies.com

There will be an information session
10am – 12.30pm Monday 28th February 2011, at the Naracoorte Community Health Service, Cedar Avenue, Naracoorte. Lunch is included.

The sessions will be held on Mondays during March & April. See Notice board for more details.
Call Sue on 8724 5222 or email

Kyby News

KYBY JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING
Naracoorte High School Thursday 24th Feb 5pm COME ALONG FOR A FUN FITNESS TRAINING and MEET THE 2011 COACHES future trainings from 2nd March will be held at Naracoorte Town Courts on Wednesdays from 4-5pm ALL PAST AND NEW PLAYERS WELCOME enquiries Julie Maggi 0439685723

KYBY JUNIOR AND SENIOR COLTS FOOTBALL TRAINING
Naracoorte High School Wednesday 23rd Feb 4pm NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME, also MEET OUR COACHES FOR 2011 enquiries Keryn Proud 08 87624078 ah

Naracoorte News

Naracoorte Football Netball Club Junior training to start on March 3rd at 5.00 at the town courts.
All welcome.
For further details phone Vicki Gill 0438 620179

2011 Wetlands Day

Come and celebrate 2011 World Wetlands Day at Bool Lagoon
Our very own Bool Lagoon, is a wetland of international importance, many years and pumping with wildlife.

SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY
10 AM – 2 PM
BOOL LAGOON
(Follow the signs)
Naracoorte
Come and celebrate World Wetlands Day 2011 with a fun filled day:
- Fun facts, bugs, fish and water bugs on a guided walk
- Listen to exciting talks about Bool and its animals
- Ride a boat in the glassy water of the lagoon
- Hands on craft activities for the kids
- Bring your binoculars, family and friends and see the spectacular Bool Lagoon in all its glory

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