Welcome to 2011
What a great start to 2011! Further to my introductory letter on Monday, we once again welcome new students and families into our school community. A special welcome to our newies Hamish, Livvy, Caleb, Griffin, Romano, Jasmine, Tyson, Dylan, Corey, Byron, Daemo, Nat, Adam & Brayden.

Staffing
Once I receive confirmation from the SA Teacher Registration Board, I can officially announce the name and position of our new teacher, who visits yet cannot officially teach before registration with this state has been processed. In the meantime I thank current teachers and permanent SSOs for working tirelessly to cover the additional class and administrative responsibilities involved. It is not easy, especially when setting up for a new year. Students too are affected by the uncertainty of ‘Who will be teaching us?’ As soon as I can they and you too will be informed. As mentioned in my initial letter to you all on Monday, I was very much supported by Felicity Dolling and Wendy Burford when during my unexpected hospital stay, they and others too, worked capably at this school over January. We welcome back Kym Webber into our midst, who is teaching on Fridays in Room 5 with Tina Watson and Jess Lowen who is in Room 12 and 7. The children, and staff, were very excited to see the return of Cathie Biggins after her term of leave.

Our dear Sandie Bell has moved on and Glenda Herron is the new happy face in the canteen this year.

Acquaintance Night
Felicity and I will issue a letter in regards to Acquaintance Night. Please put this date on your calendar - Tuesday 15th February. We will follow a similar format as last year where junior primary teachers meet with parents in classrooms, followed by a free sausage sizzle mid evening, after which primary teachers meet with parents in classrooms. At the sausage sizzle I will introduce all staff to you, so that you can match people to their responsibilities! It will not be a late night. I know that we have and look forward to working with an excellent team in 2011.
Student Free Day
Another date for your calendar is Monday 28th February which will be a Student Free Day. Governing Council executive has approved the day in order that all staff update their compulsory BELS - which is Basic Emergency and First Aid Care training.
I thank Chairperson Anna Russell for her support in this.

Governing Council
Speaking of Governing Council the AGM will be advertised for early in March. This is an opportunity for all people to attend and indeed nominate to be on this decision making body. The current council has been exemplary in their voluntary work and representation of all families in our learning community. Nomination forms will be available from the front office and a copy will also be issued to families when a date has been set. I encourage your expertise and support in this partnership to raise resilient young citizens here. The Annual Report will be tabled at this meeting - I do with Deb’s assistance have some work to do on this!

Facilities
NSPS is supporting two important community sporting events.
Our Gymnasium will be used this weekend for the annual Squad Basketball competitions and in March the main Oval will be used for the Master Games Cricket event.

Mrs Lush’s Literacy Spot
Hello! It is so great to be back as Literacy Coach at Naracoorte South.
For the next two terms I will be working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings, continuing on from the fantastic job Miss Dolling did in my absence. I am looking forward to working again with all students and teachers as we build on the great practices of teaching and learning literacy in our school. This term, we will be working on establishing Literacy Blocks as uninterrupted periods of learning. We will be focussing on incorporating The Daily Five, which are:

Read to Yourself
The best way to become a better reader is to practise each day, with books you choose, on your just-right level. It soon becomes a habit.

Read to someone
Reading to someone allows for more time to practise strategies, helping you work on fluency and expression, check for understanding, hear your own voice and share in the learning community.

Work on Writing
Just like reading, the best way to become a better writer is to practise writing every day.

Listen to Reading
When we hear examples of good literature and fluent reading, we learn more words, thus expanding our vocabulary and becoming better readers.

Spelling/Word Work
Correct spelling allows for more fluent writing, thus speeding up the ability to write and get thinking down on paper. This is an essential foundation for writers.

I can’t wait to get into each class and be part of the ever-evolving literacy practice at NSPS again!
Happy Reading!

Kirsty Lush

Toy Library
NOW OPEN
Tues 2-4pm & Thurs 9-11am
Bring this voucher and purchase a yearly membership for $30. Save $10.

Scholastic Book Club
NOW OPEN
Tues 2-4pm & Thurs 9-11am
Bring this voucher and purchase a yearly membership for $30. Save $10.

School Fees
The EFTPOS machine is now up and running, so you are now able to come in and pay the Material & Services charges for 2011. 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 on Thursday 24th February.
Please call at the front office if you need any further assistance.

Wendy Burford
Finance Officer
Happy Birthday to...

Tyson Coutts who was 9 on the 31st January

Will Russell who was 11 on 1st February

Savannah MacKenzie who was 6 yesterday, 2nd February

Brad Castine who will be 10 on 5th February

Assembly Dates

JP Assembly @ 10.00am
Rec-Yr 3
Primary Assembly @ 12.30pm
Yr 4-7

Week 5 - 4/3/10

South East Kids Camp Out 2011 is a 24-hour camping experience organised by the Uniting Church for Primary Children aged 7 years and over.

This action-packed event offers exciting Outdoor Activities integrated with Action Songs, Faith Building Stories and Drama

When? from 12.30pm, Saturday 5th March until 12.noon Sunday 6th March 2011

kayaking and canoeing ice blocking craft

dunking machine abseiling swimming

face painting biscuit icing and more

…….. registration forms available at Primary Schools at Naracoorte & Frances &Sunrise Christian School.

Completed forms with fees should be returned to the School Office

no later than Friday 25th February 2011

Numbers are limited.
For further information contact:

David Hogarth on 8762 0285 or 0407 139 247
**Little Athletics**

Commences Friday 4th February at Naracoorte High School grounds at 4pm - Ages 6-17 years. Tiny Tots program for ages 3-5 years.

We welcome anyone to come during this time and see what Little Athletics is all about. If you wish to encourage an hour of activity then this may be for you. Program runs next 11 weeks. Parents presence essential.

Cost $30 per child or $65 per family - Uniform required for ages 6-17 consists navy shorts and navy polo shirt with Little Athletics Logo available to purchase $35. Children encouraged to participate in basic athletic program with aim to improve on their performance each week. If they improve they are rewarded with a star. It is not the winner of the event rewarded but each individual on an improvement. Trophy rewarded to person obtaining most stars for each age and gender group on April 15th, 2011.

Call Jane Harris 0429647543 or Donna Bull 0400848511 for further information otherwise just turn up any Friday to register.

**Come & Try Hockey**

Are you interested in a sport with a difference? Hockey is a fun family game with most games played in Naracoorte on Saturday’s.

Where: at the fields Stewart Tce, (opposite High School)

When: Saturday 26th February

Time: 9am-11am

Open to all ages 5+

Sticks will be available to use on the day

A BBQ lunch will follow

Annie Anderson from Just Hockey will also be in attendance to purchase gear from and for further advice.

**Calisthenics**

New members welcome

**Mondays**

7 – 9 y.o. (Sub Juniors) 5.15pm – 6.15pm

13 y.o. & up (Inters/Seniors) 6.30pm - 8.00pm

**Tuesdays**

3 - 6 y.o. (Tinies) 5.15pm - 6pm

10 - 12 y.o. (Juniors) 6.15pm - 7.45pm

Naracoorte Primary School Hall

Calisthenics is a team sport encouraging co-ordination, improved fitness, discipline and flexibility. Components include dancing, marching, clubs, rods & exercises.

Hurry, enrolments for 2011 close mid February.

First lesson is FREE!

Enquiries: Kylie 8762 0254 or Deb 8762 0296

**Have a Go Week is back!**

From the 19th to the 27th of February there is over 30 FREE come and try activities around the Limestone Coast. This is a chance for local Limestone Coast residents to improve health and fitness, try a new sport or recreation or simply have fun with friends and family at no cost.

All activities have giveaways on offer!

There is a great mix of the more traditional sports as well as new emerging recreational activities. There is also fun “be active” days being held in Millicent and Padthaway including the Have a Go Gala Day in conjunction with Active After Schools Program in Keith on the 25th of February.

Visit [www.sportse.com.au](http://www.sportse.com.au) for a copy of the program or contact Angela Solly, local be active Field Officer on 0400 262 738

**CALLING ALL INDIGENOUS ARTISTS**

Would you like to share your talents and skills? I’m looking for anyone who can paint, basket weave, egg painting, has knowledge in traditional cooking, wood carving, story telling and anything else that represents our culture...

Become an Hourly Paid Instructor

For more information please contact Anita Department of Education & Children’s Services Limestone Coast District Office 64 Commercial Street West Mt Gambier SA 5290 (08) 87245 330

Conditions Do Apply