**Student Achievements**

The Swimming Program has concluded. Students experienced good weather and great coaching under the capable hands of Lindy Brookesby and her team. It was rewarding to see children improving specific strokes and even in some cases overcoming their fear of water.

We welcomed Kia Schmid to Room 13 and Emily Clark to Room 8. Naracoorte South Primary School students have been recognised for their fundraising in support of the Forty Hour Famine by being awarded the SA/NT Award. This reflects the compassion and commitment for others that children here have.

**Kids in Charge**

Last week the whole school assembled to hear nine students deliver speeches for election to the Kids In Charge (KIC). All listening were awed and agreed that we have some remarkable young citizens with a moral purpose and understanding of what it takes to be a leader and a voice for others. I congratulate and thank Renee Brody, Phoebe Wallace, Bree Garrigan, Seamus Fitzgerald, Jess Selig, Abby Walker, Hamish Watson, Callum Masters and Dayna Lawrie for their courage and participation.

Following the speeches every child voted for their preferences for 2011. Each class has also voted for two class representatives into KIC. On Tuesday it gave us pleasure to announce that the KIC Executive for 2011 is President Hamish Watson, Vice-President Seamus Fitzgerald, Secretary/Treasurer, Phoebe Wallace and Abby Walker who will share this role. The Class Reps for Term 1 are:

Room 2 - Mahalia Grigg & Ben Goodridge
Room 4 - Ella Deland & Ryan Castine
Room 5 - Lucy Walker & Sam Thompson
Room 7 - Khayla Carter & Joe Ellis
Room 8 - Natalie Stewart & Austin King Tolcher
Room 10 - Renee Pomery & Jake Stringer
Room 12 - Annie McCulloch & Vince Latsombath
Room 13 - Georgia Male & Alex Borg
Room 19 - Still to be decided

**KIC Executive:**

Abby Walker, Hamish Watson, Phoebe Wallace & Seamus Fitzgerald with Felicity & Anna

Anxiously awaiting their turn to present their speeches to their peers.
Parent Participation
This school is fortunate to have willing volunteers. I see parents assisting regularly with class activities such as Reading and one off events such as the Lucindale Field Day Scarecrow/Mailbox entries. Already some LAP volunteers have undergone an induction with Cathie Biggins. On Friday last Glenda Herron, Karla Grigg, Sharon Conduit and Ellen Konnecke raised funds by catering for the District Leaders day in the Town Hall. This was a big job capably done under Glenda’s guidance and preparation. Thank you. Glenda also organised morning tea at the recent Student Free Day. All staff members were retrained in Basic Emergency Life Support which is a requirement of DECS. Thanks for accommodating your children on Monday.

It is that time of year when we seek out willing folk to represent the school community on Governing Council. Each year there are some retiring members who stand down after two years of service. At this time I again thank Pam Selig, Merrin Martin and Lindy Brooksbhy who I know will be retiring. If you are interested in joining this active decision making governance body, please nominate via the attached form. The AGM will be held at the school on Thursday 31st March at 7.00pm in the Library.

Sandie Bell’s Farewell
Long time Canteen Administrator Sandie Bell was recognised for her service to our school at an assembly in the school hall on Wednesday. Sandie was acknowledged by governing councillors, parents, volunteers, students and staff and will ever be remembered for the detail and sense of fun that she provided within the role. Sandie’s creative flair in organising special food days and in dressing up for these was truly amazing. She has seen and managed many changes in what is now classified as the fast food industry, involving Healthy Eating initiatives, regulations and an increased monitoring of procedures and legislated requirements. One thing about Sandie however has remained constant and that is her good will in doing what she does to the best of her ability. Thank you Sandie and we wish you well in your new work placement.

Donations
In the last couple of weeks we have been privileged to be presented with a cheque from the Commonwealth Bank in recognition of our support to student banking and a number of Target vouchers from the Standlike Stone Foundation. These generous donations certainly benefit the whole school community.

Cricket
The first game was started last Saturday, a two day game against NPS White. NSPS batted and had to contend with a really challenging bowling line up. Hamish Watson and Sam Crook opened the innings and played positively for a partnership of 21. Callum Masters and Justin Martin continued the run scoring steadily and Josh Bull played very well in the second half of the innings. The side were bowled out for 117 in the 35th over. This is the first 40 over game we have played in many years and it provides a great opportunity for lower order batsmen to get some time at the crease. Leading scorers were Hamish, 31 not out, Josh, 16, Justin, 13 and Callum, 11. Special mention to Aden Burzacott and debutant Phil Shouksmith who were involved in a couple of important partnerships in the latter overs. This week the bowlers and fieldsmen have a big challenge in defending that score.

On a less positive note, some of the behaviour of our players on the side-lines was distracting to the scorers and other players. The treatment of the school’s cricket equipment was also very disappointing, hopefully that proves to be an isolated incident. All players, umpires and scorers should be able to concentrate on the game for the duration and if you are wearing school equipment it should be returned to the bag when you are finished with it.

Scholastic Book Club
Orders are due back at the front office by Tuesday 15th March. The class with the largest order will be rewarded with a book for their class.

Amanda Edwards
Book Club Convener

Clean Up Australia Day
Tomorrow all classes will be taking part in Clean Up Australia Day. Junior primary classes will clean up within the school while Middle & Upper Primary classes will venture into the community. We invite all families and friends to join us on this mission.

When: 9.00am Friday 4th March
Where: NSPS Gym
Bring: yourselves and any donations of bags or gloves would be appreciated.

Jessie Willmott
Tidy Towns Committee

Wanted
Old, clean footy boots that your children have grown out of to swap with larger sizes.

Tanya McCulloch
Sports Committee

Guitar Lessons
Brett (Frog) Dupree has plenty of spare spots for guitar lessons. These lessons are during school hours. You can contact Frog on 0458 697 268 for further detail.

Ed Alive
With this newsletter you will receive a flyer from EdAlive with great value educational CD Roms for you to purchase. This is the last opportunity to purchase these disks. All orders need to be returned with money to the office by Friday, March 18th.

Tina Watson
Convener

Attendance Data
Attendance data for week 4 was 90.69%
Naracoorte Police Station has in recent weeks received numerous complaints from members of the public regarding safety issues with children not wearing Safety Helmets whilst riding scooters. For your information we have are clarifying the requirements regarding the wearing of safety helmets in this extract from the Road Traffic Act 1961.

162C—Safety helmets and riders of wheeled recreational devices and wheeled toys
1. A person must not ride, or ride on, a wheeled recreational device or wheeled toy unless the person is wearing a safety helmet that complies with the regulations and is properly adjusted and securely fastened.
2. A person must not ride a wheeled recreational device or wheeled toy on which a child under the age of 16 years is carried unless the child is wearing a safety helmet that complies with the regulations and is properly adjusted and securely fastened.

(2a) A parent or other person having the custody or care of a child under the age of 16 years must not cause or permit the child to ride or be carried on a wheeled recreational device or wheeled toy unless the child is wearing a safety helmet that complies with the regulations and is properly adjusted and securely fastened.

Counsellor’s Chat

Well, the term has started off in a hurry as usual, and already we are in Week 5! It is great to be back at NSPS after my term away, at the best school in Naracoorte...possibly the World!!

It is at this time of the year that I am on the prowl for Volunteers – could you be one of them? Volunteering is a great way of saying “Yes! I have something to offer!”, “I can help you with that job!” or, “I’d like to give something back to the School!” . There are lots of ways that you can volunteer.

Be a Helper in your classroom

Buddy Bench Monitors

Students from Years 3,4 and 5 who are interested in helping younger students to find a friend at playtimes are asked to sign up on a sheet in the Music Suite. A Training session will run next week.

Friendly Desk / Peer Mediators

Students from Years 6 and 7 who enjoy problem-solving and supporting others can learn some peer mediation and conflict resolution skills, which will enable them to help other students with issues during playtimes. A sign-up sheet is available in the Music Suite. Students will also need to write a letter of application for this training. This is due on Friday, March 18th, 2011.

Library Assistants

We need older students who are interested in helping to keep our Library running smoothly. Duties will include returning and reshelving borrowed books, sorting and tidying shelves and games, and helping other students to find and borrow books. If you are interested in applying for this job please collect a form from me in the Music Suite, or the Front Office. Written applications close on Friday, March 11th., 2011.

Adult Volunteers are always welcome here at the South School, especially in the LAP programme or on a more casual basis you could be involved in your child’s classroom – feel free to ask any of the friendly staff.

LAP

Our LAP programme is about to begin for 2011 so if you or someone you know has an hour to spare each week, please let me know! There will be an information session soon, or we can arrange a time to chat about it.

The number to ring is 87622977.

Best of all, it feels good to be a Volunteer! Try it today!!
Room 19 Raft Challenge

On the 22nd of February room 19’s recyclable rafts were put to the test as we sailed and paddled across the Naracoorte Lake. Some worked well but others didn’t.

The idea of the Technology assignment was to use recyclable materials to build a buoyant and efficient raft to take us across the lake without breaking up.

The building process took about 2 and a half weeks to design and construct to get to the stage of floating and sailing across the lake. It was a very exciting and competitive race, but in the end there could only be one winner. Congratulations to Callum, Harry and Mitch and in 2nd place with a very competitive attitude came John, Jack and Jawid Ali.

In third place with a very efficient and tidy raft, came Phoebe and Emma and coming in 4th overall was the very magnificent raft (might I say so myself) the bumble bee with its crew, Bree and Kira. Well done to all the other participants with their well crafted rafts.

We all had excellent fun designing, building and sailing across the lake.

Written by Kira and Bree
Room 19
Raft Challenge in action
Canteen

Healthy Fruit
Fresh Fruit available. Cantaloupe, Watermelon & bags of grapes are available for 20c.

Pancakes
Pancakes are selling well on Fridays

Catering
On Friday Ellen, Sharon & Karla headed to the town hall to cater for the Leaders meeting. What a fun day. Thanks girls and thanks to Jenny Grigg for keeping the canteen going.

Volunteers
Just a reminder to all volunteers that arrival time is 11.30am and finish at 1.30pm. Thank you to all the helpers I couldn’t do it without you.

Glenda Herron

Happy Birthday to...
Alex Borg who was 11 on 21st February
Jake McMullan who was 7 on 24th February
Renee Pomeroy who was 12 on 25th February
Lucy Henschke who was 7, Sarah Romer & Tahlia Nisbett who were 11 on 25th February
Starsha Mitchell who was 11 on 28th February
Alleya Lyell-Kaaho who is 8 & Jack Adams who is 13 today, 3rd March
Harry Schinckel & Aden Burzacott who are 11 tomorrow, 4th March
Tanah Pearce who will be 11 on 5th March.

Commonwealth School Banking

School banking boosts our fundraising efforts each year as well as teaching children the value of saving.

For each new account opened the school receives:
- $5 for each new Youthsaver account opened as part of the School Banking Program.
- 5% commission for each deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 in commission per individual deposit) or
- A minimum commission payment of $25 per quarter (provided at least one deposit or new account is received from the school per quarter).

For further information:
Teachers or Principals should contact the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.

Dianne Saunders from the Commonwealth Bank presents the cheque to Matt Sincock and Hannah Bigging, watched by Principal, Anna Young and School Banking Co ordinator, Sally Mathieson.

Toy Library

NOW OPEN
Tues 2-4pm & Thurs 9-11am

Bring this voucher and purchase a yearly membership for $30. Save $10.

Thank you to the Romer Family for the donation of two tunnels to our ever growing range of toys.

Kirsty Lush
Toy Library
Cricket Squad Trials

South Australian Cricket Association, in partnership with the Kensington District Cricket Club, will be running selection trials during March for junior cricketers in the Upper South East area. There will be trials for U/12, U/14 and U/16 cricketers with Country Talent Squads chosen for each age group. There will be a session in Naracoorte on Monday March 21st at Wortley Oval, Park Tce, Naracoorte.

For further details or to register your interest, please contact Ben Johnswood on 8300 3802 or at bjohnswood@saca.com.au.

Community News

Car Boot Sale

SATURDAY
26th MARCH 2011

At
Michelle DeGaris Memorial Kindergarten
10 Price Avenue, Naracoorte
9am-12noon (or until sold out)

Sell your unwanted, preloved good quality items and make yourself some cash.

If you don’t have a boot load, you might like to donate your goods and the proceeds will go to the Kindy. (Items to be brought ON THE DAY ONLY)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE, PLANT STALL, PUMPKIN STALL
FREE FACEPAINTING

$1.00 per car boot load
$1.50 car & trailer (9ft x 8ft)
$2.00 car & trailer (9ft x 10ft or larger)

ENQUIRIES To the Kindy 87621886

Cricket Squad Trials

Private piano lessons are being offered.

Experienced pianist who will teach beginners up to AMEB Grade 6

Lessons held on school grounds...which means your child leaves class and goes straight to their piano lesson.

Don’t miss out. Taking bookings now.

For more information or to book piano tutoring,

Call Ariana on: 0407 606 262
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**Week 5 – Friday March 4**

**BLITZ CINEMA’S**

Bring your bean bags, blankets, and all the food you can eat for another Blitz cinema’s presentation! - Meet at Blitz Central 7:30pm-10pm

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**Week 6 – Friday March 11**

**ESKIMO’S**

Fun, games + the Blitz band. What more do you need? - Meet at Blitz Central (12 Robertson Street *New Location*) 7:30pm-10pm

**Blitz Youth**

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](http://www.blitzyouth.com)
NOMINATION FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL 2011

I __________________________________________(full name)

of________________________________________(address)

Nominate

____________________________________________(full name)

of__________________________________________(address)

To be elected as a member of Naracoorte South Primary School
Governing Council

I __________________________________________(full name)

___________________________________________(address)

Accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for
the relief of insolvent debtors
I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature
involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of
insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership
of Naracoorte South Primary School Governing Council will cease.

I understand that if elected to Governing Council I will be required to undergo a
Police Check that will be paid for by the school.

Signed____________________________Date_______________