National Testing
No doubt you are aware of differing views via the media in regard to the NAPLAN assessments. Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students all participated and with teachers, approached the experience with calmness and with their best efforts. We use the results, which come out in September, along with what we know about students, to guide individual improvement.

SAPSASA
Pleasing news - we have five students selected in SAPSASA Soccer! Congratulations to Nicholas Mednis, Caleb Durant, Callum Masters, Jawid Ali and Erika Walls. I confirm that Bill Munn, Martin Smith, Mahaylia Masters and Abby Walker will also represent the school in SAPSASA Football and Netball respectively. We wish them all a great experience in the big league! Meanwhile, Hamish Watson and Josh Bull performed credibly in the recent SAPSASA Athletics competition and numerous students competed at Cross Country last Friday.

Student Achievement
Numerous students received Merit Cards at last week’s assemblies. It is a joy to me to see so many family members witness the great learning presented on these occasions. There would be few of us who have not heard the expression, “Walk the talk.” It seems we all understand that it’s simply too easy to have the “talk” and significantly harder to have the “walk.” When it comes to values it’s not what we say but what we do that reveals our character. Many of our students have moved a long way to “walking the talk”. It is very rewarding for staff to work collaboratively with students as they continue to develop these skills.

Staff
Next week will be Kirsty Lush’s final week with us prior to her taking Maternity Leave. We wish Kirsty and Ryan every happiness in their parenting venture. Kirsty has been an absolute gem in our school, leading the literacy learning with flair and confidence. We look forward to her return in the future. Meanwhile the process for replacing the Literacy Partnership Coach for the remainder of this year is well underway. I should be able to inform you of the outcome next week. Our congratulations are extended to Natalie Gherrardin who was successful in being awarded Advance Skill Teacher 1- a status which commences next year.

Environmental Enclosure
This magnificent School Community Partnership led by Brian Fulton is really taking shape. With Brian’s recruitment, reception teachers Kara and Natalie have been fortunate in having volunteer parent labour, volunteer skill expertise and also some materials kindly donated. Students too have been fully engaged, some assisting with

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hole digging and scalp carting. All participants will be acknowledged at the ‘official opening’. In the meantime incubated eggs are beginning to crack and chicks are growing into chooks! Marie Davis’ class is on the lookout to borrow a spare worm farm, to aid in their compost project.

**Bike Education**

A big thank you to Glenda Herron and Kara Lang for organising a very successful bike day last week. Many keen riders from Year 4 to 7 were shown bike maintenance, how to correctly fit helmets, safety bike checks and skill riding. Thanks to Andrew Dolan and Leanne Shouksmith from the Road Safety Committee for helping out on the day.

**Work Experience Students**

Last week saw Scott Prebble and Jessie Sandercock revisit Naracoorte South on work experience. Scott shadowed Mr McCarthy, nurturing his passion for sport, while Jessie excelled in the Reception class under the expert eye of Natalie Gherardin. This week we have Victoria Lambert from Penola High School in Miss Lang’s Reception/Yr1 class, while in the school holidays Jesse Briggs assisted Patrick Diesslin in the ICT area.

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**Basketball with Matho**

At basketball I learnt to dribble the basketball.

*Tyler S*

We played games and Matho taught us to shoot.

*Katie*

We had to practice bouncing the ball. I liked that the best.

*Aleeya*

We learnt to do tricks, like sliding the ball down your back and catching it.

*Dakota*

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**FROM ROOM 5**
SAPSASA Cross Country

NSPS competed in the SE Regional Cross Country Championships at Naracoorte Primary School on Friday 7th May. Our school was well represented with 34 competitors on the day, ranging from 8 - 13 years old. There was over 900 competitors from 29 schools competing on the day! We competed well, with all students finishing the course. We had a number of students finish in the top 10, including Luke Ham, Callum Masters and Liam Doecke. I would like to thank all parents who transported students and particularly Trina Sincock who ferried a number of students to and from the venue.

Paul McCarthy

Uniform Orders

Uniform Orders close Wednesday 19th May

Pie Orders

Will be delivered on Wednesday 19th May, and will be ready to be picked up that afternoon.

Lindy Brooksby

Worm Farm

Soon Room 11 will be establishing a worm farm next to the chicken shed. We hope everyone will look after our worm farm as we look after the environment. We are looking forward to helping out with the chicken too.

Room 11

Assembly Dates

JP Assembly @ 10:15am
Rec - Year 3

Primary Assembly @ 12.30pm
Year 4 - Year 7

Week 6 - 28/5/10
Week 9 - 18/6/10

Parents welcome to come and celebrate our learning journey

Attendance Data

Attendance data for week 3 was 92.71%
Children had to design their own chicken coop with a chicken in it using Kidpix.

Hello, I arrived this morning
Chicken collage focussing on their features. (wattle, comb, legs, eyes, beak) then children had to give their chicks a name.
OPEN WEDNESDAY
Students are enjoying the canteen being open on Wednesday RECESS time. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers and students rostered on for making this possible. If you would like to help out with our Wednesday recess times [working 10.30am - 11.30am] please contact the school on 87622977.

WARM & FUZZY FOODS
Students & staff are enjoying some warm food being available for sale on these cold days.
- Hash Browns - $1.00
- Scones - 50c
- Toasties - $1.00
- Sunfruit Faces - 5c
- Hot Choc or Milo - 60c
These are just some of the yummies available.

THANK YOU
To Pam Selig for taking on the task of cleaning the canteen windows. They are sparkling now !!!
Big thanks Pam !

Sandie Bell
Canteen Administrator

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Room 4

I can say “Stop”

I could ask if they wanted to play with me.

I can tell a big kid.

I can say “Stop.”

What can I do if someone is bullying me?

I can tell a teacher.

I can say “Stop, you’re being a bully.”
**School Netball**

The school netball started on Saturday *May 1st*. The Year 3/4 **purple team** played against Sunrise and tried very hard. They listened well to their coach and the umpires and were lucky enough to score three goals and win the game. The Year **5/6/7 Black** team also played against Sunrise. It does take a while to get your team rhythm going! The team had fun and are hoping to score better next game.

*May 8th - NSPS Purple* played a great game against NPS Pink. We passed well and have started calling to each other for the ball which is fantastic to see. NPS Pink certainly have some terrific players too, scoring so many goals that they beat us!!

**NSPS Black** were much happier with their game against Sunrise. We played well together and are looking forward to seeing more improvement each week.

Both teams practice on Thursday at lunch time (1.05pm) so if you would like to come and help out, we’d love to see you.

Don’t forget, you should be at the courts no later than 9.40am AND REMEMBER what job on the roster is yours for the game

**Go Girls and Hayden**

*Tanya McCulloch*

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**Parent Workshops**

**Friday 28th May, 2010**

**With Mark Le Messurier**

For parents and carers of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or other related disorders.

**Workshop 1 – Teaching Tough Kids - 9.30am – 12.45pm**

These are the complex kids who find life tougher than most and in the process, make life tougher for those who care for them and educate them. They comprise a significant group who are challenged by poor executive functioning. Executive functioning supervises and controls various complex mental processes. We are acutely aware of how children struggle when they lack the ability to stop, keep track of time and multi-task, making it difficult to strategically plan, self-regulate emotion and behaviour and retrieve information stored within memory that would be helpful at the moment it is required.

**Workshop 2 – Building Relationships & Resilience – 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

Teaching, parenting, educating and coaching children is a deeply human activity and developing a quality relationship through which learning and growth might occur is all we have to offer. None of us have the skills to “fix up” anyone. Our best work is done inside relationships with kids, pursuing a quality of care that is real. We are the first generation to truly appreciate the complexities of deficit, delay, disorder and syndrome, often aggravated by unfortunate life forces. In the end, each one of us will be judged on a single question – How strong was my desire to make a difference?

Workshops will be held in the DFC Building on Elizabeth Street, Mount Gambier

**These workshops are free.**

Light lunch will be provided.

Please register your interest with me by phoning 87351794

*Rita Zaccardo*

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**Happy Birthday to...**

Levi Brunt who was 7 on 6th May  
Pete Tansey who was 9 & Arianna Mitchel who was 7 on 9th May  
Adila Mohammadi who was 12 & Will Walker who was 8 on 10th May  
Ky Borg who was 12 yesterday, 12th May  
Jaiden Durant who is 7 today, 13th May  
Matt Black who is 9 tomorrow, 14th May  
Nickson Vongpraseuth who is 10 & Mikayla Lawrie who is 9 on 16th May
Community News

HOCKEY
Are you aged between 5-8? Minky Hockey is held at the Naracoorte Hockey fields every Saturday at 11.15. Well experience co-ordinator Heather Gibbons runs through various drills to help muster the skills of hockey with assistance of U/16 players. Shin pads and sticks are available for purchase. For more information phone Anne Hinze on 0428828991 (a/h) or Stuart Shand on 03 55864208.

LCRCMCC Naracoorte are holding the MassiveMods SA vs VIC
Challenge Round 2 at our track on Doolans Road Naracoorte this Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th of May. Come and see some of South Australia and Victoria’s best drivers battle it out in Remote Control Car Racing State of Origin. Food and Drinks are available track side so bring the family along to enjoy some racing in this great family atmosphere.
Racing kicks of 9am Saturday for Qualifying and Finals start Sunday morning with a Trophy Presentation in the mid afternoon.
Raffles will be run trackside and drawn during the trophy presentation.
Special thanks to our major sponsors MassiveMods – Performance Fuels, Naracoorte Lucindale Council and Kincraig Elite RC.
See www.lcrcmcc.com for more details.

GIRL’S SUMMER UNIFORM
Size 4 girl’s summer uniform for sale Excellent condition $30.00
Phone Jacqui Stokie
8762 1974 or 0439 873 800

Food Lovers Night

WEDNESDAY 19th MAY 2010
7pm for a 7:30pm start
Naracoorte Art Gallery

Back to Basics with....

• Cindy Cross, owner Amber Ridge Catering
• Jason Van Leuven, owner & chef Van Leuven Chocolatier
• Sue Bell, owner & winemaker Bellwether Wines

Following the session there will be a cooking demonstration with Cindy Cross.

$15 covers nibbles & a complimentary wine on arrival

If you love food and local produce, then put it in your diary.

RSVP: Monday 17th May 2010
agrilinks@gmail.com
or call Tamara Dalla on 0439 999 355

IN HONOUR OF
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
I invite you to our
Mad Hatter’s Tea Party
Friday 28th May 2010 at 10.30am
At Michelle DeGaris Memorial Kindergarten

A Gold Coin Donation to Cancer Council would be appreciated

HOCKEY

Week 4- Fri May 14 Blitz Youth for yr 7’s ‘LAB RATS’
Have you ever heard the phrase ‘Don’t try this at home’? Well it’s a good thing you’re not at home... You’re at Blitz! As we find out what happens when you mix compound A with Accelerant B...
Meet at Blitz Central (South School Hall Cedar Ave) 7:30-10pm
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 5- Fri May 21 ‘NO BLITZ’
There will be no Blitz this week, but come along Sunday night for Max Life instead! With the Band and all the leaders. All ages welcome!
Meet at South School Hall 5:30pm-7:00pm SUNDAY
Max Life is for anyone of any age. For more details about Max Life please don’t hesitate to ring Peter Hutchesson 0438696090 or Chris Marshall 0400176819.