Choir

Last week’s performance at the Millicent Choir Festival was a pleasure to attend. Erika Vickery who trains our Choir led the 10 schools performing with us. The children were a credit to us as was Chloe Ashman who sang a solo.

Environmental Group

Three Year 7 students with Mic Ford have been invited to attend the Sustainable Communities Awards in Adelaide on Thursday week. On the occasion they have been requested to do a 5 minute presentation – a shortened version of what they presented today out at the Caves.

NAPLAN

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter our NAPLAN results show pleasing improvements at Year 3 and Year 7 and are consistent with what we anticipated at Year 5. At Year 5 while we still have a higher % of students recording in the upper level of progress than the national average, our % of students in the low progress category is also higher than the national average. This means that we must target or intervene for students in the lower category. Analysis of Year 3 Reading results shows that the % of students achieving the national minimum standard has steadily increased to 96% this year. In terms of the question types that students found difficult, inferring or making inferences from the text- especially of information texts, requires targeted teaching. From collation our school was more than 10% below in the National Comparison. This trend was particularly evident in our Year 5 cohort. While we have worked hard this year in teaching the elements of Narratives, many students still had difficulty in drawing conclusions about elements of the characters presented, including identifying a character’s feelings and motivations.

Staff discussed the issue of inferring and what we are going to do about this. It is evident that some children do not have conversations about characters in stories read together at home. This makes it essential that we ensure focussed discussions and planned learning sequences are embedded in our programs. It is important to remember that we know that learning relies on two things. The first is having a plan and the second data. When we analyse data of NAPLAN with internal data sets, we can plan and teach for improvement. In partnership with our Literacy Coach Felicity, each lesson is designed and structured to move learners to the next step, and while you might think that at Year 5 results plateau, we are in a position to intervene for those students who require repetition and practice- especially in reading. Tomorrow Mic, Flic and I will attend a data analysis session in the district, to further collate our data with the purpose to refine future plans.

At this time we would be eligible for rewards in the National Literacy Partnership having made progress in Reading at Years 3 and 7. What the rewards are we are yet to hear. Meanwhile we do know that the Literacy Coach role is to be advertised for Term 1 of 2011.

My School Website

From early November we are informed that sites will also have their Resource Allocation (RES) published on My School website. We are also told that it will not be the same as the RES that we actually receive because of regional and central office programs added in. I continually bring to your attention that to gain an accurate picture of whole school achievement and funding, you look at our actual RES which is open and here for your inspection and comparison.
Staffing
Paul McCarthy is away with SAPSASA Cricket this week. Interestingly Grant Miller who is doing three relieving days has commented on how impressive is the Year 6/7 work ethic and accountability to one another. He particularly notes their capacity to concentrate and to remain on task for extended periods.

I realise that at this time of year parents become anxious as to whom the teachers may be for 2011. Students have had the opportunity to record 5 friends with whom they feel that they would work well with next year plus five either side of their year level. We endeavour to ensure that at least one of those listed is in their class next year. The Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC) is currently looking at proposals of class combinations and also advising leadership on staff vacancies. As soon as all staff is recruited we will inform you of the staff profile for 2011. I also ask that you reflect on the wellbeing of your own children with this year’s placements. My general observation is that children are learning and happy. The outstandingly positive Student Opinion Surveys which will be included in the Annual Report verify this.

Community Work
I advise you that Brian Fulton will completing 60 hours of volunteer work here over the next 3 weeks. Brian has been inducted and commences tomorrow. I also commend the work of the Fundraising committee as they prepare for the Family Fair. Such an organised and effective team!

Read like Red
‘Read like the Reds’ team Adelaide excursion!

Students in the ‘Read like the Reds’ team have been working hard throughout the year to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge and improve their reading skills. Students met weekly in the library with the literacy coach and fellow team members, reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts individually and as a group.

To celebrate their achievement, the team was invited to attend a training session of the Adelaide Reds soccer team at their home ground, Hindmarsh Stadium, in Adelaide. Students were able to observe a strategy based training session, visit the on-site gym and chat to the players whilst having their free posters and hats signed. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all students, who no doubt slept well on their return to Naracoorte after an action packed two days!

My favourite part was seeing the Reds train and signing my poster! – Conner Coventry

I liked doing the reading in the library – Vince Lotsambath
LUNCH TIME CONCERT!!

ROCK THEME!

On the 16th of September Room 11 hosted the lunch time concert. The groups that were in the concert were Kyann’s group, Claire’s solo, Freya’s group, Abby’s group, Becky and Atefa, Marley’s group and Mitch’s group.

Claire’s performed “Like it loud” and it was a good performance by Claire Goodridge.

Freya’s group put in a great effort in their dance.

Abby’s group was great at learning a new dance. The concert was rocking very hard and by the end we had a great concert.

By Sasha, Becky, Harleigh and Renee in Room 11!

Cricket

NSPS vs NPS White
Saturday the 30/10/2010 at NSPS

With NSPS having a bye in the first week and hosting NPS White at home in round 2, hopes were high for a good result. But the weather was not looking promising!!

We had an excellent turn out with 14 boys rocking up and hoping for a game. Charlie PYE and Liam DOECKE volunteered to play for the opposition, who were short of a couple of players (thanks guys). Unfortunately we started off by losing the toss and NPS chose to bat. Our bowlers bowled well, concentrating on their line and length (except for the odd wide ball with 20 all up). The fielding and catching was a highlight from all, with two run outs (John could not miss) and four catches (Callum, Connor, Bill and Will) being taken. NPS were bowled out for 66 in the 23rd over. Liam managed to top scored for NPS with 18 runs.

With the clouds rolling in we started our run chase with Matt retiring on 13, Justin retiring on 7 and Martin not out on 6. With a couple of rain delays halting play for short periods of time the game was finally abandoned at the end of the 11th over after it settled in. We had managed to get to 1 for 36 with 14 overs to go and looked good for the win. All players showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout, overall a good start to the year.

Next week it’s an away game against PENOLA.

Tim DOECKE.

MS Readathon

WILD ADVENTURE IN THE MS READATHON!!

A big thank you to the families and friends of Naracoorte South Primary School participants who supported them on the Great Wildlife Adventure! Naracoorte South Primary School students have gone WILD with their reading and raised $525.75 for people living with MS. There is still time to return sponsorship money and receive a MS Readathon Wildlife Adventure certificate and cool reading rewards. Visit www.msreadathon.org.au for full details.

Congratulations to your school’s Wildlife Adventurers.

Debbie Adams
MS Readathon Manager

Attendance Data

Attendance data for week 3 was 91.2%
Room 2 have been learning about Dreaming Stories. These are pictures from Barmah Bunyip.

If you go too close to the water it will scare you.

Sam

Stay away from the river, or the bunyip will drag you in.

Jasmin

You must be careful around water.

Hatchingson

Don’t go near the water by yourself.

Imogen
Orders are now being taken for this year's magazine. It will be professionally printed by Academy Photography and neatly bound with approximately 60 pages in full colour. Last year's magazine was a resounding success, so order yours NOW.

The cost for this magazine will be $20.00 and orders can be forwarded to the school with money by 26th November. The magazine will be available for collection on Book Collection Day next year.

Year 7 - If you do not have siblings at NSPS, we will post out your copy.

Student name: ........................................... Room: .....................

Number of magazine ............. @ $20.00

More Room 2

If you go near the water without your parent it will come out and drag you in.

Charleze

Don’t go near the Murray.

Marshall

Don’t go too close to the water.

Kayne

School Magazine

2010 School Magazine

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Happy Birthday to...

Josh Brooksby who was 13 on 24th October
Lucy Telfer who was 10 on 30th October
Nellie Bilney who was 8 on 31st October
Alonzo Lastsombath who was 11 on 2nd November

Abbey Male who is 8 & Becky Skegg is 10 tomorrow, 5th November
Molly Werchivski who will be 13 on Saturday 6th November

Family Fair - 26/11/10

Calling all Mum’s, Dad’s or Yr 6/7’s

South School Iron Man/Woman Challenge

Friday 26th November @ approx 6.30
Short run, obstacle course & climbing wall. Easy? Come on give it a go! Pick up your sponsor sheet and get training.
Contact Wokka @ Gym for more info or ring the school on 8762 2977

Uniforms

Due to Jacksdaks closing down we will now be purchasing our school uniforms through Naracoorte Print. The same quality uniforms will be delivered by the end of term.

Deb Henschke
Office Manager

Toy Library

Naracoorte South School Toy Library Welcomes You

Come and join us for a cuppa on the oval and let the kids play with our toys. Then borrow up to 3 items for a 2 week period.
Perfect for mothers groups.
Open Tues 2-4pm & Thurs 9-11am
(Other times may be available)
Bookings essential
Ph: Deb or Sal 08 8762 2977
Gold coin donation

Daylilies

Orders close tomorrow, 5th November and daylilies will be delivered before the end of term.

Lindy Brooksby
Fundraising Committee
DONUTS
The last of the donuts were enjoyed by students and staff over the course of last week. Thank you to Fee Aitken for her help on the Tuesday.

ROSTER
Canteen Rosters have been sent home now. If you have volunteered you time to help in the canteen and have not received a copy, please let me know and I’ll send one home

Sandie Bell
Canteen Administrator

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Room 11 Excursion

On Friday the 22nd of October our class and 7 people from Rm10 went to Bool Lagoon. We were so lucky to have beautiful 27 degrees! Mrs Pat Bourne is a lovely lady who showed us around the lagoon! At 1 pm we went to Mr. Bourne’s bird Museum. He had around 365 birds! He even had spectacular penguins. The first bird they stuffed was in 1998 and it hadn’t faded at ALL!! A cinnamon magpie that had got run over was taxidermied, by the way that means they stuffed it. It seemed weird but the birds looked real! We had no idea that the magpie geese are so big!!!

By Claire Goodridge
**Community News**

**Milo Cricket**

This week only we start at 9:30!

Sunday mornings @ Wortley oval (normally 10am)

**Have a go** 5-7 year old boys & girls

**Have a Game** 8-10 year old boys & girls

register online www.in2cricket.com.au and type “Naracoorte” into the club finder, or you can register Sunday.

**Choir Photos**

Photographs of the SE Primary Schools’ Music Festival Choir performance in Millicent were taken by Frank Monger and can be viewed and purchased. Go to www.frankmongerphotography.com.au then Gallery, Client login and enter the password “concert” to access the images.

**Vote NOW!!**

“Make sure you make a difference to our community by voting in the Local Government elections!”

Because voting is voluntary, there are always people who perhaps mean to, but don’t get around to it.

**Blitz**

**Week 4 – Friday Nov 5**

**POOL PARTY**

After the rain from last term the pool has filled up, so this week IGNITION is going to the pool!

Meet at Blitz Central (South School Hall Cedar Ave) 7:30pm -10pm

**Week 5 – Sunday Nov 14**

That’s right, this week Blitz combines with Max Life on Sunday night... 5:30, all ages. Perfect chance to bring your family and friends!

Time - Sunday, 5:30pm Blitz HQ!

Max Life is for anyone of any age. For more details about Blitz Youth please don’t hesitate to ring Peter Hutcheson 0438696090 or Chris Marshall 0400176819 or checkout our newly updated website www.blitzyouth.com

**Behavioural Optometrist**

Local optometrists can assess for clarity of vision. Behavioural Optometrists are able to assess both clarity of vision and the behaviour of the eyes for formal learning. The eyes need to work together as a team, to read and scan across a page. They need to look up to the board and then down to the page for copying. All these skills are important when learning to read and write. These skills are also needed for all hand-eye coordination activities is sport. The earlier the visual problems are detected and steps taken to correct these issues the better.

We are visiting Naracoorte Primary School Library on Monday 8th November at 4.00pm

For further information contact Naracoorte Primary on 8762 2277 or email admin@naracoorteps.sa.edu.au

**Canteen Manager**

Naracoorte High School
Canteen Manager Vacancy

A position of Canteen Manager is available commencing January 2011. Please contact Margaret on 8762 1333 for a copy of Job & Person Specifications.

Applications close 4pm Monday 8th November 2010.

**Naracoorte Calisthenics Club**

invite you to their

**End of Year Christmas Concert**

Sunday 14th November 2010

1.30pm, Naracoorte Town Hall

$6.00 Adults, $3.00 Concession (Children aged 6-18, Children under 5 free. Tickets available at the door.

Performing routines learnt during the year including marching, club swinging, rod twisting, dancing and exercises.

All welcome! Enquiries 8762 0254.