Staff news

Last week was SSO appreciation week. Our support staff is exemplary in the range of skills and level of effort given to this site. I formally acknowledge CC, Brian, Donna, Deb, Margie, Micheal, Patrick, Sally, Sandie and Wendy, for their contributions to our learning community. Teachers, students and families would agree with me that these people set a high benchmark in their daily work, which in turn compliments a community of learners of whom we are extremely proud. Apart from some student and staff illnesses the past fortnight has again been most positive. I see teaching staff showing support for one another when relief teachers are unavailable, forgoing plans to accommodate every child’s learning to provide as much continuity for students as possible. On behalf of staff I welcome Wendy Burford back to the fold next week and thank Patrick for his work in Finance during Wendy’s absence.

Cathie Biggins takes leave in Term 4 to undergo surgery to her ankle. Negotiations are in place for Amanda Thompson to convene the Music program in Cathie’s absence. We trust that her recovery is speedy!

Student achievements

We are advised that Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN results are to be delivered tomorrow. During next week, Literacy Coach and teachers will analyse the results after which individual reports will be distributed to parents.

Natalie Gherardin with assistance of Kara Lang and Year 6/7 classes hosted a most marvellous Teddy Bear’s Picnic for all Reception and Year 1 children in the Naracoorte Schools. This Literacy Week celebration, was extremely well received. RBL teacher Rosalie Masters, with assistance from Amanda Edwards, Pam Selig and Margie Johnson has convened an amazing Book Fair in the library to complement during Book Week. Book sales have gone through the roof - thank you families for supporting your children to read avidly. CPSW Micheal Becroft with staff and parent help managed a sleepover to coincide with the annual 40 hour Famine last Friday. Many young students attended and also raised funds for this worthy cause.
Ambulance Officer Andrew Shouksmith has trained Room 19 Year 6/7 students in basic CPR. First aid scenarios saw much fun in bandage wrapping as well as improved student awareness to DRABC. Next week our Environmental group travels to Adelaide with Michaela Ford to take part in the Youth Advisory Forum which reports to Minister Weatherill. Miss Willmott’s Year 5/6s have buddied up with children in the two pre-schools and continue to visit them to share learning activities. On Wednesday the awaited Walkathon gets underway. This in the past has been an excellent fundraiser as well as a healthy activity for all classes, staff and parents.

Anna

**Teddies, Teddies everywhere!!**

Last Thursday we celebrated National Literacy week in “Grand Teddy Style” with a Teddy Bear’s Picnic for our class bear Bromley. We were joined by children from Naracoorte Primary and Sunrise Christian School. Our year 6/7 buddies helped us by leading groups of children. Including our big buddies, we had 170 kids at the picnic. We started by following a procedure to make a teddy headband. We then followed directions through the nature park to collect puzzle pieces. When the puzzle was complete, we read the last direction which told us where the teddy bear’s picnic was to be held. When we arrived at the gym, our teddies had already set up the picnic! After the picnic, we each received a ‘teddy party bag’ that had a bookmark, some teddy jokes and some tiny teddies in it. We had a wonderful time sharing our school with our friends across the town. We hope that we can do it again another day.

Teachers from the other schools were most impressed with the leadership qualities of our year 6/7 children and commented on their caring approach and their mature outlook. What a great compliment. Well done.

A special thank you to Bernie Male for putting all of the tiny teddies into snap lock bags for us and to Veney Pitt and Karla Grigg for helping set up the picnic. We are so fortunate to have such kind hearted, helpful parents who volunteer their time so willingly. Because of this we are able to organise and run successful events such as this.

Room 4 and Room 2
Natalie Gherardin and Kara Lang

**Governing Council**

Love our school? Want to keep it running smoothly?

Why not come along to the Governing Council meeting on Wednesday 15th September at 6.30pm to join in the fun and make a few decisions too. Seriously, if you are thinking about taking part in Governing Council in 2011, come along and have a look.

*Merrin Martin*
Secretary
Attendance Data

Attendance data for week 7 was 91.44%
**Gymnasium Opening**

The Opening Ceremony was good because I liked it when Major Sumner did the song with the boomerangs.  
*Sarah Hoskin*

I liked all of it but my favourite part was the smoking ceremony and I loved it.  
*Marley Talbot*

I loved the smoking Ceremony. Major Sumner was cool. The gym is so useful.  
*Kyann Saunderson*

It was a great open day. I liked the smoking ceremony. It was cool. They gym is cool.  
*Madelyn Stringer*

I really liked the smoking ceremony and how Major Sumner performed the ceremony. I like having lessons in the gym because the floor is smooth and I can jump higher.  
*Freya*

I think the opening of the gym was cool and the noises of the music sticks, but there should not be bad spirits in the gym.  
*Steph Roscow*
Physical Education

For the last week our year 6/7 students have been participating in a soccer world cup in the new gymnasium. There are 6 teams who have been playing at recess and lunch times. The games go for 15 minutes a time with half time breaks. The whole tournament is a round robin with a total of 18 games over the week’s duration. Next week is the finals for the teams who have played the best as a team and won. Students have abided by the umpires decision and played fairly for all of the games. The games have been highly watched by all of the year 6/7 students. This event should surely become a yearly event for students.

Paul McCarthy
PE Teacher

A large crowd gathered on Friday to watch the students take on the teachers in Netball. The game was fast and displayed a lot of netball skills, although some teachers could improve a little in a few areas. The huge crowd of students were in fine voice, barracking for the TEACHERS!!!

Room 4 wrote about the Teddy Bear’s Picnic

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Canteen

CHICKEN SCHNITZEL BURGERS

Due to the popularity of the last meal deal held by canteen, we will be offering another SPECIAL DAY on TUESDAY 14th Sept. The deal will be the same as last time & notes will be sent home soon.

Sandie Bell
Canteen Administrator

Be ‘Food Safe’
Tips to keep clean, fresh, safe and healthy!

1. Check labels for storage instructions, such as ‘Refrigerate after opening’ or ‘Consume within 4 days after opening’.
2. Throw away any foods past their ‘use by’ date.
3. Bacteria will grow in most foods so to keep them at a minimum, keep foods below 5°C or above 60°C (very cold or steaming hot).
4. Thaw food in the fridge or microwave, not on the kitchen bench. Don’t refreeze meat once it has thawed. You can freeze it after it has been cooked.
5. Store nuts* and coffee in the fridge or freezer to maintain freshness.
6. Cover leftovers and put them in the fridge as soon as steam has stopped rising. Don’t leave them on the workbench to cool completely – this is a perfect opportunity for bacteria to grow.
7. Always wash hands before cooking and preparing food, and don’t forget to encourage children to wash their hands before each meal.
8. Keep fresh and cooked foods separate when preparing them, and use separate cutting boards and utensils for raw meats.
9. Store raw meats at the bottom of the fridge to avoid juices dripping onto other foods.

* Nuts are a nut allergy food for some children. For more information on the Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Schools, go to www.anaphylaxis.org.au/papers/anaphylaxis.htm

Scholastic Book Fair

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE BOOK FAIR

8.30 - 9.30am and 3.00 - 4.00pm

Great Christmas presents

Assembly Dates

Primary Assembly
Friday 10th September @ 12.30pm

Junior Primary
Friday 17th September @ 10.00am
Father’s Day Raffle

On Friday we drew the very popular Father’s Day raffle. Thank you to all the parents who sold tickets. We raised $1140.00.
I’m sure we had some very happy father’s out there on Sunday.

The winners were:
1st John Biggins
2nd Alex Stringer
3rd John Sengsourith
4th Anna Young
5th Becky Skegg

We were very lucky to have local people very generously donate prizes. A huge Thank you to Aqua Steel for the wonderful fishing rod and bag full of fishing gear. Mr Biggins will have to let us know if it can catch fish. Deborah Cohen made and donated the quilt that will keep Mr Stringer warm. Naracoorte Repco, thanks to Paul Kernot donated the car cleaning kit, which I am sure will keep Mr Sengsourith’s car clean.

Kami Kelly
Parent Club

Fundraising

Next Wednesday, 15th September is our Walk-a-thon. Keep chasing up those sponsorships so we can top last year’s total. Thanks to Paul McCarthy for getting the track ready and making sure that all children know where they are to walk on the day. All children will receive a free fruit drink and fruit at the completion of the walkathon. This will be followed by a “Sausage Sizzle” cooked by the Naracoorte Lions Club. Sausages will be available for $1.50 ea.

Lindy Brooksby
Fundraising Committee

Happy Birthday to...

Danya Lawrie who was 12 on 30th August
Courtney Williams who was 12 on 31st August
Luis Santos who was 6 on 4th September
Georgia Gherardin who was 7 on 5th September
Gemma Romer who was 6 on 7th September
Angela Sensourith who was 5 on 8th September
Jake Mailley who is 11 today, 9th September
Tyler Skinner who is 8 & Sam Crook who is 12, tomorrow 10th September

First Aid

Thank you to Andrew Shouksmith for sharing his first aid knowledge with us on Wednesday. We experimented with different bandages and practised CPR on the mannequins.

Room 19 students

Ellen Machado proudly wears her sling applied by Jess Selig
Community News

South East Region
Netball Academy

The SERNA program aims to provide a development pathway for identified coaches, umpires and players from the south east region to assist them to reach their potential. Netballers born between 1995 and 2000 are invited to attend the trials which will be held at Penola on Thursday 21st October from 6 – 8pm and Sunday October 31st between 11am – 1pm.

Umpires and coaches can get further information by contacting Tracie Duldig on 87 332817 or 0400 997 067.

Application forms and further information about the 2011 Regional Netball Academy are available from the front office.

Naracoorte & Districts
Little Athletics

Commences Sunday October 10th with a Come and Try day commencing at 11am running until 2pm

WE WELCOME anyone to come during this time and see what Little Athletics is all about.

A $5 Come and Try fee will need to be paid for insurance purposes. BBQ will be available.

Season starts on Friday October 15th - Naracoorte High School grounds at 4pm - Ages 6-17 years. Tiny Tots program for ages 3-5 years.

Call Neil Nolan 0427308688, Jane Harris 0429647543 or Donna Bull 0400848511 for further information otherwise just turn up on October 10th or any Friday after this to register.

TENNIS COACHING & HOT SHOTS TRAINING

On Sunday, 12th September and Sunday, 19th September Wayne Kilpatrick and Cassie Edwards from Mt Gambier will be doing Hot Shots coaching and private coaching for children aged 7+. Approx. cost $24.

Numbers are limited so please register your interest with Cathy Cobbledick 87 623101 or email windyhill2@activ8.net.au.