From the Principal .... Sharing the good news!

Nature Play winners
I would like to thank every student who submitted a design idea for the Nature Play Space competition. The judges were so impressed with the attention to detail and the variety of ideas that were included. There were also a range of materials, including sustainable and recycled products, and some real thought went into creating some beautiful and inspiring spaces. After lots of thought and discussion, the judges decided on the winning, runner up and honourable mentions designs from both the junior and upper primary entries.

Congratulations to:
Upper Primary Category
Zach Pope and Will Patrick - Winners
Willow Edwards – Runner Up
Amanda Brito-Nunes, Romana Bradshaw - Honourable Mention
Banin Noori- Honourable Mention

Junior Primary Category
Heidi Shepherd- Winner
Lily Wilkin- Runner Up
Ali Hussaini - Honourable Mention
Zara East- Honourable Mention

Now the Special Projects group has the task of incorporating the elements from the winning designs into the plans for stage two and three of the project, which can then be created at working bees throughout the year.

Governing Council
We had a very successful AGM last week, with all office bearers re-elected to their positions. We have two retiring members, Anthony Flynn and Sima Muhammadi, who we thank for their contribution to governing council. We would also like to welcome Tanya Ham, who is a new member to council. We still have one parent/carer position to fill, so if you know someone who may be interested, or you yourself would be happy to take on the role, please talk to myself as soon as possible as we would love to hear from you.
Our Governing Council for 2016 is:

Chairperson    Troy Henschke  
Deputy Chairperson  Darren Maney  
Treasurer    Amanda Edwards  
Secretary    Deb Henschke  
Canteen Convener   Lauren Crossling  
Special Projects Convener Dan Newson  
Parent Fundraising Convener Belinda Neal  
Sports Committee   Darren Maney  
Council members    Richard Harvie  
                Gavin Kluske  
                Lisa Grady  
                Tanya Ham  
Community Representative Julie Earl  
Staff Representatives Tina Watson  
                Andrea Lawrie  
Principal    Kirsty Lush  
Deputy Principal  Kym Shepherd  

Harmony day
Last Friday our students travelled to the town square for our combined schools’ Harmony Day event. The event was a wonderful display of songs, dances and stories all celebrating the things that make us unique, yet the same. I was very proud of our students from year five and six, who with Mrs Biggins’ support, choreographed and performed a dance to “When We Stand Together’. Room 7 then very confidently led all of the students in ‘Absolutely Everybody’ as a fitting finale. When we returned to school, our friends from Frances Primary school joined us for lunch and a variety of activities led by the sports captains and PALs leaders. Thanks to all our families who attended the town square to support our students for this important event.

SAPSASA
Good luck to Elise Barker who is competing in SAPSASA swimming in Adelaide tomorrow.

Staff nominations
Congratulations to Cheryl Kramm and Cathie Biggins, who have also been nominated for this year’s SA Excellence in Public Education Awards! This brings NSPS’s total nominations to five staff, a wonderful reflection of our passionate and inspiring teachers and SSOs. Cheryl’s nomination recognises that she goes above and beyond in her finance role, supporting all staff, families and students on a daily basis, while Cathie’s nominator recognises her commitment to whole school wellbeing, initiating community events and links which support our children and families.

Early dismissal
For your information, next Thursday is an early dismissal as we break for the Easter period. School will finish at 2:15 pm and buses will run accordingly. Wishing everyone a happy and safe Easter and we look forward to a productive last few weeks of term one.

Kirsty

In Science club we have been learning about pneumatic pressure. We demonstrated our understanding by using syringes, kinnex construction and tubes and made moveable cranes that pick up a bucket. A special thank you to Brett Pope for helping us with this project. Our next project includes using a circuit and wires to create a game that has lights and alarms.

By Thomas Simms, Will Patrick, Ejaz Sultani, Zach Pope, Jake McMullan

Assembly Dates
Friday
Primary @ 12:15pm  
Week 9 - 1/4/16

Junior Primary @ 10:00am  
Week 10 - 8/4/16

Parents and friends welcome
Hello everyone,
A quick note to fill you in on what’s been happening in my role as Limestone Coast School support program (LCSSP), otherwise known as ‘Nurse in schools’. This term has been busy once again, and although not quite as many individual referrals, (which is quite positive) this has allowed more time to focus on group work, with several sessions on Mindfulness for students, including having the opportunity to be part of NSPS very successful ‘Kids Matter’ Day.
Most students appeared to have enjoyed the sessions, at least giving it a try! With even a small amount of mindfulness practice, ‘focussing’ in general will become much easier. (One positive of Mindfulness).

I was referred a student a week or so after the mindfulness sessions (I actually wondered if the student had ‘got’ the concept of mindfulness at the time) and when I asked how they were sleeping at night they replied “Pretty good, I’m doing that thing you showed us the other day to help me relax at night”. (Another perfect example of the use of mindfulness for relaxation & quietening the mind)!

I was honoured to facilitate a ‘girls group’ for the year 7 girls last week and it was very successful...an indication of this was when the recess bell went, and not one girl moved, they all chose to stay 10 minutes longer! They appeared to be enjoying the chance to discuss the various health topics openly. It was very special to see the girls openly and appropriately discuss this, in a safe and non-judgmental space. I believe by doing this they are also allowing other students to ‘be themselves’ and this in turn enables them focus more on their school work and less on their ‘worries’. They are a great bunch of girls! I was also grateful for the presence of Tanya, Kym and Kirsty during the session, and I am sure the girls were too!

I look forward to the rest of the term being as positive as the beginning! Thank you all once again for your continued support.

PS. Another Healthy Tip: Enjoy at least one ‘mindful’ meal today. Like REALLY taste it! (Resist the urge to look at your phone, check your emails, hang out washing with one arm, finish writing your to do list….) It will all wait!! 😊

Mandy

School Nurse

Volunteer of the Week

Crystal Thomas

How long have you been volunteering at NSPS - 3 YEARS.
What type of volunteering do you do - help canteen and reading with the little kids.
What do you most enjoy about volunteering - helping kids learn.
What are some of you're hobbies or things that you like to do in your spare time - read and photography.
What would you say to someone thinking of volunteering at NSPS - It’s a good idea and lots of fun.

Jump Rope For Heart

Jump online ...
Heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope
It’s easy! Simply ...
Jump online and find your school.
Flick your friends and family an email asking them to sponsor your Jump Rope for Heart efforts.
Share on Facebook
Start skipping to keep healthy.
Fundraise online to receive a cool bonus prize.

$100 online
Jumbo Bubble Blaster

$300 online
Delta Kite

Easter Raffle

Thanks for those families who have already returned your raffle tickets. Keep selling!! Tickets are due back to the office this Monday, 21st March. Keep the eggs coming in. The office is certainly looking delicious.
On Thursday next week the Junior Primary classes will join with Frances Primary’s Junior Primary students for a massive Easter hunt.
Thanks to Rooms 10, 12, 14 & 19 for making surprises for our Junior Primary friends. The Egg hunt will finish with a giant piñata filled with eggs for each child.
If your child requires an alternative to solid Easter eggs, please supply a small something to the office on Monday.
The raffle will be drawn at the end of our Easter recess at 11.30am. Good luck to all the families.

Belinda Neal
Parent Fundraising Committee
Play based learning with Rooms 5, 7 & 8

Christopher

I found sap from the tree. Farieda

I've made a lake. Alex

We are getting stuff out of the ice. The ice is melting and is very wet. Christopher

We are catching snails to look at. Will

I'm planting seeds. Marjan
I can see lots of slime on the snail I found.
Lincoln

We are building roads. Mackenzie

Christopher & I are making a cannon.
Dylan

I'm planting peas in the front and flowers in the back.
Zahra

We found things on the tree.
Shahida

I made a man that kicks.
Bayleigh

I'm planting some seeds.
Shakila

We are making a go-cart.
Mason

We made a tower.
Darcy

I'm making a sword.
Nick

We are making a go-cart.
Mason
Mozammil Rezaie for making a big effort to complete written work independently.

Heidi Shepherd for writing a great recount on your sister’s birthday. Well done!

Mazhar Mir for a great improvement in reading. Well done!

Abi Newson for working well independently in Daily 5 sessions.

Stefan Rye for a positive attitude towards school and having a go at new things.

Jason Roberts for getting on with his work and completing tasks well.

Belle Carter Pevitt for listening to instructions well and applying herself to complete tasks.

Nat Stewart for being an organised and conscientious worker and working well in spelling.

Abby Caulilan for writing a very entertaining story titled ‘Today I’ve got The Blues’ which used lots of descriptive language.

Sid Ebert for being inquisitive and consistently trying his best in all areas of learning.

Thomas Maney for great mathematical investigations.

Sienna Porter for wonderful efforts in book making during investigations.

Elijah Flint for settling in well to his new class and school. Elijah has shown confidence when meeting new people.

Willow Edwards for hitting the ground running and making a great start at NSPS

Jaiden Durant for listening well to instructions and completing tasks well.

Jack Barker for working hard with literacy tasks and improving his use of descriptive writing

Dylan Thomas for demonstrating fantastic basketball skills!

Summer Batchelor for showing excellent initiative and leadership skills. You are on task straight away and set a great example for your peers.

Nick Nankivell for settling in well to his new class and school. Nick has shown good leadership skills when helping other students.

Lucy McNamara for always using her manners and trying her best.

Jen Ellis for being a hard worker and sharing her understanding with her classmates

Josh Cother for getting on with his work and completing tasks well.

Willow Edwards for hitting the ground running and making a great start at NSPS

Jake Stewart for having a positive attitude and staying on task to complete tasks

Belle Carter Pevitt for listening to instructions well and applying herself to complete tasks.

Jaiden Durant for listening well to instructions and completing tasks well.

Jake McMullan for being organised for the start of the year and working well on his scarecrow entry.

Jack Barker for working hard with literacy tasks and improving his use of descriptive writing

Jimmy Zeuner for terrific use of descriptive writing and working hard during literacy lessons.

Notes are heading home this week regarding interest in school football for 2016. It will revolve simply around interested students and also parents that are able to assist with different roles this year. Notes are needed back by Thursday 24th March.

Josh Cother
Sports Committee
It takes a Whole Village to Raise a Child

What does it mean It takes a Whole Village to Raise a Child? The Farlex dictionary defines it as “an ancient African proverb says it takes a whole village to raise a child, which means the responsibility of raising a child does not lie in the parents alone, but also with the extended family and in some cases the whole community”.

When I was in my first year of high school in Scotland my family moved to the village where my father grew up, approximately 5 km from where my mother was born. The village we moved to, had a pub, a couple of churches, a general store and a fish and chip shop and a small primary school. My brother and sister went to the same primary school as my grandfather and father went to.

I have many fond memories of playing soccer, and playing in the stream near our house. I remember the feeling of being safe, as it did not matter where you were around the village, people knew you and your parents. Everyone looked out for each other, it was a place where growing up was exciting.

At the age of 12 my family immigrated to Australia, everything changed: I did not know anyone except my family. The customs were different, they played footy with a funny looking ball, the weather was hot - I got sunburnt in the first year (third degree burns). My dad had worked in the same place for 26 years; in the first year in Australia he had around 10 different jobs. It was very hard to settle into our new home, I felt very alone.

Over the next 10 years I made many friends, finished school, started working, started going to church and got married. It was through being part of my work and church community that I began to experience a sense of belonging.

“The traditional African proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child” has been widely quoted when examining the partnerships required during the maturation of our youth. Our “village” has never been more necessary than it is today. We live in a fast-paced, instant information, and pressure-packed world. Today’s children are faced with a myriad of both challenges and opportunities. Navigating parenthood can be a daunting undertaking – partnerships and supports are welcome and necessary to prepare our students for tomorrow”.


In my first month at NSPS I had the privilege of being part of 2 events that provided a Village experience for children. The first was the Kids Matter event at NSPS, with over 30 service providers, plus activities organised by the school staff, and the sharing of a variety of different foods from different cultures – it was an amazing experience.

The event spoke clearly to me that the principle “It takes a Whole Village to Raise a Child” is operating at NSPS.

The second event was “Amazing Saturday”, run by Naracoorte Uniting Church in partnership with the churches in the area: again I saw people come together to provide children with a positive experience.

I am at the school on Monday and Thursdays. If I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me either by ringing the school or email john.stayte332@schools.sa.edu.au

John Stayte
PCW
We certainly pack a lot into Term 1 at NSPS…!

Last Friday all students travelled to the Town Squares to participate in the Combined Schools’ and Preschools’ Harmony Day Concert. While the day was perhaps a little warmer than we would have hoped for it was certainly a spectacle to see so many children in one place, all enjoying themselves.

Every group provided an item to entertain the audience: the NSPS performance was a dance performed by Marshall, Romana, Caitlin, Taya and Natasha – with Tyson providing the rhythm section. The song, “When we stand together”, was the product of many lunch and recess practices and looked great onstage.

Another highlight for our School was the final Dance led by Room 7. These students created the dance to “Absolutely Everybody” during Music lessons and they made an instructional video clip to send to the other sites so that absolutely everybody would be able to join in on Harmony Day!

The fun continued on our return to School where we enjoyed a visit from the students of Frances Primary. After eating lunch together the House Captains and PALS ran a series of activities which were a big hit. Thank you everyone for a great Orange day!

Cathie Biggins

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**Southern Vietnamese Spring Rolls from KidsMatter Event**

**Ingredients**

- 10 g (¼ cup) dried wood ear mushrooms (see Note)
- 250 g green prawns, peeled, cleaned, finely chopped
- 100 g (about ½ small) taro, finely chopped
- 1 tsp white sugar
- 1 spring onion, finely chopped
- 1 packet spring roll wrappers

**Instructions**

Soak mushrooms in a bowl of warm water for 20 minutes or until softened. Drain and squeeze to remove excess liquid. Remove and discard hard core and finely chop remainder. Combine mushrooms, pork, prawns, carrot, taro and spring onion in a bowl. Season with 1⅛ tsp salt, sugar and chicken stock powder.

Working with 4 wrappers at a time, place each at an angle on a work surface so they form a diamond shape. Place 1 tablespoonful of pork mixture in a horizontal line on the bottom half of each wrapper. Using a pastry brush, brush the two top edges of each wrapper with water, then fold up the bottom corner over the filling to cover. Fold in the sides of the wrappers and roll up tightly to enclose filling and form long rolls. Place, seam-side down, on an oven tray and cover with a damp tea towel while repeating with remaining wrappers and pork mixture. Fill a deep-fryer or large saucepan one-third full with vegetable oil and heat over medium heat to 170°C (or until a cube of bread turns golden in 15 seconds). Working in 4 batches, gently drop spring rolls into the oil and fry, turning halfway, for 3 minutes or until crisp and golden. Remove spring rolls with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towel. Serve immediately.

**Note** - Dried wood ear mushrooms are available from Asian food shops.
Can you believe it is Week 7 already? It is crazy how fast the term goes. I hope you all had a great weekend with your family.

KIC News
The KIC executive have worked behind the scenes to set up our KIC structure for the year. They have worked out a format for all classes to bring their issues and positive news to our combined R-7 meetings, along with a method of sharing KIC news with the classes. The KIC executive have also purchased some books from Scholastic Book Club to start an exciting new venture. They are planning to give a new book to each child on their birthday. They will give them out to all students who have had birthdays already this year and then to each student on their birthday. They are looking forward to spreading joy on children’s birthdays!!

Harmony Day
All families that watched the Harmony Day celebrations would agree that it was an amazing celebration of harmony, diversity and togetherness. Our students looked fabulous dressed in the traditional Harmony Day colour of orange and performed beautifully in the concert. I was unable to make it to the evening celebrations but have heard how successful they were and am looking forward to next year!

EAGs
The EAGs group have narrowed down their ideas for their focus this year and will meet with Natasha today to make their final choice and make plans on how to implement them.

ICAS
You would have received a note regarding the ICAS competitions coming up. I encourage you to talk to your children about whether they would like to participate in these. They can be a good way to get children used to being in test situations similar to NAPLAN and do give you some useful data when they are completed. I have some tests from previous years if anyone would like to access them to have a look before they commit their children to entering them. There is also lots of information and sample questions on the ICAS website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Happy Birthday
Isaac Richards & Phoebi Sneath– Douglas who are 8 & Zackary Beck who is 12 today 17th March
Taya Brunt who will be 10 on 20th March

Canteen Roster
Monday 21st March - Amanda Thompson
Tuesday 22nd March - Crystal Thomas
Wednesday 23rd March - CLOSED
Thursday 24th March - Sharon Patrick
Friday 25th March - GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 28th March - EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 29th March - **
Wednesday 30th March - CLOSED
Thursday 31st March - Maria Beck
Friday 1st April - Ellen Konnecke

Mum’s dinner
Any NSPS mums wanting to join other NSPS mums for tea at the Naracoorte Hotel on the 8th April @ 6.30pm. If you are interested please RSVP to Ginny Harvie on 0408 331 648. Please text.

Breaky Club
Breaky Club will not be open on Tuesdays in March due to our volunteer being away on holidays. If there are any volunteers that are able to fill in to help out at this time please let the office know. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and staff who give up their time to help run this program.

Samantha Power
Breaky Club
Community News

Soccer Come & Try

The NUSC committee & team will be happy to welcome all children and parents/responsible parties to join us on 20th March commencing at 1pm for a fun afternoon. Information session running during the afternoon, followed by player registration. Free BBQ. Drinks available. Held at Naracoorte United Soccer Club grounds at the Naracoorte Sports Centre.

Training for Under 12 & Under 14 - Every Wednesdays 4 - 5pm
A & reserve grade & under 17 - Every Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 - 8pm

Dominique Armoogum

COMMUNITY ART FRAMEWORK

Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Input is being sought on how you would like to see art incorporated into the community across the Council area.

You can have your say by completing the Community Art survey online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLC_CommunityArtsSurvey

The survey is available on Council’s website under community consultation or paper versions are available from Council offices, the Naracoorte Public Library and the Naracoorte Art Gallery.

Book Launch

Naracoorte Public Library invites you to the launch of
The Doctor Calling
by Australian author Meredith Appleyard
Where: Naracoorte Public Library
When: Tuesday 22nd March @ 10am
RSVP: Phone 87622338

Movie Fundraiser

On Friday March 18th the new release movie "Risen" will be shown at the Naracoorte Town Hall @ 7:30pm. Hosted by Max Life Church as a special pre-Easter event. Adults $15, Students/Pensioners $13. Food and drinks available on the night. Rated M for mature audiences. Proceeds towards Max Life Church children's facilities. We would love you to come along and bring friends!