We’ve had a great start to the term so far at NSPS. With swimming completed (and what glorious weather we had!) this week the classes have really been able to get stuck into it, starting their term topics and becoming familiar with the routines. We welcome two students to our school, Ngoc Tran has started in Ms Nankivell’s year one class and Romana Bradshaw has returned to Miss BP and Mrs Lawrie’s 4/5 class. Welcome girls!

School leaders
Congratulations to all the year sevens who bravely put themselves forward for a leadership position. Upper primary is a fantastic time for students to work on their skills as leaders, and at NSPS there are many opportunities for this to happen. Our students often go on to hold leadership positions at high school, which stands them in great stead for the future. Mrs Shepherd will announce all of the senior leaders in her write-up in the newsletter.

Acquaintance night
We had a wonderful turnout to our Acquaintance night on Tuesday evening. Many families enjoyed information sessions, a sausage sizzle and viewing their children’s work in the hall. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend this very important night. For those who couldn’t make it, your child should have brought home any information given out on the night.

Student free day
A reminder that tomorrow is a Student Free Day. Teachers and SSOs will be attending a number of sites to observe and learn from colleagues who are successfully implementing initiatives in line with our own priorities. Thank you as always for supporting this valuable training and development for our staff.

Nature play
There is under a week left for entries to be completed for our nature play area competition. I have already seen quite a few of the designs, and I must say the standard is very high! The judging panel will meet next Thursday to choose the winning designs. A reminder that also on Thursday the 25th, Simon Hutchinson...
from Climbing Tree will be talking to governing councils, interested parents and community members about natural play spaces in the library at 6pm.

Volunteer of the week
In this newsletter, you will see a new section titled Volunteer of the Week. At NSPS, we value all our volunteers and the great contribution they make toward our school community, so as a thank you, we will be featuring an interview with a volunteer every newsletter. Thank you to our school photographers for the feature.

AGM
Our Governing Council AGM is being held on Monday 7th March at 7.00pm in the library. If you are interested in joining our enthusiastic Governing Council team, please see the office staff for a nomination form. If you would like any further information on the rolls and responsibilities of Governing council you are welcome to contact the chairman, Troy Henschke or any other councillor.

Pastoral Care Worker position
I am pleased to announce that the panel has selected a successful candidate in John Stayte to take on the role of our Pastoral Care Worker this year. John is already the PCW at Lucindale Area School so he will divide his time between the sites. John is very excited to win the position and looks forward to getting to know the students staff and families at NSPS. John will introduce himself formally in next fortnight’s newsletter.

Q) How long have you been volunteering at N.S.P.S
A) 9 years
Q) What type of volunteering do you do?
A) Library, help reading, book club/book fair, little athletics training and trialling, hockey clinics, knitting club, coach of the school cricket team, governing council treasurer.
Q) What do you enjoy most about volunteering?
A) Likes to see kids improve and enjoy activities
Q) What are some of your hobbies?
A) Sport
Q) What would you say to someone thinking of volunteering at N.S.P.S?
A) Yes because it is very satisfying

This week South/Sunrise take on Padthaway at home. All games this term are 11 a side one day matches. 25 overs per side. Games begin at 8.30am sharp

Paul McCarthy
Sports Coordinator
I hope that everyone enjoyed acquaintance night as much as my family did. What a pleasure it was to see so many happy families at our school. The teachers did a fabulous job with their talks and gave families both quality information about their teaching practise as well as an insight into what their classrooms look like. So many children were proudly showing their parents their work on display in the hall too. An awesome effort by everyone involved. The teachers put a lot of work into this evening so I thank them all. I also thank the families who took time out of busy schedules to join in the fun 😊

School Leaders
Well I can now announce the successful candidates who will represent our school as leaders in 2016. All of the candidates made amazing speeches and the voting was incredibly close! I am so proud of the students and know they will all do a fabulous job this year. Here are the different roles they will be taking on:

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EAGS
We now have a fantastic new EAGS group too 😊 I am looking forward to working with Natasha Dawson and this fabulous bunch!

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These children wrote fantastic application letters and will meet on Thursday for the first time to begin making some plans for our school environment 😊 Exciting times ahead!

ICAS
This year we will again be holding ICAS competitions for interested students from year 2-7. A note will be coming home soon with these details so please have a look at it and decide if you would like your children to be involved. It is a great experience (similar to NAPLAN) and you are given some comprehensive data afterwards to see how your child is doing in targeted areas. I encourage you to think about it 😊 If you would like to get in early and start looking at the information, there is a website you can find all the information on: https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/

Newsletters
I have mentioned before what a fantastic job Deb does putting this newsletter together 😊 It is full of information, photos and success stories from our school and community. I encourage you to spread the news widely and celebrate our great school with family and friends. If other family members would like our newsletters emailed to them, please send their email details in to Deb so they too can see this fantastic publication.

Kym
Room 2

At swimming I...

...kicked my legs and went to the pontoon – Gabe
...floated on my back – Lateasha
...floated on the kickboard – Chloe
...kicked my legs – Fazael
...jumped in the water – Bree
...put my head under water – Dylan
...jumped in the water – Shane-Alees
...went in the deep end – Kane
...jumped backwards – Kobi
...went to the pontoon – Ciara
...swam out to the pontoon – Max
...played with the my friends – Mustafa
...put my head under water – Ella
...kicked my legs under water – Ziva
...did a headstand under water – Lucy
...played races – Mason
...kicked my legs on a noodle – Georgia
...swam underwater – Ollie
...went out to the pontoon – Will
...went to the pontoon with my friends – Alex
...was laughing and happy - Shekiba
...blew some bubbles in the water – Cooper
NSPS Science Club

Tuesday afternoons, the grade 5-6 Science Club students meet in the Science lab to work on science projects. This term we are focusing on Solar Power Circuits, pulleys and levers. We are hoping to enter the Australian Science Awards whereby we present a video highlighting what we are learning. Currently our Science Club consists of Jake McMullen, Ejaz Sultani, Zach Pope and William Patrick. The Science PLC consisting of Mrs. Chelsea Brighton and Mrs. Kirsty Nankivell oversee the Science Club. We look forward to sharing our Science learning in the future – watch this space!

Note from School Nurse

Hi again everyone, I look forward to working with NSPS again this term as school nurse for the Limestone Coast school support program.

Just a reminder that individual referrals regarding your child's health and wellbeing can be made through, Kirsty, Kym or Cathie.

I also have the opportunity to assist year 6/7 teachers in some Health classes, with a focus being on healthy relationships, sexual health and other important educational topics.

On March 1st I look forward to participating in the Kids Matter program with some age appropriate, fun and helpful relaxation, and mindfulness strategies planned. I will also hold an information session for teachers during a staff meeting in late March. There is now extensive research to prove the benefits of these tools, with schools around the world now incorporating it in various ways into their teaching. Benefits range from improvements in working memory, and concentration, social skills and emotional regulation to a decrease in anxiety and depression, and much more. Not only is this useful for students, but also parents and teachers too.

One way Mindfulness can be described is ‘paying attention to the here and now with kindness and curiosity’.

Healthy Tip (Aged 8 – adult)....It’s simple but very effective and only takes a few minutes of your time.

BREATHING EXERCISE....

Breathe in for 7 counts, and out for 11 counts. Repeat until you feel calmer.

This program is an initiative of the Government of SA delivered in partnership with the Limestone Coast Innovative Community Action Network (Limestone Coast ICAN Committee).

Thank you all and enjoy your day.

Mandy Curnow RN ☺
I learnt to float on my back. Heidi

I liked floating on my back. Alisina

I went under the water to get a ring. Will

I liked going under water to get a toy with my eyes open. Jimmy

I liked splashing on my belly with the noodle. Alice

I liked jumping off the pontoon without a life jacket. Harry

The best part was playing with the yellow surf board. Kendra

I liked doing pin jumps, but I made lots of splashes. Thomas

I liked jumping off the shallow bit of the pontoon into the water. Henry
Happy Birthday

To...
Jim Hansford who was 6 on 9th February
Masoma Panahi who was 11 on 10th February
Will Harris who was 6 on 11th February
Jack & Sam Thomson who were 12 on 12th February
Dekota Townsend who was 10 on 14th February
Stefan Rye & Sydney Schultz who were 5 yesterday, 17th February

Maths Information

Mental computation strategies are explicitly taught at school. This is essential to the development of a sound number sense. Strategies are taught from Reception to Year 7. A common language is also taught across the year levels. Explicitly teaching mental computation strategies provides our students with a variety of fast, efficient ways to work out every day mathematical problems. This year in our fortnightly newsletter we will include a snapshot of the mental computation strategies being explicitly taught in classrooms. This will help to give you an idea of the mathematical language being used and the strategies that your child is using when working mathematically. Today you will find an explanation on the difference between mental arithmetic and mental computation and how the way in which we may have learnt mathematics differs to the way children are taught today!

We hope you find this information of interest.

Maths Committee

Canteen Roster

Monday 22nd February - Cassy McSorley
Tuesday 23rd February - CLOSED
Wednesday 24th February - Crystal Thomas
Thursday 25th February - Donna Sneath
Friday 26th February - Donna Sneath
Monday 29th February - Cassy McSorley
Tuesday 1st March - Cassy McSorley
Wednesday 2nd March - CLOSED
Thursday 3rd March - Ghulbb Hakimi
Friday 4th March - Ellen Konnecke

Amazing Saturday

Organised by SE Kid’s Camp Out
At NARACOORTE SCOUT HALL
12:30pm to 8:00pm Saturday,
5th March 2016
Primary school children ~ age 7 up.
Guest Artist: ‘SQUIRT the CLOWN’
Registrations forms available at all Primary Schools in Naracoorte, Frances, Lucindale and Padthaway from Monday, 8th February 2016.
Registration forms and fees should be returned to the school office by Wednesday, 24th February.
For further information contact: Robbie Williams
Ph: 8762 0214 Mob: 0407 788 791

SAPSASA Softball

Boys and Girls
Trials for the Upper South East SAPSASA Girls and Boys Softball teams will be held at Bordertown Primary School, on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 from 2.00pm-3.30pm.
Students from other Upper South East primary schools will be present on the day, and a team to represent this district will be selected. Selection in this team will involve your child playing in the SAPSASA Softball State Carnival in Adelaide in Week 10 (4th - 8th April). During this week it is expected that parents will be responsible for their child’s accommodation / transportation. Selected players are also expected to attend training sessions TBA at Bordertown.
Could all students who wish to attend collect a form from the office and return by Monday 22nd February.
Kyby U14 Fun Day

February 28th @ 10am. At Wortley Oval. All current and new players welcome. Relays, games and a whole heap of fun.
Some snacks and drinks provided. Bring along your bathers, towel, hats, sunscreen and a water bottle.
For more information phone Lee Curnow 0427 620 864

Caves Fun Run

Naracoorte Caves Red Gum Fun Run
Starting and finishing at The Caves
Sunday, April 10, 2016, 10am
5km Run, 5km Walk, 10km Run, 10km Walk
Entry fee; Adults $20, children (under 18) $5, Family $30....
Entry forms and enquiries please contact:
John or Dot Ruck. 0417 885 660
Email: djruck@activ8.net.au

Cricket

SACA is running a lighting carnival in Naracoorte for girls and boys aged 8-11
Sunday 6th March
3pm-6.35pm @ Wortley Oval and Naracoorte Primary School
To register send your name, date of birth, town, parent/guardian mobile number and email address to
Izaac Boylan (crickettrainee@saca.com.au)
Registrations are open until Tuesday 1st March. For more information contact SACA Country Cricket Officer Shelly Nitschke on 0447 081 634 or snitschke@saca.com.au

Border District Netball

Junior Training
begins on Thursday March 10th at the Frances Courts
beginning at 4.30pm (SA time)
New players most welcome.
For any enquires contact: Gez Walter 0427861236

School Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling
SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.
Naracoorte Dental Clinic
Phone: 8762 2614

JUNIOR
PRE SEASON TRAINING
FOR ALL INTENDING JUNIOR PLAYERS
Wednesday 17th February, 2015
4.30pm at Naracoorte High School
New players most welcome
Enquiries to Junior Rep: Jodie Mark 0427 687 974
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CONCERT DVD SALES

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

The DVD of our fantastic 'Light up the Night' Concert in 2015 is available for order now. These are available at the reasonable price of $15.00 a copy. Yes - you may purchase multiple copies for relatives - as a lasting memento of this special event.
Please indicate on the return order form your requirement and return with payment.

Kirsty Lush

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