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Child Development

From the Principal Sharing the good news!

Staff training and development

Thank you to the school community for supporting our Student Free Day last Friday so all staff could attend the Reading Essentials workshop at the town hall. Teachers and SSOs from across the partnership learnt about the 'rocket science' of teaching and learning to read English with presenter Leonie Shelley. Did you know that learning to read English is harder than learning other languages, with children taking twice as long to learn English as a first language than European languages? One of the reasons learning to read and write in English is so tricky is that the 26 letters in the alphabet make up 44 distinct sounds and there are many combinations of letters that can make the same sound! No wonder it's no easy task.

Leonie's session gave many practical examples of explicitly teaching the six skills required to become an independent and confident reader - Oral Language, Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension. It has been wonderful seeing teachers and SSOs incorporating this best practice into guided reading sessions and explicit spelling and phonics instruction.

Thank you to the canteen committee and parents and carers who put on an amazing spread for our morning tea- it was certainly appreciated by all in attendance!

Governing Council

Thank you to all who attended our AGM on Monday. We were in the unusual yet pleasing position of having more nominations than positions available, so a vote was held to elect our parent representatives. It is my pleasure in announcing the following people who make up our governing council for 2018.

Chairperson - Troy Henschke

Deputy Chairperson - Dan Newson

Treasurer - Amy Bates

Secretary - Deb Henschke

Special Projects Convener - Gavin Kluske

Parent Fundraising Convener - Belinda Neal

Sports Convener - Darren Maney

Canteen Convener - TBA

Governing Councillors - Katrina Crouch, Masuma Ali, Catherine Flint & Liz Crick

Staff Reps - Sile Legoe & Chelsea Brighton

These people represent you as the school community, please feel free to

Diary Dates

Friday 9th March

12.15pm Primary Assembly

Monday 12th March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 13th March

Alpha Shows - Aladdin

Thursday 15th March

10.30am Bounce & Bop

Friday 16th March

Room 9 & 10 Field Days

Thursday 22nd March

10.30am Bounce & Bop

Next Newsletter

Friday 23rd March

Harmony Day

Sunday 25th March

9.00am Working Bee

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discuss any issues, idea or successes with them. Thank you to all of our parents who nominated.

Any parents are welcome to join the sub committees. You do not have to be a Governing Councillor. If you have a particular area of interest please complete the slip below and return to school.

Thank you to our retiring Governing Councillors who have contributed to our school over many years. Some we may see again, Richard Harvie, & Lauren Crossling, but Amanda Edwards has already moved onto the High School Governing Council as Samantha is in year 7 and Sophie Thring who is leaving us sometime this term

NAPLAN results

Last week we received information that we were a school who achieved substantial growth in our NAPLAN results in numeracy last year. Schools are recognised for meeting the following criteria

1. An overall gain that exceeds the national average by more than one standard deviation unit; and
2. An overall gain higher than schools with similar ICSEA levels, by more than one standard deviation unit; and
3. An overall gain higher than that shown by students with the same NAPLAN starting score, also by more than one standard deviation unit.

A school focus on numeracy and in particular number fluency has seen the confidence and skill level of our teachers and students increase substantially in numeracy. Interventions such Too Smart and QuickSmart, and the creation of learning teams have all attributed to these results. It is so pleasing to see this growth recognised when compared to like schools across the country. Even more pleasing is seeing the engagement of students in numeracy lesson and children being confident users of mathematics and numeracy in and outside of the classroom.

Kirsty

Governing Council



Assembly Dates

Fridays

Junior Primary F-2 @ 10.00am

Wk 7 - 16/3/18

Room 4 are hosting

Primary 3-7 @ 12.15pm

Wk 6 - 9/3/18

Room 14 are hosting & rooms 10, 13 & 19 sharing work

Wk 10 - 6/4/18

Room 10 are hosting & rooms 9, 12 & 14 sharing work

Head lice

We are having some issues with Headlice at the moment. Please check your child's hair regularly and report any cases to your child's teacher or office .

If you find lice or eggs please treat the hair, all bedding and soft toys that they may sleep with. Get bedding out in the sun-shine.

Make sure all eggs are removed. I know this can be difficult, but the treatment does not kill all the eggs.

Repeat treatment after a week.

There is a stigma around head lice and uncleanliness. This is untrue - head lice love clean hair .

Sub Committees – Please select your area of interest

Please note you are not required to be on the Governing Council to be part of these sub committees

Name: _____ Child's class: _____

I am interested in being on the following sub-committee (s)

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Special Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parent Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Canteen | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sport | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Deputy News

KIC

Our new KIC executive committee are settling beautifully into their roles. They are already showing initiative and coming up with ideas for us to build upon. They have decided that they will be placing an agenda item on all class KIC sheets before each of our meetings, to ensure all classes are having discussions about the same whole school issues/ideas. The first one they are focussing on is discussing the new format for our Intention Assemblies. It will be interesting to hear the student's view about these assemblies. Staff feel they are working very well 😊

EAGS

The EAGS leaders attended their first YELP (Young Environmental Leaders Program) forum held at the Naracoorte Caves on Wednesday 28th February.

They were treated to a session in the Bat Observation Room, run by our own famous Gavin Kluske and got to learn about the



lifestyle of endangered bent-winged bats. Keeping it the NSPS family, Natasha Dawson ran the next session about The limestone Coast, talking about our unique region. The leaders enjoyed each of these sessions immensely. In the afternoon the leaders were given an overview of what to expect at the YELP forums for the rest of the year and had the opportunity to share some of the environmental work they are already doing at school.



EAGS are planning to run EARTH HOUR again this year on Friday March 23rd. No power will be used from 9-10am (except the fridges and necessary computer back-up systems!) Classes will also be asked to try and limit the use of electricity for the rest of the day. I encourage you to also speak with your children about this and perhaps choose a time that you could do this at home!

Waste Challenge

Our Year 4/5 classes are leading NSPS in the way of reducing waste and increasing recycling. We have entered into the Limestone Coast School Waste Reduction and Recycling Challenge. This runs from March 5 - April 6. It involves teams of our students assessing (by observation only) how many of our bins are 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% full. The idea is that we implement some waste reduction strategies to improve these measurements over the competition time. Watch this space for some help you can give us from home! To tie in with this competition, we also have a performance called Wipe Out Waste which will give our students lots of ideas and information about how we can reduce waste. It will be exciting to see the changes we can make at our school level to help our environment!

Kym

Scien-Tastic



earthhour.org.au



**LIMESTONE COAST
SCHOOL WASTE REDUCTION
& RECYCLING CHALLENGE**

MARCH 5 - APRIL 6, 2018



COMPETITION CATEGORIES

1. Least general waste per capita
2. Most recyclables per capita

Counsellor Chat

I was lucky enough to attend a 2 day Wellbeing Conference in Adelaide recently. The aim of the conference was to strengthen the capacity of the Student Wellbeing Leaders to fulfil our roles and support the wellbeing of staff and students in the best way possible. There were some wonderful speakers and an expo of lots of the support groups that we can access (such as SHINE SA, Child Adolescent Mental Health Services and Volunteers Strategy). I also was able to network and connect with other Student Wellbeing Leaders in our area which I found very beneficial. Also, being at Adelaide Oval, the view wasn't half bad either!

One of the most memorable speakers that presented was Susan McLean who looked at the current online landscape and focussed on the how, what, when and then of cyberbullying and online harassment. Her talk is a timely reminder of how the use of online apps and games is constantly changing and we (as teachers and parents) need to be very aware of what our children are accessing to keep them safe.

Susan McLean has a website – www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au which has lots of information about cyber safety. I have included a fact sheet with some of Susan's internet safety tips for parents, carers and teachers for your information.

Samantha Power ☺

Just a month ago, it was revealed that Facebook has more than two billion active monthly users. That means that in any given month, more than 25% of Earth's population logs in to their Facebook account at least once. This kind of scale is almost impossible to grasp!

Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Held every year on 21 March, The Day coincides with the [United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](http://www.un.org/en/observances/erad/).

The message of Harmony Day is '**everyone belongs**'. The Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

At NSPS students and staff engage in activities which promote belonging and acceptance of cultural diversity. The school community is invited to **wear something orange on 23rd March** to show their support and value for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Why ORANGE?

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

WEAR ORANGE TO SHOW YOU VALUE DIVERSITY!

2017 This Is What Happens In An Internet Minute



Fundraising

We have 2 days booked to sell tickets down the Main Street outside Morris' Bakery. The days are:

Tuesday 13th March

Friday 16th March

We require as many people as possible to sell tickets on those days. If you are able to help with an hour of your time, please return the slip below to the school as soon as possible.

Alternatively, if you are unable to help due to work commitments and would be happy to sell an extra book from your workplace, please let us know. It is an extremely popular raffle and the tickets sell themselves!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I am able to sell raffle tickets on:

Tuesday 13th March

Times available _____

Or _____

Friday 16th March

Times available _____

Or _____

Belinda Neal

PCW Corner



Become all that you can be.

Education and learning are one of the most important ingredients to becoming all that you can be. How open you are to learning will help determine your path in life. Education does not just happen at school. It is not just about Math and other subjects. **Your education and learning are happening all the time.** They happen any time your mind is open to learning. Education is not just about learning facts, but more so about learning how to think. **It is learning to make good choices. It is learning to act with purpose.** Becoming educated is a lifelong process. It can be hard and frustrating at times, but it can also be incredibly exciting and enriching. Most importantly, **learning and education can help you:**

- Change the world
- Become a better person
- Reach your potential
- Eliminate your fears
- Make the most of mistakes
- Support your family

Here are some interesting quotes:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." – Henry Ford

"The important thing is not to stop questioning." – Albert Einstein

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." – Chinese Proverb

"None of us is as smart as all of us." – Ken Blanchard

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Aristotle

"A mistake is a crash-course in learning." – Billy Anderson

"We are not what we know but what we are willing to learn." – Mary Catherine Bateson

"He who opens a school door, closes a prison." – Victor Hugo

"Knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference." – Claire Fagan

"Education is teaching our children to desire the right things." – Plato

"I believe that we learn by practice. Whether it means to learn to dance by practicing dancing or to learn to live by practicing living, the principles are the same. Practice means to perform, over and over again in the face of all obstacles, some act of vision, of faith, of desire. Practice is a means of inviting the perfection desired." – Martha Graham

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand." – Albert Einstein

Adapted from Michael Stutman May 20, 2013 <http://www.inspiremykids.com/2013/great-quotes-and-stories-for-kids-about-the-value-of-learning-and-education/>

JOHN STAYTE
PCW



Roster

Tuesday 13th March	G Harvie
Wednesday 14th March	S Patrick
Thursday 15th March	*
Friday 16th March	S Patrick
Tuesday 20th March	J Tanner
Wednesday 21st March	R Marett
Thursday 22nd March	*
Friday 23rd March	S Patrick

*Glenda Herron
Canteen Manager*

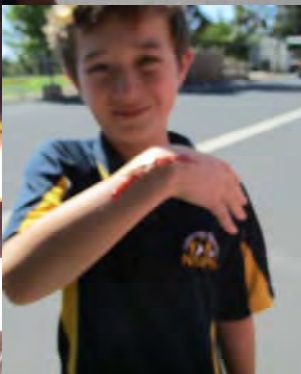
**How to help the
young person you
are worried about**

When someone in your family has a mental health problem:

- **Keep communication open**, show empathy and don't rush into judgements
- **Be available** without being intrusive or 'pushy'
- **Spend time with the person**. Take an interest in their activities and encourage them to talk about what's happening in their life
- **Take the person's feelings seriously**
- **Encourage and support positive friendships**
- **Encourage activities that promote mental health**, such as exercise, healthy eating, regular sleep, and doing things the person enjoys
- **Give positive feedback**
- **Let the person know that you love them**. They may not always admit it, but this is likely to be very important to them.

Drama

On Wednesday Week 6, Miss Suggate's Drama classes had fun exploring the world of special effects makeup! We talked about how to make our own 'fake skin' for makeup effects, and learned how to make our own 'fake blood' as well. Most of the students had a great time then making a pretend 'cut' on their hand... some even scared the front office ladies! Miss Suggate was very impressed with how willing the students were to try out these new skills, and how cooperative they were when sharing the equipment.



Frances Folk Festival

Room 12's Day out at the Frances Folk Gathering

In week 4 room 12 had the pleasure of going to the Frances Folk Gathering Schools' Day. The students worked with students from other local schools throughout the day participating in a range of activities such as learning ukulele, writing and singing songs, bush dancing and painting banners to display at the gathering.

While the weather was hot and it was a jam-packed day the students had a wonderful time working creatively, interacting with other schools and doing so many different types of activities.

Things we liked about the day:

Bianca- Getting to know the people in my group from other schools.



Digby -
Writing a
song called
"Digby's
Super
Chicken"



Will H -
I loved the
concert at the
end.



Lateasha - Singing with
Dave and at the concert.

Ash - Being with my
friends all day

Summer - I like when
we shared out songs



HALL OF FAME

Deaken Bilston for good listening during mat time and for trying hard to follow teacher directions.



Kelcey Dolphin for working diligently during numeracy lessons and demonstrating an excellent comprehension of position and location fundamentals



Lachlan Buckett for making a great start here at NSPS. It has been great to see you making friends and joining in.



Pippa Harvie for your appointment to the role of KIC rep for room 7. You have already displayed excellent organisation skills in getting ready for meetings.



McKinlee Brighton for being confident to share your well planned and designed creations in investigations.



Chandler Blanck for having a very positive start to this school year and being a great role model in Room 4



Abbey Wallace for being a kind and caring classmate, doing her best to include everybody



Beau Morton for making a great effort in reading and remembering his goal to point to the words as he reads.



Azmat Ali for sharing interesting information about countries all over the world!



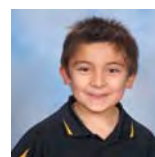
Nida Sultani for always practising her number writing and trying her best.



Elsie Thring for being kind, friendly and helpful to the new students at school.



Sam Vickery for working hard during literacy time and creating an awesome description of a unicorn and a cheetah.



Harry Ham for your appointment to the role of KIC Rep for room 7. You have demonstrated great communication skills during class meetings.



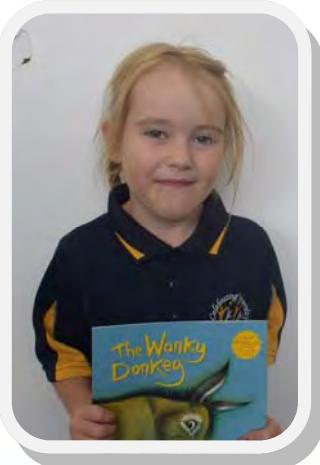
7 THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO HEAR:

1. I LOVE YOU.
2. I'M PROUD OF YOU.
3. I'M SORRY.
4. I FORGIVE YOU.
5. I'M LISTENING.
6. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.
7. YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES.

Happy birthday to ...

Chelsea Secker who was 6 & Zac Doyle who was 8 on 26th February
 Rachel Shepherd who was 12 on 27th February
 Anastasia Plummer who was 7 on 28th February
 Ayla Bain who was 11 on 4th March
 Roman Nicholas Herron who was 6 & Molly Crouch who was 10 on 6th March

Happy Birthday!



Community News

Hockey

Dartmoor Hockey Club are seeking boys, girls and parents for our upcoming season. Training Starts Wednesday 7th March at 5:30pm. Feel free to come and have a try or a chat. For more information, please contact Michael Hutchesson on 0428 857 207.

Karate

KYOKUSHIN KARATE

Kids Classes

Wednesday & Friday afternoons

4:15 – 5:00pm

Seniors (13 years and above)

Wednesday & Fridays

6:30 – 8:00pm

11 Kingston Avenue, Naracoorte.

First Lesson **FREE!**

Learn **self-defence, respect & discipline**

Increase **confidence, self-esteem, fitness**

and much, much more!

Classes run by Sensei Bradley Wagner (3rd Dan Black Belt).

Easter Fete

The Bool Lagoon Hall Easter Fete is on Saturday 24th March. 11.00am to 4.00pm. Bool Lagoon Toad, Bool Lagoon. Old fashion children's activities. Special Guest—George the Farmer from 11.15am. Large variety of Market Stalls, produce, home baked goods wine tasting, cut flowers, competitions, raffles and much more. **FREE ENTRY** All proceeds go towards maintenance and running of the Hall.

First Aid

Provide First Aid - HLT AID003 (1 Day)

When: April 6th, May 11th or June 25th Where: Limestone Coast Training

Time: 9-5pm Cost: \$185.00 per person

Limited spaces available

For bookings please phone: LCT 8762 0016

Basketball

MATHOONCOURT P/L

Matho's Basketball

4/5 to 7 year olds basketball training/games

Starts Term 1 week 5 Wednesday 28th Feb

Ends Term 1 week 11 Wednesday 11th Apr

Cost \$5.00 per night per player

From 4.15pm to 5.15pm

At the Naracoorte Basketball Stadium

All welcome

Just a lot of fun and learning along the way.

Please email mathooncourt@bigpond.com

Ph. 0417-855-247 or turn up on the night and see Helen Garrigan at the desk.

High Tea

The ILC are holding High Teas to raise money for students to go to Cambodia. We would like to welcome you to our **First High Tea**.

Location: 157 Smith Street

Bookings is essential.

Please RSVP by the: 16th of March. On 87622011

Price: \$20 per person

Time/Date: 3pm-5pm on the 22nd of March.

Menu

Cookie dough slice

Mozzarella and ham fingers

Chewy choc chip cookies

Caramelised onion and brie mini quiches

Salmon herb and cream cheese finger sandwiches.

Mini coffee cake muffins

Lemon meringue pies

Scones, crab apple jam and cream

Egg and lettuce sandwiches

Coffee and tea.

Second High Tea

This High Tea will be held on the

26th March at 2pm- 4pm

\$20 p/p.

Bookings essential

RSVP 87622011 by 20th March

Menu

Baby Scones with jam and cream

Salmon Tartlets

Fruit Tartlets

Variety of finger sandwiches

Melting moments

Tricolor Canapés

Chocolate Cupcakes

Tea and coffee

International Women's Day

NARACOORTE SOROPTIMISTS
INVITES YOU TO
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
MARCH 8 2018
6-8PM
TICKETS \$20
FREE DRINK ON ARRIVAL
FINGER FOOD PROVIDED
BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE
GUEST SPEAKER - ALISHA TU
NARACOORTE TOWN HALL