



<u>DIARY DATES</u>					
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>		
		<b>27</b>	<b>"</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>'Tell Me A Story' Concert</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	
			<b>Next Assembly</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>S. R. C. Meeting</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>'Sun Surf Sand' Concert</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>		

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3, Week 5 , August 21st, 2013

### Supporting professional Development

As a school we continue to build the skills and knowledge of a wide range of people to support them in the field of education. We regularly host a number of work experience students from local high schools as well as visiting students undertaking teacher placement as part of their Primary Education degree. At the moment we have Jamie Sheppard working at our school.

### Cycling

We were able to dodge the threatening weather and experience the 'Tour of the Great South Coast' cycling event last Wednesday. All of our students spent some time outside watching the riders speed by and it was appreciated by the event organisers that the children cheered on the group through what was a challenging circuit. Thanks to the staff and parents for ensuring the change to pick-up at the end of the day went smoothly. It is anticipated that this event will take place again next year.

### Pupil Free Day

Governing Council have given approval for the school's final Pupil Free Day as mentioned in the last newsletter. Parents and students are reminded that the school will be closed on FRIDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, to enable teaching staff to attend a professional development opportunity that will use the 'Teaching for Effective Learning' document to frame a number of best practice planning, organisation, structural and wellbeing teaching practices to support the work we do in classrooms.

### Concerts

We are starting to feel the increased buzz around the JP classes as songs, choreography and costumes come together for the performances held later this term. These concerts are a highlight on the schools calendar and is reflected in the teamwork, support and extra work taken on by our teachers, SSO's and parent helpers at this time of the year. We look forward to seeing many parents, family and friends at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on the night. Please see information in this newsletter for further details.

### Uniforms/Lost Property

We continue to see an increase in the number of lost jumpers and jackets piling up in the school's lost property basket. During the holidays we sent 3 large bags full of unclaimed school uniforms to the Salvation Army and only 4 weeks later have an overwhelming pile of items that are un-named. We encourage parents and students to take the time to look through their uniform collection at home and then visit the school to pick up items you may be missing. We will not have the space (or time) to manage this system if items continue to build up at the current rate and as a result will need another trip to drop off any unclaimed items of clothing.

### Transition

Next week we welcome our final intake of new receptions for the school year as they start their transition to school program and next term we will start another new class of 22 reception students. Miss Magarey will support the transition program while we finalise the teacher placement process. This will be the last mid-year enrolment with all new students starting the 'Same First Day' enrolment as of the start of the 2014 school year. We wish our new students and families all the best with this exciting transition to school.

**CHRIS EDMONDS**  
PRINCIPAL

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## Update & Reminder: Medications at School

Thank you to parents who have worked closely with the school as we update our records and practices to support children who require medication at school. We have listened to and investigated your concerns and have been able to modify some of our policy requirements. At this stage we still require the following:

### ALL MEDICATIONS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

- Be prescribed by a Doctor. This includes all 'over the counter' medications
- Medications in their original packaging with pharmacy labels attached
- Medications within their expiry dates
- Care/Action Plans completed for relevant medical conditions. Parents are required to confirm the need for this with the school

### MEDICATION AUTHORITIES - change in requirements

- DECD guidelines *strongly recommend* that medication authorities signed by health professionals are provided for all medications including those available over the counter.
- Written authority by parents. Parents are able to complete a 'short term medication authority' when circumstances make it difficult to get authority from a doctor providing all above requirements are met. This form can be collected from the school.

Jaime Jones

Administration Officer

### Future Gardens Project

The children from Mr Clayfield, Ms Mannion and Mr McShane's classes worked hard to produce some fantastic future garden creations in our Quad area last term. To culminate this project, they placed a combined entry with Bunnings in the Sustainability Poster competition gaining second place - a \$50:00 voucher which will be put to good use within the school. [Congratulations everyone!](#)

### Positive Tracker Awards

The children in our school are very considerate and it shows in our awards this week. Brock D gave up his place in line so someone who needed to sit could do so, and Henry M assisted office staff find the bag of an ill child going home even though this person was not in his class. [Helpful!](#)



### Concert Ticket Sales

We have two wonderful concerts to look forward to with our younger students this term. 'Tell Me A Story', a medley of Fairy Tales, will be performed at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on August 28th by our Year 1, 2 and 3 students. Tickets went on sale August 12th at a cost of \$10:00 adult and \$5:00 children U12.

'Sun Surf Sand' is a performance by our Reception children and will be held September 4th at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Tickets went on sale August 19th at the same cost as above. [Selling fast!](#)

### Lions Mad Minute

The Lions Club 'Mad Minute' Challenge for Year 5 students was held on 15th August. Participants came from Rooms 2, 3 and 7 and presented a one minute speech on an impromptu topic that was unrehearsed. Our special guest judges were Mr Rory McEwen and Mr Trevor Fulton from the Mount Gambier Lions Club.



Congratulations to the following placegetters:

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| 1st | Abby M (Room 7) and Ellie C (Room 2)      |
| 2nd | Joel R (Room 3) and Elise C (Room 7)      |
| 3rd | Brayden L (Room 7) and Mairead C (Room 3) |

Abby, Ellie and Joel proceeded to the Grand Challenge at Mount Gambier High School where they competed against students from seven other schools in the district.

All participants received certificates, with merit certificates presented to those students with the best opening/close/ expression/gestures and humour. All are to be congratulated for giving the challenge a go – not an easy thing to do!

### Numerical Acumen Addition Challenge

Three of our Year 4/5 students were recently awarded certificates from the People's Choice Credit Union for their talents in Mathematics, using strategies involving doubling, near doubles, adding 10 and hop to 10. Georgia O was awarded for the Most Improved, Faith K for the Most Dedicated and Aanya W for the Best Performance. [Excellent!](#)



### Eisteddfods

Congratulations to six year old Year 1 student Fletcher B who recently competed in the singing category of the Eisteddfod receiving ribbons for his interpretations of 'Mary Had A Little Lamb' and 'Fireworks'. [Talent in the making!](#)

### S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Basketball

On Friday 9th of August 28 students from Reidy Park participated in the SAPSASA annual Basketball Day. All teams performed with great sportsmanship and were a credit to themselves and the school. Congratulations to the 6/7 Boys team and the 5/6/7 Girls team who qualified for the regional basketball on 29th of August at the Ice House.

*Nick Savage*

*Basketball Coordinator*

### Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice are on the move again. Please endeavour to check your child regularly.



### School Footy

Our year 3/4/5 football team have had two convincing wins against Tenison College two weeks in a row now. A big thankyou goes to our Reidy boys who were willing to help out the undermanned Tenison sides and fill in on their team. We would also like to thank Daniel Castle who volunteered to umpire. He did a great job. Keep up the great team work boys.

*Heath McShane*

*Footy Coordinator*

### School Netball

Our netballers had the chance to play a friendly game against each other recently which both Blue and Red thoroughly enjoyed. The combined Reidy/Yahl side played against a mixed Compton side and enjoyed their win on the Compton School court. All players are showing improved skills and attitude to the game and are looking forward to their future matches. Thanks again to all supporting parents.

*Belinda Say*

*Netball Coordinator*

### Book Week

This year's Book Week theme is 'Read Across the Universe'. We will be celebrating Book Week in Week 10 of this term with various lunchtime activities happening in the Library. The much anticipated Book Week Parade will be taking place on September 27th, the last Friday of Term 3. Commencing at 9:45 am, parents and friends are encouraged to come and join in the celebrations. Please note that there will be more information coming out soon.

*Jess Magarey*

*Library*



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK  
17-23 August 2013



### Uniforms

We are looking at ordering some more Rugby Jumpers but to do this we have to have a large number of jumpers as a minimum order. If you are interested in buying a Rugby Jumper, please complete the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the Front Office as soon as possible to enable us to decide whether we continue to stock these items.

*Gay Brooker*

*Finance Officer*

### School Photos

Please be reminded that our school photo days are fast approaching. (Monday August 26th and Tuesday August 27th). Parents wishing to have family photos taken need to collect an envelope from the Front Office for this to happen. Children are to have their envelopes with them on the day.

**\*\* Please note that all newsletters can be viewed on the website in full colour. \*\***





## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Take Home A Big Brother or Big Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

### Make A Wish Quiz Night

The Mount Gambier Branch of Make-A-Wish® Australia is celebrating 22 magical years of granting Wishes to children of the South East Region. We invite you to join us at our Annual Quiz Night on Friday September 13th. If you wish to "purchase a meal" before the commencement of the Quiz Night - contact the RSL Bowling Club prior to the night.

Quiz Night commences 7.30pm with tables of 6-8 costing \$10:00 per person. Nibbles and bar facilities available. For all enquiries call **Julia 08 8725 0035** or **Brian 08 8723 2353**



### Acacia Kindergarten Enrolments

Do you have a child who is turning 4 years old by the 1st May 2014? Have you enrolled at kindergarten? With the new 'Same First Day' policy, a child who turns 4 between 1st May 2013 and 1st May 2014 starts kindergarten in Term 1, 2014. Please contact Acacia Kindergarten to enrol your child for 2014.

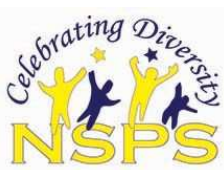
Phone Director **Kimberley** on **08 87257373**

### Parenting Teenagers Workshop

Understand Your Teenager. A FREE Workshop which will give you the skills to:

- Build a positive relationship with your teenager
- Become more confident in handling challenges
- Be able to identify behaviour that needs your attention and what to let go
- Learn how to engage your teenager in important conversation
- Find a balance between boundaries and freedom

For more information or to register to attend this workshop, call the Family Relationship Centre on **8721 3500** or **1800 880 913**.



### Naracoorte South Primary School 50th

All past and present staff and students are invited to attend the celebrations September 20th - 22nd. Drinks and nibbles are available on the Open Day from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Saturday's registration and roll call will commence from 1:00 pm followed by official ceremonies and dinner at Billy Macs from 6:00 pm. Sunday's informal day will commence with a breakfast. To register contact the school or log on to [www.narsouthps.sa.edu.au](http://www.narsouthps.sa.edu.au)



### ATTENTION FRONT OFFICE

CHILD'S NAME .....

ROOM NO. ....

I ..... am interested in purchasing ..... Rugby Jumper/s @ \$70:00 each in size/s ..... .

SIGNED .....