**From the Principal**

**Governing Council Special AGM**

Monday 28th February 2011 at 7.00 pm

The major focus of this special AGM meeting will be to fill 2 outstanding one year Council vacancies and to elect **Sub-Committee Coordinators** for:

- Facilities
- Fundraising
- Sport
- Bus
- Parent Committee
- Finance

On behalf of the School and Council I would like to encourage all parents and members of our school community to consider being nominated either for a position on Council or for a vacant sub-committee position.

Following the AGM, the new Governing Council will meet briefly to complete business and set a date for their next meeting.

**Parent Teacher Acquaintance Night**

Just a reminder to parents that our parent teacher Acquaintance Night is tomorrow after school at 4.00 pm for parents who are able to attend.

**CPC/Preschool Single Intake Rule**

Many parents have asked me questions about how DECS changing to a single intake model will affect children starting CPC over the next couple of years. As it currently stands DECS are proposing the following:

All children starting preschool education in 2013 will do so at the beginning of the year. It will no longer be possible to enrol in preschool in the term following a child’s fourth birthday.

This movement from the current ‘continuous enrolment’ policy to a new ‘single intake’ policy starts in preschools in 2013 and will flow on to schools from 2014 onwards (From 2014 all Reception students will begin at the start of Term 1 - Tyrone).

Children who would have started preschool under the current policy at the beginning of 2013 are unaffected.

Children who turn four before the 1st of May in 2013 – who would have started preschool in term two of 2013 under the current policy – will be able to start one term earlier, at the beginning of first term 2013.

Children who turn four after 1st of May in 2013 – who would have started preschool in term three or four of 2013 under the current policy – will now start preschool at the beginning of 2014.

Families, preschools and schools have two years to adjust to this change.

This change brings SA into line with other states and territories.

_This is what DECS has stated in print in this point in time. Many parents have read this and speculated what will happen to their children next year. Based on advice from the DECS School and Regional Operations Office, students who start CPC in 2012 will do so under our current policies and processes. This means, for example, that a child enrolling in CPC in Term 4 of 2012 will do 1 term in 2012 and 3 terms of CPC in 2013 before moving up to Reception where they will do Term 4. Such students would then remain in Reception for all of 2014, as per our current enrolment procedures – Tyrone._

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SRC
Congratulations to the elected members of the 2011 Student Representative Council:
William C Brown – President
Shannon Dolling – Vice president
Kelsie Moyle-Read – Secretary
Chelsea Dolling – Treasurer
Daniel Brown
Maddi Bryson
Hailey Dolling
Dan Fraser
Wyatt Fraser
Brody Hazel
Josh Hazel
Alex McCarthy

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CPSW Spot
I met with an enthusiastic group of students last Tuesday. They are the newly elected Student Representative Council who will organise fund raising and run student Tuck Days along with Dress Up Days. Already many ideas are coming forward from the SRC and all are keen to be active in school leadership. Both classes are represented and will bring ideas from their classmates.
Padthaway Primary School has over the past 6 years held ‘Pancake Day’ and has sold pancakes both at school and to local businesses. Balloons, streamers and brightly coloured posters from students will adorn the school for the day – I am sure these posters will be up soon and remain for a while! If your workplace would like pancakes, contact the Front Office to place orders. Tuesday 8th March is the big day. Purchase some pancakes and have a traditional Pancake Day Race.
A little history about Pancake Day. It marks the last day before the Christian period of Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter. The number 40 is very significant. It is a reminder that Jesus spent 40 days fasting after his baptism before beginning his ministry. So Lent is when many would give up eating rich foods until Easter. On the day before called ‘Shrove Tuesday’ they would gather up all the rich foods and have a feast or celebration. The celebration is over 1 000 years old. I guess finding flour, eggs, butter, sugar and milk then would have been easy. And those pancakes would have been nearly as tasty as our SRC’s!
The number 40 appears often in the Bible; can you think of other examples? The confusing bit is that the 40 days of Lent excludes the Sundays. What could you give up for 40 days? For Mr S and me bike riding would be hard to give up.
Cheers, Stephen

Tuck Day
Reminder:
1st March (Week 5)
Hot Dogs/Ham & Cheese Sizzlers
Helpers
Tanya Frick
Sharon Patrick
[muffins – Elaine Mackereth]

8th March (Week 6)
Pancake Day
Helpers
SRC
Deb Brown
Tuck Day Coordinator

Community News
Jumpin’ Joeys
Jumpin’ Joeys will be held in the Uniting Church Hall this Friday 25th February 2011 at 10.00 am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Cost is $2 per family.
Beth Ortlepp, phone 8765 5299

Kool Kangas
Because of other commitments, there may only be one pre-Easter Kool Kangas later this term.
Heather Edwards, phone 8765 065

Kids’ Camp Out
Kids’ Camp Out, run by the Uniting Church SA, is at Naracoorte High School Oval from 12.30 pm Saturday 5th March till 12.00 noon Sunday 6th March 2011, camping out overnight.
Ages 7+. Lots of activities: abseiling, craft, kayaking on Swimming Lake, ice-blocking, crafts, games, music, stories. Forms are available from Mr Eddy or Mrs Brown at school. Cost for all activities, camping and food will be $30.
Contact Stephen or Heather Edwards, phone 8765 5065, for more information.

Tatiara Schools Chaplaincy Support Group Inc
The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at the Mundulla Primary School.
Reports will be given by the President, Treasurer and all the Christian Pastoral Support Workers. All are welcome.
Janine Neumann
Secretary, Tatiara Schools Chaplaincy Support Group
Naracoorte & Districts Little Athletics is in the Naracoorte High School grounds on Friday afternoons from 4:00 pm. Ages 6-17 years. Tiny Tots program for ages 3-5 years.

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

If you wish to encourage an hour of activity then this may be for you. Program runs for 11 weeks. Parents’ presence is essential.

Cost $30 per child or $65 per family. Uniform required for ages 6-17 consists of navy shorts and navy polo shirt with Little Athletics logo available to purchase for $35.

Children are encouraged to participate in a basic athletic program with the aim to improve on their performance each week. If they improve they are rewarded with a star. It is not the winner of the event rewarded but each individual on an improvement. A trophy is rewarded to the person obtaining the most stars for each age and gender group on April 15th 2011. Call Jane Harris 0429 647 543 or Donna Bull 0400 848 511 for further information, otherwise just turn up any Friday to register.

The Mission of the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION as a voluntary community based organisation is to "Develop children of all abilities by promoting positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through a family and community involvement in athletic related activities."

Masters Games

Athletes, avid sports fans and those keen to remain active aged 35 and over can now register for the 2011 Naracoorte SA Masters Games.

Registration for the games which includes 25 sports and starts on April 1st has opened for individuals and teams to enter. Entries must be submitted by March 1st with all late entries incurring a late fee charge of $40. A Games registration booklet will then be distributed which outlines Games timetable, individual sports and a map of the township.

The Games Committee has booked entertainment for the Saturday evening with a live cover band at the Naracoorte High School Hall.

To launch the weekend of competition an opening ceremony will be held on April 1st with an athletes’ march from Naracoorte Showgrounds to the town squares. A closing ceremony will include a flag handover to the caretakers of the following Masters Games hosts Port Pirie.

Athletes can now register online at www.naracoortemastersgames.com.au.

Get in early for accommodation!

Angela Solly
South East Local Government Association
Recreation and Sport ‘Be Active’ Field Officer
Naracoorte & District Hockey Association would like to invite you to:

COME AND TRY HOCKEY

Are you interested in a sport with a difference? Hockey is a fun family game with most games played in Naracoorte on Saturdays.

WHERE: at the fields on Stewart Tce (opposite High School)
WHEN: Saturday 26th February
TIME: 9.00 am-11.00 am
Open to all ages 5+
Sticks will be available to use on the day
A BBQ lunch will follow
Annie Anderson from Just Hockey will also be in attendance to purchase gear from and for further advice.

For more information contact:
Anne  0457 137 224 (a/h)