From the Principal

Assembly
On Thursday 14th April in Week 11 we will be holding our whole school assembly. During this assembly we will present our 2011 SRC (Student Representative Council). Assembly is an opportunity for students to demonstrate some of their learning from this term. Teachers will be presenting Literacy and Numeracy awards to students in CPC, Junior, Middle and Upper years. ‘Aussie of the Month’ awards will also be presented to students who have demonstrated special or noteworthy qualities this term.

Three Way Conferences
Three Way Conferences will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 11. For parents with Year 3-7 students please indicate if you would like to see only the teacher instructing your child in Literacy and Numeracy or both teachers who between them cover all learning areas. Please mark your preferred times on the enclosed letter and we will endeavour to accommodate your preferences. This conference is a chance for parents and their child to catch up with teachers to gain a snapshot of how the child is progressing this year with reference to their strengths and areas to develop as a learner.

Principal as Literacy Leader
Last Thursday and Friday I attended a two day conference: PALL (Principal as Literacy Leader). PALL is a project to support principals to improve student literacy achievement. Participating in PALL complements our school focus on improving student comprehension. As has been the case this term I will continue to work closely with teachers to increase student achievement in this area and in particular to focus on developing all students’ capacity to:
- Acquire and infer targeted information from texts
- Construct text types on their own

Urgent: PVC Pipes & Paint
If parents have any lengths of PVC pipe – especially around the 1m to 2m length mark – and any left over tins of household paint could they please contact me to arrange for them to be collected or dropped off? We’ve collected some but we urgently need more pipe and paint to undertake a Come Out Festival art project involving students painting ‘Message Sticks’ to go into the front garden area. This project starts next week.

Reading at Home
Thanks to the parents who have indicated their interest in this session. I will advertise a date at the beginning of Term 2 for early in that term. There are still spaces available for interested parents. As a reminder our focus will be on easy to use reading strategies that cover:
- Babies and Toddlers
- Children in the First Years of School
- Boys and Reading
- Questions Parents Ask.

Christian Outreach
There will be a presentation of the Easter story on Thursday 7th April by representatives of the local churches. It will be interactive for all ages. If you do not wish you child/ren to attend please contact me so other arrangements can be made.

Tyrone

Young Leaders Day
On Friday 18th March 2011 the SRC executives William Brown, Shannon Dolling, Kelsie Moyle-Read and Chelsea Dolling along with Mr Edwards went to the National Young Leaders Day in Adelaide. They listened to five speakers: Lauren Brant, member of High Five; Kate Leeming, the first person to ride a bike from Africa’s most westerly to most easterly point; Sam Offord, 2010 Commonwealth
Games Gold Medallist in gymnastics; Commander Roy Thompson, fire fighter for Adelaide and Mike Martin, officer in the Army. It was very inspiring to listen to their stories of how they achieved their goals.

William, Shannon, Kelsie and Chelsea

SAPSASA Swimming
On Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} March 2011 Alex McCarthy and Dan and Wyatt Fraser swam in the Upper South East team in SAPSASA Swimming in Adelaide. Alex swam in the 12 year old 4x50m freestyle relay and the 13 year old 4x50m freestyle relay. Dan swam in the 12 year old 4x50m freestyle relay and the 13 year old 4x50m medley relay. Wyatt swam in the 10 year old freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly and the 4x50m freestyle relay.

Wyatt got into the finals in every event and won silver in the relay and a bronze in the breaststroke.

Alex, Dan and Wyatt

Youth Environmental Forum
On 9\textsuperscript{th} March 2011 the Youth Environmental Forum was held in Keith. The students who went were Josh Hazel, Jacinta Kakoschke, Thomas Rivett and Andrew Stevens. They talked about things involved with the environment and what things are destroying the animal habitats. Also they had Wally from Monarto Zoo speak about the activities. They all had fun learning about things that are destroying the environment. The Youth Environmental Forum students are planning to make a frog pond. They would like to thank Mr Edwards for taking them.

Josh, Jacinta, Thomas and Andrew

Pancake Day
On Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} March the SRC held Pancake Day. The SRC sold over 100 pancakes at $2.50 each. The SRC had help from the Grumpy Old Men and the old principal Harry Long. The SRC did deliveries around Padthaway and sold 31 pancakes just down the street. The SRC used their brand new barbecue to cook the pancakes. It was a great success and the SRC would like to thank everyone involved.

Kelsie and William, SRC

CPSW Spot
Have you heard the phrase, ‘Walk the talk’? It is often used in adult situations imploring us to lead by example, not just by words. Another quote I love is, ‘Children have a great capacity to close their ears to advice and open their eyes to example’. The first part of this quote could apply to most of us at times. At two forums I have attended with senior school students we have heard and seen both advice and action from the presenters. Four students went with me to the Youth Environment Forum at Keith and saw examples of actions they could take to make a difference. Now it is up to them to take the next step. They have already started on this course.

Just last Friday our leaders of the SRC attended the National Young Leaders Day in Adelaide with over 2,000 other primary age students to hear inspirational speakers from around Australia give examples of their experiences and how they see leadership. A common theme was ‘Lead by example’. Another was ‘Nobody gets there alone’. Being there for each other is so important in our lives. I am sure William, Shannon, Kelsie and Chelsea would love to tell you about their experience and their favourite speaker. Ask them next time you see them.

Speaking of leadership our SRC did a fantastic job organising Pancake Day. It was again a most successful day, both as a fun day and financially. Our senior men again helped with the cooking and were joined by a recently retired school principal you may know. Yes, it was Mr Long or Harry as we adults know him. May all of us continue to be positive examples to those who observe our actions.

Cheers, Stephen
Tuck Day
Reminder:
29th March (Week 9)
Nachos
Helper
Sue Bryson – muffins
Leanne Dolling
5th April (Week 10)
Hot Chicken Rolls
Helpers
Michele Moyle-Read – muffins
Sharon Patrick
Deb Brown
Tuck Day Coordinator

Catering for Clearing Sale
The Fundraising Committee will be catering for Mrs Anne Emerson’s Clearing Sale on Thursday 24th March 2011. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve lunch on the day from 12.00 pm. If you are unable to help at the sale, we are also looking for donations of cake.
If you are able to help or donate, please contact Tanya Frick on 8765 6005.
Tanya Frick
Fundraising Coordinator

Community News

Jumpin’ Joeys
Jumpin’ Joeys will be held in the Uniting Church Hall this Friday 25th March 2011 at 10.00 am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Cost is $2.00 per family.
Beth Ortlepp, phone 8765 5299

Kool Kangas
Please note that Kool Kangas will begin next term for 2011.
Heather Edwards, phone 87655 065

Padthaway Ambulance Centre
Ex Padthaway Ambulance Centre long vertical drapes are available. Please contact Bob Gensicke on 0427 189 174 if you are interested.

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 register for the 2011 Naracoorte SA Masters Games. Registration for the games which includes 25 sports and starts on April 1st is open for individuals and teams to enter. All late entries after March 1st will incur 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

Barrow and Newman

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Inbound Program Manager
Angela Solly
www.scce.com.au

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 July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, and the Scandinavian countries 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, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Robert Lindsay
Inbound Program Manager
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
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AT DANCE SPORT