I'm on leave

By the time you will be reading this report, I will be hopefully in London on Long Service Leave. I will be away from school for the last two weeks of this term and return on the first Tuesday of Term 2. Toni Ballard will be the Acting Principal in my absence and Ryan Westell the Acting Deputy Principal.

DE - Department of Education

As a result of the change in government at the recent state election, our department previously known as the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) will now be called the Department of Education (DE). We welcome the honourable John Gardner MP as the Minister of Education.

NAPLAN - Parent Exemptions

The national testing program in which Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7 students participate will take place in Week 3 of Term 2. That is on Tuesday 15th May until Thursday 17th May. I personally encourage every parent to allow their child to participate even if they struggle in their learning. My reason is that these normed tests provide us with valuable data that can inform the learning needs of your child.

If, however, you do not wish your child to participate in one or all of the tests, please contact me so we can arrange an exemption. My email address: sharron.ward616@schools.sa.edu.au

Stage 2 of the Plant Upgrade

Stage 1 of the plant upgrade is complete to completion with new reverse cycle air-conditioning installed in the bottom story of the old stone building. As an added bonus, new carpet has been installed in each of these rooms.

On the last Thursday and Friday of this term, we will be shifting Room 9 down to Room 5, Room 8 down to Room 4, Room 7A down to Room 3 and Room 7 down to Room 2. Room 6 will remain upstairs but may need to shift on the occasional day into the school hall. This will make the way for Stage 2 to start upstairs over the April School Holidays.

We are also looking forward to the outside metal structure being removed. It seemed quite symbolic when the brick wall that surrounded the old evaporative units was being demolished that we just had to take a picture.

Prospect Council shift into the Community Library

As a result of the school asking for the return of the DE owned Prospect Community Library, the Prospect Council has embarked on a major redevelopment of their existing council buildings. Just after Easter you will see the council buildings demolished and a new multi-story building that will incorporate the Council Chambers, Community Library and community function spaces. During this process, many council staff have shifted into the existing Community Library.

In respect to student safety, the area outside of OSHC that is used for music lessons and OSHC, all council staff and visitors will use the internal doors to access the cottage. This will ensure students can play and learn in these areas without external adults accessing this area.

Sharron Ward, NPS Principal
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Harmony Day Celebrations (see pages 3 and 4)
Special Acknowledgements

Thank You
It is with our school community’s sincerest thanks that we say well done to Kathy Guerrero for her years as our school’s NWJSA Soccer Delegate. As a volunteer, Kathy tirelessly worked to ensure that our many teams were organised and that the weekly soccer matches occurred without issues.

Kathy, we wish you well in your next endeavour and say ‘THANKS!’ for all you have contributed to school soccer at Nailsworth Primary School.

Goodbye
Next week, on Wednesday and Thursday, will be Esther Hey’s final days as our school’s Pastoral Care Worker (PCW). Esther has been with us for three years and she has been a wonderful source of comfort and advice to many students, staff and parents during that time. Esther is leaving Nailsworth to take up full time employment at another school site. We wish her all the best in her next role and thank her for her many positive contributions to our school community and its members. She will be sadly missed by many and very difficult to replace when several students/classes described her as ‘perfect’.

A new PCW will be appointed before the end of this term in order for the successful applicant to begin at the start of next term.

Well Done
The Nailsworth Primary School Community owes Natasha (Tash) Turner a huge thank you for coordinating the Coles Sports Voucher Campaign. We hope that your contributions result in us receiving some sports equipment for the school.

Parents and Friends News

Thanks to all the people who attended the previous meeting. We hope to see you again at the next meeting. The PFA are continuing to discuss ideas for events and fundraisers so if you have any ideas please come along to our next meeting.

The next meeting is Thursday April 5th 8.45am in the staff room. All PFA members must complete a volunteer Application Form and Declaration. Please see Toni Ballard if you need to organise one.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Nailsworth Primary School PFA will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday May 11th 2018 (Week 2, Term 2).

All classes will be given the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved one.

Gifts will range from $1 to $5.

The PFA are looking for donations of new and suitable items to be sold on the stall. These can be left in the Uniform Office.

Do you have a pile of used gift bags that you are not sure what to do with? Please donate these to the Mother’s Day stall as they are great for the kids to use to “hide” their purchase! These can be left in the Uniform Office.

Recipe Book
Did you know Nailsworth Primary School has a recipe book for sale? It’s a fantastic book filled with delicious recipes, artworks and photos from our school community.

A copy is in the Front Office for you to view and they can be purchased for $25.00 with ALL proceeds going back to the School.

PFA Committee
Red Hats at OSHC

For a number of meetings the OSHC committee has struggled with identifying a process that would clearly identify OSHC students in the school's grounds.

Clear identification is required after school so OSHC workers can monitor the activity of OSHC students in the school yard, particularly when non OSHC students are present.

Clear identification is also required when OSHC students attend excursions in vacation care.

The process that was agreed by the OSHC Management Committee and approved by the NPS Governing Council is for all OSHC students to purchase a red hat that will be worn when they are at OSHC.

OSHC students will effectively have 2 hats, a blue hat for school and a red hat for OSHC.

All OSHC families will receive an invoice this week for a red hat for their child/ren. The hats are $8 each. It would be appreciated if families support this initiative which aims to keep students safe by purchasing a hat through the school's Uniform Shop as soon as possible. Replacement hats will be available for purchase through the Uniform Shop too.

Effective immediately, new families will be billed for a red hat when enrolling their child/ren in the NPS OSHC service.

SRC News

Congratulations to the SRC for their outstanding efforts at the Harmony day Olympics. They demonstrated confidence, professionalism and leadership skills throughout the planning process and on the day.

The SRC hope you enjoyed participating in the activities with your buddies. It was great to see teams working together, encouraging one another and showing persistence. Well done!

A reminder to SRC representatives and teachers to hold their fortnightly class meetings and make sure to give feedback on the Harmony Day Olympics.

Miss Iannucci, SRC Coordinator
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Harmony Day 21st March 2018

Nailsworth Primary School celebrated Harmony Day with many students dressing in orange clothing or traditional costumes. The SRC students and Miss Iannucci organised games from countries around the World which classes played in the afternoon.

Many thanks to the SRC and Miss Iannucci for their entire organisation. A fun afternoon was had by all.

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