



## Principal's Report

Dear Families,

We welcome everyone to the 2017 school year!

### Meet the Teacher

Each year we hold a night where parents can come to school to meet their child's teacher and hear about the year ahead.

This year's Meet the Teacher Night will be held on **Tuesday 7th February** at the times scheduled below. We hope to see you there. The scheduling of the classes is as follows:

#### 6pm - 6:25pm

#### Foundation to Year 1 classes

Room 2: Foundation - Marika Glouftsis and Maria Daniells  
 Room 3: Foundation - Christie Bewley and Maria Daniells  
 Room 4: Foundation - Urszula Kudra  
 Room 5: Year 1 - Adele Pepper and Kerryn Kuchel  
 Room 11: Year 1 - Vicki Kourlis / Jan Halifax  
 Room 12: Year 1 - Laura Frangiosa / Hannah Oakeshott

#### 6:30 - 6:55pm

#### Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 classes

Room 1: Year 2 - Kirsty Eastham  
 Room 17: Year 2 - Sue Forsyth / Adriana Papadopoulos  
 Room 18: Year 2 - Tracy Titchmarsh / Adriana Papadopoulos  
 Room 14: Year 3 - Debbie Kimber / Nicole LeMesurier  
 Room 15: Year 3 - Adriana Forte / Nicole LeMesurier  
 Room 19: Year 3 - Deb Day  
 Room 13: Year 4 - Donna Hilton  
 Room 16: Year 4 - Jodie Ralph

#### 7pm - 7:30pm

#### Year 4/5, Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7 classes

Room 21: Year 4/5 - Daniel Penfold / Frank Ballard  
 Room 20: Year 5 - Keelah Sumner / Frank Ballard  
 Room 6: Year 5/6 - Alex Kenefick / Louise Iannucci  
 Room 7: Year 6 - Daniel Smith  
 Room 7A: Year 6 - Melinda Westbrook  
 Room 8: Year 6/7 - Adriana Amodeo / George Koulianos  
 Room 9: Year 7 - Tony Crampsas (meeting together with Room 8 teachers in Room 8)



Meet the  
Teacher  
Tuesday 7th  
February

## Diary Dates

**Thursday  
2 February**  
Drama Club

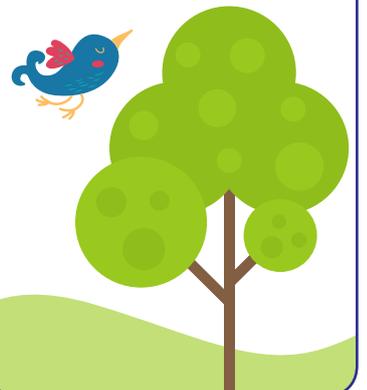


**Friday 3  
February**  
Junior and Senior Choir  
'Come and Try' session

**Tuesday 7 February**  
Meet the Teacher night

**Week 3**  
Junior and Senior Bands  
start this week

**Upcoming 2017  
School Closure dates:**  
**Tuesday 13th June**  
**Monday 24th July**



## Principal's Report (continued)



### Email Addresses Required

In 2016 we established a school parent email distribution list that is designed to allow us to contact parents in a timely, efficient manner.

One week before school started, we used this distribution list to inform parents of their child's placement for 2017. This highlighted that a number of parents have not registered their email address with the school.

If you did not receive a class placement email, **please email the school on dl.0305\_info@schools.sa.edu.au**, nominating the email address that you would like us to use.

### Newsletters Online in 2017

This first edition of the newsletter will be the only hard-copy that you receive in 2017 as we are going online in 2017. This decision will save considerable amounts of time and money by reducing photocopying and support hours.

However, one thing we don't want to lose is our ability to communicate. It is important that we therefore have a current email address so that you receive communication from the school.

### Trial of Separate Play

We all would acknowledge that our school yard is very crowded at play times. In 2017 we are trialling separate play times aimed at reducing play congestion and promoting a positive play experience for all children.

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the Foundation to Year 2 students (F-2) will have a recess and lunch break 30 minutes before the Year 3-7 students.

The F-2 play breaks are therefore:

- Recess 10:05-10:35am
- Supervised lunch eating by class teachers 12:15-12:25pm, with play from 12:25-12:55pm.

On Wednesdays the current F-7 play times will remain with only F-2 students allowed on the play equipment and the Library open at lunch time only for F-2 students.

This trial will be reviewed at the end of Term 1 with a reduction in accidents and behaviour incidents being important indicators of success.

### Does your child have Asthma, Anaphylaxis or an allergy?

A DECD requirement is that children with Asthma, Anaphylaxis or an allergy are required to provide to the school a Medical Information form and Medication Authority form. These forms are required to be updated annually. All of this documentation aims to keep children safe by outlining the ongoing medical condition and medication that the school staff will be required to dispense.

In short, the medical authority is providing instructions to educators about the care that is required for each of these conditions.

**Reminder:** ✓ **Medication** to be held in First Aid room in 2017 needs to be brought in to the Front Office as soon as possible. Please complete valid **medication plans** and also return ASAP. All **student personal data forms** also need to be returned.

### School Closures 2017

There are two Pupil Free Days where the NPS staff will be working with other teachers across the Adelaide / Prospect Partnership.

The dates are as follows:

- **Tuesday 13th June** (The Tuesday following the Monday public holiday for the Queen's Birthday)
- **Monday 24th July** (The first Monday of Term 3)

There will be 2 additional Pupil Free Days and one School Closure with dates published once they are confirmed.

*Sharron Ward, Principal*



## School Sponsorship - Ends 10th February

The Sports Store in Northpark, 'Be A Sport' has offered the school an opportunity to be part of the 'Back to School' promotion. Until 10th February, every customer who spends \$20 or more and mentions "Nailsworth Primary School" will earn 2 points for our school. At the end of the promotion, the points accumulated will be converted to an equivalent \$ amount and balls to that value will be made available to the school. So if you are shopping in 'Be A Sport', please mention the name of our school.

## Finance Office

Many thanks to all the parents who have made payments toward their **school fees**. If you would like to make an arrangement to have funds deducted from your account to pay school or OSHC fees, please see the form on our website located under the 'Parent Information' section and bring it into the Finance Office for processing. Arrangements can be made to pay via instalments so please email me with your details so it can be approved.

**The School Card Scheme** is available for parents and provides government assistance for families of low income. School Card needs to be applied for each year. If you would like me to send you a form home, please email me **mary.dunton949@schools.sa.edu.au** or collect a form from the office.

The **special order for uniforms** is also available. Please complete the form on our website including a \$20.00 deposit by **Friday 17th February**. We have had a rush on polo shirts and have ordered some more. When they arrive we will advise via the newsletter. Currently we have no size 10, 12 or small polo shirts. Apologies to anyone who has missed out.

*Mary Dunton*



**OPEN**

**The Uniform Shop  
is open 8:30-9:30am  
Monday to Friday**

Someone will be able to assist you with your uniform purchases every day.



## New Staff

WELCOME!

We welcome a number of new staff members to NPS.

**Jackie Morgan** has been appointed to a new leadership position at NPS that of the EALD Coordinator. Jackie will work at NPS Monday to Wednesday focusing on the literacy of students particularly those with an English as a Second Language (ESL) background. Her initial focus is to work alongside class teachers in Writing. While the focus may be on ESL learner students, we know that the strategies Jackie and teachers will employ will benefit every child at NPS.

We are extremely fortunate to have two new graduates in **Keelah Sumner** and **Adraina Forte** join the NPS teaching team. Keelah will be teaching Year 5 while Adraina is taking a Year 3 class. Every teacher remembers their first class as it is a significant experience in the life of a teacher. They are both excited to commence their journey here at NPS.



We welcome back **Daniel Penfold** to NPS. Daniel often TRTs at NPS and has previously taken a contract position in 2015. Daniel will be working in a Year 4/5 class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Frank Ballard taking Thursday and Friday.



## Music and Drama Opportunities

**Junior and Senior Choir will have their first sessions this Friday.** Students in Year 2 - 4 are eligible to join Junior Choir and students in Year 5 - 7 are eligible to join Senior Choir. This Friday's session will be a "Come and Try" session. Further information will be available for those students who would like to join.

**Junior and Senior Bands will start in week 3.** Junior Band is for students in Year 2 - 4 who are interested in learning music. We will learn to read music and play the recorder, xylophones and other percussion instruments. **Junior Band will run from 8:15 to 8:45 on Thursday mornings.**

**Senior Band is for students in Year 5 - 7** who already play an instrument and can read music. A wide variety of abilities can be accommodated in Senior Band and students are welcome to come and try it out. Piano students are welcome to come and play percussion instruments or take up the recorder. All other instruments are welcome. **Senior Band will run from 8:15 to 9:00 on Tuesday mornings.**

**Drama Club will start this week on Thursday at lunch time** and is open to students in Year 5 - 7. From Term 2, a smaller group of students will be selected to continue with Drama Club and work towards performances at assembly and the Performing Arts Showcase in Term 4.

For further information please contact Judy Hanel at [Judy.Hanel823@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Judy.Hanel823@schools.sa.edu.au).

*Judy Hanel, Music & Drama Teacher*



## Are you a History Buff?

The school's association with local historian, Neil Rossiter, has enabled us to touch base with the history of the NPS School. Given that we were one of the first schools established in this local area NPS has a long and interesting journey.

Here are two pieces of history that you may be interested in.

### **Lorna Fairweather remembered**

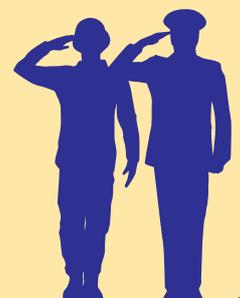
Alongside the honour board that recognises past Nailsworth Primary students who fought in World War I, is an additional honour board to honour the memory of Lorna Fairweather.

Lorna was a past NPS student who was a nurse in WW2. She did not return from serving her country, killed in 1942 after being evacuated from the ship the Vyner Brooke along with many fellow nurses.

On the **16th February** the Australian War Memorial daily Last Post Ceremony for this year will be highlighting Lorna Fairweather. We can all be part of remembering Lorna by tuning into the live stream of the Last Post Ceremony on the Memorial's YouTube channel on the day at 4:55pm AEDST. <https://www.youtube.com/c/awmlastpost>

### **Dickie Manson**

The SA Weekend Magazine published last Saturday told the story of an 11 year old Adelaide boy called Dickie Manson who was shot as a WW2 Spy. Dickie was a past student at Nailsworth Primary. The article tells an incredible story of a past student impacted by the depression and conflict. It makes us reflect on the fortunate circumstances of our current students.



## From the Library

Dear Families

I am very pleased to again be working as the Librarian and teaching your children at Nailsworth Primary School in 2017, and am looking forward to a productive and educational time together.

### Resource Centre

The Resource Centre is located on the ground floor in the new two-storey building. It is a very modern and child friendly space. We strive to enrich school learning experiences for all students and enhance their lifelong enjoyment of learning through resources and literature. The resources available to both children and teachers are essential in maximising the learning potential for our students.

### Borrowing

All classes have timetabled borrowing sessions in the Resource Centre each week. Classroom teachers bring their classes to the Resource Centre for browsing and borrowing of books. Books can be returned as part of class routines or by mailing them in the return slot in the Library at lunch or after school. The Resource Centre is also open before and after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-8:55am and 3:05-3:20pm and with teacher consent during those school days for borrowing, returns and assistance.

During borrowing time, teachers and I introduce children to new resources in the Library, both fiction and non-fiction. This enables all children to view new resources before they are available for general borrowing. Reservations are able to be made for new and general resources. Students are also able to explore changing topic and literary displays.

### Literature

Various types of literature will be introduced to children e.g. picture books, chapter books, novels, poetry, genres (fantasy, humour, adventure etc.) plus author and illustrator profiles. During third term we celebrate Australian authors and illustrators of children's books with Book Week. Students will again be invited to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge, with the Year 6 and 7 students able to start at the beginning of the year. Details will be given to classes directly and in newsletters. Students will also have the option to build onto their PRC readings and strive to become a Book Whisperer, reading 40 books during the year and promoting them to our student community. In fourth term we will see students from Year 2 – Year 7 will again be able to be part of a Junior, Middle or Senior team in the Readers' Cup.

### Library Bag

Students in Foundation receive a personal Library bag which should be used to protect and transport Library books to and from school. Junior Primary students who received a bag last year continue to use that in 2017.

### Lunch Time

The Library is open each lunch time Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for Years 3-7 and Wednesdays for Years F-2 for children to enjoy reading, board games, drawing and craft, thematic activities and computer access. Some lunch times will be allocated for specific activities such as chess, board games, storytelling, events and thematic activities. A roster allows students to access 7 computers for lunch games (once per week) and 8 computers for study during class time as requested by a teacher.

**Thank you** for helping your children find and return books to the Library – it is never too late! Please encourage your children to have a regular, safe place for their books and a reading routine so that books are read and re-circulated in a timely fashion.



### In Brief...

- **New books available** to browse and reserve now!
- **Reservations** - 1 new book per person (please return new books within 1 week if possible) and 1 from the shelves
- **Popular choices!** Students are asked to borrow just one of a particular author or series at a time
- **Literacy Pro** quizzed texts for Years 3-7 now in a dedicated shelf near main Library entrance
- **Book Week - 2017 the year of...** This year's Book Week theme is "Escape to Everywhere". It is the United Nations' International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development.



**The Readers' Cup Quiz** was held at the end of 2016. Congratulations to the 113 students in 30 teams who chose, read, posed questions and quizzed books so enthusiastically.

The winners were:

- Junior** – "Shooting Stars" – *Anya, Anjali, Varunee and Ishmeet*  
**Middle** – "Chocolate Shakers" – *Alissa, Kat, Hannah and Zara*  
**Senior** – "Rock Readers" – *Portia and Meg*



### Novels now shelved in bays according to genre

Sorting books by genre helps students to:

- find books they want to read more easily and quickly
- find books if they are encouraged/required to read across genres
- identify and articulate their own reading preferences
- independently find "read-alikes"
- students make the transition from fiction series into fiction genre, ie. Boy vs Beast to Beast Quest to Fantasy genre, or Puppy Place to Pet Vet to Animal stories.

It can also help less confident, less experienced readers select books from a smaller, more tailored sub-collection.

It will be exciting to see what changes we observe in our student borrowing patterns and conversations. Libraries that have changed to a genre arrangement report greatly increased borrowing and also that the biggest change was in usability for the students - they loved it, and found it so much easier to get at the books they wanted to read.

### PRC

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again! As many of the books



included in the list for the older students require an extended time to read, we are starting the Year 6 and 7 students on the Challenge straight away. We have received the early information from the organisers and these students will receive their red recording sheet in the next week or so. Students are encouraged to read a mixture of fiction and non-fiction and to limit themselves to two by an author.

Younger classes will begin at a time to complement each teacher's literature program. I include the website for your interest.

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/>

Please come and visit us in our amazing Resource Centre!

Thank you in advance for your support. Happy reading!

**Nicole Le Mesurier, Teacher/Librarian**

