For the second year in a row, we have conducted NAPLAN testing in the school hall. Each day, all the Year 3 and 5 students took their test altogether, followed by the Year 7s. A central location saves lots of teacher preparation time because when the test is held in a classroom a teacher is required to cover all of the words on their classroom walls. The heaters were switched on early each day, to take the chill off the air, making it a comfortable work environment.

What has impressed me most in 2018, was the students’ ability to adapt to stringent NAPLAN test conditions of no talking and quickly settling down to task. I congratulate each student for the manner in which they approached these tests. The drawback of our current testing is the lag time before we can get the results.

Back to school
On Monday, teachers went ‘back to school’, and were stimulated by a shared learning experience in STEM. In the first part of the day, staff worked through a Design Thinking Process with the topic of redesigning ‘gift giving’. This redesigning process allowed staff to gain empathy, to reframe the problem, generate alternatives, reflect and generate a solution, to build a prototype and gain feedback of it. In the second half of the day, staff had time to explore a range of technologies that could be used in a design thinking process. These days are incredibly valuable in extending the knowledge base of our teachers.

Sharron Ward, NPS Principal
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School Photos
School photos were distributed on Tuesday. If your photos did not arrive home, please check your child’s bag and if they cannot be located please call the school office.

Mother’s Day Stall
We once again thank the PFA for providing an opportunity for students to buy a Mother’s Day gift. It certainly is a delight watching the students pick out a special gift for their Mum. The chocolates were a big hit and I hope that they made it home as some seemed to be disappearing before my eyes.

Happy Mother’s Day to all, I hope you were spoilt.
SRC
As a follow on from ‘National Day of Action against Bullying’ the SRC have chosen to spend Term 2 promoting kindness throughout Nailsworth Primary School.
Students will participate in fortnightly activities run by the SRC with the idea to instil positive behaviours towards others. This fortnight, students are focusing on how kindness looks by exploring acts that can be done in everyday life. After exploring the acts buddies will choose 12 of their favourite acts and aim to complete them by the end of the term. Some of the SRC representatives’ favourite acts of kindness include talk to someone new at school, hold the door open for your class mates and high 5 ten unknown students in the yard.
We hope these activities encourage kind behaviour throughout the school as well as in the community.
Miss Iannucci, SRC Coordinator
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Pastoral Care Worker
Hello, my name is Gemma Mayfield and I am the newly appointed Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) at Nailsworth Primary School. I am married to Anthony and we enjoy rock climbing and cycling together. I also like spending time with friends as well as families at church, doing art and craft, writing letters and eating cheesecake. I have a background in providing Pastoral Care to young patients at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital and their families and also in Occupational Therapy.
I will be available at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays (9 – 1:30pm) to support students, teachers and families by being present in the yard at lunch time, in classrooms and at extra-curricular events. You can get in touch with me via the class teacher; the Front Office or by emailing me at Gemma.Mayfield825@schools.sa.edu.au.
I really look forward to getting to know members of the Nailsworth Primary School community and being part of it!
Gemma Mayfield, PCW at NPS
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UNSW Mathematics Competition
A consent form has been given to all Year 4-7 children who might be interested in participating in this year’s UNSW Mathematics Competition. The competition’s sitting date is set for Tuesday August 14 in Term 3. However, payment to the Finance Office will need to be made prior to Friday June 1.
Tony Crampsas, Year 7 Teacher
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Student Initiated Community Event

On Saturday 12th May, Nyah P (Room 10) and Ella D (Room 16) held a flower stall selling flowers for Mother’s Day. They made up 24 small vases of flowers, which they sold for $5.00 each along with some larger arrangements for $15.00 each. The stall was such a hit that they sold out! The girls decided beforehand to donate part of their proceeds to charity. They chose The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, in particular their homeless children campaign. Nyah and Ella will be donating a total of $85 to this appeal. Well done girls and thank you to the school community for supporting their initiative!

Cross Country

On Thursday 24th May, fifteen Nailsworth students travelled to the East Parklands to compete at the North Adelaide Cross Country Trials. In very cold, wet and windy conditions they ran against other students in our district for the opportunity to be selected to represent the North Adelaide District at the State Championships, at Oakbank on 7th June.

Students born in 2008 (10yr olds) ran the 2km course and the 2007-2005 (11yr -13yr olds) ran 3km.

The following students did their best in challenging conditions:

- Nicholas W
- Anna T
- Grace J
- Indi D B
- Hamish M
- Hannah M
- Amelia M
- Claire G
- Oliver M
- April F
- Olivia G
- Matthew W
- Hannah F
- Abbey G
- Ryan S

Unfortunately none of our students qualified to represent the North Adelaide District Team to compete at State Day.

I would like to thank all the students for their commitment and effort in the lead up to the trials and all the parents for their support on the day.

George Koulianos
PE Coordinator
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Well done everyone! Great effort!
THE CANTEEN...WHAT'S THE STORY?

In recent times I understand that there has been discussion in the community about the closure of the school canteen. In the interests of ensuring everyone has accurate information about ‘where we are at’, this article attempts to provide the facts about this situation.

Departmental Expectations

Any school canteen or private provider providing a food delivery service to South Australian Public Schools needs to ensure that the food it provides complies with the Departmental Right Bite Policy. This policy is a healthy food guide that promotes green foods (every day) amber foods (once a week) and red foods once to twice a term. I’m sure every parent would applaud healthy food options, however, the preparation and costs of healthy food is unfortunately more expensive than orange or red foods.

An additional departmental expectation is that any school canteen on a departmental site needs to be financially viable and not subsidised by school funds. School canteens do operate healthy canteens in public schools, however; they are mainly secondary schools where students have ready cash, big appetites and about a 1,000 students.

Governing Council

The operation of the canteen is the responsibility of the school's Governing Council and therefore school councillors have been informed and involved in the decision making in this matter. Up until Term 3 last year this management has been an easy task, as for the last 10+ years, Sue Carnell, the Canteen Manager had an agreement with the Governing Council to lease the canteen and operate it as a private business. Sue operated a 5 day a week canteen also offering snacks at recess and lunch.

Just for the love of it

A change in Sue's personal circumstances resulted in her signalling that she could not continue in the canteen from 2018. As a school we acknowledged her dedication to our school and are feeling the impact of this loss.

In looking to consider the next steps, the Governing Council formed a committee that initially had 2 members in Luke Montgomery, a Regency TAFE executive with obvious expertise in this field, and Toni Ballard, the school’s Deputy. The first task of the committee was to undertake a business study.

It was clear that Sue's work at our canteen was a 'labour of love' with a minimal profit margin. This study highlighted that if the school ran the canteen it would be difficult for it be financially viable.

Outsourcing

The committee therefore looked to outsource the canteen.

As required by the Department for Education, a procurement process was undertaken but unfortunately no operator submitted a tender.

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The committee then considered other options that included looking to other local schools.

- There was satisfaction with Subway from a number of schools.
- Schools using local shops as providers were moving away from these arrangements as most were bakeries with primarily amber and red offerings.

Subway

Given that the end of the year was drawing to a close and only Subway was prepared to offer a service it was agreed to trial this company as a lunch provider for the first two terms of 2018. Subway was only prepared to offer lunches on 3 days, namely Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Problems

The only identified problem with the Subway service has been human errors with parents (and the Principal) not using the app properly and not moving through to ‘check out’ correctly. Where errors have been identified the company has quickly responded and provided lunches in a speedy manner. The numbers of lunch orders are steadily increasing.

Snacks

A lack of time and people has resulted in only two occasions since the beginning of the year when snacks were available. This was Zooper Doopers and the students loved it and they sold out.

The good news is that the Canteen Committee will be organising a special snack option at lunch times on the last Wednesday of each month. The first will be held on Wednesday 30th May. Food items to be available will be advertised via an email to all families. If you can assist on Wednesday 30th from 12:55 – 1:45pm please contact Toni Ballard.

We are pleased that the PFA are planning special treat lunch days throughout the rest of the year.

Next Steps?

At the next Governing Council Meeting, the council will be reviewing the lunch delivery service by Subway.

Your Thoughts

If you have opinions or thoughts about how to run a viable, healthy canteen or service to our students and staff, please send your information to the school so we can table it at the Governing Council.

Or chat to a member of the School Canteen committee, Luke Montgomery, Sue Carnell or Toni Ballard.

I personally would like to thank this committee who have faced many hurdles and challenges.

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