Principal's Message

Reminders:
This coming Friday 29th September is the last day of Term 3.
School Dismissal is at 2:05pm.
The first day back for Term 4 is Monday 16th October with the term concluding on Friday 15th December.

Playground Update
Stage 2 of the playground development is to build a nature play space to the left hand side of the new equipment.
This is in the bark area outside the gym.
We started planning this project in the middle of Term 1 in association with the DPTI Facility Contractor in Spotless.
Progress has been frustratingly slow. The latest disappointment was that the scope of work was out for tender but no one responded. We therefore are repeating the tender process again and hoping that there is a response within our budget. I am reluctant to state a timeline but am aiming to get some action ASAP.

2018 Enrolments
It is very problematic planning for the new school year if you do not have accurate student numbers. If your family is leaving NPS it would be appreciated if you could please call the Front Office to inform them of your plans.
If you have a young sibling who will be starting school in 2018, it is important that they are enrolled.
If you have not enrolled your preschool student, please do so ASAP.
Sharron Ward, Principal
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OSHC News

Vacation Care
The Vacation Care Program is out. Please return your booking forms as soon as possible to ensure you have a place for the days you need. Forms are available on the school’s website and in OSHC. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Early Dismissal Friday
Please ensure you book your children in as a separate booking for the early dismissal this Friday at 2:05pm.

Bookings / Cancellations
Please make sure that you are advising a staff member of when you need care. If you do not notify us of a cancellation you WILL be charged.
If you need care for your children, it is very important that you book your children in previous to the day. Under the National Education and Care Law and Regulations we have very strict ratios of staff:children which need to be adhered to. If we as a service do not adhere to these Regulations we run the risk of large fines.
If we are at our capacity and you have not booked your children in for Before School Care we may have to turn you away. If you notify the service before 6pm via phone call to the service landline the day before we will be able to organise more staff to work.
If families are unable to book casual care, the service will have to look at raising the fee for casual walk-ins to the service.
Michelle Haywood, Assistant OSHC Director
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Diary Dates

Wednesday 27 – 29th September
Rooms 8 & 9 Camp

Friday 29th September
Term 3 ends and dismissal is 2:05pm

Monday 16th October
Term 4 begins

Wednesday 18th October
Canteen & OSHC meetings

Thursday 19th October
PFA meeting, 8:45am

Friday 20th – 27th October
Book Fair

Monday 23rd October
Governing Council, 7:30pm

Friday 27th October
NPS Skipathon

Wishing all families a safe and happy holiday break!
Lost Property Reminder

REMINDER! BEFORE END OF TERM: Please take the time to check for any items that you are missing. Any valuables please check at Front Office. Clothing and lunch boxes/bottles are kept by the stairs in the main building.

All items not claimed before the end of term will be disposed of during the holiday break.

Also could parents please check the label on the inside of uniform items (jumpers, hats etc.) to make sure that their child hasn’t accidentally taken another child’s clothing.

Front Office Staff

Sports Day 2017 Report

Although Sports Day at Broadview Oval was cancelled twice due to the predicted weather forecast, our school-based Sports Day ended up being a very successful, well-organised, action-packed day full of fun and physical activity.

It was fantastic to see many families and friends come to help and support the event. All the students should be congratulated for showing great sportsmanship, co-operation and teamwork.

The Sports Committee would like to acknowledge and thank all the parents, staff and volunteers for all their support and help.

Special thanks to:
- Kym Woolford who helped mark the sprint lines, set up our new house marqueses and his general help on the day.
- Mick Schooley for helping set up the marqueses, running the commando relay and being a sprint judge.
- Uni SA Pre Service Teachers - Angus, Josh (and friend Ryan), Claire and OHSC staff Eleni and Matt for running Year 2-7 tabloid activities.

Congratulations to Horrocks (Red) for taking out the House Champions Shield awarded to the house that accumulated the most points during the sprints and tabloid events.

For the second year in a row Balfour (Blue) has taken out the Spirit Shield awarded to the house which demonstrated the best sportsmanship, competed fairly and continually encouraged each other throughout the day.

First Horrocks (Red) 397 points
Second Thomas (Green) 355 points
Third Balfour (Blue) 347 points
Fourth Emilie (Yellow) 341 points

Festival of Music

Our Senior Choir students performed on stage at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.

This year, for the first time in many years, the choir was composed of over a 1000 students returning to the past, when the choral festival was known as The Thousand Voice Choir.

The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon, is a public school-based music education program which is collaboration between DECD and the SPPPS Music Society, which gives all SA public primary students the opportunity to perform at a prestigious venue.

This year the Festival started with a big bang, as an “Arena Percussion Group” opened the concert while all 1000 students filed onto stage. The commissioned work was entitled “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King” which was a series of five songs based around the popular classical composition “The Nutcracker Suite”, and the concert ended with the pop song “Live Louder”.

In between there were a number of Assisting Artists from public primary and secondary schools, other choir items that presented different musical genre, and two pieces that specifically showcased the talents of the orchestra.

It was a spectacular event that our students enjoyed being a part of.
Recipe book – Our Family Favourites

By now you should have heard about the Recipe Book we have created! It’s a fantastic book filled with delicious recipes, artworks and photos from our school community.

Congratulations to the following students whose magnificent artwork made the front cover: Felicity, Tanvi, Tehya, Finn, Aini, Nicole, Emily, Ilena, Taj, Indiya, Anjali, Kabir, Luisa, April, Lilli and Ellie.

Books will be available in late November but can be ordered now for $25 each or $20 each if purchasing multiple books in one order. An order form is attached to this newsletter.

These books will make wonderful Christmas presents but order quickly as there is a limited number of books!

Order Form included next page!

Next Meeting:
The PFA are always discussing ideas for events and fundraisers so if you have any ideas please come along to our next meeting.

The next meeting is Thursday 19th October at 8.45am in the staff room. All PFA members must have a DCSI clearance. Please see Toni Ballard if you need to organise one.

Parents and Friends Association

Book Fair

The popular Book Fair is back with the assistance of Pegi Williams Books at Walkerville. The Book Fair will be set up in the Library on Friday of Week 1 next term and will be on display through all of Week 2. The students will be able to have a good look during their regular Library borrowing session between Friday 20th October and Friday 27th October. There they will fill in a wish list to take home and discuss with parents. They will also each receive a glossy brochure and order form from Pegi Williams with details of the books in each category. There will also be an evening Book Fair session for parents on Wednesday 25th October until 6.45pm as well as time to browse most days at lunch, before and after school.

There are no direct sales of the books on display - it is there as an opportunity to browse and then order with delivery in about 3 weeks. The students are usually pretty excited about it and it is a great sponsorship for our school with about $1000 in books usually received as a result of our percentage of sales. Orders need to include payment by cash or Bpoint to Julie Chambers in the office. The last day for orders will be Monday 30th October.

Books may also be purchased to donate to the school collection – to be acknowledged with a book plate inside the cover. Last year we were able to buy books worth approximately $1000 with the sponsorship from Pegi Williams!

PRC

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has now wound up and the data uploaded to the organisers. This year 431 students, which is 76%, have completed the Challenge successfully. Congratulations to all these students. Medals and certificates usually arrive in November.

Congratulations to Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, 17 and 18 – all their students have completed the Challenge. Well done!

I hope that you have discovered some new characters, worlds and events – both real and imagined – that have interested, fascinated, excited, comforted and enthralled you.

Are you a Book Whisperer yet?

Can’t stop reading?
Want to hear from others about great books?
Want to tell others about your favourite books and authors?

Join us and aim to read 40 books this year: Select 5 of your favourite books to promote to the school in a style that you choose - Poster, Assembly, PowerPoint... BE CREATIVE! Let us know why you recommend each of these books. Write the title on a book card for the Book Whisperer display board in the Library.

Book Whispering activity sessions will be starting in Term 4 when you can share ideas and create your Book Whispers! Reading finishes 1st December 2017 (Week 7) and all those involved will be acknowledged at an assembly.

Readers’ Cup

Advance notice – it will be Readers’ Cup time Weeks 4-7 next term! Students will be invited to form teams of four that will read from a collection of novels ready for a quiz in Week 8 - Junior (Years 2-3), Middle (Years 4-5) and Upper Primary (Years 6-7) can be involved.

Sign-up sheets will be on the display board in the novel section of the Library. Enter as a full team or as an individual in a Cup level and I can make you part of a team.

Participants are also invited to write a question and answer to be included in the quiz.

The winning team in each Cup will be awarded a perpetual Cup and receive book prizes. All entrants will receive a small participation reward.

There will be a Readers’ Cup meeting in Week 3 on Tuesday 31st October at Recess in the Library to finalise teams and select some of the books which you would like included for your Cup. There will also be some book suggestions on the display shelves which you can add to a Cup box. You might like to include a favourite so that some titles are familiar! Come along with your friends!

Happy reading!

Nicole Le Mesurier, Teacher Librarian
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Order Form – NPS Recipe Book.

We have produced a beautiful, professionally published book, with nearly 100 recipes from 15 different countries, artwork from the competition and photos from our school community.

“Our Family Favourites” will be available in late November and will make a lovely Christmas present.

Limited Stock – Don’t Miss Out!

NPS RECIPE BOOK ORDER FORM

COST: $25.00 – one recipe book. $20.00 each – more than one recipe book.

Child’s Name: ................................................................. Class Number :.................................

Number of books required:.................................

Payment via BPoint- Amount:.................................Receipt No:.................................

Payment via Cash to Mrs. Dunton’s letterbox – Amount enclosed: .............................................