From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

We are very happy to announce that after many years of:

- tireless service to our school
- endless words of support to our children
- finding the things that always get lost
- supporting teachers both in the classroom and out
- always looking for the positive in everyone
- and regularly being asked to do things that are not in anyone’s job brief!

We now have Judi Grant, Karen Cloonan, Libby Long, Jane Cross, Karen Bastin, Adrienne Jenkins, Nikki Applebee, Jen Ambagtsheer and Sally Bleckly as PERMANENT SSO’s.

It must be the season for permancy because we have also just received confirmation that Penny Stanforth has won a position as well. Penny is a fantastic teacher who has been with us for 7 years. Her dedication to excellence and her excitement about learning (her own and her students) is infectious. Penny thoroughly deserves this new opportunity and the school will certainly be a vibrant and engaging place with Penny as part of our team. Congratulations to all.

Peace Day

As part of our Learning to Live Together focus we will be celebrating International Day of Peace also known as “Peace Day”. This day encourages us to all reflect on what peace means for us and for others in the world. We will be joining together for a march through the school and then gathering on the oval to share some messages of peace. During the week we will have all students contributing to artwork symbolising peace and then these pieces will be displayed in DeKhang (the monks helped us to name this room last year and translated it means “room of peace”).

We welcome any parents to join us.

Kind regards

Leesa
2015 - New enrolments or families moving

Having accurate information about numbers of students in 2015 is very helpful for a smooth start to the school year.

1. Please contact us for enrolment forms if you have a child who will be starting school or preschool next year.

2. If you know of a family who would like a school tour please ring us on 83886116.

3. If you know you will be leaving Nairne School, please let us know as soon as possible as we currently only have limited spaces available for students enrolling from other schools.

Web and General Consent Forms

Recently families would have received Web and General Consent Forms from the School. We have had many returned promptly, but there are still a significant number outstanding. As these are legal documents and we are required to keep up-to-date information on our students, we ask that if you have not completed and returned yours, please drop them into the front office as soon as possible.

If you require another copy, please contact Karen in the office.

Lost Property Sale

We have another enormous pile of lost property that is not named. It has been sorted out and will go on SALE FOR $1.00 PER ITEM next week.

This is a great chance to stock up on some good, cheap school uniform items.

School Uniforms

We are currently experiencing a number of students who are not dressed in school uniform. All items of uniform including four styles of summer shorts - basketball style, microfibre, girls cuffed and longer length drill - are available from the front office. We have deliberately purchased several styles as students told us last year that they really liked several types. There is a style to suit everyone so PLEASE buy your new shorts from the office and then there will be no problems with colour or length.

Don’t forget you will need a hat next term!

Cheer Nairne at the Inter-School Fencing Tournament!

Come and cheer for the Nairne Primary School Fencing Team, who are competing in our inter-school tournament on Saturday 20th September. Free entry to the public.

Volunteers Urgently Required for Mondays

Without further volunteers, the canteen could possibly close on Mondays!

A big “thank you” to the few parents who have responded, but to enable the canteen to continue operating on Mondays in Term 4, and next year, we urgently need more help. Although we offer quite a few items on a Monday, it is not hard work and there will always be someone else rostered on to help you. While you probably won’t know about your availability for 2015 at this stage, we would love to hear from anyone who may be able to volunteer on a Monday – grandparents are also most welcome as well.

School Photographic Orders

Order forms are available from the front office for special group photos taken by the school photographer:

- Pedal Prix
- Choir
- School Captains
- Student Voice
- Chess

Photos are 8”x10” and cost $22.00 each. Proofs are available at the front office to look at before placing your order. Payment must be made at the time of placing all orders, and needs to be cash, cheque made out to “Focus School Portraits” or by providing credit card details.

Fitness and Fundraising Walkathon

This year’s major fundraiser for the school is a “Fitness and Fundraising Walkathon” which will be held on Friday October 17, Week 1 of Term 4. An information pack with sponsorship sheets was sent home early in week 9. If you have not received them, please request a pack from the front office. This will allow students time during the school holidays to collect sponsors. We have some great prizes for both individual money-raisers (a digital camera valued at $250, a $200 Foodland voucher, Wallis Cinema vouchers etc), and for class groups for participation (class party prizes) and also there will be a lucky draw for goodie bags for those children raising over $25 in sponsorship.

Family Portrait Fundraiser Oct 25th/26th

We will be holding a Family Portrait fundraiser over the weekend of October 25th-26th at school, for families to come in and get their family portrait taken. Families pay just $15 and receive a 10”x13” portrait – great for Christmas. Booking forms will be sent home in week 1 of next term.
Room 1 Lab on Legs

Room One attended a session of Lab on Legs last week. The children were fascinated by the insects that were on display and got to see them up close using magnifying glasses and microscopes. They explored the idea of camouflage and how insects used camouflage to defend themselves against predators. The budding scientists also used their skills to recreate the noises different insects make. The students had a great time and have thought of a range of other scientific experiments they would like to explore in class.

Room 15 Asia Studies models

Students from Room 15 have created some great models which are currently on display in the Library. If you have a chance, come and have a look, you’ll be most impressed with the time and dedication students have put into their projects.

Clockwise from the right:
Abbie’s Trojan Horse
“The Greeks used the Trojan horse to hide soldiers in to get into Troy”

Olivia’s Buddhist Temple, Thailand
“It took 6 weeks to make!”

Harry’s Asiatic Cheetah
“It’s only found in Iran and there are roughly 70 left in the world.”

The three students proudly displaying their models
Artist’s Retreat

On Thursday and Friday, Sophie, Sharni, Jay and I were lucky enough to get the opportunity to go to the artist’s retreat at Bushland Park in Lobethal. When we got there on the first day we experimented with charcoal to find all the different textures the charcoal could make. We also got some objects from outside such as leaves, flowers and twigs and we drew them. We looked at other people’s work for inspiration. During recess we got to go and play on the playground. We were allowed to make ourselves a tea or a milo. After recess we got to go outside to draw the scenery. The other schools were Mylor and Lobethal. We also had to plan a painting because we were going to paint on a canvas the next day. Lesley picked us up and we went back to school.

The second day we did some fast drawing and slow drawing. We also drew the person in front of us, but we weren’t allowed to look at the page or to take the crayon off the paper. Then we started our canvas. Mine had a tree and some bushes. I was very happy with my canvas. We went and had recess at the playground. After recess we continued on with our canvas until lunch. By lunch almost everyone had finished. We went and played on the playground and waited until lunch finished. We did a canvas as a group and gave it to the School.

Paris

On Thursday and Friday of Week 8, four children from the school got chosen to go to a park in Lobethal. There were three schools there: Nairne, Lobethal and Mylor.

First we went to the office and waited there for about ten minutes, then we went into Leesa’s car and drove to Lobethal.

After that we met the artist and did art out of charcoal. We then planned out what we wanted to do on our canvas. I did the trees there. The next day Mrs Altmann drove us there. First we did a couple of drawing activities, then we did our canvases. That took about and a half, then the four people from the school did a canvas for the school. It was so much FUN!

Sophie

Meeting the Ice Bucket Challenge

During the Week 8 Assembly, staff members Peter Barone, Belinda Trowbridge and Leesa Shepherd all met the icy water of the Ice Bucket challenge!

Term 3’s Casual Day proceeds (see article on next page) will go to Motor Neurone Disease research.

Nairne Parent Network
Nairne School Staffroom
2-3pm
Wednesday in Weeks 4 and 8 of each term (unless other times are negotiated)
Nairne School is committed to working in partnership with families.
Everyone is welcome (including younger children) to attend any meeting.
For more information please contact Belinda

STRATEGIC PLAN
2014 - 2017
Department for Education and Child Development

IMPROVING THE EDUCATION AND WELLBEING OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA’S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Department for Education and Child Development’s new Strategic Plan 2014-2017 outlines how our public education system will become even stronger over the next four years.

The plan is a commitment to children, families and the community to improve learning achievement, health, wellbeing, child safety, community engagement, and access to services.

We look forward to working together with you to make sure your children continue to be healthy, happy, safe and are supported to do their best.
find out how they were going at Nairne. The new students commented on how friendly the school was and that they had made lots of new friends and thought that the teachers were really friendly. The group welcomes all the new kids to Nairne.

When students came in they were offered a milo and cakes and biscuits. Everyone enjoyed wearing a silly hat and talking to each other.

The L2LT group served food and milos and had a chat with the new students to

**Term 3 Casual Day**

This term the L2LT group has decided to raise money to support research into Motor Neurone Disease. Students can wear casual clothes on the last day of school and bring a gold coin donation. The group wants to raise $400 on the day and if this target is achieved members of the group will do the ice bucket challenge! Brrrrr.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a progressive degenerative disease in which the nerve cells (neurones) controlling the muscles that enable us to move around, speak, breathe and swallow fail to work normally. The most common presenting symptom is weakness and it generally starts in one muscle group, eg, from hand to arm or for others their speech and swallowing muscles are initially affected. Most will experience major speech and swallowing difficulties by the later stages of the disease. Progression of Motor Neurone Disease is rapid, creating high levels of disability and consequent need for support. Motor Neurone Disease is a death sentence, there are no remissions. Average survival after diagnosis is 2 to 3 years or less. The cause of Motor Neurone Disease is not known and there is no cure.

**Choir News**

Our fabulous choir performed at Festival Theatre last Tuesday night. This was the opening night and our students were very excited.

The students travelled to Festival Theatre earlier in the day to practice singing with the live student band and the singing and dancing student troupe.

After a little rest after the rehearsal the students got changed into their brightly coloured choir tops and met at our assigned meeting point. After waiting for what seemed like forever the choir was taken into the green room (not green) to be given some final instructions and well wishes.

Our choir was placed in row 11 this year and were supported by many Nairne family and friends. It was a fantastic night that celebrated all the hard work that the students had put into learning all the songs and actions.

The choir’s official duties are now over, however there will be many opportunities for the choir to sing at school and local events.

At the end of the year we will be saying goodbye to some students who have been part of the choir for more than 3 years. We hope that they continue singing in high school.

Choir is a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with others through music and we look forward to new students joining the choir next year.
It has been a very busy three weeks of the term, with many things happening and lots of visitors to our Preschool. To achieve all the wonderful things that have happened this term we have had many fabulous people who provided their time and effort. A big thank you to everyone who helped out in the last few weeks, your support has been fantastic!

We had some very special guests in Week 6, Jamie and Abby Samwell, who came in to talk to the children about how brussel sprouts grow. Jamie was great at talking about what the plants needed to grow and the children also had a taste test of a raw brussel sprouts—yum!

This term we have also had our fire theme Lantern Family Night. It was fantastic to see so many families attend and make it such a special night for the children. There were about 200 people who attended and to make it such a success we had great support from our families and the local community.

As part of our broad theme on fire the children had some special visitors in Week 9, with the Nairne CFS stopping in to talk to the children about fire safety and to show the children around on the CFS truck. We thank David and Kelly, Jessica R’s parents for organising the visit and all the Nairne CFS crew for coming in to see the children, they thought it was fantastic!

Kind regards, Jill, Mandy, Irene, Leanne, Hazel, Judi, Jen, Katie & Janni

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Giant Spring Working Bee for the Whole Family!

Sunday 19th October
8:30am – 12:30pm
Free Sausage Sizzle/Drink Thankyou for All Helpers

Come and be part of this community event! Have some fun, do some work and help to make our school the best possible environment for all our students!

You can even choose your favourite task to help out with from our extensive list! If possible please bring some of your own gardening tools to help, wheelbarrows, rakes and spades come in very handy! If unable to attend a donation to assist with grounds development would be appreciated.

1. Planting and mulching new seedlings next to oval
2. Planting and mulching new seedlings behind Preschool
3. Placement of logs in playground and garden areas
4. Pruning shrubs
5. Weeding of car park garden beds
6. Oil Preschool play equipment
7. Mulching trees in forest
8. Keep developing Preschool outdoor play areas
9. Wash outside of Preschool and school windows
10. Spray building sides with high pressure water sprayer
11. Sweep/brush cobwebs from under building eves
12. Spread soft fall/bark chips under playground areas
13. Blower vac Preschool/school grounds
14. Sweep/Blower vac Netball court
15. Whippersnipp oval concourse levels against sleeper walls
16. Cook BBQ for helpers
17. Oil wooden desk in JP playground
18. Oil wooden seats near flag poles
19. Clean out storm water sumps
20. Brush and de-cobweb all class door areas and build
21. Dig out creek bed in butterfly garden
Did you know it's illegal to park on (or partly on) any nature strip or footpath? It is also illegal to park on a yellow line and within a bus zone at any time. Causing an obstruction in any of these cases is an offence and liable to fines being issued.

Councils are responsible for enforcing parking controls and this is done to ensure the safety and convenience of all pedestrians and motorists.

In the interests of everyone's safety please use the 'Kiss and Drop' zones at your school or find somewhere safe and legal to park.

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**Open Trial**

Meet Clay Mason Stephens 2014 Youth Olympic Games Finalist.

**Monday**

29 September 2014

12.30-2.30pm

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**School Holiday Soccer Clinic**

Coerver® Coaching SA the "World's No.1 Soccer Skills Teaching Method" is offering players the opportunity to participate in a school holiday clinic. For all levels of youth players (girls and boys) aged 6-16.

**Where:**

St Francis de Sales College

8 Dutton Road, Mount Barker.

**When:**

Monday 29 Sep - Friday 3 Oct 2014

**Time:**

9:00am—3:00pm (open 8:30am)

**Age:**

6-16 yrs (boys and girls)

**Cost:**

$140.00 for the week OR $ 35.00 per day

A fun filled week includes skill testing, competitions and concludes on Friday with “a mini World Cup Final”, plus prizes, giveaways and presentations.

Visit www.coerversa.com.au for further information and a registration form.

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**PARK SAFELY**

**SAVE LIVES**

**AVOID FINES**

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Gymnastics South Australia is looking for talented children aged 6-9 years to join the Junior Elite Talent Squads.

**Previous gymnastics experience is not required! Boys & girls welcome!**

Registration is essential. Forms available from www.gymsa.com.au

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For all enquiries contact:

Andrew Cordery - High Performance Manager

08 8294 8341 / highperformance@gymsa.com.au

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School & Community

Coming Soon: The Nairne School Community Business & Services Directory

The Community Business & Services Directory is an initiative of the Nairne School Governing council aimed at connecting families, staff and supporters of our school in a practical and mutually beneficial way. The directory will be available via the School Website and in print shortly. It will be included in new student packs and be promoted through the Nairne School Facebook page.

School of Languages

Is your child interested in learning another language?

For more information contact Anne Reuter School of Languages on 8301 4800 www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

Nairne
Wednesday
3.30 - 5.00pm
French or Japanese
ongoing
Spanish
Commences 2015!
Register now!

Woodside
Wednesday
3.30 - 5.00pm
Chinese
NEW! Commences 13 August

External Services for Students and Families

Singing Lessons
Katya teaches singing on Wednesdays at Nairne School. Individual or paired, half hour lessons.
Phone 0409282835

Guitar Lessons
Guy Phillips teaches guitar at school on Fridays. Phone 0402 255 859 or guy.hap@hotmail.com
Erica Graf teaches guitar in Nairne, at home after school. Students and adults: $25 per half hour.
Phone 0412 160795

Chloe’s Family Day Care
Located in Dawesley. Vacancies on Wed, Thurs, Fri for children from 6 weeks old to school age.
Phone 0438 880342

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Kids can start at the age of 5
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www.worldtaekwodo.com.au

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Jill Hardy
Specialising in Sandplay Therapy, Process Work
0431 686 039 or withgratitude@live.com

Mt Barker & Districts Little Athletics

Come’n’Try

Friday 19th and 26th September 2014
Mount Barker High School
From 4.30pm to approx 6.30pm.

Cost is $5 per athlete per meet.
This fee will come off of your Registration Fees once joined.
Our Season runs during School Terms 4 and 1 for ages 3 yrs to 17 yrs.

Come along and have some fun and bring your friends. Wear your running shoes and bring a water bottle.
For more information contact Glenys on 0438 385 207 or visit http://mbdlac.org.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 volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA 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. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!