ACHIEVEMENTS

As a busy school we are often guilty of not pausing to acknowledge just how far we have come over the year. Often this journey manifests itself in an Annual Report produced at the beginning of the following year where much is lost as we move into the New Year. Much time has been spent this year shaping our school directions to align with the values and expectations of our community and to ensure individual student progress is at the forefront.

I have been heartened by some of our emergent data which has reaffirmed that the changes we have initiated have had a significant impact on the achievement of our students. This includes:

• 75% of students in Years 8-11 are exhibiting positive learning dispositions i.e. Engagement, Resilience, exhibiting a positive growth mindset and working through challenges
• We have seen 90% of our Year 8 students, 77% of Year 9 students, 70% of our Year 10’s and 88.6% of our Year 11 students demonstrating progress in one or more subjects
• There has been a 51% increase in the number of A grades for our Year 8-10 students to date
• There has been a 14% improvement in the number of A & B grades in our Year 12 cohort with 60% of our students in the A & B range
• We have witnessed a significant improvement in student behaviour with a 97% reduction in student suspensions for inappropriate behaviour at the time of writing this article
• A total of 57 students will receive Merit awards this week, together with 14 students who will receive Academic awards. This is a result of our new House Point System that has been implemented recognising all students who have demonstrated progress in their studies as well as contributing to our school through extra-curricula activities.

Our students and staff are to be commended for the continued growth we have witnessed over the previous three terms. As Term 4 approaches we hope to build on these successes whilst identifying areas for consideration when determining our 2017 priorities.
PARENT SURVEY
To put it simply, I want Naracoorte High School to be the best it can be for the students who choose to attend our school. This means constantly reviewing our curriculum offerings, daily classroom practice, operational processes and facilities.
Feedback about our performance in each of these areas is a critical component of our annual self-review processes. The data collected through this feedback process allows us to critically examine "how we are going" in each of these domains, according to the opinions of our parents, students and staff.
This week you will receive an email if you are on our current emailing list which will have a link to a parent survey. This survey will only take 2-3 minutes to complete and is anonymous and we would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete it. The information gained will enable us to prioritise areas for further improvement as well as monitor our progress. For those of you who may not have access to email, hard copies will be made available at the school. For those who are not on our emailing list the link for the survey is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPCK356

Regards
Kym Grant
Principal

**SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2016**

2016 School Magazine
Orders are now being taken for this year’s School Magazine. It will be neatly bound with approximately 70 pages and in full colour. Last year’s magazine was a resounding success, so order yours NOW!

The cost for this magazine will be **$25.00** and orders must be forwarded to the school with money using this order form.

**Student Name:**…………………………………………

**Home Group:**………………..

Payment can be made by Cash, Credit Card or EFT.

A big thank you to our wonderful sponsors of the Resilience Project. We appreciate your generosity and support.
On Monday the 27th of September a group of students, who have recently signed up to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Award, went to Cockatoo Lake to learn canoe and kayak paddling skills. The day started out with beautiful sunshine but by about midday we were dealing with wet and windy weather. However, we had plenty of time to develop skills before the rain hit. Our new Bronze Award students were taught how to correctly paddle and steer a canoe and a kayak. They were given the opportunity to learn and then practice in order to refine their skills.

It was wonderful seeing so much water in Cockatoo Lake. We were on the water for most of the day with groups alternating between learning how to paddle kayaks and then canoes. Students were eager to learn and try to navigate through tricky areas of the lake and manoeuvre between trees testing their steering and paddling skills. We hope that the skills learned on this day will allow students to be safe and competent on longer Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journeys.

Hillary Trotter
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator
The Year 11 Outdoor Education class completed a three day bushwalk in Week 8 of Term 3. Recent heavy rains had resulted in minor flooding and high fast flowing creeks, which prevented the group from completing the planned walk. Instead they completed a one day walk from a base camp, before returning home a day early.

Despite the poor weather the students demonstrated strong practical skills and endeavoured to make the most of their time on camp. The day walk was far from easy, involving a 6km hike to “The Fortress” a 900m high mountain, before walking back down to camp. Highlights for the camp included the spectacular views from the fortress, a powerful waterfall and an aboriginal art site.

It was an outstanding effort by all staff and students to complete this difficult walk particularly with the conditions they had to face.

Nick Lang
Outdoor Education Teacher
During Week 9 this term the Year 11 PE students travelled to Murray Bridge to complete a three day Aquatics camp as part of their SACE. The group participated in a range of aquatic activities including skiing, knee boarding, wind surfing, kayaking and sailing in Catamarans and Single Hulled 420’s. Despite the cool weather students were eager to have a go at the activities and experienced a steep learning curve over the three days.

The favourites among students would be a toss-up between knee boarding and either of the sailing options. For those students studying PE in Year 12 they will have the opportunity to further develop their sailing skills next year as part of the Stage 2 SACE course.

Nick Lang
Physical Education Teacher
My name is Sarah Garrigan and I am a student at Naracoorte High School. I am currently studying Community Studies. The reason as to why I have chosen this subject is because I wasn’t interested in any other subjects that were on offer. Community Studies students have the opportunity to learn in a community context, both within and beyond the school environment. The area of study I chose was Work and the Community and within this I chose planning and managing a fundraising project.

For this topic I fundraised money for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. The reason as to why I had chosen to raise money for this foundation is because Multiple Sclerosis is in my family, my dad has it and I am at risk of getting this disease. Multiple Sclerosis is a condition of the central nervous system, interfering with nerve impulses within the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves.

As a part of this subject I had to plan and organise my community activity, which was a causal clothes day and sausage sizzle. Throughout the course of doing this subject I had to keep a diary of everything I did and made sure I managed my time well to make my organising successful. I decided to host this event at the Naracoorte High School because I thought students would be a good target for a sausage sizzle and a causal clothes day. On the 8th of June 2016, I held my event and the day went well and the feedback which I received about this day, from not only teachers but students as well, was positive. From this day I raised a total of $398.85 which will be going towards helping to find cures and helping people who suffer with this disease.

I would like to thank a local business that donated the bread, as well as friends and family that helped me make this day so successful.

Throughout the course of this subject I have learnt so much. I have learnt and developed my literacy by communicating with a range of people in a variety of contexts, such as my community contact who helped me with organising my event and answered any questions I had, through emailing.

I have also developed my personal and social capability by moving out of my comfort zone and communicating with a range of people, as I am a person who doesn’t normally like talking to people who I don’t know. This activity has helped me push through my fears and become more social.

Sarah Garrigan
Year 12 student
Congratulations to all the students who took part in this year’s 24 hour Pedal Prix Race in Murray Bridge: Laurel Lees, Matthew Reuter, Jarrod Van Gastel, Nathan Miles, Alex McLachlan, Darcy Assen, Ciaran Shouksmith, Tayla Bonthuis, Matthew Sincock, Harley Van Gastel, Owen Miles, Kane Polniak and Ben Viney. The team finished the race in 92nd place out of 202 and 27th out of 47 in their category.

Thank you to all the parents and family members that helped out over the weekend and prior to the event. Also a special thank you to Rob Sandercock, Naracoorte Primary School Team Manager, for standing in as temporary Team Manager for the High School. Finally thank you to all our team sponsors.

Well done everyone.

Some of this month’s latest additions to the school library.

Anita Miles
Library Manager
This term, twenty students travelled to the Royal Adelaide Show. Students prepared a team of six steers to compete in the Led Steers competition. On Wednesday, students were involved with the scanning and weighing of steers as well as participating in the Grand Parade. Two students competed in the SA Young Beef Breeders handler competition, Jessica Bittner placed second in the Novice Handlers class and Chloe Beaumont placed fourth in the Experienced Handlers class. The Murray Grey steer placed third in its Lightweight class, the Limousin placed second and the Charolais third in their Export classes. Alex McLachlan, Amy Romer and Angus Pilmore were selected to compete for the Urrbrae Handlers Trophy and Angus Pilmore was fortunate enough to take out first place. Students had the opportunity to experience what the show had to offer and all of their hard work paid off.

Romy Bennett
Agriculture Teacher
NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL
CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 3 & 4 2016

*URGENT - Help Needed

TERM 3

THURSDAY SEP 29th *

FRIDAY SEP 30th Jane Harris 0429 647 543 *

TERM 4

MONDAY OCT 17th *

TUESDAY OCT 18th *

WEDNESDAY OCT 19th Melissa Zenari 0427 655 188 *

THURSDAY OCT 20th *

FRIDAY OCT 21st *

MONDAY OCT 24th *

TUESDAY OCT 25th *

WEDNESDAY OCT 26th *

CANTEEN DUTY
ROSTER TIMES

Normal Shift
Mon–Fri 9.30am–2.15pm

Your attendance and punctuality, 9.30 am until 2.15pm, would be appreciated. Should you find it impossible to attend on the day rostered, please try to change with another parent. Failing this, contact Deb at the Canteen on 87622604.

Please park in the Staff Car Park at the end of the Senior School Building and sign in at the Front Office.

DEB GILL, CANTEEN MANAGER

*****THE CANTEEN HAS MANY VACANT SPACES TO FILL AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE PARENT HELP. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND YOUR ALLOTTED TIME PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEONE ELSE *****
SOCIAL MIXED NETBALL
NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL

Fun
Theme Nights
Modified Rules

Organise your friends, co-workers, school or sports club to enter a team

SEASON: Monday nights starting October 17th with Grand Final 12th of December 2016.

WHEN & WHERE: 6pm-9pm at the Naracoorte Netball Courts

COST: $40 per team each game.

UMPIRES: We are seeking experienced umpires to be paid $15 per game. Games are modified with 8 minute quarters.

FOCUS: It is a fun, social competition with all proceeds going towards the enhancement of the Naracoorte High School Health and Physical Education facilities & Knockout Sport uniforms.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
MAXIMUM OF 12 TEAMS

CONTACT: To receive a nomination form or register interest in umpiring contact Nick Lang via email @ Nick.Lang534@schools.sa.edu.au or call NHS on 8762 1333 to collect from the office.