Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has welcomed many exciting developments. The school is enjoying strengthening and developing community partnerships and communication this year. Some new projects are on the horizon with many exciting opportunities for parents, friends of the school and students to join together to better Nangwarry School and town.

Please note:

Governing Council—AGM 5pm staff room. Tuesday, 13th March.

Enjoy the newsletter this week,
Karyn Prelc
Principal

Nangwarry Clean Up Projects

Three of our Upper Primary students, Dylan, Jack and Ashley, are our new representatives for the Youth Environment Forum. Mrs. Robinson arranged with Mr. Clark for the boys to attend the first of three days in Mount Gambier on Tuesday. They are very excited with their new knowledge and plans for us back here!

The first project will be to hold a Clean-up-Nangwarry Day. The town and school will be the target for this great idea.

The second project will tie in with SRC plans to overhaul the three garden beds on the entrance side of the walkway. Plans are underway to create an Aboriginal/native Garden, a Japanese Garden and a Heb/vegetable patch. All will have mural designed behind them.

The final project will be to clean out the disused Childcare Centre, and some community support for a working bee will be gratefully welcomed at a suitable date and time.

Pine Sports Day—March 21st

Catering will happen on Pine Sports Day, which is March 21st. Several community volunteers will be needed from 8am to 1pm, in one hour slots. We would love to roster these to share the time around. Luci Wilkinson is assisting with this and names will be passed onto her. Community, parents and friends are invited to offer assistance. Find a friend to roster on with. Jobs will be 2 on BBQ, 1 on drinks / icy poles, 1 on food and 1 selling food tickets and handling the money. This is a sit down job for helpers who are not able to be on their feet as much. Please call the school to book in for your preferred hour, so Luci can arrange a roster. All profits will remain in our school for targeted projects!
Does your child turn 4 years old BEFORE May 1st next year?
If yes, please call the school– 87397241
Your child will do pre-entry in term 4 this year, 2012, then will start full preschool at the START of 2013.

POLICY CHANGE – SAME FIRST DAY AT PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN

There will soon be changes to the time children in SA can start preschool and school. The Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) is introducing the same first day for all children in departmental preschools and schools. This will be the beginning of Term One each year. The change will apply to children starting preschool in 2013, and for children starting school in 2014. Please note that the current policy of ‘continuous intake’ will remain in place until those times. These changes bring SA into line with other states in Australia, and will mean that children will receive four terms of preschool and four terms of reception.

From 2013, the start date will be the first day of Term One for preschools. If a child turns four before May 1, they will start preschool on the first day of Term One in that year.
If a child turns four on or after May 1, they will start preschool on the first day of Term One the following year.

From 2014, the start date will be the first day of Term One for schools. If a child turns five before May 1, they will start school on the first day of Term One in that year.
If a child turns five on or after May 1, they will start school on the first day of Term One the following year.

For further information about this policy change please contact Nangwarry PS, 87397241, or DECD Limestone Coast Early Childhood Consultant Petra Passon on 8724 5320 or visit the DECD website at http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/ and click on the Same First Day link on the left hand side of the page.

Learning Together– Playgroup 87397241
We welcome Susie Cottle– new qualified educator and co-ordinator for the learning together programme here now in Nangwarry!

Tuesday mornings-9:00am
Play room-Nangwarry PS

- Give your babies, toddlers and yourself a head start.
- Learn to really interact and help your child with play and Early Years Development. Build vocabulary and speech with your child.
- Meet other parents in the community for networking.
- Opportunity for adult study supported by professionals.
- Play time then possibility of a crèche for adult time too.
- Great funded programme of activities on offer in a supported environment.
PRE_SCHOOL
How time flies, we are already half way through term one. For the second half of the term we are focusing on children’s interests. Through observations and discussions with the children it is seen that many children are interested in animals. To start this investigation, a Vet Surgery has been set up this week in the Preschool, we have been hunting for bugs, as well as reading stories about animals.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS
The JP have been looking at all the different features that Animals have. We have looked at land, sea, air and Insects. The insects caused a lot of interest with students getting excited finding them in the yard. Hopefully, they don’t bring too many home! Number in maths is still developing with the students now able to recognise the numeral and word matching them by glueing on the correct items in its place.

MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS
Our class really enjoyed working with Hayley from Footsteps last week, learning some groovy new individual and partner dances. Also a BIG congratulations to Alex and Joel who are this term’s Middle Primary SRC Representatives. These two were chosen by the class because they have been positive role models at school. Congratulations to those students who have continued to read each night and progress in Book Club levels. Keep up the good work everyone!

UPPER PRIMARY NEWS
The year 6 and 7 students are really looking forward to our Young Leaders’ trip. There are many fun things planned, and it promises to be a fabulous learning experience. Please remember to send your money for this trip to school as soon as possible. Footsteps was a successful week, with students learning many cool dances. Some students are trying to increase the output of their work, focussing on not only the quality but also the quantity of our output. Please don’t be surprised if your child comes home from school with what seems like extra homework. They are striving to complete all of their tasks in the time allocated, and not quite getting there a few times is part of the learning process. Please continue to support your child and encourage them to remain on task and complete their work so they do not fall behind.
COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

"Come 'N' Try Hockey"

Sunday 4th March 2012
11am ‘til 12pm

Free BBQ sausage sizzle for juniors to follow
Run by the West Hockey Club

Reduced memberships for first time junior players in season 2012
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Stick available for loan for new players

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Enquiries or further info please call Stephen Hockey on 0479 059 898.

MSE SAPSASA DISTRICT
ATHLETICS DAY
THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2012
NEWBERY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, MILLICENT

Is your child aged 8 to 13 and keen to compete??

Our aim is to provide as many children as possible with the opportunity to represent their school at district level in a range of track and field events, AND with the opportunity of being selected in the MSE Athletics Team which will compete at the State Country Athletics Championships which will be held in Adelaide on Friday, May 11th. All children who win an event in the 10, 11, 12 and 13 year age groups will be given a notice providing their family with the necessary information concerning the country championships. N.B. The 8 and 9 year age groups do NOT compete in Adelaide.

If you are interested in your child competing in Millicent on Thursday, March 29th, please contact Mr Clark at school to be considered for the team. 87397241 or via diaries!!

Transport assistance and parent helpers on the day will be

NANGWARRY NETBALL CLUB

Invites all interested players to attend 2012 compulsory training to be held at the netball courts on Tuesday 28 February, 6 March and 13 March.
Juniors, 13&U & 15&U from 4:30 to 5:30
17&U & Senior’s from 6:00 to 7:30
Need players for Junior’s (5-11 year olds) & 15&U’s
but all players welcome.

Please note we are willing to discuss any financial or transport issues.

If you need more information or wish to discuss further please see Teresa Stewart or call her on 0466 464 245.

A great cheap way to help your child be active and to gain social and coordination skills whilst having lots of fun.

Remember it is never too late for you to give it a go either.