From the Principal….
Thanks to the staff and students who have contributed to this newsletter. There are many informative and interesting things happening across the school. Building a culture of people who care about children and their learning in a safe school and way is very important. We also are thrilled to see so many families in the site at the Learning Together programme, in classes, at drop off and pickup times and attending interviews with teachers. It matters to all of us that the children and taught and cared for in the best way possible. Their development is a partnership between school and home that we are all sharing in many different ways. Well done Nangwarry Primary!

Assembly
Please note there will be NO assembly next week on Thursday 17th May due to NAPLAN testing in the school.

Woolworths Rewards Stickers
Nangwarry Primary has once again decided to participate in the collection of Woolworths stickers which will be given upon purchase at one of their stores. Please bring your stickers in to the school front office or drop them into the post office so we can earn many points to trade in for awesome resources for our school. Please support us in this great cause!

Super Clubs Plus– making our kids safer
A new computer programme is being implemented in the school to help children to learn about cyber safety, social networking and using programmes SAFELY. We know that children are exposed to Twitter and Facebook very quickly.
Is your child going to be ready???
These type of sites used properly can be fabulous, but used inappropriately very dangerous. This school programme begins to teach children to use computers, technology and communication in the safe way, with very strict supervision and guidance. The hope is that when they begin to navigate using technology like this at an older age, they can make safe and responsible decisions to protect themselves.
See Mr Clark for more information about this programme if you need to and question your children about HOW they are using computers every day. Establish some rules in your homes for safety and respectful use and language. Have children report to you anything they see that they think might not be ok. Parents and teachers are vital to children to assist protection with internet use. This program is available to be viewed at home with your child

Chicken Pox– We have a case of Chicken Pox in the school. Please watch out for blistering, itchy spots and cold symptoms.. Children need to be quarantined with this virus please.
Mentoring Programme
Adults in the community are able to nominate to be selected a student mentor. Successful volunteers would be matched to a student to work with them on a fun activity of their choice for an hour or week. Adult buddies can provide company and discussion in this buddy programme to be great advisors and role models for young people. If you would like to make a difference in a positive way in the life of a young person, please see Karyn Prelc for an application form.

Cross Country
When: Friday, 18th May
Where: Naracoorte Primary School
Time: 9.30am onwards
Nomination forms were sent home for ages 8-13
8yr & 9 yr olds will run 1300 meters
10yr olds 1800m, 11-13 yr olds will run 2500m
Please return these forms asap if still at home. Numbers need to be finalised.
Mr Clark and students will travel by bus.
A small fee of $5 is due to assist with entry costs.

Mural Update
As you may be aware, over the past 6 months, the SRC, Indigenous students and the Youth Environment representatives have had the common goal of brightening up the front of our school by creating a set of 3 murals and matching gardens each with a significant theme. The themes the students have decided on are ‘Nangwarry’, ‘Indigenous Australians’ and ‘Japan’.
We are currently up to the design stage of the murals, with all three classes contributing to each mural design. Last term, Mr Clark and the class prepared the garden beds, which are now ready for planting. On Tuesday, Mrs Marlow took a group of students to Bunnings in Mount Gambier to purchase a range of plants and materials required to use for our goal.

NAPLAN
Naplan tests are held next week!
Please ensure students in Years 3, 5 and 7 and well rested, early to school at 8:30am and well fed and watered. Brains work a lot better with all of these things, and wellbeing makes testing periods a lot happier for children. Teachers have prepared students for the tests in a supportive way. We thank you for your support preparing them at home to come along to give the tests their best shot.

Walk To School Day
On 18th May many schools will be celebrating Walk To School Day. (This is also Cross Country and ‘Scratch Day’ for some Upper and Middle Primary students.)
On this day we encourage parents and students to walk or ride to school. You may be able to park a little further from the front gate and walk a bit more. A little exercise on the way to school is refreshing and good for our fitness.
PRESCHOOL
Over the last two weeks we have been working on settling into routines and getting to know our new Kindy friends. Over the next few weeks we are looking forward to starting our new topic focusing on the outdoor environment.
Next Wednesday (16th May) Kindy families (parents, caregivers, grandparents etc.) are joining us for an informal coffee and chat session to get to know each other and have a chat about the Kindy. Hope to see all the Kindy families next Wednesday.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS
We have started our new Literacy block which happens every morning from the start of the day until recess. Some of the activities are, sight word recognition, reading the same book to students so they can become familiar with words with the repetition, making sentences with sentence cards, stamping words to making the words out of playdough and formal handwriting.
All these activities will help all students to gain skills and strategies that will improve their reading and writing. It is great to see them trying new things and gain new skills in the process.

MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS
We can’t believe that it is the end of week 3 already, keeping busy in the Middle Primary doing our preparation for NAPLAN has surely made this term fly so far. Year 3’s are feeling positive about their requirements for these tests and are ready to give their best shot on the day. Mrs Marlow is especially proud at the significant improvement in most students spelling abilities, with a large cohort of students achieving full marks on our weekly spelling test. It is a great credit to support at home with practicing words each week, seeing a positive change on confidence when approaching assessment.

UPPER PRIMARY NEWS
The Upper Primary have been doing lots of preparation for NAPLAN, and those students who are participating are feeling very confident and ready for what they need to do. We have also begun to use a learning website called “studyladder” (www.studyladder.com.au). Students who were in the middle primary class last year are familiar with this site, and the rest of the students are learning how it works. Basically it has learning activities set at different age levels from all areas of the curriculum. Students complete the tasks set and move up the ladder. There is also a section where I can set specific work for them to complete, and I use this regularly. Students have their own login and password and can access the site at school, as well as from any other computer with internet access. As students complete learning activities I am updated with their progress and get a report as to the areas that they struggled with. The students are all enjoying this new program, and are having fun while they are learning.

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAMME
The families attending this fabulous programme would like to extend an invitation to all parents/carers and babies/toddlers in the community who would like to join them every Tuesday morning from 9am for a great play session with Susie Cottle and Mel Cozzi.
Penola High Information Sessions and tours.

Penola High school would like to invite you and your friends to the Parent Information session and tour to be held at the Penola High School.

**Tuesday May 15**
- **6.30 pm** – Information Session (in Community Library)
- **7.15 pm** – Tour (meet in Foyer)

**OR**
- **Friday May 18th**
- **9.00 am or 12 noon** (meet at front office)

Please **RSVP to Penola High School on 8737 0000** before Monday May 14 if you intend on taking part in this fantastic opportunity. It is great for not only parents of year 7 students, but for all who are thinking about the next steps in their child’s education.

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**Celebrations of the Week**

**Congratulations to the following winners!!**

- **The Pre-School Award goes to**: Noah Virtanen for good team spirit on Sport’s Day
- **The JP Award goes to**: Skylah Petrie for trying hard in all areas.
- **The MP Award goes to**: Samantha Somer for MARVELLOUS maths work.
- **The UP Award goes to**: Cortney Lovewell for great attitude when working with Caryl
- **The Japanese Award goes to**: Kristy Price for working super hard in Japanese.

**Principal Awards go to**: 
- Savannah Lewis for positive and happy interaction with everyone at school.
- Chloe Lindner for assisting others in the computer room at an appropriate time.
- Oscar Denton for showing improvement in listening to Sally and Mrs Stewart at Pre-School.
- Staff member, Sally Stringer for professional planning, flexibility, responsibility, and bravery as a new teacher.

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**School Captains Report** – Ryan and Kristy

On Tuesday we held **Clean Up Nangwarry Day**. Each class took a different section of our town and set out with their gloves, tongs, and garbage bags to pick up litter in the streets. We had some really positive feedback from students who participated, lots saying they were proud of how their town now looked. It was a big few hours of clean up so many were tired but thought it was well worth the effort. We will have a meeting today to decide our fundraiser for this term. Watch this space.

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**Sports Spot**

SAPSASA Hockey notes have been sent home for trials on the 22nd of May at Robe Primary School at 4pm. This is for years 5, 6, 7. For further details see Mr Clark.

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