Principal's Report

I would like to thank our staff and students for a smooth start to the year. Curriculum and staff changes, as well as our increasing numbers, have meant that there have been some long hours being worked to get things moving effectively this year, but our subschools and staff teams clearly understand what we are working towards and are making steady progress towards school improvement.

Since our last newsletter our school held our annual Athletics Carnival, and this was a wonderful day with staff, students and families taking advantage of some lovely mild weather to cheer on our athletes. Every year the noise made by our teams seems to get louder, and the spirit of fair play, encouragement and community involvement makes this a great event to be part of. I strongly encourage everyone to have a look at some of the fantastic photos and reports within the pages of this newsletter.

Our Governing Council plays an important role in our school community, and this week I have decided to turn my column over to them to make a report. Kate Morris has taken up the pen this week to give an update on our last meeting.

Governing Council Update from the 23rd February meeting

One of the roles of Governing Council is communication. As such it was felt at this meeting that a regular newsletter article outlining issues discussed at the meetings should be produced.

Although the role of the council is in policy and direction of the school, not management, the group members are particularly useful to management as a sounding board for and a source of new ideas. One of the ways you can find out what is going on and provide informal feedback to the school management is to talk to a governing councillor.

This meeting it was decided that instead of having a specific governing council representative allocated to certain parents, that all parents should feel free to talk to any governing council member they know or are comfortable with. Members and their mobile numbers will be regularly put in the newsletter to enable you to contact them.

The Constitution of the Governing Council body was also a source of discussion at the meeting. Firstly, because at the AGM I had mistakenly accepted a nomination for chairperson, believing that as long as I was not a member of staff at this school it was within the constitution. (A relief teacher is not a member of staff). However, upon seeking advice it was found that I was not able to be chairperson because I do relief teaching and so a new chairperson was elected. Gerald Keller kindly agreed to serve another year. (The rules are such that even if I was to only
work at other schools in our area, I would still be unable to serve in that role.)
All other positions and member vacancies were publicised and elected according to the rules of the constitution, excepting the staff representative position where an oversight meant that we needed to hold an election. The staff have since elected a staff representative, Julianne Wandel.
The constitution is also under review to include the new Early Years Sub-committee and ensure the responsibilities of the finance, asset and agriculture committees are clearly outlined. All sub-committees were ratified so that they could get on with their work. The agriculture committee, the finance committee, the assets committee and Early Years Group have all had meetings since.
Pupil Free days were approved for
- April the 2nd – staff regional development of the Australian Curriculum
- June the 6th – staff training and development for student well-being
- August the 14th – staff in-school development of the Australian Curriculum
- October the 26th – staff carrying out a student progress review
The Preschool fees increase by CPI was also approved.
A detailed discussion was held on the frustration felt by not just the community but also the staff at the lack of progress with the Preschool playground as well as the Agriculture shed and the Home Economics upgrade. The Governing Council resolved to send a letter regarding this to the Senior Facilities Manager in Mt Gambier, with copies also to be sent to appropriate people in the DECD assets group and our local member Mitch Williams.
This letter has been put together and signed by all parent members of the Governing Council. The letter, along with copies of parent complaints received on the playground issue were sent over a week ago and this already seems to have increased the sense of urgency around the completion of our building projects. The Governing Council hope to see this issue addressed in the near future for the benefit of all our students.
Feel free to provide feedback on these issues either directly to the Principal Stuart or via a Governing Council member. Kate Morris

Stuart Kitto

Ag Update
There have been a number of positive developments in our Agriculture program this year, with our new Agriculture Committee meeting for the first time in week 6. We have been advised that builders will be beginning to prepare the foundations of the new Ag Facility over the next week or so, and after much preparation and planning we are confident that this will be a space that makes it easier for the teachers and students to learn from the animals they are working with.
The Year 5/6 class has been excited about working with the Laying Hens, and these are slowly beginning to produce eggs. If you or your business would like to support the school by purchasing eggs on a regular basis once the supply is more consistent, please contact Stuart at the school so that we can discuss your egg buying needs. This class is also in the preliminary stages of planning an update to the garden bed in front of their classroom, with lots of exploration of what plants need to thrive and grow, as well as consideration of how this bed can be sustainable and attractive.
Our Integrated Learning subject has been providing students with a number of ways to engage with agriculture and enterprise, and our Show Team is coming together in this class. Other students are exploring the possibilities offered by Aquaculture, gardens and orchards and a number of other Ag related areas. The engagement and enthusiasm that is visible in this class is exciting to watch, as the students become more comfortable with accepting responsibility for their own learning rather than waiting to be told by the teacher.
We are also working with Ben Hooper around a Bee Keeping project and our first honey was produced last week! It tasted wonderful!
Year 8/9 Knockout Cricket
Mitchell Cocciolone and Nicholas Croser participated in the 8/9 knockout cricket carnival. They played with other students from the following schools; Keith, Karoonda, Tintinara, Coomandok and Meningie which formed Upper South east. The first game was held at Unity on the 12th of February. They versed Unity and they got their first win. Mitchell made 9 runs with the bat; Nick made 23 runs with the bat and got 1 wicket. USE total score was 8/130 and Unity all out for 108. USE won by 2 wickets.
The next game they played at was Tintinara Area School on the 4th of March. They versed Murray Bridge High and got another win. Mitchell made a golden duck; Nick made 12 runs and got 3 wickets. USE finished on all out for 103 and Unity was all out for 93 runs. USE won by 10 runs
On the 12th February there was also another Knockout game being played. This was held at Murray Bridge High with Joel Harvey and Taylor Harvey participating in the USE side against Unity. Joel made 18 runs; Taylor made 1 not out and got 1 wicket. USE finished on all out for 132 and Unity made 4/134. USE lost by 6 wickets.

UN Youth SA Conference 2015
The UN Youth SA Conference is an event open to Year 10-12s. Marijo Richards and Joy Omega attended the conference this year along with other students around South Australia. This year it focused on the topic of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rights. We completed a number of workshops focusing on the topic. We learnt about organisations to help the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. We also looked at their history including the Stolen Generation.
On Sunday, three different debates were organised by the facilitators. Each student represented a different country. Marijo represented the Netherlands and Joy represented Belarus. The topics concerned Child Soldiers, the Palestinian Statehood and an imaginary scenario where the Dalai Lama was assassinated. It was an awesome experience and we made many new friends. It was educational and we became more aware of the problems surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rights. We can’t wait for next year!
Marijo Richards and Joy Omega

Interschool Sports Day Catering
There will be various food stalls available at the Interschool Sports Day on 25th March. Tintinara Lions Club will be there with their Hot Chips and Donuts; There will be a BBQ with Hot Dogs, Sausages, Hamburgers etc; The Lutheran Church will be selling cakes, biscuits and hot drinks; The TAS SRC students will be selling cold drinks.
Thursday 5th of March was the date for this year’s mini’s sports day. This year meant a new location for many of our events and a new organiser!
It was a chance for Preschoolers to Year 2 to have fun, take part in some competitive athletics and to work as a team. It was great to see and hear the excitement, enthusiasm and support for both their house teams and team mates. All the students tried hard, participated to the best of their ability and showed good sportsmanship.
Once again the day started with a whole school ‘dress-up’ lap around the oval to warm up. There were a lot of great costumes on show helping to get the day off to a fun start. Then it was off to our running track to get on with some serious events, the 20m sprints, vortex and long jump. We then moved over to the new area under the trees in the bus bay for some team games and activities, Rob the Nest, Tunnel Ball and Accuracy Throw. After some time to rest, eat lunch and regain some energy it was time for some more fun events back over on the track. These included the egg and spoon race, three legged race and sack race. The competitive day finished with the bean bag and hoop race. After which we headed over to support and cheer on our House Teams in the relay and the Tug of War.
Thanks to Mrs Desmazures and Mr Bennett who helped me organise the events and assisted on the day, as there is a lot of preparing to do! Thank you to Mrs Materne for helping, and taking all the fantastic photos. A big thank you must go to Mr Harkness for preparing our section of the oval and the new area in the Bus Bay.
Thank you to all the families and friends that cheered and supported the Minis to be brave and have a go!
All involved had a great (but tiring) day! ☺
Deirdre Duffy
On Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} of March Tintinara held its annual sports day. The weather was ideal for the competition and the students held high hopes of individual and team success. SRC provided some excitement at the start of the day with their House Colours Competition which had some very well thought out costumes. There were some great performances throughout the day, with some close finishes in a number of events. It was pleasing to see so many students competing and giving every event a go. We had one record broken by Erin Tonkin which was in the Junior Javelin. She threw a distance of 19.57m beating the previous record of 16.75m held by Derilee March, 1977. Libby Miell came second in this event and also broke the record with a throw of 17.24m.

It was also great to see staff, parents and students getting involved in the Tug of War at the end of the day. This proved to be a fun way to finish off the day, with the staff/parents team being pushed by the students but winning in the end.

In terms of the overall shield it was again Messent who again came out on top, but Ngarkat put up some strong competition. Overall scores; Messent 4,356 points defeating Ngarkat 3,420 points.

Thank you to all of the parents and staff members for their help on the day and to Keith Harkness for the preparation of the oval. I was pleased with how the day ran but there is always room for improvement. Congratulations to the house captains who did a good job of supporting their team members throughout the day. And finally, it was again excellent to see so many community members come along and support our students and help with the catering.

**Age Group Winners**

**Sub Junior Boys**
1\textsuperscript{st} Darcy Connor, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Isaac Kennett,
3\textsuperscript{rd} Mitchell Tonkin

**Sub Junior Girls**
1\textsuperscript{st} Dallas Merry, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Chloe Cutchie,
3\textsuperscript{rd} Tika Dempsey

**Junior Boys**
1\textsuperscript{st} Charlton Manning, 2\textsuperscript{nd} CJ Borchardt,
3\textsuperscript{rd} Tyson McCabe

**Junior Girls**
1\textsuperscript{st} Tara Nicolle, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Erin Tonkin,
3\textsuperscript{rd} Libby Miell

**Open Boys**
1\textsuperscript{st} Brett Cooley, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Cooper Anderson,
3\textsuperscript{rd} Hugo Keller

**Open Girls**
1\textsuperscript{st} Sophie Meyer, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Shauna Chaplin,
3\textsuperscript{rd} Brooke Finn

The Upper South East Interschool Sports Day is to be held on Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} March at Tintinara. Competitors need to be there at 9:00am and at the house bays. Students need to have hats, sunscreen, suitable shoes and plenty of water for the day. There will be facilities available at Tintinara for lunch. Buses will run as normal for all school students. Notes will be distributed this week.

Chris Gregory  
(Sports Coordinator)
Sports Day
Agriculture
In Ag we have been drawing up a scaled map of the Ag area. We have also been doing an investigation, into an agriculture problem. The three main problems that emerged were salinity, fertility and non-wetting sands. We have researched and started some practical experiments which relate to these.
Gema Harvey

Art
In Art this term the year 9s and 10s have been learning about photography. We have learnt about the basic principles such as format (portrait or landscape), angles and depth of field. We have also learnt about photography’s elements of art (line, shape, colour, etc.) and principles of design (balance, contrast, emphasis, etc.) We’ve been taking photos and analysing them.
Alec Morris

Community Studies
Community Studies is a subject where students can pick a subject of their choice to study. Whatever the subject is they need to make a contract listing all of the steps to do. This year in community studies there are five students. Alec Morris is practising computer programming, Joy Omega is studying the Japanese language, Peggy Harvey is trying out Child Care, Marijo Richards is learning about and practising a high level of Steer Handling and Zara Keller is exploring Fashion Design.
Zara Keller

Drama
In Drama, Elsa Keller, Cherie Kennett and Joy Omega are focusing on World War 1. We have collected poems and songs. We are preparing them for the Anzac Day Ceremony. We also have lessons with the 7/8s. During these lessons, we conduct activities to improve our Drama skills and etiquette.
Joy Omega

Photography
This year Cherie and I are doing a lesson called Stage 1 Photography. This lesson comes in two sections which are spread out during this year. They are image capture and image manipulation. We have currently been looking at the format, lighting, angles and focal points of taking photos. Then will go into texture, pattern, colour and reflection.
Elsa Keller

Science
This year the year 9/10s have been making robots. The topic is very interesting and at times puts our group work skills to a test. It is a challenging topic and it involves a lot of improvising. Each robot has do something great in our community. One of the robots job is to teach while another one is to help out in the military.
Elsa Keller
Health
In Health the years 9s have made a survey for the Tintinara community on their health and wellbeing. We had to find out the averages of the questions we had given to the community, to see if the town’s health and wellbeing is good or bad. This subject made the class think what questions could be useful to find out if the town is a healthy community or not. Some of the questions included how many minutes of physical activity people did in a day and another one was researching how many hours were spent on screen time.
Nicholas Croser

History
Throughout the term the 9/10s have been focusing on World War II, as well as World War I. Each individual has been researching on an aspect of World War II, some topics included Australians in the Pacific War: Kokoda and the Causes of World War II. After researching they will present work orally. For World War 1, the class went down to the Tintinara Hall to write down the names on the honour roll. Then we picked two soldiers to research and will prepare this for ANZAC commemorations in Tintinara this year.
Sophie Meyer

Home Economics
In Home Ec this semester there have only been two students in this lesson, Peggy and Gema Harvey. We have been doing cooking for the past weeks for events such as Induction Day, Interschool Athletics and cooking for the elderly. As being the only students in the class it makes it an easier lesson for both Gema and I, and Ms Rohan.
Peggy Harvey

Integrated Learning term 1
This term in Integrated Learning we went on a trip to Adelaide. We visited the Bureau of Meteorology at both Adelaide Airport and Kent Town. We worked on weather and climate and have done a weather and climate oral presentation in groups. Each group had a question they had to answer. We have also been working on our business plans for our enterprises. Each enterprise fits in with weather and climate for example some people are doing gardening, construction, animals and bees.
Jaimie Doolan

Japanese
This term in Japanese I have been learning Japanese greetings and Hiragana symbols, which is one of the three writing systems.
Annabel Wanke

English
In English this term the year 9/10 class has watched the movie ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ and has been given an assignment to do for it. We also have an independent reading task on a book of our choice.
Annabel Wanke

Maths
In Maths we have looked at many different types of work involving index laws, scientific notation, FOIL, perfect squares, factorising with common factors and much more. We have a test this Thursday.
Brett Cooley
Music
In music this semester I have been fortunate enough to join an OAC lesson for both music practicals and music theory. In music practical I learn how to use my voice to the best of my ability, by using different techniques and styles and learning different pieces of music. In music theory I look at the different ways in how a performer performs their music, by analysing things like their pitch, tones, dynamics etc. So far music has been amazing and I am looking forward to going further in my studies!
Marijo Richards

Outdoor Education
In Outdoor Education this semester we have been preparing for our upcoming camp to Millicent. It will be a surfing camp in April. We have learnt how to put up and take down a tent and to cook with the trangias. We have learnt about sustainability and planning in our theory sessions.
Peggy Harvey

Physical Education
In PE we started of the term doing swimming which then lead to the swimming carnival and SSSASA swimming, it then moved on to athletics and sports day. During these lessons we practiced for mostly all of the events that are held on sports day. Now we have moved onto Touch Rugby which should be interesting and fun.
Brett Cooley

PLP
In PLP we have been working on making a start on our resumés, we had to put as much information as we could and we will update them again when we have something new to add. We have also been working on our portfolios where we had to include the drafts of our resumés, and also a bucket list that we made.
Gema Harvey

ICT
This term in ICT we have been learning about safety with social networking. We have specifically looked at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. These social networks are four of the most popular networks in Australia. I am glad that we are looking at safety because I think everyone needs to know about it.
Cherie Kennett

ANZAC Day 2015
The Year 7, 8 and 10 Drama students are developing song and theatre pieces with an ANZAC theme with Ms Rohan. The year 9 and 10 students are carefully researching WWI Veterans lives from Tintinara. This will be a part of the ANZAC commemoration which is being held at the Tintinara Town Hall on Saturday 25th April 2015. More information regarding this will be in the next newsletter!
Adult Fiction
Rose River Margareta OSBORN
The last dance Fiona McIntosh
Emerald Springs Fleur McDonald
The painted sky Alice Campion
Too close to home Susan Lewis
Mightier than the sword Jeffrey Archer
14th deadly sin James Patterson
The Maxwell sisters Loretta Hill
Motive Jonathan Kellerman
Obsession in death J.D. Robb
Crash & burn Lisa Gardner
Peppercorn Street Anna Jacobs
Emergence John Birmingham
The escape David Baldacci
The job Janet Evanovich
Betrayed Lisa Scottoline
Hell to pay Garry Dishner

Non-Fiction:
Gallipoli: The Dardanelles disaster in soldiers’ words and photographs Richard Van Emden

Games
The visual guide to Minecraft: dig into Minecraft
With this (parent-approved) guide full of tips, hints, and projects! James H. Clark
Minecraft for dummies Jesse Stay

Adolescent Fiction:
Hanna Goldie Alexander
The hush Skye Melki-Wegner
Soulsprint Megan Miranda
Havoc Jane Higgins
Eventual Poppy Day Libby Hathorn
Shine Candy Gourlay

Through my eyes:
Zafir Prue Mason

Children’s Fiction:
Barky the barking dog Andy Griffiths
Ten unlucky pirates Andy Griffiths
The memory shed Sally Morgan
My Gallipoli Ruth Starke
The day no one was angry Toon Tellegen
Best Book Day ever! (so far) Tom Gates
Digger the dog who went to war Mark Wilson

Children’s Audio Book:
Australian Classic Children’s Collection
Blinky Bill Dorothy Wall
The Magic Pudding Norman Lindsay
The Muddleheaded wombat Ruth Park
Snugglepot & Cuddlepie May Gibbs

Children’s Non-Fiction:
Ugly cute animals Melvin & Gilda Berger

Children’s Picture Books:
Millie Mae dresses up Ingrid Schubert
The umbrella Graeme Base
Starfish are pointy P. Crumble
Me and Moo S. Kendell
Green tree frogs Ciara Flood
Those pesky rabbits Phil Cummings
Ride Ricardo, ride! Michael Hall
I’m a hungry dinosaur Jenean Brian
Hairy Maclary and friends 123 Lynley Dodd

Board Books:
Penguin says “please” Michael Dahl

DVDs
Classification G:
Sofia the First: The enchanted feast
Play school hey diddle, diddle
Mister maker: watch and make
Postman Pat special delivery service
If you are interested in attending, please contact Danielle on the number provided. Expressions of interest must be received by 25th March 2015.
Tintinara Historical Society

TINTINARA ANZAC CENTENARY

25th April 2015
Tintinara War Memorial Hall

The Tintinara Historical Society will have a display of Historical Records and Artefacts

IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE ITEMS WE COULD DISPLAY, PLEASE CONTACT:
Jacki Cunningham 0428 855 063
Melody Twelftree 0427 758 069

School Holiday Kids Mosaics.

Nothing to do over the school holidays?
Need something for the kids to do?
How about something creative and artistic?

2 by 2 hour sessions over two consecutive days.
Held at Coonalpyn Community Hub.

Those aged 5 to 12 must be supervised by a guardian.
Minimum Numbers are required.
Contact the Hub if interested at 85711018
Community News

Tintinara Heart of the Parks Inc.
Would like to invite you to join us at the Shop as we officially open our recently renovated
Signal Box Room
Sunday 26th April
2pm

Our members will be supplying guests with Afternoon Tea
For catering purposes, please RSVP by
Wednesday 15th April 2015
In person to the Shop;
by phoning the Shop 8757 2220;
or by texting our secretary 0428 560 020.
We look forward to seeing you there!

We are kicking off National Youth Week
a tad early with our...

Health and Wellbeing
Festival
Wednesday, 8th April 2015
entertainment // healthy food // stalls // games
10am-3pm // The Station // FREE event // all welcome

With special guests,
Callum and Themis
from Sprout Cooking!

As featured in the Adelaide Fringe, Noarlunga headspace short films
will be screening throughout the day
For more information please call headspace // 8531 2122

NETBALL SA
FUTURE STARS
NETBALL CAMP

TUESDAY 14TH &
WEDNESDAY 15TH
APRIL, 2015
9:00AM-3:15PM DAILY
NETBALL SA STADIUM
100 RAILWAY TERRACE,
MURRAY BURG, SA 5231.
AGES 11-14
$250 PER PARTICIPANT
(inc GST)
EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES
AN OFFICIAL CAMP SHIRT

Booking online at:
http://www.sportsbooking.net/onlinesportsbooking?event=17469

For more information please contact:
Michelle Gardner
State Netball Coordinator
Phone: 8265 8200
Mobile: 0414 880 388
address.tintinara@sa.netball.as
Craft & Produce MARKET

held in conjunction with the Tintinara Lions Annual Auction & Wool Show

SUNDAY April 12

Tintinara Town Oval
10am-3pm

Market stalls include:

- Aldersey’s Vineyard - Wine Tastings & Bottle Sales
- B Sweet - Individual Homemade Cookies
- Bella Ella Rose - Hair Accessories; Lupin Heat Packs; Childrens Clothing; Canvas Bags - and more!
- Bibkinz - Bibz & Bobz - Handmade items - sewn, knitted and beaded. Bath Towels: Bibs; Hats; Bookmarks + more
- Chris’s Crafts - Huge range of Handmade Giftware
- The Coffee Run - Hot Coffee/Tea; Iced Chocolate/ Coffee; Chai; and Smoothies
- Coonara Scouts Group - Chocolate Show Bags; Major Raffle
- Coorong District Council - LAP; Animals Anonymous; Adventure Playground Equipment; OPAL - and much more!
- Funky Chook - Handmade Childrens Clothing
- Love Press - Custom made; hand stamped Silver Jewellery
- Rainbow Children’s Home: Bags & Jewellery - Handmade and Handwoven cotton bags; Yak Bone Jewellery
- Swains - Etched Glassware; Wooden Signs; Animal Silhouettes; Insect Hotels; Lemon Butter
- Tintinara Men’s Shed - Wooden Boats & Planes
- Webb’s Produce - A wide range of Fresh Vegetables
- Weona Riverland Fruit - Fresh Riverland Fruit + Dried & Glace + HUGE Jumping Castle and MANY activities planned for the kids

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

There will be a Bacon and Egg Breakfast available from 8am-11am; the Lions Hot Donuts and Chips will be on from 11am; there will also be Lunch provisions available from the Football Clubrooms from midday.

Come along for a day of fantastic shopping opportunities in a relaxed, family friendly atmosphere!

Being held at the Tintinara Town Oval, Ernu Springs Rd from 10am-3pm

For inclusions in the Craft & Produce Market, or for more information, please contact Wendy on 8756 0020 or email iniskillan@activ8.net.au. Site holder applications will be considered up to April 3rd. For inclusions in the Lions Auction please contact Graham on 0427 572 330 or Terry on 0412 226 083.
BUS TRAVEL ABSENCE NOTIFICATION
Please fill in and return to the school Front Office when changes to normal travel arrangements are made.

Student/s Name/s: ____________________________________________ Bus Route: ____________________________

Date of absence/s: _____/_____/______ to: _____/_____/______ AM PM BOTH (please circle relevant time)

Changes to normal travel (eg different bus route, travelling with another student, etc): __________________________

For students that wouldn't normally utilise buses (eg live under 5km from School) and have a need to use one of the routes throughout the year (eg sleepovers, sporting commitments etc) permission will need to be sought from the Principal PRIOR to travel taking place.

Parent/Caregiver Name: ____________________________  Parent/Caregiver Signature: __________________________

Date: ____/____/____

[Office Notified: ____________________________ Changes made: ____________________________]

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCE

Student Name: ____________________________ Year Level: ____________________________

Homegroup Teacher: ____________________________

Date of Absence/s: On _____/_____/______ or up to and including _____/_____/______

Reason for Absence: ____________________________________________

Parent/Caregiver name: ____________________________ Date: ____/____/____

Parent Signature: ____________________________ [Teacher Signature: ____________________________]

Please fill in and return to the school with your child/ren prior to absence or on their return to class.

If there is a planned absence of a period which is of more than two school days, please obtain an ED175 (Application for Exemption) form from the Front Office to be filled in prior to leave happening. Thank you.