



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 ~ Thursday, 18th June 2020

Coming Events

- **24th June** – School Football & Netball Commences
- **3rd July** – End of Term 2, Early Dismissal 2.25pm
- **22nd Aug** – Quiz night “Mulleys & Mowhawks”
- **27th Oct** – School Photos

Can you help in the Canteen in Term 3?

We are welcoming back volunteers!
If you can help, please contact the Canteen to put down your preferred date. All volunteers are very much appreciated.

It's hard to believe that Week 8 is almost complete. All classes have been busy with fantastic learning opportunities and it is a pleasure to walk around and witness first hand our school at work.

The next two weeks will also be crammed full of action as we come to the end of the term.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Last Monday we held our first Virtual Assembly via Microsoft Teams hosted by our School Captains.

Their happy, smiling faces were beamed from the staffroom through to classrooms with all classes taking part.

They began with a 'Welcome to Country' followed by Nat Austin leading the National Anthem with vocals and guitar.

ASPIRE Awards were announced and all recipients were congratulated and invited to have their photo taken at the end of the Virtual Assembly. Nat finished off with an introduction to the social skill focus for the fortnight, 'Have reasons for the things you say and do'.

It was a huge success and will continue until at least the end of term.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Some dates for your calendar which were passed at the Governing Council meeting on Monday night.

Friday, September 4th – Week 7 Term 3 – Learning Design and Moderation (LDAM)

Monday, November 30th – Week 8 Term 4 – LDAM, School Review and Site Improvement Plan

We do have one further day in reserve which may be required for whole of Partnership work with Dr Simon Breakspear and we will inform you as early as possible about this date.

STAFFING

- With David's retirement and a shuffle of leadership, the position of Acting Deputy was advertised internally. Following the process, Caryn McConnell was appointed as Acting Deputy for the final four weeks of term. Welcome to Caryn and she has already 'hit the ground running' taking on a number of responsibilities.
- Madeline Moss has picked up the 0.8 contract teaching position in Caryn's class with Caryn teaching one day in the week.
- Lucy Possingham will be Acting Principal at Frances PS for Weeks 9 and 10. Fiona McInnes will teach in Lucy's class on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with Michelle Burrows on Wednesday and Friday. We wish Lucy all the best for her brief dalliance into the world of being a Principal.
- Alex Amos will be finishing at NPS at the end of term as her family moves back to NSW following a job transfer for husband Nic. Alex has had class teaching roles as well as NIT subjects and we thank her for the influence she has had on the students and staff at NPS. I am hoping to finalise this position (0.4 contract for Terms 3 and 4) tomorrow. Just waiting on HR approval.
- Jenny Parker will return in Term 3. Hayley McCarthy will return to her 0.4 teaching role with Tammy Closter and Annette Edwards will finish her contract in the Yr 1/2 class. Flee McArthur will continue her leave for Term 3.

RUNNING RECORDS TRAINING

Training and development in the collection and use of Running Records to inform our teaching, particularly in reading development, was conducted by trained facilitators Caryn McConnell and Natasha James on Thursday evenings from 4:00pm – 6:00pm in Weeks 6 and 7. Teachers and some SSOs participated in this whole school focus on the correct methods of collecting Running Records with many experienced hands mentoring the beginners, like myself (Rob).

Thank you to Caryn and Natasha for the time and effort they put in to delivering this training and to the staff for approaching the task in a most professional manner. Running

Records are another tool that teachers use in order to provide the best learning opportunities for students.

REPORTS

Teachers are busily preparing their students' written reports, which will come home on the last day of the term. These reports inform you of how your child is progressing half way through the year and contain comments highlighting strengths as well as areas for future development. Please take the time to read and discuss the report with your child to strengthen the learning partnership between teachers, students and home.

COVID-19 Update – Step 3

The Premier has announced step 3 of the COVID-19 roadmap and the Department for Education has provided the following advice to schools.

This means we can prepare to ease some of the restrictions currently in place for schools, preschools and early years settings.

Physical distancing requirements remain in place

All adults must continue to follow the density and physical distancing guidelines outlined by SA Health:

- no more than 1 person per 4-square metres in an enclosed space
- maintain a minimum social distance of 1.5 metres.

A reminder that the AHPPC does not believe that it's appropriate or practical for students and children to maintain physical distancing requirements in classrooms or corridors.

From Monday 29 June, there will be no cap on the number of people in 1 room, however the above physical distancing and room density requirements must be followed by adults e.g. staff meetings.

Step 3

From Monday 29 June, the following activities can resume providing government health advice and physical distancing requirements are strictly followed:

- parents, volunteers, departmental support and other service providers may again enter school and preschool grounds. **All external service providers and volunteers must complete the site access form on entry**
- school assemblies (we will have to limit the number of parents who attend each week – more info later)
- class photos
- all **intrastate** camps and excursions
- all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions (use of change rooms and shower facilities is not permitted)
- inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities
- school formals, socials and discos
- larger face-to-face professional learning activities.

Please note that this is a list of activities that can recommence at the discretion of the site leader.

What does this mean for NPS?

After careful consideration, Naracoorte Primary School will be open for 'normal business' on day one of Term 3.

This will give us a further 3 weeks (Week 10 and 2 weeks of holidays) to ensure that our site is clean and sparkling ready for a fresh start on Monday, July 20th. Parents can then be welcomed back with usual activities such as reading parents, canteen volunteers or classroom helpers able to resume.

While Covid-19 has provided challenges for all, it has also enabled students to become more independent in managing their school day. Many teachers have commented on the growth of students who have had to prepare themselves for the day - unpacking bags, changing readers, putting in a lunch order and many other tasks. In returning to school next term we ask parents to continue this growth and encourage their children to manage their start to the day.

Requirements that remain in place

- It's important that students and staff stay home if they are unwell.
- Physical contact (even between students) must be limited. Non-physical greetings should be encouraged.
- School, preschool or early childhood visits to nursing homes cannot recommence.
- The general public should not access school playgrounds or play equipment.
- Parents must continue to physical distance, including at school pick up and drop off.
- Interstate and overseas travel remains on hold.

School Football and Netball

With restrictions being lifted preparations have begun to organise a return to some of our traditional sports activities.

There will be a meeting on Monday, June 29th 6:30pm at NPS to discuss what the school footy season may look like and Sonya Bates and Belinda Boston have started organising netball.

Training for footy and netball begins on Wednesday next week in preparation for a Term 3 start.

More information will be shared as soon as possible.

SAPSASA

A modified program for Sapsasa sports is being organised with information to be shared once it is finalised.

Check out the website www.usesapsasa.org.au for updates as they come to hand.

Stay warm, stay healthy and have a good fortnight.



The Leadership Group

– Rob, Caryn, Andrea, & Nat

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY



Our School Captains beamed our first virtual assembly from the Staffroom.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In Term one, the School Captains and the House Captains intended to go to Mount Gambier to attend the Grip Leadership Training. However, due to Covid-19, we are now participating in the online Student Leadership program.

On Wednesdays, we have been working with Ms Lawrie and learning how to be excellent student leaders. We have learnt how to lead the way, to know the way, go the way and show the way.

We have also focussed on how to bring our ideas to life and how to include and encourage others.

We are looking forward to putting our new skills into action.

School Captains 2020



Friday Fun Day

On the Friday of Week 6 the Year 7s held a fun carnival event for the younger students. Mr. Wallis and Mr. Hallett thought it would be a fun idea for the Year 7s to run and be completely independent in their own chosen activity. Some activities were Tug of War, Dodgeball, Virus and Yoshi! The Receptions-Year 2's activities went for 15 minutes and the Year 3-6's activities went for 30 minutes.

The Year 7s first had to decide what game we were going to do a number of weeks in advance. Once we had decided what game we were going to do we had to create a sign with the name of the game and our group number. Then we decided what we would need for the game. The games were then setup on Friday Week 6, the same day of Mr. Adams' last day.

All the Years 7s and the rest of the school enjoyed the day and hope to do this next term too.



Miss Possingham's class stood for the national anthem.



Mrs Schroder's class watched the school captains intently on the whiteboard.







BRIDAL CREEPER

The Yelp decided to gather the Year 5/6s to help get rid of the nasty weed, Bridal Creeper, that is wreaking havoc in our nature play area. The roots are so deep, which meant we had to dig deep to find the roots. All classes did an exceptional job and we were very proud of the team work and persistence shown during the afternoon.



SPARE CLOTHING

We are in desperate need for size 4, 6 & 8 shorts and long pants – donations of this clothing would be much appreciated!

If your child has borrowed any clothing from our First Aid Room, can you please return to the Front Office – Thank you.

Reminder: If you have a child in Junior Primary, can you please ensure that you pack spare pants, underwear etc in their bag.

SUSTAINABILITY

On Monday afternoon, Mrs Scheel came in to speak to the Year 4s about 'Sustainability'.

Mrs Scheel knows a lot about native plants and animals. She and her husband collect seeds, plant the seeds in tubes and when they are ready, they plant them in and around our district.

We learnt about

- looking after the trees we have
- only taking a small percentage of seeds so that the species can continue to survive
- lower shrubs are essential in providing the smaller animals with protection
- most predators live high in the trees
- conditions needed for plants to grow
- bringing in natives from other areas, can become problematic ie weeds

..... and so much more!

Thank you so much Mrs Scheel!

Alice Redding and Henry Olsen



LAND ART

Mrs Schroder and Mrs Motts class created some land art, which was part of an artist study on Andy Goldsworthy. How amazing does the art work look



ASPIRE AWARDS



**Aurora
Johnston-
Pengilly**

For your optimistic, happy and enthusiastic approach to each school day.
Miss Possingham



Bladen Owen

For always pursuing his personal best in Indonesian lessons and being an enthusiastic learner.
Mrs Dickson



Casey Evans

For working tirelessly to improve the structure and content of her essay. Well done Casey!
Mr Hallett & Miss Richards



**Taylor
Whitehead**

For consistently pursuing her personal best in all learning areas. Excellent effort!
Miss Caldwell



Emily Watson

For her growing confidence in Maths lessons and applying a growth mindset. Keep it up!
Miss Caldwell



Mason White

For showing respect and kindness to everyone and being a great friend.
Miss Gaffney, Mrs Donnelly



Darcy Pilkington

For his continual enthusiasm and deep thinking about the task at hand. A kind and considerate class member.
Mrs Mott/Schroder



Sid Wight

For using self-manager skills & making strong choices inside & outside the classroom. Well done and keep it up.
Mrs Wirper



Larni Robins

For great use of language features across all areas of the curriculum. Your use of persuasive language in your chocolate advertising was fabulous. Well done.
Mrs Wirper



Charlie Cox

His bravery in sharing embarrassing stories in front of the whole class during Mad Minute. How quickly your confidence is building is inspiring Charlie.
Mrs Schultz



Isabelle Harrison

For amazing improvement in literacy and graduating from literacy support!
Mrs Schultz



Evie Sneath

For her positive attitude, taking pride in her work and being well organised.
Mrs Smith



Thomas Malone

For his cheerful manner, being courteous and respectful and working well with others.
Mrs Smith



Azalea Mellow

For the growth you have shown in your reading. It is wonderful to see you using different strategies to help you read fluently.
Miss Closter, Mrs Edwards



Will Gilford

For working with increased independence and focussing on the task at hand to complete to the best of his ability. Well done Will.
Mrs Owen/Grundy

ASPIRE AWARDS



Caleb Bennier

For the growth you have made in writing tasks. You are staying on task longer, helping you to manage your time.

*Miss Closter/
Mrs Edwards*



Violet Burke

For consistently demonstrating the Aspire values. Well done!

Mrs McCarthy



Rosie Watts

For applying yourself to all set tasks and helping your peers when needed.

Mrs McConnell



Violet Bennett

For her consistent efforts to learn letter sounds and to use these in her reading and writing.

Mrs Fox



William Allen

For working very hard learning his sounds in word study.

Mrs Moss



Riley Hislop

For his excellent contribution to the Friday Fun afternoon and his increased dedication in lessons.

Mr Wallis



Sam Davies

For pursuing his personal best in spoken and written activities in Indonesian by building on his knowledge.

Mrs Dickson - Indo



Raihana Hassani

For the growth you have shown in your reading. It is wonderful to see you using different strategies to help you read.

*Miss Closter/
Mrs Edwards*



Digby Wight

For perseverance at writing tasks and increasing the amount of writing.

*Miss Closter/
Mrs Edwards*



James Lanquibo

For always seeking to deepen his understanding of the Indonesian language and having a positive approach to learning.

Mrs Dickson - Indo



Lorenz Rickus

For being willing to improve his work ethic and focus intently on finishing his assignments.

*Mr Hallet &
Miss Richards*



Jet Finch

For having a more positive attitude to school and for putting more effort into your learning.

Mrs Fox



Darcy Hill

For working very hard to learn all the sounds to improve his learning.

Miss Kidman



Amber Lovegrove

For working with increased independence, focussing on tasks to complete work to the best of her abilities. Well done Amber.

Mrs Owen/Grundy



Lucas Watson

For showing great perseverance at staying on task during Maths and successfully completing work on halves.

Mrs McCarthy

ASPIRE AWARDS



Abby Williams

For your ongoing effort and self-confidence in everything you do. Keep it up Abby!
Miss Possingham



Cru Waihape

For having an exceptional week and staying on task in class! The quality of work was of great improvement!
Mrs Schultz



Matilda Brewin

For being a self-motivated learner who makes a determined effort to improve and learn new skills.
Mrs Smith



Tyson Sears

For always having a happy and enthusiastic attitude towards your learning. I love hearing all the facts that you share with us.
Mrs Wirper



Jack Sellars

For being an outstanding reliable helper, his cheerful manner & for taking on constructive criticism & seeking to improve.
Mrs Smith



Narelle Whitehead

For overall improvement.
Mrs Prelc



Meg Brown

For showing persistence when tackling tricky maths tasks and for being a kind, considerate young lady.
Mrs Schroder



Sarah Keller

For improved stamina and being more responsible for her own learning. Great work Sarah!
Mrs Donnelly/ Miss Gaffney



Sienna Moss

For a positive approach to PE lessons, taking pride in her achievements & helping her classmates to pursue their personal best.
Mr Sandford - PE



Mavi Temel

For showing great teamwork in PE, working well with all of her classmates to develop bouncing, catching and passing skills.
Mr Sandford - PE



Zach Boston

Received a School Sport SA Certificate of Participation, for the Sapsasa State Cricket Carnival, representing the Upper South East.



Nicolas Bald

Received a School Sport SA Certificate of Participation, for the Sapsasa State Cricket Carnival, representing the Upper South East.

LIBRARY NEWS



Birthday Book Club

We have celebrated 6 birthdays. Kailey Sneath turned 12; Tom and Charlie Nolan turned 11; Eva Tierney turned 10; William Pretlove turned 9; Savannah Dickenson turned 6.



Savannah Dickenson



Kailey Sneath



William Pretlove



Eva Tierney



Tom and Charlie Nolan

Book Club Orders are due, Monday before 5pm.

Issue 4

Out Now



DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

22nd June by 5pm

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



We have 95 overdue books! Please return.



Pastoral Care Worker

Hello Beautiful Parents, Carers and Staff!

I hope you are enjoying a warm Winter! It is the season for brightly burning fires and uggs!

I recently completed an illuminating Cyberbullying training session and would like to share a few key points with you for keeping your children safe whilst online.

ESafety recommends 3 strategies:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/online-safety-basics>

1. Be engaged, open and supportive. Talk to your child about what they are playing, their favourite apps, games and websites. If their behaviour or mood suddenly changes speak to either myself on a Monday or Wednesday or Natalie Austin at School.
2. Set some rules (i.e. time limits, restrict use to shared spaces like kitchen, lounge room). Create a family tech agreement with consequences for breaking the agreement. As you are the role model don't forget to set and apply those rules to yourself as the parent. You may find you have a lot more spare time to spend as a family when you unplug from your phone, *ipad* or computer! https://support.google.com/families/answer/7103340?hl=en&ref_topic=7336331
3. Use available technology to set up parental controls on devices and don't forget about gaming controls and mobile phone apps. To help with monitoring content online there are some recommended Family friendly filters can be installed such as Family Zone, Safe Family, Australian Private Networks and Norton Family Premier.

Not only is there a childrens counselling service available (*Kidsline* 1800 55 1800) but there's also a *Parentline* 1300 30 1300. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

E safety also runs seminars online and has a lot more information to help you navigate this new territory. I would love to hear from you or have a chat on a Monday or Wednesday when I'm at School.

Blessings, **Tess Webb**

ICAS

Unfortunately the Naracoorte Primary School will not be participating in the ICAS Assessments this year. This is mainly due to it being offered online only by UNSW. This online option has made it logistically difficult to access school computers, plus the need to make staff available to assist with supervising the tests is also proving difficult. Thank you for understanding our decision.



We are very excited to be able to welcome back volunteers in the Canteen next term. Please speak to Helen or Kellye in the Canteen to lock in your preferred date. All volunteers are supplied with lunch.

A reminder for parents:

Can you please pack cutlery for your child's lunch if it is needed.

Please remind your child about not purchasing items from the canteen for their friends.

Thank you

Helen & Kellye

DRESS UPS

The Junior Primary classes are looking for some clothing (not costumes) for dress ups. This may include shoes, scarves, bags, dresses, hats, dressing gowns etc.

Your donations of these items will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Football and Netball

Reminder: School **Football** and **Netball** trainings commence **Wednesday 24th June at 3.30pm.**

Notes were made available Monday and are due back now. *Please return your note ASAP.*

Football is for Years 4-7 and Netball Years 3-7. We are looking forward to some fun Footy and Netty action!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Naracoorte United Soccer Club are seeking players for their U14s team.



No experience necessary.

Trainings are Wednesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Season commencing 19th July.

Contact President Jon Thurlow for more information:
0427 608 243.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Update Week 8, Term 2 - 2020

Connecting with your local high school

We hope your child is enjoying being back at school for term 2. The lead up to the term was challenging for students, families and schools as together we responded to COVID-19.

We know some things had to be done differently, such as high school open days which were cancelled, postponed or moved online.

If you're interested in learning about your child's high school now, speak with your high school about how to best connect. If you're unsure of which high school zone you live in, use the '[Find a school](#)' tool on the department's website.

Getting ready for the move

Primary and high schools are working hard to plan for the move of year 7 to high school in 2022.

If your child is in year 5 or 6 this year, they'll be graduating from primary school next year. Primary schools are thinking now about how to make your child's last year in primary school a positive experience.

High school planning is also in full swing to welcome year 7s and year 8s together in 2022.

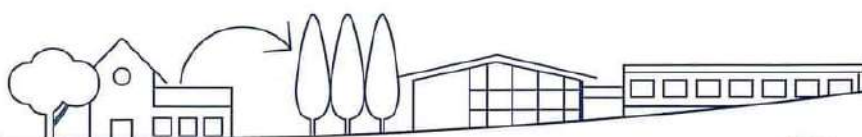
Primary and high schools are working together at every level to make the move a success for your child.

Stay engaged with your school to keep updated with the latest information.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



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