



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 ~ Thursday, 21st May 2020

Coming Event

- **31st May** – Wood Drive Fundraiser
- **28th May** – Morning Tea Fundraiser
- **1st, 2nd, 3rd June** – Virtual Cross Country
- **8th June** – Public Holiday
- **27th Oct** – School Photos

Canteen Roster TERM 2, 2020

Unfortunately we won't be having any volunteers in the school until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. But we look forward to parent/caregiver help in the near future. Thank you.

values have come to be a prominent way in which we believe we should all act. Our assembly awards now reflect the ASPIRE values and all classes learn about the values and they are promoted everywhere throughout the school. Our values also fit hand in glove with the virtues of the Play Is The Way program.

When I arrived in 2017, the staff and Governing Council were in turmoil around the decision by DECD, to use the \$1 million grant to remodel the middle of the main building to a STEM area. This would have decimated the library as the hub of the main building. With the critical backing of Governing Council, we proposed a different model to DECD, which secured us a standalone purpose built STEM facility. We were the first primary school to get a purpose built STEM building. This caught on and by the end of the grant period, three other primary schools were also able to achieve this.

Our staff were already leaders in the field of STEM education and by being very purposeful and by introducing our 6D's problem solving process (Define, Discover, Dream, Design, Deliver, Debrief), coupled with team collaborative planning, we developed outstanding STEM units of work. These were recognised by the STEM works team of DECD, as exemplars of outstanding practice. We were asked to take this model to show other educators and consequently, we ran a highly successful STEM showcase to educators in 2019. Our staff has just completed a feedback study to the STEM works team, on how you can build the capacity of teachers in each of the separate disciplines of STEM.

Our student STEM Ambassadors also worked with the Naracoorte Caves and co-designed the new playground at the Naracoorte Caves. The lead work of Stacey Wirper, Mandy Fox, Ange Donnelly and Andrea Lawrie, has been instrumental in these outstanding achievements.

To be able to get learners to achieve to a high level, just like building a house, you need to put the foundations in place. That is why all staff have signed up to and also negotiated our Quality Classroom Agreement.

This means our students are setting goals and learning the dispositions of being a good learner. They understand the need to be a self-manager, having a growth mindset and the necessity to understand that struggling is essential in the learning process. By being in the Learning Pit and being challenged, means that you can apply yourself, be persistent, resilient and problem solve to find ways to achieve. These dispositions (or foundation and building blocks of learning) that the students are acquiring, is starting to show dividends in our achievement results. Our results in both NAPLAN and

As I get ready for retirement mode, this is one of the last opportunities I have to write to you all. I would like to take this time to indulge about the school and our achievements over the last 3 ½ years.

These have been one of the most rewarding periods of my professional career and I am so thrilled that I took the opportunity to visit this wonderful place called Naracoorte.

In 2017, after sitting back and critiquing the school, it was obvious that we needed to open the school up to our parent community more, so we introduced the Education Committee into the operations of our Governing Council. This group led a process that took almost 6 months to establish both our school values and our vision for the future. The vision evening at the town hall, where we had over 120 students, parents and staff, was an incredible evening. The Education Committee took the information and at their next meeting was able to formulate our vision:

"NPS is an innovative, positive and inclusive learning environment.

We provide diverse opportunities for our students. They are empowered to be confident, resilient problem solvers in a connected global community"

This group, in consultation with staff, the SRC and the students of the school, established the values of the school. Our ASPIRE

our annual PAT testing in 2019 were the best results for many years.

The achievements of our students are many and varied. These include things such as consistently winning the Mad Minute challenge hosted by the Lions Club. Always highly represented in district SAPSASA sports teams and invariably having success in local sports carnivals. We have been in the top 50 schools in South Australia for the last three years in the Be Active Challenge and for the last two years, we have made the top 200 schools nationally in the Maths Olympiad problem solving challenge. In 2019 our Year 7 team won their way through to the national finals of the First Lego League Challenge. The level of coding and the use of robotics is at an extremely high level in the school.

As parents, you are very fortunate to have your children under the care of the staff at this school. Their ability to work together both as unit teams and as a staff team is of a very high level. They work hard at their profession and always make the children the centre of what they do. The mix of high level AST teachers (we have 9 staff evaluated at advanced skills level), experienced teachers mixed with young enthusiastic teachers, make our school a most vibrant and progressive learning environment. I have enormous respect for the staff of the school.

One of the things I introduced was an expanded leadership team. Over the last two years our team of Rob Sandercocock, Andrea Lawrie and Nat Austin have worked with great focus, which has assisted our school to be positioned for a great future.

The redesign of our courtyard and Front Office was long overdue. Governing Council worked with the architects, Brown Falconer, to design the new Front Office. After overcoming many obstacles, the project was put out to tender by our project managers, Eco Construction Project Management. Paul Schroder won the tender and his team of sub-contractors have produced our most welcoming and attractive Front Office. We are looking forward to the COVID-19 restrictions being over so we can both have an opening and have our community come in to have a good look. This project came in under budget and the Governing Council is to be congratulated for their persistence with ensuring this project went ahead.

We would also like to recognise and thank our office staff of Sonya Bates, Tania Reynolds, Ruth Dickenson and Belinda Boston for their tireless work. They always keep the ship running and ensure that we as a Leadership Team, keep on top of things. The role that Sonya Bates plays is probably not realised by the community. She knows the operations backwards and she organises all the reliefs in the school. However, the one thing I won't miss is my often early morning texts or phone calls from Sonny working through the TRT needs of the day.

I would like to thank the Governing Council for their support over the last few years. This group have been friendly, fabulous to work with, love our school and consequently are there to ensure that the school progresses forward. A big thank you to Andrew Shepherd and Di Armfield for being the Chairpersons of this council. To say they have led superbly is completely understating their contribution to the school. They have been ably supported by the councillors and the

executive. Big thank you to Claire Davies and now Jess Williams, for taking on board, the role of secretary. The school is extremely fortunate to have a highly experienced and intuitive finance committee, who have worked with Ruth Dickenson and myself. This has been led by Trent Waters and Chris "Snowy" Boston. The Front Office would not have happened if it was not for their support in developing annual budgets to plan for this restructure. I must also give a mention to Rachel Mahney – what a gun! Her ability to get social events up and running is awe inspiring. The 3 course dinner and dance party for 150 people at the Town Hall, in 2018, was one event that was simply incredible. And of course, probably only the amazing Fay Russell could pull off catering for such an event, with what appeared to be easy and stress free from an onlooker's perspective.

What I truly love about NPS, are the students themselves. I have said on numerous occasions to people everywhere, our students are genuinely friendly, welcoming and a delight to teach and be with. I know the one thing I am going to struggle with and miss is the great chats, banter and interactions with them. I plan to get around them as much as possible in the next two weeks.

Naracoorte is such a wonderful place to live and the children are very lucky to grow up in this town. It is beautiful country (does border on the cold side at times) and the people of Naracoorte are friendly and always willing to have a chat and a welcoming smile. There is no wonder that people growing up here, who leave for opportunities elsewhere, more often than not come back here to work and live.

Finally, thank you for both the opportunity to lead this lovely school, at the back end of my career and for your genuine support and friendliness.

I do hope to be back around the town because bowling here is a treasure I enjoy immensely.

What will happen from here for NPS?

Rob Sandercocock will step us as acting principal for the last 4 weeks of this term.

The position of Principal of Naracoorte Primary School will be advertised state-wide today. The starting position is Term 3 of this year. The panel for selecting the principal will be a Governing Council representative, staff representative, a peer Principal (probably from a Mt Gambier school) and it will be chaired by the Educational Director, Adam Box. Given the timeline of these processes, we may not know the outcome until the last week of this term.

Regards, *David Adams*

School Sports

I have included the most recent advice from the Department for Education re school sports for your information.

'There may have been some confusion about the restrictions outlined for school sports vs PE.

PE (involves 1 class of 1 school and is part of the curriculum) and therefore the restrictions of 10 people doesn't apply and can continue as usual.

SA Health has advised the restrictions outlined in 'Step 1' of the state's [Roadmap](#) only apply to school sport, which may involve

students from multiple classes or more than one school, and is not part of the curriculum.

School sports competitions will recommence at Step 2 of the roadmap but only for non and low-contact sports, and only for localised rather than state-wide or regional competitions.

At Step 2, preparations to return to competitions should commence gradually, rather than a comprehensive and simultaneous recommencement of competition.

Sports days/carnivals should continue to be postponed in [Step 2](#).

What does this mean for NPS?

- PE classes can continue as normal, however school organised contact sports such as football, netball and Back Oval footy are still on hold until further restrictions are lifted.
- Basketball with Matho will begin next week as this is part of our PE program.
- Plans are already underway for some organised lunchtime activities run by House Captains.
- Nature Play at lunchtime began this week with a roster for year levels able to explore the back area of the school with teacher supervision. So far this has proved to be very popular.

School Sport SA – Virtual Cross Country @ NPS

Students have been offered the opportunity to participate in this event which will take place in Week 6.

Nominations close tomorrow, **Friday, May 22nd** and our event will be run similarly to South East Cross Country. Each runner will wear their name tag and have their time recorded.

Teachers and SSOs will assist by supervising the course and each student will be timed and their results sent to School Sport SA for inclusion in state wide age groups.

At the conclusion state winners will be announced.

For our event;

Monday – June 1st

8 year olds (born 2012) and 9 year olds (born 2011) - 1500m

Tuesday – June 2nd

10 year olds (born 2010) 2000m

Wednesday – June 3rd

11 yrs (born 2009), 12 yrs (born 2008), 13 yrs (born 2007) - 3000m

We look forward to providing this opportunity for interested runners.

It is also our intention to hopefully run the South East Cross Country before the end of the year, if restrictions are lifted to enable students from other schools and parents and friends to attend. We will keep you updated as information changes.

Regards, **Rob Sandercock**



David, Rob, Andrea, & Nat (Leadership)



ALL Children's University passports need to be placed in the CUA basket in the Green Room porch by **Monday 25th May**, for hours collation to be completed.

Thank you
Natasha James
CUA Coordinator

NATURE PLAY

Nature play commenced on Monday. The Year 1/2s got to enjoy this special time first. They all had a fantastic time playing in the sunshine and enjoyed the fresh air!



ASPIRE AWARDS



Lissy Kelly

For always pursuing her personal best in everything she does. What a fabulous attitude!
Miss Caldwell



Asha Sears

For applying herself to all tasks and trying hard to learn the letter sounds.
Mrs Fox



Ebony Owen

For putting 100% effort into all your schooling and producing neat work.
Mrs McConnell



Alexis Garbowska

for being an exceptional self-manager, always producing work to a high standard.
Mrs Mahoney



William Pretlove

For always showing pride in his work and trying his best! Keep up the great work Will!
Miss Caldwell



Lucy Yates

For displaying a clear understanding of formal language and making a positive start to her essay.
Mr Hallett



Khoi Le

For being brave and speaking in front of the class about food and Vietnam. Great job!
Mrs Wirper



Rueben Woolley

For always giving 100% in literacy lessons and adding wonderful illustrations to his work.
Mrs Smith



Camilla Boddington

For setting herself high learning expectations and working hard in class.
*Miss Gaffney/
Mrs Donnelly*



Tom Vilde

For starting Term 2 with improved focus on his learning. Great to see – keep it up!
Miss Caldwell



Ripley Gould

For being on-task and an organised learner. You listen carefully to instructions and apply yourself to do your best.
Mrs Edwards/Closter



Lily Tidswell

For being a kind and considerate member of class. You always show empathy to others and include them in your games.
Mrs Edwards/Closter



Benn Diesslin

For impressive effort in all learning areas! You have tried so hard and have given everything a go!
Miss Possingham



Ruby Riley-Puddick

For continued improvement in "Mad Minute" and being brave enough to get up in front of the whole class.
Mrs Schultz



Hadleigh Haynes

For being a kind and caring class member who is always willing to help others. Well done.
Mrs Owen/Grundy

ASPIRE AWARDS



Annie Rasheed

For understanding the importance of a positive attitude, setting great goals and working hard to achieve them.
Mrs Smith



Archer Woosnam

For working hard in all areas of learning, taking greater pride in his work and for being a reliable helper.
Mrs Smith



Maddie Inverarity

For being a conscientious learner with great self manager skills.
Mrs McCarthy



Jess Cox

For showing increased confidence with fractions and getting some fantastic results.
Mr Wallis



Millie Baker

For showing excellent understanding of work covered so far in fractions. Keep trusting your abilities.
Mr Wallis



Savannah Dickenson

For being brave to have a go at writing words and sentences in Word Study.
Mrs Fox



Cooper Redding

For your great attitude towards your learning, especially reading.
Mrs McConnell



Ava McCarthy

For working hard to take on feedback to extend her writing so that it includes more detail.
Mrs Owen/Grundy



Isla Owen

For the perseverance you have shown in your reading. It is wonderful to see you using different strategies to help you read.
Miss Closter/Edwards



Tex Logan

For designing a great placemat using Indonesian style and artwork featuring leaves, flowers and tendrils.
Mrs Dickson



Jock McClure

For outstanding commitment to learning at home and school.
Mrs Prelc



Narelle Rosmann

For amazing improvement with her times tables and all other class work!
Mrs Schultz



Issy Allen

For great participation and thoughtful contributions to class discussions. Keep it up.
Mrs Wirper



Nathan Rosmann

For always showing RESPECT towards his peers and teachers.
*Miss Gaffney/
Mrs Donnelly*

LIBRARY NEWS



Birthday Book Club

We have celebrated 14 birthdays. Emily Baker turned 13; Nathan Rosmann, Jasmine Sexton, Sid Freckleton and Alice McKenzie turned 12; Evie Mott and Charlie McCarthy turned 10; Henry Fry, Archer Woosnam, Oscar Wotton and Lissy Kelly turned 9; Ripley Gould turned 8 and Maddison Inverarity turned 7; Sienna Moss turned 6.



Alice McKenzie



Emily Baker



Evie Mott



Sid Freckleton



Charlie McCarthy



Lissy Kelly



Nathan Rosmann



Oscar Wotton



Sienna Moss



Jasmine Sexton



Ripley Gould



Maddison Inverarity



Henry Fry



Archer Woosnam

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Book Club
orders are due:

22nd June by 5pm

NPS WOOD DRIVE

The Fundraising Committee are holding another
Wood Drive.

This event was one of the major fundraisers for 2019 and your support for 2020 would be greatly appreciated.

The Wood Drive will take place on 31st May 2020
(in compliance with Covid-19 restrictions).

Please return your order, along with payment,
to the Front Office by **Friday 29th May** at the latest.

Order forms have been sent home.

We wish to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to Andrew and
Amanda Lock for providing the School with the opportunity to hold this fantastic fundraiser.

For more details contact:
Rachel Mahney, 0427 564 029.



Breakfast Club Week 3



The students enjoyed their toast last week at Breakfast Club. Thank you to Mr Sandford, Nat and Alice McKenzie for helping out. Breakfast Club is held every Thursday morning.



This term the SRC will be hosting

The Biggest Morning Tea

on **Thursday 28th May 2020.**

To support this worthy cause, could students please **wear a touch of yellow** and bring a **gold coin** to purchase a *honey crackle* or a *chocolate crackle* at recess time.

Thank you, Eddie, Alice, Ella and Sam



Reminder: Please send cutlery to school with your child's lunch if it required.

Note: Due to supply issue, some canteen products are being substituted ie sausage rolls.

Regards

Helen and Kellye

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Childcare and school exclusion periods



Chickenpox

Until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days)



Common cold

A person with a cold should stay home until he or she feels well



Conjunctivitis

Until discharge from eyes has stopped (unless a doctor has diagnosed non-infectious conjunctivitis)



Diarrhoea

Until no diarrhoea for 24 hours



Hand foot and mouth disease

Until all blisters are dry



Head lice

Until appropriate treatment has commenced



Influenza

Until well (usually 7-10 days for children)



Measles

Until 4 days after the onset of the rash



Scabies

Until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced



School sores (impetigo)

Until appropriate treatment has commenced



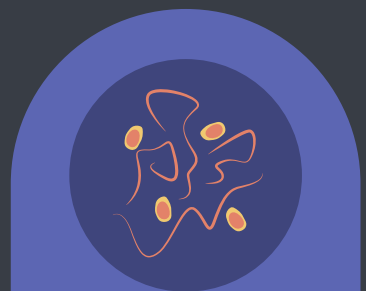
Viral gastroenteritis

Until no diarrhoea for 24 hours



Whooping cough

Until 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment, or for 21 days from the start of any cough



Worms

If diarrhoea present, exclude until no diarrhoea for 24 hours