



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 ~ Thursday, 18th May 2023

Coming Events

MAY

- 19th – National Walk Safely to School Day
- 20th – Pedal Prix, Taillem Bend
- 22nd – 24th – SAPSASA Football, Adelaide
- 22nd – YELP Camp
- 24th – Teaching Children How to Read, Parent Workshop, 6.00pm to 7.00pm
- 26th – Year 1/2 Excursion, Art Gallery & Nature Park
- 29th – Reconciliation Week

JUNE

- 1st – Special Person's Day
- 7th – School at Work Tour, 10.00am
- 7th – Principal's Tour, 6.00pm
- 8th – SAPSASA Cross Country, Oakbank
- 12th – King's Birthday, **Public Holiday**

Reminder: Please name and rename your child's clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes and containers.

It is a lot easier to return lost items when they have been clearly labelled.



Thank you



TERM 2 Canteen Roster

Friday 19th May

Maggie Wakefield, Cleo Buckett

Tuesday 23rd May

Chloe Dix

Thursday 25th May

Sarah Fry

Friday 26th May

Fiona Copping, Tanya Biggins

Monday 29th May

Belinda Manser

Thursday 1st June

Kelly Gale

Friday 2nd June

Ellena Hillbrich

Monday 5th June

Tenneale O'Connor

Thursday 8th June

Chelsea Simcock

Friday 9th June

Pam Meynell

Welcome to Term 2 and for me it really seems like week one. Some time over the holidays spent with my son who is in the army, climbing to the top of Mount Kosciuszko with my wife Helen, touring the Snowy Mountains and then watching Ben march on ANZAC Day were truly special moments. Whilst I took leave for the first week and a half of this term, I had the opportunity to travel through the Simpson Desert and outback areas, sleeping under the stars and listening to the dingoes howl. So good for recharging the energy and there is just so much to see and do in our lucky country. My return to work was a 'hit the ground running' moment as it was straight in to set up for cross country. The mountains and the desert now seem like a distant memory. Thanks to Andrea and Lucy for covering in my absence and to all staff for the incredible work that they do.

Thank you to our School Captains and choir members who represented our school at the local ANZAC Day service. They did a fantastic job at the ceremony, which was highlighted by a stirring Haka performed by members of our Maori community. How lucky we are to have such cultural diversity in our town and to be able to honour those that have served, or who are serving in the armed forces.

We have a busy and productive term planned with lots of opportunities for active student participation. The rest of the term is packed with more wonderful learning experiences for the students and we look forward to the challenges ahead. The term calendar is already filling fast and a copy has been included with this newsletter. Pop it on the fridge as a reminder of events to come.



NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

As in past years, I will be at the Sound Shell from 8:15am to meet students and families who would like to join with me in

walking to school on Friday morning. At 8:30am we will leave the Sound Shell and walk to school as a group via Ormerod Street, MacDonnell Street and Moore Street. I hope that you are able to join me.

CROSS COUNTRY

What a wonderful day with excellent weather we had for the running of the **South East Cross Country**. A lot of work happens before the event to make sure that it runs smoothly on the day and we received many positive remarks about the successful running of the event - a fantastic team effort. It is one of the major highlight days of our school year and another massive crowd was in attendance.

Clear skies and perfect conditions greeted the 881 registered runners and their parents and teachers from 35 schools across the Limestone Coast for the 37th annual South East Cross Country here at Naracoorte Primary School.

The day ran like clockwork and if not for the band of willing volunteers the day would not have been the huge success that it was. Each year we rely on the help of our parents and friends and the success of such a huge day is due in part to them. We had a wonderful group of parents that assisted Helen and Sharyn in the canteen, hall kitchen and drinks tent, with a number also helping with the BBQ. They ensured that everyone was well nourished and hydrated with very little left over at the end of the day. Patrick in the coffee van had a busy day and the wood raffle organised by Governing Council, with wood donated by the Laycock family, raised \$612. Thanks to all of you.

Our checkpoint marshals ensured the safety of all runners and I would sincerely like to thank Andrew Dolan, Sam Turci (with Hudson and Savannah) Flee McArthur, Helen McRostie, Karel Gerritsen (34 years), Kelly Gale, Kelly Bruce, Fiona Copping, Emma Moore's dad, Michael Riley and Lou Riley for making themselves available. Many of these helpers have been marshals for many years. Thanks heaps!

To our helpers at the finish line, Mel Pretlove, Jane Woosnam, Bec Walter, Tim Legoe – Chief Wranglers! Will Sandford and Andrea Lawrie made sure that all times were accurately recorded. Ghi Ghi Kenny – First Aid, Sonya Bates, Ruth Dickenson and Belinda Boston – Place Recorders, School House Captains - Water, Fiona McInnes – Administration, and Lucy Possingham exercised those golden tonsils as our announcer, thank you so much for your work in the usual very busy conditions. Lauren Heffernan and Trudie Stewart for manning the front office, on such a busy day. Belinda Lowe maintained the facilities allowing the day to run smoothly. Trevor McArthur and Angus Corcoran once again had the best job on the day as they sat in the first aid vehicle following the runners around the tracks as a back-up.

A day such as this takes an enormous amount of time in preparation. Thank you to Trevor McArthur, Will Sandford and Andrew Dolan for helping me in setting up the track on Thursday. Sonya Bates spent countless hours preparing the name tags for all the runners and other required bits and pieces and to others that may have assisted along the way, a

HUGE thank you. Special mention must go to our fabulous Year 5/6 students that helped to erect marquees on Thursday afternoon and then helped to pack up and clean up at the end of the day.

The team from **Your Podiatrist** sponsored the day again and we thank them for their continued support of this great event. Congratulations to all of the runners from NPS who participated on the day and special congratulations to our medal winner –



9 Year old Boys

1300m 2nd Hurley Sinclair (5:31)

We also had a number of runners finish in the top 10 for their age group and even more in the top 20. In the 9 year old girls we had 6 runners in the top 20. Runners who finished in the top 6 for the Upper South East District have been invited to go to the State Championships to be held at Oakbank on Thursday, June 8th. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate and we wish them well;

Alexis Bytheway, Pippa Biggins, Ruby Gericke and Kyrin Pettman

PEDAL PRIX

Following our highly successful journey to Mount Gambier last term, the Round 2 race will be held at Tailem Bend Motorsport Park this Saturday, May 20th.

Scrutineering will take place on Friday afternoon and racing begins at 10:00am on Saturday and finishes at 4:00pm.

10 riders are keen and raring to go and the High School team will also be joining us. Good luck to all riders. Keep the shiny side up and hopefully we make it through the race without too many bumps and scrapes!

REMINDERS

Please remember that the school grounds are not supervised until 8.30am - there have been a few early arrivals this year. It is however very important that students are at school on time. If there is a reason that your child is late or needs to leave early they must sign in or out at the front office. This is a Health and Safety requirement.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Naracoorte Primary School students are required to wear school uniform, which the majority does most of the time. Our uniform looks very smart and continues to attract many positive comments. The thing that amazes me is the amount of uniform that is left lying around with no name on it! Please name all items so that if it is misplaced by your child it can be returned to them.

Have a fantastic fortnight.



The Leadership Group
– Rob, Andrea, & Lucy

From the Governing Council

We've had a busy start to the term with a very productive working bee which had the grounds looking fantastic for the cross country. The canteen had a really successful day and our wood raffle was very popular, raising over \$600 for the school.

We are currently looking at rebooting the lunchtime garden club and are needing some volunteers to help run it. If you have a passion for growing fruit and veggies and some time to pass on your knowledge to the kids, we would love to hear from you. We can very much work in with your availability.

Please keep an eye on your inboxes as we are about to send out an Edsmart link to the 2023 Governing Council Family Engagement survey. We'd really appreciate you taking a few minutes to work through the survey as it will help us to plan future projects and guide us to represent the NPS community as best we can.

If you have any queries, comments or feedback about the survey, garden club or anything generally please contact us via email at dl.0309.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au or flag down a GC member as we're always happy to hear from you.

Anna Thring

Chair.

Grounds & Education sub-committees

SPORT REPORT

SAPSASA Update

Another busy term of Sapsasa sports has begun at NPS with students representing our school in a range of sports. As always a huge thank you to the parents and families who support these events, the students would not have these opportunities without your support. Please find a quick summary of who has been involved in action, for more, please visit <http://www.usesapsasa.org.au/> for full results and information.

Softball: In week 10 of Term 1, the Upper South East Softball teams participated in the State Championships at West Beach in Adelaide. Hannah Meynell, Annie Rasheed, Grace Doolan, Alice Fry, Amber Schultz and Matilda Doolan represented the girls team who finished 4th in division 2. Cooper Mott, Gus Sambell, Jack Trader, Barney Logan, Patrick Mueller and Henry Fry represented the boys who won a silver medal for 2nd place in Division 2.

Mountain Bikes: Our first ever NPS Mountain Bike team competed in the State Championships on Thursday May 11th. Our boys team of Oscar Wotton, Digby Wight and Marcus Reekie finished 68th and the girls team of Matilda and Grace Doolan finished in 4th place! A huge thank you to Naomi Feder for coaching and training with our riders and to all of the parents who assisted on the day.

Australian Rules Football: The Upper South East teams have been selected for the state carnival in Adelaide running May

22nd to 24th. Representing NPS we have Frazier Brodie, Barney Logan, Cooper Mott, Patrick Mueller and Archer Woosnam in the boys team and Anna Riley, Mia Walter, Isabelle Willson, Milla Ottoson-Crossling, Annie Rasheed and Daisy Laycock representing the girls. We wish them best of luck!

Good luck to our hockey and netball players who are trialing for spots at selections this week. Keep an eye out for information on basketball and soccer trials later in the term.

Will Sandford

SAPSASA Mountain Bikes

NPS at SAPSASA Mountain Bikes Team Championships at Craighburn Farm from last Thursday -

As a team, riders had to complete as many laps possible of a 2.4km circuit in two hours.

NPS riders successfully navigated the circuit's multiple jumps, berms and climbs with great confidence.

Overall the NPS girls team came 4th and Boys team came 68th.

NPS was the first team from the South-East region to enter a team!

A big thank you to Daniel Kitto at **Limestone Coast Cycles** for servicing all our bikes before the event.

We will be back next year.

Naomi Feder





Thank you to Naomi Feder for supplying the action photos!

Skoolbag has Changed to Audiri

Please be aware that our school communication platform, Skoolbag, has been upgraded, and will now be known as Audiri.

Audiri will still provide you with all the important information and updates you're used to receiving with Skoolbag.

Please note **that your user name and password will stay the same** – but you will need to update the app on your phone.

We are confident that Audiri will continue to allow us to communicate effectively with the school community. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Install the App in 4 easy steps!



The free Audiri school app offers parents a convenient way to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last-minute forms, newsletters, all school communications, and even make cashless payments. With Audiri, you can get started in just a few minutes by following these simple steps:

1. Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for 'Audiri'. Install the app.
2. Create an account and follow the prompts. Click 'Sign up'. Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign up'. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your account. Open the confirmation email and confirm your account.
3. Open the app, and click 'Add/Remove'. Type your school's name and press enter.
4. Tap the + icon to add. Now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services.



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OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Could any families that have outstanding accounts with the canteen from when lunch is provided at short notice or if an order has been

underpaid, can you please settle at your earliest convenience. Thank you

Helen – Canteen Manager



NPS is an innovative, positive and inclusive learning environment.

We provide diverse opportunities for our students.

They are empowered to be confident problem solvers in a connected global community.

NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

welcome prospective families to a

SCHOOL AT WORK TOUR

Wednesday 7th June 2023

10:00 – 10:50am

followed by morning tea and an opportunity to meet our teachers

If you are unable to attend in the morning, please join us the same evening for a

Principal's Tour from 6:00–7:00pm

Alternatively, please contact us to arrange a tour at another time. We would love to see you.



- Innovative, collaborative and inspiring learning environments
- Caring, nurturing, quality staff
- High-quality teaching and learning focusing on growth for every child
- Playful pedagogies
- Student agency and leadership
- Whole school focus on wellbeing and social and emotional learning
- Excellent academic and sporting achievement
- Specialist teaching in STEM, Science, PE, Indonesian, HASS and Performing Arts
- A range of opportunities including Pedal Prix, Lego League, Robotics, Instrumental Music, Nature Play and Outdoor Learning
- Educating the whole child



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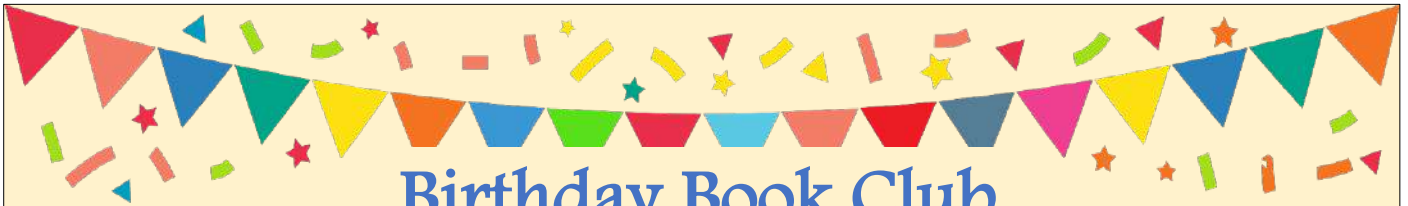
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Park Terrace, Naracoorte



Library News



Birthday Book Club

We have celebrated 16 more birthdays.

Mia Walter, Maddie Inverarity and Angus Redding turned 10; Barney Logan, Ripley Gould and Cooper Mott celebrated their 11th birthdays; Max Simcock and Jensen Sinclair turned 7; Jack Walter and William James celebrated their 8th birthdays; Kruz Tuaivii turned 5; Henry Fry and Lissy Kelly celebrated their 12th birthdays and Hurley Sinclair, Sienna Moss and Annika Lowe turned 9.

Happy birthday and happy reading everyone!



Barney Logan



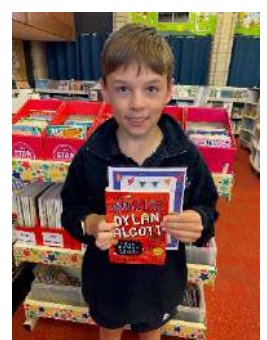
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William James



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Maddie Inverarity



Henry Fry



Sienna Moss




Ripley Gould



Annika Lowe

REMINDER...

Please return all **overdue** library books



**NARACOORTE PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**TEACHING
CHILDREN HOW TO
READ**


Parents, caregivers and interested community members are invited to this informative workshop presented by Lucy Possingham and the junior primary staff team

You will learn:

- How children learn to read using a synthetic phonics approach
- How the Read Write Inc program works
- Helpful hints and tips for supporting your child's reading progress at home

MAY
WEDNESDAY **24** 6-7PM
IN THE LIBRARY

Please RSVP by phone or email by Monday 22nd May



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Park Terrace, Naracoorte

ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Archie Bennett

For making thoughtful and interesting contributions in our ANZAC Day lesson.
Mrs McInnes



Aidan Caithness

For showing respect and self-management when approaching tasks.
Mrs Rokobaro



Amber Lovegrove

For being an amazing class member; you are always kind, helpful and try your very best.
Mrs Schroder & Mrs Mott



Alara Malone

Quicksmart Certificate of Merit
For completing subtraction of four.
Trudie Stewart SSO



Chelsea Meynell

Too Smart Certificate of Merit
For completing Facts of 6.
Trudie Stewart SSO



Ellie Parker

For challenging herself in Maths and making good connections in her learning. Awesome job!
Mrs Wirper



Florrie Harvey

For having a growth mindset and always trying her best. Well done!
Ms Burrows & Mrs Donnelly



George Manser

For having beautiful manners, being a kind friend and making strong learning choices.
Mrs Owen, Mrs Grundy & Mrs Andrews



Gina Sambell

For a great work ethic. Gina works with perseverance and strives to do her best. A quiet, happy class member with good self-manager skills.
Mrs Smith



Halle Ingenito

For showing great perseverance with a challenging Maths task in Investigations. Awesome Job!
Mrs Wirper



Harrison Laycock

For his enthusiasm and pride in his work in HASS lessons. Well done!
Ms Burrows



Harry Walter

For working independently in Maths, demonstrating good self-manager skills and a good level of understanding.
Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy



Issy Allen

For being a kind and respectful class member who always pursues her personal best. Well done!
Mrs Andrews



Jack Baldock

Quicksmart Certificate of Merit
For completing subtraction of 3.
Trudie Stewart SSO



Keanu Dickenson

For always participating in your learning with a can-do attitude and a smile on your face. We love your idiosyncrasies and passion for Maths!
Mrs Mott/Schroder

ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Logan Bennett

For using the editing process to help improve his narrative and showing initiative in completing work.
Great work!
Mr Hallett



Levi Fedusio

Quicksmart Certificate of Merit
For completing subtraction of 5.
Trudie Stewart SSO



Lexi Gilbert

For enthusiastic and active participation during Science lessons.
Mrs James - Science



Marlena Greenwood

For being a good self-manager, engaging in all learning areas and for being a kind and helpful class member.
Mrs McCarthy



Milla Shepherd

For your enthusiasm in class discussions and positive attitude in all learning areas.
Well done!
Mrs McCarthy



Olivia Riggall

For juggling her School Captain and school duties with precision. You've had a cracker week! Keep it up.
Mr Hallett



Oscar Wotton

For recapturing his interest in reading and proudly sharing his learnings as he reads his way through World War 1.
Mr Hallett - Library



Patrick Makirere

For being more focussed at listening to instructions. Keep it up!
Mrs Fox



Rayne Austria

For showing pride in her work and excellent organisational skills leading to positive achievement.
Mrs Rokobaro



Ripley Gould

For an incredible self-portrait with excellent shading and detail.
Mrs Mahoney



Ryder Sayers

For always striving to be the best he can be, working with a great growth mindset and for being a cheerful class member.
Mrs Smith



Te Ariki Poihakena Jackson

For having a positive attitude to his schooling. Well done!
Miss Kidman & Mrs Moss



Tommy Woosnam

For a fantastic start to the term. You are making good choices and working hard in class to complete all tasks to the best of your abilities.
Mr Baker



William James

For showing and explaining your thinking when solving addition problems.
Mr Wallis



Annie Rasheed, Alice Fry, Hannah Meynell
SAPSASA State Carnival Certificate of Participation Softball

Working Bee

Sunday 7th May dawned a clear and sunny morning, perfect for our pre-South-East-Cross Country Working Bee. Members of the Sommerville, Andrews, Thring, Lowe, Menzel, Laycock, Heddles, Wardle, Melhopt, Wight and Fitzgerald families, as well as staff members Ms Lawrie, Mrs Andrews, Miss Possingham and Mr McArthur worked together to:

- pressure clean parts of the roof, JP water play area and the front entrance
- blow down paths and the outer edge of the tennis courts
- clear away some of the many autumn leaves
- clean the gutters
- replenish the sand supply in the JP sandpit
- lop many over-hanging branches
- weed and mulch
- plant new lillipillys at the back entrance
- pull apart the broken Besser block planter outside the hall and remove the old stump
- repair the remaining Besser block edging
- repaint the outside chessboard
- plant a new herb garden and new flower garden outside The Pond
- many, many other jobs

The day finished off with a sausage sizzle expertly cooked by Miss Possingham's dad, Alan, chocolate chip biscuits and icy poles. We are so grateful to the families who came out and to the Buildings and Grounds committee for their organisation. We love our school grounds and the work completed was so very appreciated by our children, staff members and school community on Monday morning. We encourage other families to come along to our next working bee - they are a great opportunity to meet new people and they are always a lot of fun.



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 2 2023

WK	PITW	WTB	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Treat others as you would like them to treat you	STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS WEEK	1 MAY	2 MAY	3 MAY	4 MAY	5 MAY FUN COLOUR RUN SAPSASA SWIMMING
2		R-2 <i>Waiting</i> 3-6 <i>Competition; Winning and losing with style</i>	8 MAY	9 MAY USE NETBALL TRIAL	10 MAY ALPHA SHOW USE HOCKEY TRIAL	11 MAY	12 MAY SE CROSS COUNTRY MOTHERS DAY SUN 14 th
3	Be brave – participate to progress	3-6 <i>Competition; Winning and losing with style</i>	15 MAY	16 MAY USE NETBALL TRIAL	17 MAY BASKETBALL WITH MATHO STARTS USE HOCKEY TRIAL	18 MAY	19 MAY PEDAL PRIX SAT 20th
4			22 MAY SAPSASA FOOTBALL	23 MAY	24 MAY TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO READ PARENT WORKSHOP 6-7 PM – LUCY	25 MAY	26 MAY
5	Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with	3-6 <i>Feelings; yours, mine, and everyone's</i>	29 MAY RECONCILIATION WEEK	30 MAY	31 MAY	1 JUNE SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY	2 JUNE
6		R-2 <i>Winning and losing – 'gracefully'</i>	5 JUNE	6 JUNE	7 JUNE	8 JUNE SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY	9 JUNE
7	Have reasons for the things you say or do	3-6 <i>Feelings and the warning signs</i>	12 JUNE KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13 JUNE	14 JUNE	15 JUNE	16 JUNE
8		R-2 <i>Fact or opinion: staying friendly over different ideas</i>	19 JUNE	20 JUNE	21 JUNE NUMERACY PARENT WORKSHOP 6-7 PM – ANDREA SAPSASA HOCKEY	22 JUNE	23 JUNE
9	It takes great strength to be sensible	3-6 <i>Feelings and thinking positively</i>	26 JUNE SAPSASA NETBALL	27 JUNE	28 JUNE USE SOCCER TRIAL	29 JUNE	30 JUNE
10		Reflection Week	3 JULY NAIDOC WEEK	4 JULY	5 JULY USE SOCCER TRIAL	6 JULY	7 JULY



Drink Bottle Reminder

Please remind your child to pack their named drink bottle each day. Children are unable to drink directly from the water fountains. The fountains have been modified so that only drink bottles can be filled from them. Thank you.

REMINDER

Our **SCHOOL TIMES** are as follows:



9.00am	School Start
10.50am - 11.20am	Recess
1.00pm - 1.45pm	Lunch (including 10 minutes eating time in the classroom)
3.25pm	School Dismissal

Students need to be ready to commence school at 9.00 a.m.

Please note **students should not be on the school grounds before 8.30am as there is no supervision.**

It is important that students are at school on time. If there is a reason that your child is late or needs to leave early they must sign in or out at the front office. This is an Occupational Health and Safety requirement.

APPLYING FOR EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL

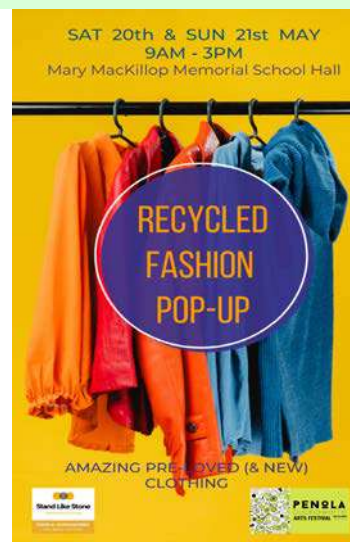
Often we have parents/guardians approach teachers during the year regarding taking their children out of school for a period of time, examples being: family holiday or family commitments. For all of these requests there is an Exemption Form to be filled out that is available from the front office. This is **not** done through an Audiri App absence e-form.

Exemptions are required for absences of more than 3 days.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is away it is important that you contact the school either by a **note**, using the absentee e- form on our **Audiri App, Seesaw App** or **phone call**, explaining their absence. It is a legal requirement that we contact you if your child is away for three days in a row and we haven't heard from you as to where they are.

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Mary Anning Art Prize is a palaeontology themed art prize for children and here is a link

https://www.sasta.asn.au/student_activities/mary-anning-art-prize. The competition is open to everyone within the various age categories.

Added bonus is that kids who participate in **Children's University** can gain hours towards their passport. There are quite a few local kids doing the Children's Uni program.

Dr Liz Reed

Researcher and Senior Lecturer.

Dept. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, School of Biological Sciences. Environment Institute, Sprigg Geobiology Centre
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