

# NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal – Rob Sandercock, **Deputy Principal** – Andrea Lawrie, **Wellbeing Leader** – Lucy Possingham, **Chairperson** – Anna Thring

### Term 1 ~ Thursday, 6th April 2023

### Coming Events

#### APRIL

- 6<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal, 2.25pm (Thursday)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday (Easter Friday)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday (Easter Monday)
- 12<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Football Trial 2
- 13<sup>th</sup> USE SAPSASA Athletics, Lucindale
- 14<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 1, Dismissal at 2.25pm MAY
- 1<sup>st</sup> Term 2 Commences 9.00am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fun Run
- 12<sup>th</sup> South East Cross Country, NPS

### TERM 1

### Canteen Roster

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April Public Holiday Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Public Holiday

Thursday 13th April

Lydia Pulford

Friday 14th April

Julie Henderson, Fiona Copping

#### TERM 2

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Meredith Burge

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Helen Inverarity** 

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Michelle Bull

Monday 15th May

**Hayley Walter** 

Tuesday 17th May

Jo Vine

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Lydia Pulford

### **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.

As Term 1 draws rapidly to a close I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school. It has been an extremely busy term with lots of interesting things happening — it is a privilege to visit the classrooms and see the huge variety of learning activities occurring.

A huge thank you to all staff, teaching and non-teaching, for their passion and commitment to providing the best learning opportunities for all students.

It is also wonderful to see more parents and friends returning to our school to volunteer for different tasks, from canteen volunteers to reading parents or excursion helpers. Having our parents and grandparents attend our weekly assemblies is what we have been craving and it is fantastic to see so many joining in with us again.

Next term we plan to hold parent workshops for literacy and numeracy as well as celebrate the Global Day of Parents on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch out for further information in early Term 2.

We welcome new students Louie Segundo, Simphiwe and Keegan Kwangwa and their families. We hope you enjoy your time at our school.

#### **FACILITIES UPGRADES**

Planning progresses in the background, but ever so slowly! We are still waiting on the hall paving and plumbing project to begin as well as the upgrade to some internal heating and cooling in the meeting room. We are now working with our third plumbing quote and hope to get the hall plumbing problems sorted very soon. The works process through Ventia continues to be frustrating at times.

Over the past 18 months we have had almost 20 jobs raised due to the collapse of internal ceiling tiles. We have now gained approval to replace all the ceilings in the main building as the continual collapse poses a real health and safety risk.

Work is anticipated to begin late May or early June and it will require us to do the work in stages and relocate classes for a period of time. While this will provide some challenges and disruption, the final outcome will be worth it. A lot less stress about safety and the new ceilings and electrical work will be amazing. I will keep you updated as the project progresses.

#### **INTERVIEWS**

The majority of our parent teacher interviews have taken place over the last two weeks - thank you to the many families who have taken the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. Communication is an essential element of your child's education as it strengthens the partnership between us and leads to better outcomes for your child. Thank you to the teachers for the time, thought and preparation put in and to the students that attended to provide their input into the process. Research shows that a strong school home partnership is important for student achievement. A job well done.

#### **GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM**

Our very important Governing Council AGM was held on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in the school library. Thank you to everyone who attended. There were a number of reports presented at the meeting and if you would like a hard copy of the reports please contact the front office and we will send them home to you. Thank you to everyone who nominated or renominated—it is fantastic to see so much interest in being part of our parent representative body.

### **Your Governing Council for 2023 is:**

CHAIRPERSON Anna Thring

VICE CHAIRPERSON Caroline Menzel

SECRETARY Rebecca Walter

TREASURER Belinda Lowe

MEMBERS Belinda Laycock

Naomi Feder

James Gale

Georgie Fitzgerald

Nathan Wardle

Allison Busuttil

Andrea Lawrie (Community Representative)

Rob Sandercock (Principal)

Stella Kidman (Staff Representative)
Daniel Wallis (Staff Representative)

Five of our Governing Councillors whose terms were completed chose not to renominate. Thank you to Trent Waters, Katie Allen, Nikki Wight, Felicity Norcock and Daniel Menzel for their contribution to Governing Council over a number of years. I would also like to thank James Gale who has been our GC Chairperson for 2 years. James's leadership helped us to navigate Covid, introduce Flexischools to our school canteen and keep our finances on track, just to name a few things. James was always available for a chat and steps away from the Chairperson's role to free up some time in his already busy schedule. James will remain on GC as a member. Thanks for your ongoing support James.

Ali Mort

As well as the Governing Council there are a number of committees that you can be part of – these are: Education,

### Buildings and Grounds, Finance, Sport, Fundraising and Canteen.

Each of these committees is convened by a member of Governing Council and has at least one staff member on it. We would love to have more volunteers to share the load – please consider helping out in this way and please contact a councillor or the school to register your interest.

### Naracoorte Primary School 2023 Governing Council



Elected members of NPS Governing Council for 2023
L to R: Nathan Wardle, Rebecca Walter (Secretary), Caroline
Menzel (Vice Chair), James Gale, Anna Thring (Chair), Ali
Mort, Belinda Laycock, Georgie Fitzgerald, Naomi Feder.
Absent: Allison Busuttil, Belinda Lowe (Treasurer)

Naracoorte Primary School Governing Council is committed to providing a positive, proactive voice on behalf of the school community.

The Governing Council consists of 11 elected parents/carers of students at the school, 2 staff members, and the principal. We also have a community representative, nominated as the Deputy Principal.

Governing Council works with site leaders to help set and monitor the direction of the school. We meet Monday evenings on the 3rd and 8th week of each term.

#### Our role is to:

- Set the broad direction of the school after considering student, parent, staff and community input
- Develop policies which match the school's vision
- Monitor the school budget

#### Topics might include:

- School and student achievements
- The Site Improvement Plan (what the school will be focussing on improving in the current year)
- Extra-curricular activities and clubs
- Facilities and policies

All members of the school community are welcome to attend Governing Council meetings, however only elected members have voting rights.

Governing Council has sub-committees overseeing six key areas:

Finance: Belinda LoweEducation: Naomi Feder

• Fundraising & Events: Ali Mort

Grounds: Anna ThringSport: Naomi FederCanteen: Belinda Laycock

#### Get Involved:

NPS Governing Council would love to hear from you with any questions, ideas or feedback. Please contact the Governing Council via the front office; Phone: 8762 2277 or Email: dl.0309.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au

Further information about Governing Council is available at: <a href="https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils">https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils</a>

#### **PEDAL PRIX**

An eager team of 9 primary school riders along with a large gathering of parents and friends, and a team of 7 riders from the High School ventured to MacNamara Park in Mount Gambier on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> for the first round of Pedal Prix racing. A few late withdrawals meant that our 9 riders had a real challenge ahead of them but they performed extremely well, although they were very tired at the end.

After some final modifications including re-fitting the transponder and speedo, to meet scrutineering rules, and replacing some rubber, we were ready to race on the 2.4km circuit designed to accommodate speedy motorcycles. Instead, 87 speedy Pedal Prix vehicles lined up on the starting grid ready for 8 hours of continuous racing. Blue Thunder was sparkling in the sunshine with Jackson Baldock as our lead rider. Our category 1 team were all new riders and began the race with one goal in mind and that was to cross the finish line in one piece. We achieved that aim, along with a few bingles and bumps. Blue Thunder came away looking even more bruised and battered but finished in style with Jordan Soderlund taking the chequered flag. All part of the fun of PP racing! All of our riders and families had a great time and the weather was just superb – quite amazing for Mount Gambier really!

Huge thanks to **Darrel Soderlund** who towed the trailer and helped me to put the vehicles through scrutineering on Friday afternoon. His help was greatly appreciated, as without parent support we could not race.

Next round is Tailem Bend on May 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to another great round of racing.

#### **FOOTBALL AND NETBALL**

Notes were sent home to all students who were interested in participating in the School Football competition.

Notes are still available from the front office for those that may have missed out. Please return them ASAP so that teams can be sorted out before the start of the season.

Sam Logan will be coaching the Magpies and Nick Wight will take charge of the Eagles again.

More information regarding teams and draws will be sent home very early next term.

Back Oval Football notes will be sent home early next term providing we have a coordinator to take charge of this great program. If you are interested in taking on this role please contact Rob as soon as possible. The job can be shared as we usually have lots of keen, budding AFL stars.

**Netball** teams are being sorted and further information will be shared once coaches and organisers have finalised all the details.

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN

#### Week 1, Term 2 - Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Following the huge success of our previous Fun Runs we will replicate the fun run/picnic day atmosphere and use the day as a fundraising venture by the students. This will be the major student fundraiser for the year. All money raised will remain in the school and will be used for **playground upgrades and development**. The children have lots of ideas that we would like to action in the not too distant future.

Parents and friends are invited to attend and participate.

All students, staff and parents will be encouraged to participate in the fun run on a set course within the school grounds. The track will be measured and will be a 500m course. Everyone participates for one hour at their level running, walking or skipping the track to complete as many laps as possible in the hour (Lapathon). Our SRC have again added a splash of colour for this year and will coordinate the **COLOUR RUN** with the assistance of staff. A separate note has been sent home with all the details.

Everyone will have a record card, which will be stamped as they complete each lap. Stamping stations for JP, MP, and UP will be set up with classes beginning the 'run' at their station. Distances covered could be used in daily fitness records or as challenges for individuals, class activities or a whole school record.

Serious runners can still use the day as training for SE Cross Country and others can join in with the fitness for fun and colour idea.

Parents and friends are invited to join in and make it a picnic atmosphere with families encouraged to bring along their picnic lunch or join in with the BBQ to eat at the end of the run. After the completion of the run and lunch, parents can arrange to take their children home.

Students have the opportunity to obtain sponsorship for the number of laps completed or as a flat donation. A letter and sponsorship form was sent home this week. This is our major student fundraiser for the year and all money raised will be dedicated to the development of creative nature play spaces. All fundraisers will be entered into a free raffle with lots of prizes on offer.

### A reminder of the date for South East Cross Country – Week 2, Term 2 - Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Will Sandford and Rob will organise some lead up training sessions next term with runners encouraged to use it as a tune up for the big day. Runners from 'Running Club' have already got a good head start and are encouraged to enter the May 12<sup>th</sup> races.

Our school entrants will be given further opportunities to train on the cross-country course leading up to the May 12<sup>th</sup> event. Parent support will be needed to facilitate these extra trainings, so if you are able to help out please let Will or Rob know.

Parents and friends will also be required to help manage the many jobs required on the day so please consider offering your help. I will be looking for checkpoint marshals and finish line stewards and Helen Michael will be after some canteen helpers as well.

The Easter raffle raised \$1571.00 and the winners were drawn today at a special Easter assembly. Thank you to everyone for your support with this successful fundraiser. Congratulations to all of our winners.

To our NPS school community, have a great Easter break and try not to over indulge in the chocolate and when next Friday comes, have a fabulous holiday. Travel safely to wherever your adventures take you.

A reminder that school will be dismissed for the holidays at **2.25pm on Friday, April 14**<sup>th</sup>. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday with **Term 2 resuming on Monday, May 1**<sup>st</sup>.



The Leadership Group
- Rob, Andrea, & Lucy

### WACKY DAY

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Wacky/Colour day last Friday. It was fabulous to see so many amazing, colourful and wacky outfits.

We raised \$322.90 to go towards purchasing the coloured powder for the colour run which will be held on Friday of week one.

#### Annie, Harvey, Keanu and Olivia





















### 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 **SkoolBag 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.



Wellbeing Leader Lucy

### WELLBEING IN WEEK 10 SCREEN TIME OR GREEN TIME?

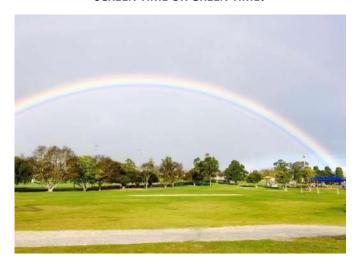


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We've nearly made it to the end of Term 1 and what a beautifully-busy term it's been! But it is coming to an end, which means the holidays are near! Holidays for some families means trips away, family time and other activities, especially over the Easter break. For others, parents are working and that is ok too! One of my passion areas is getting outside because of the huge benefits this has on our mental wellness. Screen time, especially in the last decade, has changed our lives for ever. I was recently reading an article that made reference to the significant amount of screen time that the children were enduring on a daily basis, during that awful period where COVID was playing havoc with society. (https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-03-22/americas-coronavirus-pandemic-generation-heads-back-to-school/13248426)

Which got me thinking about a few things.

Firstly, I was feeling immense gratitude for where we live – for our country, our state, our town and our school. We are generally surrounded by fresh air and open space.

Secondly, I was pondering on the holidays coming up, the gorgeous weather we are having at the moment, my love of autumn and all of the beautiful non-screen activities available to us. Research coming out of England in regards to screen time suggests that "...all forms of screen time...are linked with lower mental imagery development....Screens present information to our eyes and ears without engaging our other senses, like touch, taste or balance." I won't engage in a long debate about my feelings around screen time, but what I do believe is that engaging in the outdoors is of immense benefit, physically, mentally and emotionally.

https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200925-how-screen-time-affects-childrens-brains

In bringing these 2 points together my conclusion is this...over the Easter break and during the school holidays, please take advantage of this beautiful place and position that we find ourselves in, put those screens away and get outside!

Please find attached to this newsletter a really great handout from Nature Play SA. Maybe you will find some time to try some of them out!



This week, teachers and students engaged in with our final Play is the Way virtue – 'It takes great strength to be sensible – We do the right thing because it's the best thing to do.' What we know is that lots of factors affect our ability to make great choices and to behave in a sensible manner; tiredness and fatigue, illness, impulsivity, peer pressure...the list does on. Children are not made to sit still. They need opportunities to move, to explore and to play. What we do expect at school is that children choose the **right** thing over the **wrong** thing, and make **strong** decisions rather than **weak** ones. They won't always get this right and this is ok! Together, using this consistent language will build cohesiveness across our school and support our children to make positive choices in their life.

Please enjoy the Easter weekend and have a safe and happy holiday break when it arrives at the end of next week.

### Lucy

### **EASTER HAT MAKING**



































### 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 a Skoolbag absence e-form.

Exemptions are required for absences of more than 3 days.



# Indonesian Transport



We have been learning about different modes of transport in Indonesian. We had to create sentences, silly or sensible, on how we travel to school and then build that mode of transport.



Saya naik helikopter ke sekolah.



Saya naik pesawat ke sekolah.



Saya naik mobil ke sekolah.



Saya berjalan kaki ke sekolah.



Saya naik kuda ke sekolah.





Saya naik truk ke sekolah.



Saya naik helikopter ke sekolah.



Saya naik sepeda motor ke sekolah.



Saya naik kapal ke sekolah.



Saya naik bemo ke sekolah.



Saya naik kuda ke sekolah.



Saya naik bis ke sekolah.



Saya naik pesawat ke sekolah.



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Saya naik bis ke sekolah.



Saya naik truk ke sekolah.











### IN THE LIBRARY





This term we have welcomed our new Reception students into the library. They have been developing their self-manager skills to independently choose, borrow and return their library books. Each week they have worked on:

- learning the routine of coming into the library
- using the computer to borrow
- following instructions to successfully return their books
- identifying the different areas in the library
- taking care of their library books

These photos show their fantastic progress...













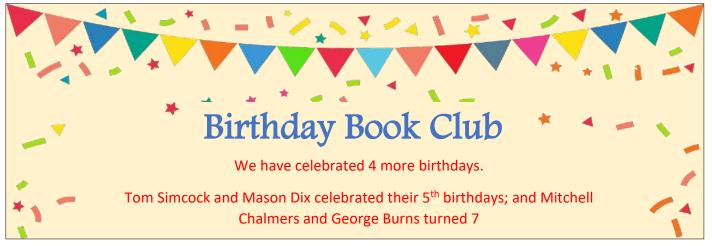




You might have noticed this display outside of the library. It shows that during library lessons this term, EVERY student from R-6 has contributed to and signed our Library Code of Conduct for 2023















Happy birthday and happy reading everyone

**Tom Simcock** 

**Mason Dixon** 

Mitchell Chalmers

**George Burns** 

To keep up with the happenings of our school you can:



### Like us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/NaracoortePS and download the Skoolbag App



Use Skoolbag eforms to inform us of your child's absence.



### ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



**Alara Malone** 

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



**Alice Mott** 

For your amazing effort in reading, putting 100% effort into all you do and being a happy and friendly class member.

Mrs McConnell



Angus Redding
For being a
cheerful and
positive class
member who
works hard to
achieve his best &

completes tasks in

a timely manner.

Mrs Smith



### **Alannah White**

For showing a growth mindset in Maths. Well done on learning your times tables and applying them when doing multiplication.

Mrs Donnelly & Ms Burrows



### **Syd Sommerville**

For being a helpful and considerate class member who applies himself to all tasks with enthusiasm.

Mrs Fox



### **George Wight**

For always participating in Indonesian lessons and making strong learning choices.

Mrs Andrews - Indo



**Henry Fry** 

For absolutely nailing his multiplication and division in class! You should be proud of your efforts.

Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder



### **Hadleigh Haynes**

For a productive week in both Word Study and Maths lessons. It's fantastic seeing you get into your groove!

Mr Hallett



### **Harrison Laycock**

For making a super start to Year 1 – following instructions and trying his best at all tasks.

Mrs Fox



Isla Owen

For being a cheerful class member, working hard towards our ASPIRE values and for being an efficient SRC Rep. *Mrs Smith* 



### Jackson Baldock

For always giving things your best shot! Keep on persevering and aiming for your best.

Mrs James Science



### **Levi Fedusio**

Quicksmart
Certificate of
Merit
For completing
subtraction of 4.
Trudie Stewart
SSO



**Lexi Gilbert** 

For working well during maths, demonstrating great number skills. Well done! Mrs McCarthy



#### **Ollie Heinrich**

For following our ASPIRE values, participating 100% and always being willing to help others. Keep it up! Mrs McConnell



### Olivia Walter

For being a kind & helpful class member & challenging herself with maths & writing. Well done Olivia! Miss Kidman & Mrs Moss

### ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



**Poppy Collins** 

For being a helpful and friendly member of our class and showing great leadership in class discussions. Mr Baker



**Penelope Walter** 

For always doing your very best and completing beautifully presented work. Well done. Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy



**Quinny Owen** 

For always putting 100% into tasks and actively participating in class discussions. Keep it up! Mrs Wirper



### **Rayne Austria**

For consistently participating and contributing to Science lessons with intrigue and curiosity. Mrs James - Science



**Ryder Sayers** 

For consistent efforts and always aiming for your personal best during Science. Mrs James -Science



**Annabel Menzel** 

For always striving to do her best, taking on feedback to improve further and for being kind and respectful of others. Mrs Smith



**Charles Shuard** 

For using blocks to make 2 digit numbers and accurately counting by 10. Great work! Mr Wallis



**Charles Shuard** 

For making strong choices during your library lesson this week. You listened to the stories beautifully! Mrs McInnes - Library



**Ano Nehanda** 

For taking immense pride in your work. You always try to get the best out of yourself. Fantastic! Mr Hallett



**Charlotte Legoe** 

For following our ASPIRE values, putting 100% effort into all that you do and always being willing to help others. Keep it up! Mrs McConnell



**Freddie Norcock** 

For making a super start to Year 1 following instructions and trying his best at all tasks. Mrs Fox



**Harry Heinrich** 

For great thinking in Maths and for confidently sharing during class discussions. Keep it up! Mrs Wirper



**Margaux Eway** 

For a wonderful effort in all writing tasks. Pushing herself to achieve at a higher level.

Mrs Moss & Miss Kidman



**Maddie Inverarity** 

For always working toward our ASPIRE values, pursuing her personal best and treating others with kindness and respect. Mrs Smith



**Max Simcock** 

For being inclusive and looking out for his classmates. Mr Wallis

### ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Mira Talaroc
For showing great
perseverance in
throwing and
catching activities,
determined to
improve her skills.
Great work Mira.
Mr Sandford - PE

#### Mira Talaroc

For wonderful work in Word Study, writing sentences and having an attempt at challenging words. Well done.

Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy



For always being a kind and caring member of the class and working towards our ASPIRE values.

Mr Baker

**Mavi Temel** 



Max Williams

For concentrating on your learning goal and applying yourself to set tasks with pleasing results.

Mrs McConnell



**Tom Simcock** 

For showing great enthusiasm towards his learning and demonstrating good sound knowledge. Well done! *Mrs McCarthy* 

#### **SCHOOL BUS PASS**

If your child does not normally catch a bus or wishes to use a different bus, it is your responsibility as parents/caregivers to contact the driver to ensure that there is room on the bus. A written note or phone call from the parent is required to confirm the bus travel. Upon receiving this, the student will be issued with a pass to give to the driver as they board the bus. This will then be kept with the bus roll. This will fulfil WHS requirements. If the student is going to catch that bus on a regular basis for a period of time, then they will receive one pass stating the dates that the driver will need to keep with their bus roll.

Please note there is a cost of \$3.00 to use the Town Bus as it is a privately run service.



The **SA Dental Service** that is located on our site has a different phone number to us, it is **8762 2614**.

If you need to contact the dentist, please use the above number. Thank you.





Cooperation





**Comparing and sorting** 







Fair testing

Measure and compare







Asking questions ... finding answers

Team work



Science inquiry skills

Messy... sticky... fun



Properties of materials







Science with Mrs James



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## Children's University at NPS

### **SAVE THE DATE**

### Tuesday 9th May 2023

3:45 pm in the Science Room (Green Stairs)

This is an opportunity for Children's University students and parents/caregivers to:

- Find out how the Children's University program runs
  - the options available for recording
- find out about what can 'count' for learning hours
  - see the online portal in action
  - ask questions and gain clarity

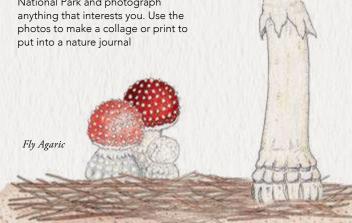
I look forward to meeting and working with you and your child this year.

Kind regards, Natasha James



- Collect coloured autumn leaves and thread them on a string to make a necklace, garland or decoration
- Visit a pine forest and look for weird and wonderful fungi as it grows on old stumps, trees and from the ground
- Go for a neighbourhood walk in the soft autumn rain. Take in the smells, and examine what lichen and moss have come to life on tree trunks
- Wander through a Botanic Garden or reservoir and take time to learn about the plants or ask questions about their size, age, or where they may have come from
- 5 Learn who your local Aboriginal group is and what plants, traditions or places are special in autumn
- 6 Head to a National Park or caravan park and spend a few days camping – toast marshmallows, make damper and share stories around a campfire (check local fire ban quidelines)
- Autumn is the perfect time to start a nature journal sketch or paint fallen leaves, fungi or other autumn finds
- Find a place to sit in the warm autumn sunshine and read poetry, a storybook or write something of your own
- Visit your local orchard and pick seasonal fruit such as apples and figs
- Choose a new hike in a National Park or reservoir that you've never visited
- Head to the coast and watch the waves crash or, if it's calm, search the shoreline for washed up treasure
- Go on a backyard creature hunt peek under rocks and logs for slaters, earwigs and millipedes. Examine leaves and other plants for native bees, caterpillars and ants
- Make a 'campsite' in your backyard with a cubby (try and make it waterproof) and pretend campfire
- Start a nature collection of rocks, feathers, leaves and other unique things (store them in a box, tray, container or on a nature table)
- Prepare a veggie patch ready to plant seeds/seedlings such as spinach, lettuce, beetroot, and carrots

- Spend a sunny autumn afternoon painting or drawing outside - think of what makes autumn different from the other seasons
- Experiment with textures crush autumn leaves and 17 herbs, mix mud, break up bark and pick backyard flowers – create something unique
- Create a living tepee using sticks or bamboo fastened together and plant a native or edible climber such as peas or beans
- With gloves and tongs, spend a morning picking up rubbish along your local beach or park (avoid anything sharp)
- Find a place with trees that you can wander through, climb and search for signs of life such as tree hollows and scratches from koalas or possums
- Venture to trails that meander along coastal cliffs, take in the views, breathe the wild air and fill your lungs with the salty smell of the ocean
- 22 With friends explore a creek for signs of tadpoles, yabbies or float leaves or sticks downstream
- Cook together with seasonal produce such as pumpkins, figs, apples and leafy greens
- 24 After the rain has fallen head to a local waterfall and notice the changes that are happening
- Go on a walk in your backyard, neighbourhood or National Park and photograph anything that interests you. Use the photos to make a collage or print to







Head to natureplaysa.org.au for free resources that will help you learn and engage with nature.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**





Keep your kids active while learning new skills and making new friends these school holidays!

Hockey SA Clinic designed for all skill levels, focusing on development and school holiday fun, with sessions for ages 9-12 and 13-15 years. All sessions held at MATE Stadium.

Play mini matches with your friends while staying active and healthy, but most importantly having fun!

On conclusion of the session, all participants will be provided a



### **MATHOONCOURT P/L**

### Matho's Basketball

4/5 to 7 year olds basketball training/games

**Starts Wednesday 17th May** 

Runs for all of term 2 & 3

Cost \$5.00 per night per player

From 4.15pm to 5.15pm

At the Naracoorte Basketball Stadium

All welcome

Just a lot of fun and learning along the way.

Please email mathooncourt@bigpond.com Ph. 0417-855-247 or turn up on the night and see Helen Garrigan at the desk.

