



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 ~ Thursday, 23rd February 2023

Coming Events

MARCH

- 3rd – School's Clean Up Australia Day
- 6th – Book Fair Commences
- 13th – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**, Adelaide Cup
- 14th – Finance Committee Meeting
- 14th – GRIP Student Leadership Program
- 15th – NAPLAN Commences
- 17th – **SCHOOL CLOSURE**, Lucindale Field Days
- 21st – Harmony Day
- 22nd – SAPSASA Football Trial
- 27th – Governing Council AGM

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.

Week 4 is almost done, as is February! Classrooms are all buzzing with excitement and the evidence of high quality learning is abundantly clear. They have developed their own 'Code of Conduct' and expectations for the year ahead and on my walk arounds, I see and hear students and teachers engaged with the learning. What a great place to be.

A burst of hot weather this week reminds us of summer safety, including bushfire preparedness, wearing hats, staying in the shade and keeping hydrated. We also need to be vigilant in our yard with some recent sightings of some slippery wildlife.

Our Professional Development Day last Friday was an excellent day, with Simon Breakspear leading over 150 educators through the teaching sprint process and challenging our thinking about improving teacher practice. We worked through the day as a school team and also networked with colleagues from across the Limestone Coast. While teachers were busy at 'The Barn', our SSOs worked through a series of online courses suited to their student support work. We continue to access quality training and development opportunities for our staff with the ultimate outcome being improved student learning and achievement.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

At our last Governing Council meeting, the motion to hold our school closure day on **Friday, March 17th** for our day of local significance, the Lucindale Field Days was passed. This also aligns with a closure day for Naracoorte South PS with Naracoorte HS yet to decide. Governing Council will be surveying parents in the near future on a range of topics, with a day of local significance up for discussion.

Please put the date Friday, March 17th on your calendar as a school closure day.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES

Our weekly assemblies began in Week 3, with last week's assembly attended by Naracoorte Lucindale Council Mayor, Patrick Ross. Patrick spoke to students about what it means to

TERM 1 Canteen Roster

Friday 24th February

Emma Rasheed, Pam Meynell

Monday 27th February

Hayley Walter

Wednesday 1st March

Jo Vine

Thursday 2nd March

Kelly Gale

Friday 3rd March

Georgie Fitzgerald, Belinda Laycock

Monday 6th March

Jane Haynes

Tuesday 7th March

Paige Boag

Thursday 9th March

Rebecca Walter

Friday 10th March

Sally Logan, Jane Woosnam

Monday 13th March

Public Holiday

be a leader before presenting leadership badges to our School Captains and House Captains, followed by a morning tea with the leaders and their parents or grandparents. More information and photos are included in this newsletter. The term calendar was sent home with the first newsletter, which was also posted on the Naracoorte PS Skoolbag app. As a reminder assemblies for this term are as follows:

WEEK		ASSEMBLY SHARING
5	Mon	Smith, McConnell
6	Mon	Baker, Hallett
7		No Assembly – Adelaide Cup
8	Mon	Wallis, Fox
9	Mon	Wirper, Grundy/Owen
10	Mon	Kidman/Moss, McCarthy
11		No Assembly – Easer Monday

You will be informed via a Seesaw message if your child is receiving an ASPIRE award at a particular assembly. We will use our Facebook page and Skoolbag App to update particular awards that are being presented at assemblies. Parents and friends are once again welcome to attend all of our assemblies.

INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Information Night last week was very well attended – thank you all for coming along to meet your child's teachers and learning about the programs that will be happening in the classrooms this year. Thanks also to the teachers for the time they put in to prepare for the night. Please remember that if you have any queries or concerns contact your child's class teacher. It is often preferable for you to make an appointment to ensure that the teacher is available and that there is adequate uninterrupted time for the discussion. If you wish to follow up further, then Rob, Andrea or Lucy will be happy to speak with you.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Our very important Governing Council AGM will be held on March 27th at 6:30pm in the school library.

Have you considered being on the Naracoorte Primary School Governing Council?

Governing Councils work with the Principal to help set and monitor the direction of the site. We meet twice per term to talk about the direction for the school.

Benefits of being on Governing Council include:

- You get to share your thoughts and opinions and hear what others think.
- You become well informed about what is happening in our school.
- You get to know other parents.
- You get to understand how the school works.
- You learn how things "fit together" at school.

There are a number of vacancies on the Governing Council and parents are elected for a term of two years.

According to our new Governing Council Constitution:

The Naracoorte Primary School Governing Council must comprise of **15** councillors including:

- ↳ The Principal of the school.

- ↳ 2 staff members, nominated to the Council by election at a general staff meeting.

- ↳ 1 community representative (nominated as the Deputy Principal).

- ↳ **11 elected parents of the school.**

2 students nominated by the Student Representative Council will be invited to attend one meeting per term to present a report.

There are also roles on a number of committees where we will be asking for members – Fundraising, Finance, Education, Grounds, Bus and Canteen. Sub-committees are convened by a Governing Council member; however, parents and interested community members are welcome to join a sub-committee without being on the Governing Council. Sub-committees report back to Governing Council and any recommendations from sub-committees are discussed and decided upon at Governing Council.

These committees are vital to the running of the school and we appreciate any assistance that you can give.

Please consider if you would like to be part of this important parent body or one of the associated committees within the school where you can actively participate in decision making.

Attached to this newsletter are:

- ↳ A nomination form for Governing Council.
- ↳ An expression of interest to be a member of the sub-committees.

We look forward to receiving many nominations and expressions of interest for our committees. If you have any questions about the Governing Council please contact Rob or one of the current Governing Council members.

SCHOOL STARTING TIME

Please remember that school starts at 9.00am with the music being played at 8.55am to signal that it's time to move to the classrooms. By 9.00am all students should have put their bags in their bag area, be able to gather their belongings and be in the classroom in a very short time. Classrooms are open from 8:45am and students are asked to go in when they arrive and organise themselves for the day. It is important that students get to school and to their rooms on time. Even if they are only a few minutes late in the morning, they can miss out on 'morning circles' and important information that sets them up for the day. If by chance they do arrive late, children must be signed in at the front office.

Have a good fortnight.



The Leadership Group
– Rob, Andrea, & Lucy

SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Annie Rasheed, Keanu Dickenson, Harvey Pettman,
Olivia Riggall

MACINTOSH HOUSE CAPTAINS



Zoe Moritz, Will Pretlove, Hannah Meynell,
Barney Logan

MAGAREY HOUSE CAPTAINS



Danielle Eway, Ruby Gericke, Lissy Kelly, Henry Fry

CAMERON HOUSE CAPTAINS



Amber Schultz, Emily Watson, Hope Wilkinson,
Jack Sellars

ROBERTSON HOUSE CAPTAINS



Issy Allen, Matthew Bretag, Vinnie Dawson,
Harrison Andrews

STEM LEADERS



Grace Doolan, Mimi Thomson, Matilda Doolan,
Owen Zerk
Absent: Eli Watts

YELP LEADERS



Paige Elkins, Jack Trader, Abby Williams
Absent: Kobe Lanquibo

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. This also includes a visit to the nearby dentist.

Presentation Assembly

Last Monday, we held an assembly to present our School Captains and House Captains with their official badges. Our special guest, Mr Patrick Ross, the Mayor of the Naracoorte Lucindale Council, spoke about the importance of developing leadership skills and presented the 2023 student leadership team with their new badges. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to this special event.



BUS NEWS

Bus Students should have received an updated timetable from their bus driver recently. If you did not receive one, they are available at the front office. Just a reminder that the time on the timetable is a **departure time**, so please ensure that you are at the bus stop prior to this. Thank you.

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.



Year 1/2 excursion to the Art Gallery via the creek walk

On Wednesday morning the four Garden classes visited the art gallery to view three exhibitions. "Wonderland" was photographs that were a mixture of black and white and colour, another photographic exhibition called "My Travel Story – Iceland", and small pieces of textile art by a variety of artists.



My favourite artwork was the photos of Iceland because I liked the waterfall. It made me feel happy.
Kobe



My favourite artwork was the photos of Iceland. I liked the Icelandic horse because it looks like Missy. It made me feel happy because I love Missy.
Margot



My favourite textile artwork called "Ocean Dance" because it made me feel calm.
Indi



My favourite artwork was the photos of Iceland because it made me feel happy.
Aria

My favourite artwork was the fabric art because I liked the pictures. It made me feel happy.
Harrison

My favourite Iceland artwork because I liked the diamond beach. It made me feel happy.
Freddie



My favourite artwork was the Wonderland because they all looked funny. It made me feel happy.
Amaya

My favourite artist was Naomi Hobson. I liked the photo with KFC buckets. It made me feel hungry.
Syd

My favourite artwork was the Wonderland because I liked the mask. It made me feel interested.
Russian



Year 1/2 excursion to the Art Gallery via the creek walk

Along the creek walk the classes were encouraged to notice what was around them with the three senses of sight, hearing, smell. The classes will participate in the same walk several times during the year to notice the changes in their surrounding and how the seasons effect what we notice.

We noticed...



The
creek
was dry.



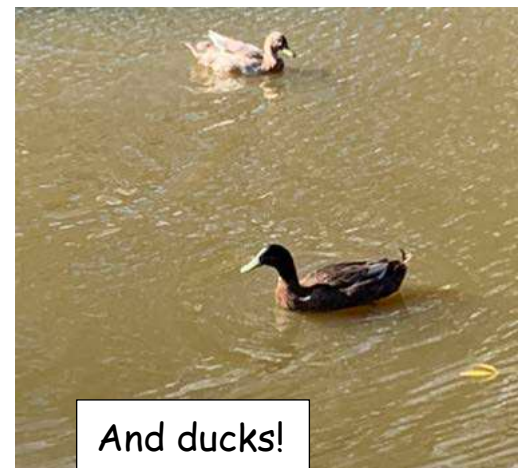
But there was some
water near the scout
hall.



Corellas in trees



Corellas having a shower



And ducks!



Corellas everywhere!



Library News



Birthday Book Club

We have celebrated 4 more birthdays.

Harry Walter turned 6; Ryder Sayers celebrated his 8th birthday; Alice Fry turned 10 and Penelope Walter celebrated her 5th birthday



Ryder Sayers



Harry Walter



Alice Fry



Penelope Walter

Happy birthday and happy reading everyone!

Coming soon...

Scholastic Book Fair

Held in the STEM building before and after school, every day, during week 6

(6th – 10th March)

Lunchtime in the library...

Drawing with Mrs Fox every Monday.

Sit and Knit with Mrs McInnes and Mrs Andrews every Tuesday.

Everyone welcome!

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



Like us on Facebook

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

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

Meet Miss Kidman and Mrs Moss' Class!



We went on our First Nature Walk of the year. We noticed the creek has not got a lot of water in it and we enjoyed listening to the birds.

We have been thinking about what we want to be when we grow up. Here are our ideas:

Harper: Sesh Person
Jasmine: Fashion Model
Sasha: Singer
Margaux: Model
Patrick: Police Officer
Lincoln: Police Officer
Max: Mechanic
Annabel: Vet
Scarlet: Nurse
Talia: Famous Singer
Rawiri: Police Officer
Ashley: Doctor
Jack: Big Bash Player
Jensen: Gym Instructor
Philippa: Gymnast
Pippa: Wildlife Rescue
Olivia: Police Officer
George: Vet
Eddie: Teacher
Te Ariki: Police Officer

Year One & Two

Mrs McInnes and Mrs Andrews were joined by a lovely bunch of enthusiastic students for the first Sit & Knit club at lunchtime on Tuesday. This week the students did some finger knitting, weaving and French knitting.

All students are welcome to join Sit & Knit and are encouraged to bring their own wool and equipment to learn and share their skills.



SIT & KNIT WOULD LOVE
TO MAKE USE
OF YOUR UNUSED WOOL.
DONATIONS TO THE FRONT OFFICE, PLEASE.

ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Ashley Mutematsaka

For settling well into new school routines. Well done!

Mrs Moss & Miss Kidman



Caleb Bennier

For a great start to Year 4, completing all tasks well. Keep it up!

Mrs McConnell



Eddie Dix

For his enthusiasm and participation in music lessons. Well done.

Ms Burrows – Performing Arts



Grace Doolan

For her enthusiasm in class discussions and her positive attitude towards swimming.

Mrs Donnelly & Ms Burrows



George Law

For excellent participation and demonstrating a growth mindset during Indonesian lessons.

Congratulations George.
Mrs Andrews- Indo



Grace Occleshaw

For a brilliant start back at NPS. Your warm and bubbly personality is inclusive towards others.

Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder



Hugh Burns

For awesome listening and following instructions during your library lessons!

Mrs McInnes - Library



Holly Vine

For her participation and self-manager skills in History lessons. Well done.

Ms Burrows - HASS



Indie Donnelly

For a fabulous start to the school year, completing morning routines and always using your manners.

Mrs McCarthy



Indi Soderlund

For being brave to participate in all swimming activities.

Mrs Fox



Jack Mehlhopt

For being a great helper in the classroom. Keep it up superstar!

Mr Wallis



Lachlan Terry

For a great start to school, completing morning routines with increased independence, always with a smile! Well done.

Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy



Levi Wagner

For having a great start to the year. Keep trying your best.

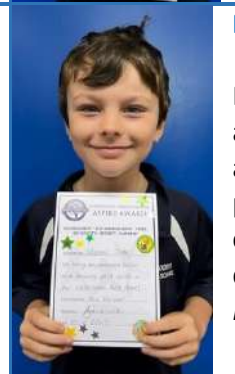
Mr Wallis



Mitchell Gericke

For being a friendly and helpful member of our class.

Mr Baker



Mason Tate

For being an awesome helper and showing great pride in our classroom. Well done!

Mrs Wirper

ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Pippa Hage

For an excellent start to the year. Your focus and participation in lessons is setting the standard for others. Great work.
Mr Hallett



Rosie Watts

For an amazing beginning to Year 3. Keep it up!
Mrs McConnell



Sebastian Hollis

For always listening carefully and following instructions.
Mrs Fox



Toby Copping

For making good choices every time and being a polite and friendly class member.
Mrs Smith



Tyler Sherrin

For demonstrating the Golden Rule in PE, not just working well with others, but helping others to achieve their best.
Mr Sandford - PE



Aria Bull

For making a great start to the school year by following instructions and applying herself to all tasks.
Mrs Fox



Ashleigh Hurrell

For attempting every task to the best of her abilities and trying new ways to solve problems in maths.
Mr Baker



Anne Lapiz

For always being polite and following our classroom expectations. Keep it up!
Mr Wallis



Emma Law

For contributing interesting ideas during science discussions. Well done!
Mrs James - Science



Ebony Owen

For sharing 'Jake' with us and taking care with your work. Keep it up!
Mrs McConnell



George Burns

For using problem solving and self-managing skills throughout his schooling.
Miss Kidman & Mrs Moss



Harrison Andrews

For a very strong start to the year. Your willingness to be involved in everything we do in class is fantastic to see. Keep it up.
Mr Hallett



Jensen Sinclair

For being focussed, enthusiastic and working co-operatively with your partner during your library lesson.
Mrs McInnes - Library



Jordan Soderlund

For his enthusiasm towards learning and being kind to others. Well done.
Mrs Donnelly & Ms Burrows



Logan Bennett

For his enthusiastic and positive attitude during Indonesian lessons. Keep up the great work Logan.
Mrs Andrews - Indonesian

ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Mason Dix

For a great start to school, always giving new tasks a go and doing your best. Well done.
Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy



Olivia Walter

For participating in group discussions in HASS and neat and well presented work.
Ms Burrows - HASS



Owen Zerk

For an amazing start to the 2023 school year! You have set yourself up for a year of quality learning and success.
Mrs Schroder & Mrs Mott



Roxas Makoare

For being persistent when faced with a challenge. Great job. Keep it up!
Mrs Wirper



Reggie Mueller

For taking care with your work, applying 100% to all set tasks and reading every day at home. Keep it up!
Mrs McConnell



Ruva Nehanda

For being a kind, considerate and caring class member.
Mrs James - Science



Tamikah MacDermott

For showing bravery and participating to progress in teamwork games in PE.
Mr Sandford - PE



Tom Simcock

For participating in class discussions in HASS and always trying his best.
Ms Burrows - HASS



Zoe Moritz

For going above and beyond, creating her own weekend research taks – excellent self-motivation.
Mrs Mahoney



Mrs Mahoney's Class

For having a great start to the year, you have all displayed the ASPIRE values already.

Mrs Mahoney



REMINDER:
The Canteen are offering Birthday Buckets!

On your child's birthday you can order a Birthday Bucket to go to your child's classroom. 20 Zooper Doopers for \$12.00 (60c each for extra). Callipo or Icy Twist also available. Birthday child will receive a \$2 voucher for the Canteen. Please see Helen or Sharyn in the Canteen to arrange or order. Thank you.



STICKYBEAK RE-USABLE CANTEEN BAGS/LUNCH WALLETS

We still have canteen bags available for purchase from the Front Office.

Cost is \$10 each.

The bag is black with a green, yellow or purple trim.



SPORT REPORT

SAPSASA SOFTBALL SELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following students on being selected in the Upper South East team to play in Adelaide on 3rd - 5th April.

Hannah Meynell, Annie Rasheed, Grace Doolan, Alice Fry, Amber Schultz, Matilda Doolan, Cooper Mott, Gus Sambell, Jack Trader, Barney Logan, Patrick Mueller and Henry Fry.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COME AND TRY HOCKEY

Redlegs Hockey Club are focused on family, fun and learning. Players of all ages, skill levels and fitness welcome - just bring your enthusiasm!

Tuesday 7th March
U9/U13 4.30 - 5.30pm
U16/Seniors 6.00 - 7.00pm
All are welcome to come along and try!

Contact us on our Facebook page or email redlegshc@hotmail.com



HARMONY WEEK
Community Diversity
Celebration Day

Saturday
25TH MARCH

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FREE ENTRY / FROM 3PM

RWM REGIONAL WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT

Naracoorte Loddale Council
Better by Nature

Upcoming EVENTS
NARACOORTE VIDEOGAMES CLUB

21ST	APRIL	4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET
16TH	JUNE	4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET
18TH	AUGUST	4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET
20TH	OCTOBER	4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET
15TH	DECEMBER	4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET

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NOMINATION FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL 2023



I _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

Nominate

_____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

To be elected as a member of Naracoorte Primary School Governing Council.

I _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Naracoorte Primary School Governing Council will cease.

I understand that if elected to Governing Council I will be required to undergo a Police Check that will be paid for by the school.

Signed _____ Date _____



Please note that you are not required to be on the Governing Council to be part of these sub committees.

NAME: _____ Child's Class : _____

I am interested in being on the following sub-committee (s):

Buildings/Grounds ☐ Finance ☐ Education ☐

Fundraising ☐ Canteen ☐

