



# NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 1 ~ Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024**

## Coming Events

### APRIL

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Susan McLean Cyber Safety, Parent Session 7.00pm at NHS
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Dress Up Day →→→→
- 8<sup>th</sup> – SAPSASA Swimming State Carnival, Adelaide
- 10<sup>th</sup> – SAPSASA Boys AFL 2<sup>nd</sup> Trial
- 10<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 1, **3.25pm DISMISSAL**
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Bulb Orders Due
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – **PUPIL FREE DAYS**
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Term 2 Commences

### MAY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – SAPSASA Athletics
- 10<sup>th</sup> – South East Cross Country @ NPS

### TERM 1

#### Canteen Roster

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Fiona Copping, **HELP PLEASE**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Hayley Owen

### TERM 2

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Chelsea Simcock, Meredith Burge

## BULBS

Don't forget to order some bulbs to support our latest fundraiser for our school. Tesselaar bulb catalogues were sent home last week but you can go to the link below to order. Looking forward to your support and happy gardening.

**Bulbs are available to order until 11/4/24, unless sold out prior.**

[Naracoorte Primary School Bulb Fundraising \(bulbfundraiser.com.au\)](http://Naracoorte Primary School Bulb Fundraising (bulbfundraiser.com.au))



It has been an amazing past few weeks with lots of great things happening at the school. The Harmony Day video was an awesome concept and production. Much credit must go to Ash Owen for coming up with the idea and a huge thank you to Dani Mahoney for her expert choreography, filming, editing and general production of the final video. The Harmony Day artwork is also fantastic and is currently on display in the courtyard.

Yesterday we had Market Day, which the students have been spending hours on research, production and creation of their wares. The final figured raised was \$1850, the learning that goes along with creating and running your own business can not be undervalued! Hopefully creating a new generation of entrepreneurs!

### Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the families who either donated goods and / or sold and bought tickets in the Easter Raffle. We had a lot of fun drawing out all the prizes and getting the students involved. The funds raised go a long way to contributing to school projects such as the new playground.

### Susan McLean Cybersafety Workshops.

Just a reminder that we are very fortunate to have Susan McLean come to Naracoorte to present to students and parents about the online world. The Year 3-6 students will be attending sessions in their cohorts at the High School. Content includes:

- Rules and Laws
- Cyberbullying
- Online 'friends'
- Sites & apps that children are using and what are the age requirements for each site
- Staying safe online
- How to be a good Digital Citizen

She will be running a **free parent workshop** on **Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. It is described as:

***An informative & entertaining session for Parents and carers is delivered with Susan's famous 'no-nonsense' approach and will cover the positive benefits of technology, as well as what parents need to be aware of.***

I strongly encourage parents to attend – particularly if you have children that are accessing online materials or have a phone. This highly informative session will give parents tips and advice about the online world. The parent session is targeted at adults only. See the flyer in this newsletter for more info and to book in.

### Education Management System and Payment Method Changes

The school is switching over to the new Education Management System (EMS) on April 4<sup>th</sup> as per Department guidelines. This will have some immediate changes, such as an online roll for students and a new finance system. Please be patient as we switch over from the old system.

From next term, class teachers won't be collecting money from students – it will all be handled through the office. Parents can help by paying via bank transfer to our school's bank account, in person at the front office or directing children to take any money to the front office at the beginning of the day. A plastic zip lock bag with the money labelled with student name, amount and short description would be very helpful.

Account details:

BSB: 105-043

Account 185-302-640

Our electronic sign in and out will also be operational soon. Students (or parents) will be able to sign themselves in and out from the front office if they are late or need to leave early via the computer that will be situated on the left hand side near Tim's office.

We will introduce more elements of the new Learner Management System as we become more familiar with it.

### Pupil Free Days

Next **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** will be Pupil Free Days for the purpose of Literacy training for all staff. On Thursday all staff will be participating in Read, Write Inc training to build a better understanding of the program and develop consistency across the school. Junior Primary Staff will

continue with their training on Friday. The other Primary staff will focus on more specific strategies for reading and spelling for Year 3-6 students.

The term will end for students on the Wednesday. School will finish at the normal time on this day.

I wish you all a safe and happy term break and look forward to returning in Term 2 ready to hit the ground running!

Happy holidays!

Paul



### EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter raffle was drawn last Thursday. This is always an exciting event for our students! **We raised \$1545.00!**

We thank families for contributing to the prizes and for selling and buying the tickets.





# Wellbeing Leader Samantha

Week 10 has arrived after the busy Easter break. I hope all families enjoyed some time together and a little bit of relaxation in between travels and chocolate! With only two short weeks before the holidays, I look forward to supporting teachers and students as classes finish off their learning and enjoy end of term activities as well.

### Harmony Day

On March 21<sup>st</sup> we walked down to the town square to join other local schools in the community celebration for Harmony Day. Harmony Day recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Thank you to the Naracoorte Lucindale Council for bringing together the local schools and to our lovely police friends who helped us cross roads safely on our walk. Classes have each made a canvas with the theme of 'Everybody Belongs' in mind which are on display in the courtyard for everyone to enjoy.



### Cyber Safety with Susan McLean

This week we are lucky enough for our Year 3 – 6 students to participate in a workshop with Susan McLean who is one of Australia's foremost experts in the area of cyber safety. She was a member of the Victorian Police for 27 years and was the first Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people. Susan provides the highest standard of cyber safety education and support to schools and we are privileged to have the chance to draw on her expertise. **I would highly encourage all parents to attend the parent workshop this Thursday evening which is being held at Naracoorte High School at 7 – 9pm.**

*Susan says:*

*Parents are the gatekeepers to their child's online world. They need to be there with them. They need to know what they're doing and who they're doing it with. This can be a daunting task for parents, especially those who did not grow up with access to the same digital technology that their children have. Many parents fall into the trap of thinking that their kids know it all. And whilst young people are tech savvy in that they use the devices and use them well, what they don't have is cognitive and brain development aligned to that skill. So we know that there is a massive gap between what young children can do online and what they have the capacity to understand. So having an adult in their life to guide them is vital. You don't have to be a tech expert. You just need to be there as a parent.*

Please head to her website for more information, including Susan's Top Tips for Parents - [Susan McLean's Top Tips - Cyber Safety Solutions](#)



### Autism Acceptance Day

Yesterday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, marked the 17<sup>th</sup> annual World Autism Acceptance Day. The purpose of this time is to encourage a world in which individuals with Autism are fully supported, championed and celebrated. Working together, we can achieve true acceptance.

As our site's Autism Inclusion Teacher, I am attending a two day conference in Adelaide this week with the purpose of developing strategies which will assist our school in supporting students with Autism.

Samantha Gale ☺



## Maths Tips for Parents – Place Value

Place Value is the most important concept when teaching maths to any student. It is the foundation of every maths concept from preschool to algebra level maths and is essential for a complete mathematical understanding. Students can not progress if they haven't mastered Place Value as a basic concept first.

However, Place Value is often a tricky subject to teach and students continuously struggle with understanding the value of a number based on its place. How does an "8" in the units house mean only 8 "ones" or "units", whereas the same number 8 in the tens house means eighty?

Why do students find such a simple concept so hard to understand? Why do parents and teachers alike struggle to teach such a key component of maths? The concept of Place Value is often even more frustrating for students with dyslexia and learning differences, and if they can't understand it, they are often left without any support.

Helping our children to tell the difference between numbers is a great first step in learning maths at home. However, it's just as important to help them understand what each digit is worth – the value of the number depending on its place.

### How to help your child at home

You don't need to be an expert to support your child with maths! Here are four simple but effective ways to help your child develop their understanding of number and place value:

#### 1. Play counting games

Board games often show ordered numbers on tracks or grids. Make sure these numbers are clearly visible and count out loud as you progress around the board. This will help your child quickly get a sense of what the numbers mean.

Dice can also help your child recognise number patterns quickly. For example, a pair of dice is a great way of showing your child doubles, or what it means for a number to be 1 bigger than another number.

#### 2. Break down numbers

Research has shown a correlation between using manipulative representations of numbers (as opposed to one-to-one representations e.g numbers drawn on paper) is huge in the understanding of place value. In other words, representing the number 24 with two 10 blocks and four ones rather than writing down "24" or showing 24 ones (without showing that the tens and hundreds are distinctly different from the ones) correlates with a better understanding of place value.

Look for numbers in the world around you and encourage your child to break them into parts. Breaking numbers up like this is called 'partitioning'.

Point out a number and ask your child how many ones/tens/hundreds/thousands it has. Lots of children find this easier with physical objects, like stones or sticks. For example, they could group sticks into groups of ten.

#### 3. Ten questions

To really understand numbers, we want children to investigate place value through language. A simple game of guessing a number in ten questions is a great way of exploring mathematical language whilst developing their reasoning skills.

# SPORT REPORT

In Week 9, nine students from Naracoorte Primary School represented Upper South East in Softball. It was a new experience for some, while others had been exposed to the sport the year before.

The boys team, including Lachie Withers, Reggie Mueller, Frazier Brodie and Jock Vilde, showcased sportsmanship and skill to be in with a chance every game. Although the boys only won one game, all games were close and displayed their ability to adapt to different game situations, playing teams from both the country and city areas. Each boy had a go at batting, fielding (base and outfield), catching and pitching. A marvellous effort!

The girls team, consisting of Mimi Thomson, Matilda Doolan, Alice Fry, Mia Walter, Grace Doolan and Ellen Fitzgerald had their experience from last year on display. Only losing a handful of games, the girls showed a high skill level and consistent determination to finish fourth in the tournament. It was amazing to see the improvement of each player as the tournament progressed.

Well done to all those involved!

Daniel Hallett  
Boys Softball Coach





# Library News

## Book Give-away

If you have any **pre-loved** books that you no longer require (which are in good condition and **are suitable for primary school students**), we would be happy to include them in our student **“book-give-away”** in term 2. This is an opportunity to pass on any children’s books that you no longer require.

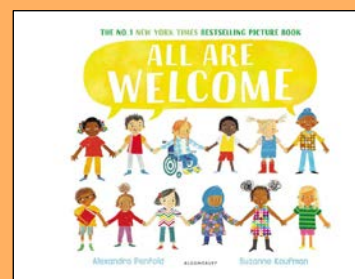
**Donations would be gratefully received and can be delivered to the front office or library.**

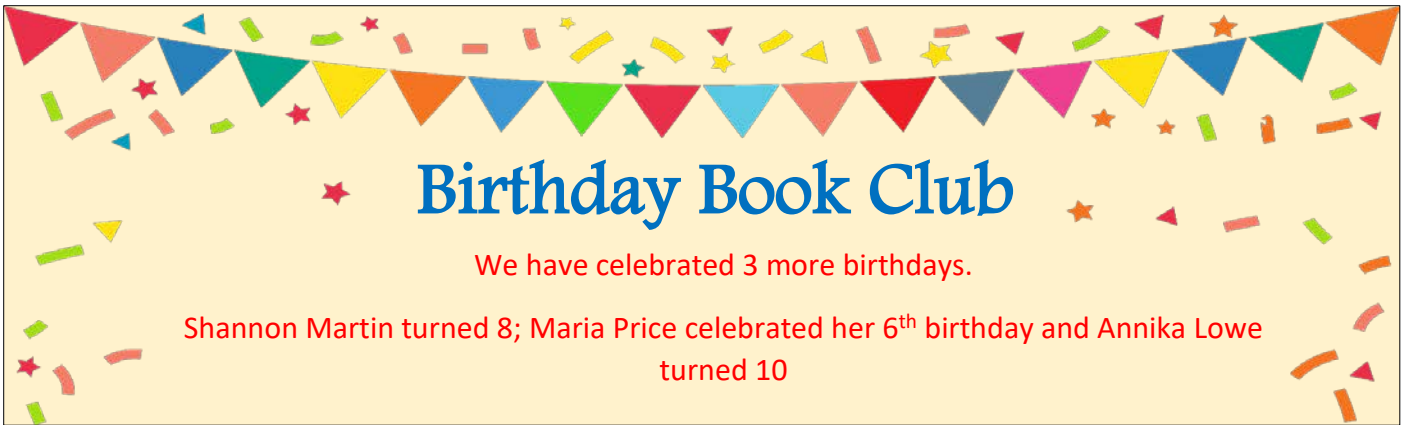
## Harmony Day celebrations in the Library...



During library lessons Junior Primary classes read **“All Are Welcome”** written by Alexandra Penfold. This book celebrates diversity, kindness and inclusion...

**“We’re part of a community.  
Our strength is our diversity.  
A shelter from adversity.  
All are welcome here.”**





Shannon Martin



Maria Price



Annika Lowe

Happy birthday and happy reading everyone!

**Lunchtime Club Fun**  
Students across the school have voted on the activities they would like to participate in during lunchtimes in the library this year. Votes have been counted and we are pleased to invite everyone to “**Drawing Club**” on Tuesdays and “**UNO Club**” on Wednesdays, in the library. Everyone is welcome!

**Run Club** - participants on the Cross Country track – Photo courtesy of Matt Willson – aren't they fantastic!



# ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



## Bailey Elkins

For excellent self-management in your class work, YELP and the preparation and planning of the Harmony Day canvas.

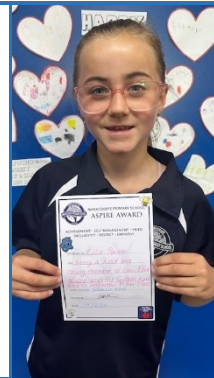
*Ms Turci & Ms Burrows*



## Ella Binet

For demonstrating persistence in her learning tasks, working with concentration and using a growth mindset.

*Mrs Smith*



## Ellie Parker

For being a kind and caring member of class. Ellie always uses the Golden Rule and is respectful to her class.

*Mrs Flint*



## Ella Winslow

For embracing every learning opportunity and always doing her best. Well done Ella.

*Mrs Grundy & Mrs Owen*



## Freddie Norcock

For making strong choices with his work behaviours and with his friends.

*Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel*



## Grace Doolan

For showing kindness to others in the yard and making them feel included. You are a wonderful role model.

*Mrs Andrews*



## Jock Wilde

For his consistent involvement in class discussions and his polite and respectful attitude towards his teacher. Amazing effort.

*Mr Hallett*



## Max Hilton

For consistently using our ASPIRE values and being a helpful class member. Well done!

*Mrs McCarthy*



## Patrick Makirere

For your fantastic effort in Week 5. You have been making great choices that benefit your learning.

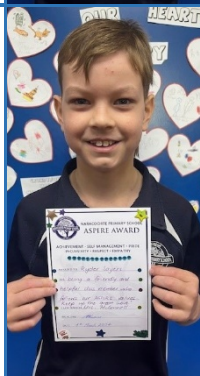
*Mr Wallis*



## Rayne Austria

For a brilliant beginning to the school year! You always pursue your personal best and are a great role-model for your peers.

*Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder*



## Ryder Sayers

For being a friendly and helpful class member who follows our ASPIRE values. Keep up the great work!

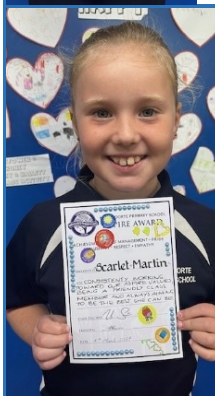
*Mrs McConnell*



## Savannah Dickenson

For an amazing effort during writing lessons. Savannah always tries her best during these lessons. Keep up the great work Savannah!

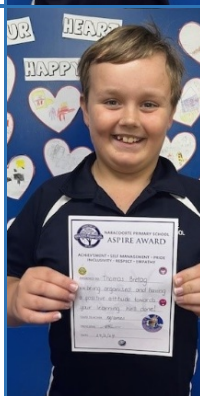
*Mrs Flint*



## Scarlet Martin

For consistently working toward our ASPIRE values, being a friendly class member and always aiming to be the best she can be.

*Mrs Smith*



## Thomas Bretag

For being organised and having a positive attitude towards your learning. Well done!

*Mrs James*



## Whitney Donnelly

For completing all set tasks to a high standard and being willing to help your peers when needed. Keep up the great work!

*Mrs McConnell*

# ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



**Willow Sellars**

For taking great pride in all tasks during library lessons.

*Mrs Donnelly*



**George Willson**

For being a happy and friendly class member who is always willing to help others. Keep it up!

*Mrs McConnell*



**Sienna Moss**

For always following the ASPIRE values, participating 100% in all tasks, for being friendly and helping your peers when needed.

*Mrs McConnell*



**Ruby Kelly**

For consistent effort and enthusiasm towards her learning in Science

*Mrs James*



**Gina Sambell**

Too Smart Certificate of Merit  
For completing facts of 5.

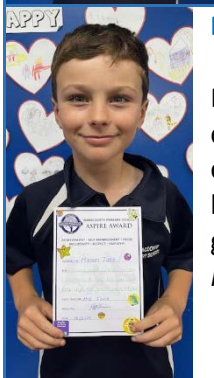
*Romi Eckermann*



**Jack Walter**

For writing some amazing persuasive paragraphs. Very convincing, Jack. Keep up the great work!

*Mrs Flint*



**Mason Tate**

For making great choices in the classroom to help his learning. Keep up the great work, Mason.

*Mrs Flint*



**Kobe Bittner**

For consistently demonstrating our ASPIRE values and being a wonderful role model. You give everything a go, even when it's tricky.

*Mrs Andrews*



**Philippa Heddles**

For having a positive attitude, embracing new opportunities and trying her best in PE and library lessons.

*Mrs Donnelly*



**Gracey Motteram**

For being respectful and always using your manners.

*Mr Wallis*



**Emily McGurk**

For always trying hard to do her best and being a caring and helpful class member.

*Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel*



**Henry Zilm**

For the fantastic effort you have been putting into solving worded problems in Maths.

Keep it up!  
*Mr Wallis*



**Maisie Miller**

For her cheerful manner, listening to and acting upon feedback and completing tasks in a timely fashion.

*Mrs Smith*



**Alice Fulton**

For being a wonderful self-manager who always looks for ways to improve her work. A friendly respectful class member.

*Mrs Smith*



**Angus Redding**

For always participating to progress. Your effort in writing and grammar lessons is commendable and the result from this are showing.

*Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder*

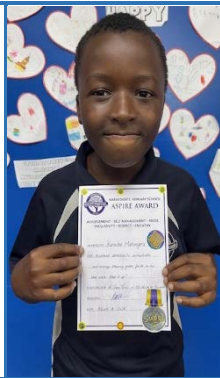


# ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



**Alice Bull**

For participating to progress with great success. An awesome start to the year!  
*Mrs Mahoney*



**Kunashe Matongera**

For excellent attention to instructions and always showing great pride in his book work. Keep it up!  
*Ms Turci & Ms Burrows*



**Jezabel Ingenito**

For having a bright and positive attitude towards all that she does.  
*Mrs Mahoney*



**Prue Parsons**

For joining in class discussions and being a good friend to her peers. Well done!  
*Mrs McCarthy*



**Mrs McCarthy's Class**

For an outstanding start to the year in the library! You are all self-managing your borrowing and returning beautifully.  
*Mrs McInnes*



**Mimi Thomson**

For her willingness to extend herself in all areas and offering to help others when needed. Amazing effort!  
*Mr Hallett*



**Mason Dix**

For being a kind and inclusive classmate. We love your positive attitude towards all that you do! Keep it up!  
*Mrs Wirper & Mrs Andrews*



**Jesse Sinclair**

For good participation in Word Study and writing, even though you don't like it! Keep up the great work!  
*Mrs Wirper & Mrs Andrews*



**Inji Temel**

For being a kind and friendly class member who is always happy to help others. Well done Inj.  
*Mrs Grundy & Mrs Owen*



**Edward Agnew**

For wonderful participation during Circus Skills session, showing a willingness to try new things and not give up.  
*Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy*



**Margot Parsons**

For always giving 100% during Indonesian lessons and encouraging others to be their best too!  
*Mrs Andrews*

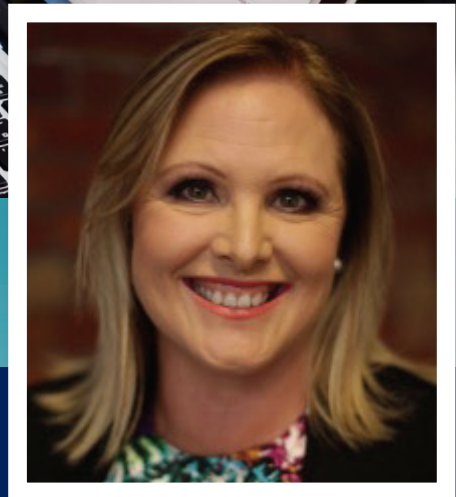


ASPIRE - For having an exceptional start to the year and being fantastic Self-Managers.

**Mrs Mahoney's Class**



*cybersafety*solutions



# CYBERSAFETY

**with Susan McLean**

**Parent Information Session:**

**Thursday April 4th @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
Naracoorte High School Library**

**“Growing up Online”**

An educational & empowering session for Parents and carers,  
Susan’s unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked  
at the reality of the online world.



Please register your interest via the QR code

## 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.

## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is away, it is important that you notify the school, either by a written note, Audiri e-form 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.

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please notify the NPS Front Office if you have **changed** your contact phone numbers, address, email address, emergency contacts etc. It is important that we are able to contact you if needed.

## Collecting a Student ....

If a student is getting collected from school **during school hours by someone other than a parent**, please notify the teacher and front office staff who it will be and what time. It is important that this is done or we cannot let the student leave.

Thank you.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERESTED?

# JUNIOR BASKETBALL WINTER 2024

GAMES TO COMMENCE THE WEEK OF 6TH MAY

NOMINATIONS  
CLOSE FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

- U10 2016-2015
- U12 2014-2013
- U14 2012-2011
- U16 2010-2009
- U18 2008-2007

Enquires: Jenny Grigg 0438 620 017  
*Registrations to be completed online with Basketball Connect link attached no later than Friday 12th April*

**\*\*NO REGISTRATIONS PAST THIS DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***

Winter Basketball nominations now open.

To register go to the Basketball Connect app.  
<https://registration.basketballconnect.com/userRegistration?organisationId=a0dca918-c062-4dec-92da-6ea13e43fa95&competitionId=2a971c2c-4403-4138-a825-5cba8cf0e588>

**Nominations close 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

*Naracoorte & District Basketball Association*

## MATHOONCOURT P/L

### Matho's Basketball

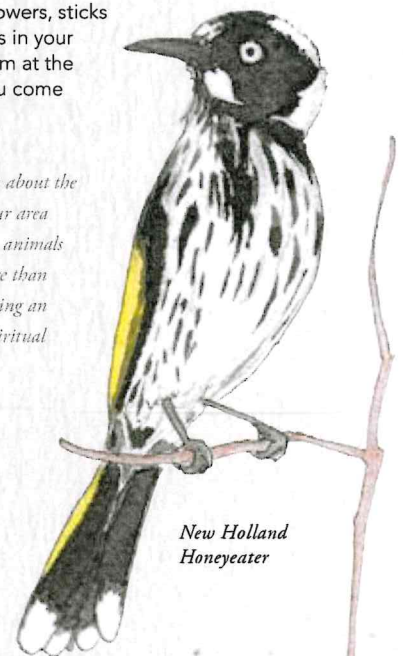
4/5- to 7-year-olds basketball training/games now running **Wednesday's**.  
Runs for all of term 2 & 3.  
Cost \$5.00 per night per player.  
From 4.15pm to 5.15pm.  
At the Naracoorte Basketball Stadium.  
All welcome!  
Just a lot of fun and learning along the way.  
Please email [mathooncourt@bigpond.com](mailto:mathooncourt@bigpond.com)  
Ph. 0417-855-247 or turn up on the night and see Helen Garrigan at the desk.

# 20 ways for families to connect with nature at home

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- 1 Gather old pots, pans, spoons and measuring cups to create an outdoor kitchen. Can you bake a layered mud cake?
  - 2 Create an outdoor chill-zone where you can read and relax to the sound of birdsong
  - 3 Stay up late and identify a star constellation like Orion's Belt (also known as the 'saucepan')
  - 4 In your backyard, see if you can spot common birds like New Holland Honeyeater, Rainbow Lorikeet and Noisy Miner (look them up online first if you need)
  - 5 Hold a special outdoor picnic – bake together, set up a picnic rug and enjoy each other's company
  - 6 Plant something you can eat: leafy greens, carrots, beetroot, lettuce and radishes are all easy and fast growing!
  - 7 Make your own pizza bases from ingredients such as flour, baking powder, oil, water and salt. Put your healthy toppings on and enjoy a backyard dinner
  - 8 Set up a comfy spot outside and play a board game or do a family puzzle
  - 9 Make your own natural paint pigments by crushing and mixing things – try dirt, flowers, leaves, beetroot, turmeric and paprika
  - 10 Make play dough using flour, cream of tartar, salt, oil, water. Mix in lavender oil or cinnamon, along with natural food colouring, for a full sensory experience
  - 11 Set up small world play by filling containers with dirt/sand, pieces of bark, twigs, leaves and water. Introduce some 'waterproof' characters (or turn stones into creatures using permanent markers)
  - 12 Go on a backyard creature forage, searching for common critters like millipedes, slaters, and earwigs

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- 13 Practice daily mindfulness: find a 'sit spot' where you can absorb sounds, smells and sights for one minute
  - 14 Sketch or paint portraits of one another in a nice spot outside
  - 15 Practice gratitude. Each evening sit outside and listen to family members share what they have been grateful for that day
  - 16 Build a small home or village for lizards, beetles, fairies, goblins or another creature
  - 17 Take a walk around your neighbourhood
  - 18 Collect a flower and press it by using newspaper and heavy books – change the paper every day until it is dry then place it in a nature journal or a special notebook
  - 19 Use flowers, grass, string, sticky tape and paper to create nature masks or crowns
  - 20 Make a bouquet of flowers, sticks or other natural things in your backyard. Display them at the dinner table when you come together to eat.

*We encourage you to learn about the Traditional Owners of your area and how they used plants, animals and the landscape for more than 60,000 years – all forming an important part of their spiritual and cultural beliefs.*



*New Holland Honeyeater*