



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 ~ Wednesday 20th March, 2024

Coming Events

MARCH

- 21st – Harmony Day, 10.30am Town Square
- 25th – Easter Raffle Book Due Back
- 25th – 27th – Parent Interviews
- 25th – 27th – Sapsasa Softball State Carnival
- 27th – Combined Choir Rehearsal, 9.30am
- 28th – Easter Hat Making, Rec – Yr 2, 9.30am
- 28th – Easter Hat Parade 10.40am
- 28th – Easter Raffle Drawn
- 28th – **EARLY DISMISSAL at 2:25pm**
- 29th – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Good Friday

APRIL

- 1st – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Easter Monday
- 4th – Susan McLean Cyber Safety Sessions
- 11th & 12th – **PUPIL FREE DAYS**

It certainly has been a busy few weeks at Naracoorte Primary School. It is hard to believe we have less than four weeks before the first school holidays. The first term has flown by and I have learnt so much about this amazing school in the short time I have been here. I look forward to finishing the term strong. With a few short weeks, it will come along quicker than we think!

What an amazing job the Pond and their buddy classes in the Avenue did with the scarecrows they designed and created for the South East Field Days. I believe four of them won a prize, but having seen the quality, it would have been a very hard job to judge! Thanks to all the parents and partners who donated time, tools and materials to support the project.

Pedal Prix

On the weekend, our Pedal Prix team competed in the first race of the season, an eight-hour race at McNamara Park, Mt Gambier. The team consisted of three members from 2023 and four new students who pedaled Blue Thunder around the 2.4km track. They performed very well in the hot conditions, finishing 2nd in their division; completing a total of 72 laps (173km)- that was 21 laps more than the previous year. It is a big effort to get a team and vehicle together to race so early in the season. A big thank you to Geoff and Nathan from Gtrikes in Mt Gambier as well as Charlie for donating their time to help get the trike running properly. Also to Woolworths for donating fruit and Darrel Soderlund and Simon Smith for an epic marshalling stint in the heat.

TERM 1 Canteen Roster

Friday 22nd March

Georgie Fitzgerald, Belinda Laycock

Thursday 28th March

Edel Stoner

Friday 5th April

Fiona Copping, Tanya Biggins

EASTER RAFFLE

We are asking if each family could please



donate an item towards our
2024 Easter Raffle.



Donations can be left at the Front Office.

Raffle books are **due back Monday
25th March. Raffle drawn 28th March**

We look forward to your support.





Susan McLean Cybersafety Workshops

Thanks to our Governing Council and the Wrattobully Partnership, we are fortunate to have Susan McLean come to Naracoorte in April. 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 4th at 7:00pm at the Naracoorte High School Library**. 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. See the flyer in this newsletter for more info and to book in.

Education Management System and Class Dojo

The school is switching over to the new Education Management System (EMS) on April 4th as per Department guidelines. This will have some immediate changes, such as electronic sign in/out for students and a new finance system. There is also a component that offers communication options with parents, similar to Audiri and Dojo. As we become more familiar with the system, we may elect to use these approved free options to replace the existing apps and tools. In the meantime, we will continue to use Class Dojo as our sole class/parent portal. Please be aware that there is no requirement to purchase the premium option. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

Camps

Since the Year 7 move to High School and COVID, the camp routine has been everchanging. We have been looking to have a set plan for 2025 and beyond. We would move from previously having a Yr 5 and 7 camp to having a Yr 4 and 6 camp. Camps for Year 5 and 6 have already been booked for

this year. In order to align for future years, we are hoping to have a shorter Year 4 camp this year, so that cohort doesn't miss out. This is subject to finding a suitable camp at the right time of year. Once dates are know, we will inform parents so you are aware of costs well in advance.

Parking and Kiss and Drop

The end of day is a very busy time around the school. We are aware there are limited parking options, particularly with the Moore Street changes. We are able to provide the kiss'n'drop option which alleviates a lot of the pick-up stress.

However, teachers on duty are reporting regular unsafe practices around these spaces. The kiss and drop road is not a parking area and is unsafe to do so. The staff holding the lollipops are directing traffic for the safety of students. Please follow their directions so we can avoid an accident.

Circus Skills

Last week the students participated in a circus skills workshop. It was amazing to see the skills on offer and what the students were capable of with a little persistence and willingness to try something challenging. See photos further along in the newsletter.

Key Dates:

Thursday 21st March – Harmony Day

Friday March 29th - Good Friday

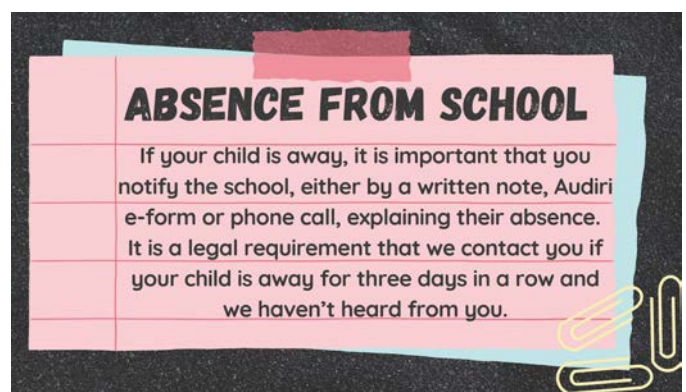
Monday April 1st- Easter Monday

Thursday April 4th – Susan McLean Parent Session 7:00pm-9:00pm (hosted at Naracoorte High School)

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th April - Pupil Free Days

Have a wonderful fortnight

Paul

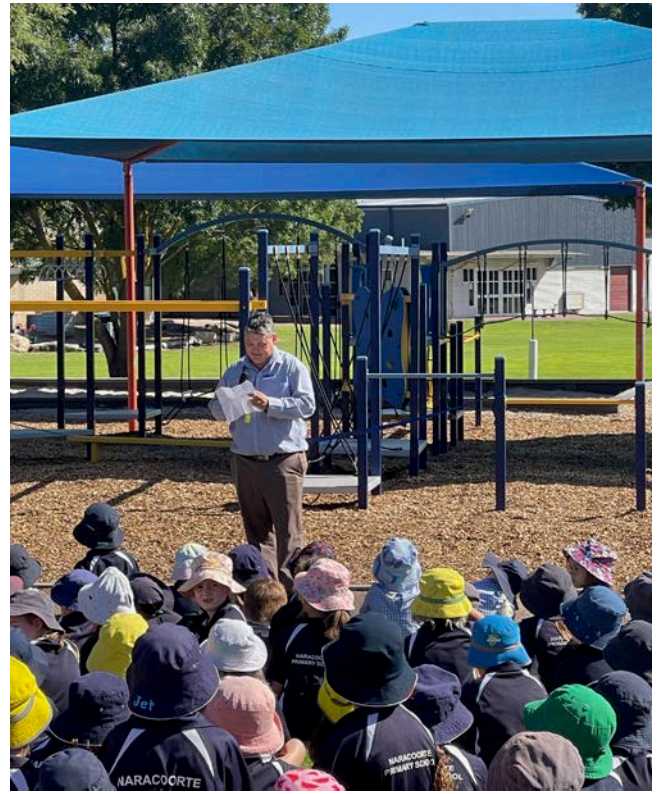


PLAYGROUND OPENING

We held our official opening of our new playground on Thursday 7th March.

We are very grateful to all who helped us complete this project, including Grain Corp & RAA for their community grants, Troy Kelly, The Rotary Club, Kym McRostie and Caroline Menzel. Your support is much appreciated.

The students are really enjoying this new play space. It's certainly a very popular place to be at recess and lunch times!



Grain Corp site manager, Larni Hobbs attended the new playground opening.





It's hard to believe that we are in week 8 with only a few short weeks before the end of Term 1! I am amazed at the way the students have settled into their new classes this term and I am enjoying seeing the wonderful work they are doing. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic staff who go above and beyond for our kids. There has been a lot happening since our last newsletter with a Year 1/2 disco, pancake breakfast, scarecrow making and the official playground opening. I just love being part of such a vibrant school community!

Easter Presentation

SMG (Schools Ministry Group) will be showing an Easter presentation to the whole school today. A big thank you to our wonderful Pastoral Care Worker, Ghi Ghi, and her band of lovely volunteers for helping to organise this.

Harmony Day

The big day is nearly here! Tomorrow we will be heading to the town square to join the other local schools in celebrating Harmony Day together. Starting at 10.30am with a special showing of the school videos before watching a condensed version of the ABC TV show Backroads which highlighted the wonderful migrant community we have in Naracoorte. Don't forget that all students are invited to wear orange on the day. Alternatively, they are also able to wear their normal school uniform. Families are invited to walk with us to the town square or join us once we're there if they would like to. Keep a look out for our video on the school Facebook page! A huge thank you to the very talented Dani Mahoney and Ash Owen for their hard work in creating such an incredible video for our school to be so proud of.

Pancake Breakfast

What a hit pancake breakfast was this term! Thank you to all the helpers that made it possible to serve well over 200 pancakes to lots of hungry children. What a fun way to celebrate the fact that we are over half way through the term!



CIRCUS SKILLS



Stand Like Stone

We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to Stand Like Stone who have given us some vouchers to give to families to help with purchasing essential school items such as school uniforms, shoes, clothing, school bags and stationery. Stand Like Stone have distributed vouchers as a part of the Back to School program since 2005. This year, they are giving away 1160 vouchers, 240 of these are due to generous donations from local people and businesses How lucky are we to live in such a supportive community!



Mindfulness Wednesdays

We are fortunate to have one of our 5/6 teachers, Liz Schroder, offer to run mindfulness lunchtime sessions each fortnight. All are welcome to join in for a meditation/mindful time in the STEM building every second Wednesday. Thank you to Liz for offering to run this for our students. What a great way to spend a lunchtime and set up our minds and bodies ready for afternoon learning time!

Uniting Church

I would like to thank the Uniting Church for their generous donation of \$400 to support students at school. This money will be used for things like subsidising camps/excursions and providing school uniform. Once again, I am blown away by the generosity of people in our community. We are very grateful!



Samantha



Library News

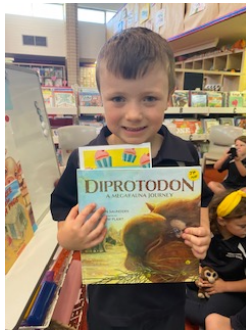
★ Birthday Book Club

We have celebrated 6 more birthdays.

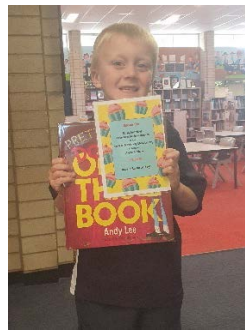
Lyra Terry turned 5; Tom Simcock and Mason Dix celebrated their 6th birthdays; Charlotte Legoe and Emily Burge turned 10 and Anne Lapiz celebrated her 9th birthday



Lyra Terry



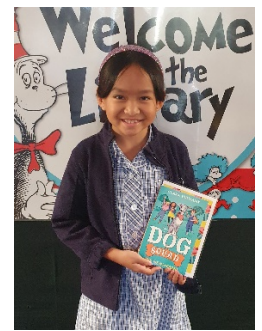
Tom Simcock



Mason Dix



Charlotte Legoe



Anne Lapiz



Emily Burge

Happy birthday and happy reading everyone!

Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

BONUS!

SCHOLASTIC

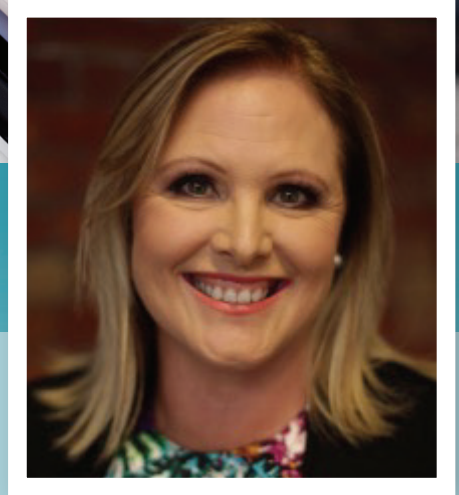
Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 is now open. Please place orders online by **27th March**
scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Book Give-away

If you have any **pre-loved** books you no longer require (that 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 by week 2 of term 2.**



cybersafetysolutions



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.

It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach. The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:

- Reality & Risk. The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.
- What are kids doing online. Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, Discord, Yolo, Wink & more.
- Online Grooming. What is it and when/how does it occur? Preventative measures. What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- Cyberbullying. What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- Sharing Nudes. The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law and the serious issue of Sextortion...
- Problematic Gaming. How to manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems and what to do if/when they arise.
- Exposure to damaging content. Including online pornography & site that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.
- Top Tips– how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.
- The session will conclude with time for questions

Susan McLean

Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people.

Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments.

She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools & national & international companies. A sought after media commentator for television, print and radio, she recently co-authored the NSW Govt. review into mobile phones in schools. She is the most highly qualified & experienced presenter in Australia & is internationally renowned.

Susan is a proud ambassador for Collective Shout. A published author, her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.



Parent Information Session:

Thursday April 4th @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Naracoorte High School Library
Please register your interest via the QR code

EXEMPTION FORMS

Approved Exemption forms are required for planned absences of more than 3 days.

If you are planning a family holiday or if your child is needing planned time away from school, then we require an Exemption Form to be completed and then approved by the Principal. Please see the Front Office for this before the absence. This is NOT an Audiri e-form. Thank you.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Open to all teams and public

NARACOORTE SCRIMMAGE

24TH OF MARCH | 10AM - 2PM

Join in with the offseason thrills of a FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Competition.

Naracoorte High School
Stewart Terrace, Naracoorte SA 5271

FLL (lego robots) demonstration

Open to PUBLIC robot driving

Sausage Sizzle & drinks available

Inquires & support: STARTING a team



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.

The event is being run by the Student Robotics Club of SA (Robo Roos) and will be showcasing FTC robots, and also demonstrating Lego robots that are aimed at those aged 6 - 9 and 9 - 11. These programmes would fit perfectly for any primary school teachers thinking of starting robotic programmes at their school.

The Robo Roos invite any primary or secondary school students, groups and teachers to come along and see what it's all about.

For further information feel free to contact event organiser Michael Passmore:

michael.passmore@roboroos.org.au

ACTIVE STORYTIME

Naracoorte Hall

Fortnightly Tuesday
9:30-10:30am

30th April
14th, 28th May
11th, 25th June

Suitable for ages 3-5 years-but all welcome. Parent/carer supervision required

Naracoorte Library + Town Hall

EAT THE RAINBOW

5 MIN FILLED. FREE SESSIONS TO HELP CREATE WAYS TO ENJOY HEALTHY EATING WITH YOUR PRE-SCHOOLER! BRING YOUR CHILD ALONG TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE BENEFITS THAT EATING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GIVE. LEARNING THROUGH STORIES, SONGS AND TASTE TESTING.

WEDNESDAY'S
15th, 22nd, 29th MAY
5th, 12th JUNE

9:30-10AM
NARACOORTE LIBRARY

Naracoorte Library + Town Hall

BAT CAVE BABIES

COME AND JOIN US!
EVERY THURSDAY

9:30-10AM

A gentle session that combines song, movement and actions for babies up to 18 months old.

NARACOORTE LIBRARY

Naracoorte Library + Town Hall

EASTER CRAFT AT THE LIBRARY

Create a cute bunny using your hand! Maybe a bunny family!

WEDNESDAY 27TH
THURSDAY 28TH
MARCH
10AM-2PM

Naracoorte Library + Town Hall

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

Ph. 0417-855-247 or turn up on the night and see Helen Garrigan at the desk.

**** Please message Ella now to book a table
0474 838 355****

Combined Churches of Naracoorte Present

A religious
inspired
Easter
Storytime



Monday 25th
March
9:30am

Wonambi Gallery
at
The Naracoorte
Library

Morning
Tea
Supplied

Suitable for
ages 3-5 with
a caregiver

Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall

SWINGING WITH THE STARS



QUIZ NIGHT & GOODS AUCTION

@ Naracoorte Football Clubrooms

\$20 ticket per person

Saturday, 23rd March 2024

Doors open at 6pm

Hot food and grazing boxes
available to purchase, pre-order is required

Groups preferred to have tables of 8-10 people. To book a table or for further enquires please contact Ella: 0474838355 or dm on Facebook or Instagram

- \$20 per person.
- 8-10 people on a table preferred.
- Hot food and platters available to pre-order. More information to come.
- No BYO alcohol- bar will be open.
- Bring gold coins for games and raffle.
- There will be items auctioned throughout the night.

Message Ella to book your table – 0474 838 355 ☺

School Holidays- Week 2

ANZAC DAY

inspired craft

The Library table will have numerous materials for you to get creative and make your own Anzac Day craft.

MONDAY 22ND - TUESDAY 23RD - WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL

10AM - 3PM



LEST
WE
FORGET

Colouring sheets available all week



Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall



Stand Like Stone – Swinging with the Stars
Fundraiser by Naracoorte entrant Ella Boston.

All funds raised go back into the Naracoorte & District Community.



NARACOORTE TOWN HALL
23rd MARCH 7pm & 24th MARCH 3pm
FREE ENTRY

THE JOHN DRAMA

WHO IS JESUS?
AND WHY IS HE STILL ONE OF
THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL YET
INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN HISTORY?

A 90 MINUTE PRODUCTION OF THE
POWERFUL YET SURPRISING LIFE OF JESUS

a production
by the churches
of Naracoorte