



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal – Paul Harmer, Deputy Principal – Andrea Lawrie, Wellbeing Leader – Samantha Gale, Chairperson – Anna Thring

Term 1 ~ Tuesday 20th February, 2024

Coming Events

FEBRUARY

- 20th – Sapsasa USE Softball Trials
- 21st – Noorla Yo-Long Excursion, Year 6s

MARCH

- 11th – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Adelaide Cup
- 13th – NAPLAN commences
- 21st – Harmony Day, 10.00am Town Square
- 25th – 27th – Interviews
- 25th – 27th – Sapsasa Softball State Carnival
- 28th – **EARLY DISMISSAL at 2:25pm**
- 29th – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Good Friday

APRIL

- 1st – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Easter Monday
- 11th & 12th – **PUPIL FREE DAYS**

TERM 1 Canteen Roster

Friday 23rd February
Sally Logan, Jane Woosnam

Friday 1st March
Phoebe McArthur, Ruth Dickenson

Friday 8th March
Chelsea Simcock, Help Needed

The first three weeks have gone by very quickly as I continue to meet and get to know all the students. I had a great time in the garden last Friday afternoon when I was invited to test their design and technology constructions of a fashionable shoe. There was a high level of creativity involved.

The Bike Ed and swimming programs are now complete. Both were very popular with the students and for those doing both in one day, it was very exhausting. We were indeed fortunate to have excellent instructors for both programs and the students conducted themselves very well.

NEW PLAYGROUND

There was much excitement yesterday as we were greeted by the new playground being available for students to use. Classes have had the opportunity to go out and have a play and learn the safety guidelines at the same time. The playground has been a culmination of a lot of fundraising and hard work from the Governing Council. I would also like to acknowledge Rob's contribution to this project and getting it ready for 2024. I am sure the students really appreciate opportunity to have new equipment at school.

Thank you to Kym McRostie, the Rotary Club and Dale Simpson for helping prepare the site before and after the installation. On Sunday, we also had a few parent and student helpers – Chris Heddles, Ricky, Xuan, Vivian and Anna Tu and along with Kym, Sonya and Elsa to spread the mulch ready for use.



We will have an official opening to thank all those who contributed and or donated to the project. More information soon.

STUDENT LEADER PRESENTATIONS

It was fantastic to see so many parents in on Monday when we held our first official assembly. Our special guest, Mayor of the Naracoorte Lucindale Council, Mr Patrick Ross, presented our 2024 leaders with their badges. I look forward to seeing our leaders demonstrate their leadership throughout the year, not just assemblies and sports events, but in every facet of their learning.

I congratulate the following students who were selected as leaders in 2024:



L to R: Mimi Thomson, Isabelle Willson, Mia Walter, Angus Norcock, Mayor Patrick Ross

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Last night, the Governing Council approved the first three Pupil Free Days. These will be:

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th April – Literacy – Read, Write, Inc.

Friday August 9th - Public Education strategy workshops.

I will negotiate with OSHC to hopefully be able to provide a service on these days.

There will **no** School Closure for South East Field Days this year. All public schools in Naracoorte will be operating on this day.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be in March again this year for students in Year 3 and 5. The test window will be between 13th and 22nd March. To test the readiness of our set up, all students in Year 3 and 5 will be sitting a 'mock' test on Tuesday 27th February. This also allows our students to understand how to navigate through the different elements of the assessment.

Parents are welcome to view what the online assessment looks like. The public demonstration website is [NAP - Public demonstration site](#).

CYBERSAFETY WORKSHOPS

We are very fortunate to have Susan McLean coming to Naracoorte to present her very informative cybersafety workshops. She will be running two sessions for the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students on **Thursday 4th April**. We will be combining with other schools from the Wrattobully area. There is no cost to families as the workshops are funded by the Wrattobully Partnership.

This age-appropriate, fun & interactive session for primary students includes discussion, a vibrant power point presentation and is supported by videos and Susan's real-life experiences. Topics covered include:

- 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
- Plus Questions and Discussion Time

She will also be running a parent session on **Thursday 4th April from 7:00pm- 9:00pm** This is an excellent and very informative session that I encourage parents to attend. There is no cost. 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." More information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Have a great fortnight!



Introducing: Naracoorte Primary School 2024 Governing Council



Elected members of NPS Governing Council for 2024:
Front row: Allison Busuttill, Ash Owen, Anna Thring (Chair), Rebecca Walter (Secretary)

Second row: Belinda Lowe (Treasurer), Naomi Feder, Caroline Menzel (Vice Chair) Daniel Wallis (Staff Rep), Christopher Beggs;

Back row: Paul Harmer (Principal) Bronwyn Andrews (Staff Rep), Megan Hurrell, Darrel Soderlund, Nathan Wardle.

Absent: Andrea Lawrie (Community Rep).

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.

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 (that is 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 overseen six key areas:

- Finance, convened by Belinda Lowe.
- Education, convened by Naomi Feder.
- Fundraising & Events, convened by Belinda Lowe.
- Grounds, convened by Nathan Wardle.
- Sport, convened by Naomi Feder.
- Canteen, convened by Allison Busuttill.

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; Ph 8762 2277 or Email: dl.0309.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au

Further information about governing council is available at: <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils>

Anna Thring - Chair



What a busy start to the year with everyone getting to know our new classes, teachers and learning spaces over the past few weeks. Then throw swimming and bike ed into the mix as well to make it extra interesting! It's been wonderful to reconnect with the students from last year and meet some new ones too. Lots of holiday stories have been shared and I am reminded again of how much I enjoy being a part of the supportive NPS community.

LAP

We are still on the lookout for anyone who would be willing to be a LAP (Learning Assistance Program) helper this year. Volunteers would spend maybe an hour a week (or fortnight if that suits better) with a child who would benefit from some extra support and connection with a trusted adult. Activities can be as simple as playing board/card games or doing some craft. I am more than happy to provide supplies and support for anyone who would like to give it a go. It's such a rewarding experience! If you are interested or would like to know more, please email me at:

Samantha.gale817@schools.sa.edu.au or ring the school to get in touch with me.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club started in week 1 and is open every Thursday morning 8.30am – 9am. All are welcome to come by for a chat and some toast if they would like to. A big thank you to our House Captains who are rostered on to help Emma Gill and I with serving. They have all done a great job coming early and welcoming the students with some brekkie. Don't forget that pancake breakfast is coming up week 6 to celebrate half term. What a great way to start the day!






9 Things To Say To Your Anxious Child

- I'm here with you. You are safe.
- Tell me about it.
- Match your breaths to mine.
- Let's draw it.
- Do you want to do some dancing or running to get rid of the worried energy?
- Let's think of some endings for what could happen (anxious ones, goofy ones, AND realistic ones).
- What does it feel like in your body? Where is the worry? How big is it?
- What's something we could do to help you feel better?
- What would you like to say to your worry? What might your worry say back? Then what?

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Samantha Gale ☺

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Harmony Day 2024

This year, Harmony Day is on Thursday the 21st March, with the school community event starting at 10am in the town square. Each school has been asked to wear orange – either a little or a lot! Of course, if your child doesn't want to wear something orange, that is totally fine. They can just wear their regular school uniform. Each school will be sharing a video they have made representing the Harmony Day theme 'Everybody Belongs'. That will be followed by watching the movie Sing 2. Families are more than welcome to come down and join in the fun.

Back to School Anxiety

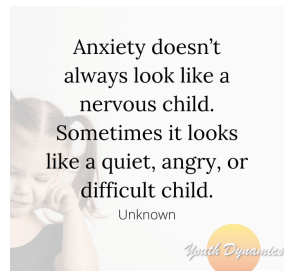
Some students can find the transition back to school after a long break especially difficult. Since school has returned, I have noticed some students struggling with this. Psychologist Michael Hawton who provides parents and carers with seven simple steps to enable them to support their anxious children to return to school consistently. "It may seem overwhelming, balancing supporting your child through anxious thoughts and feelings and wanting to provide them with the best education and social experiences in their development...(there are) some simple steps that they can implement straight away to set their child on the right track to returning to school"

If you'd like some more information, I have included the link below to the Michael Hawton video that explains the seven simple steps that could be helpful for you:

Anxiety doesn't always look like a nervous child.

Sometimes it looks like a quiet, angry, or difficult child.

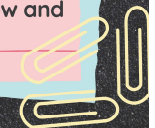
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[Parentsop eNewsletter \(schoolzineplus.com\)](http://schoolzineplus.com)

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.

Second Hand Clothing

We have a good selection of pre-loved clothing (especially jumpers) if you are needing any extra items to fill the cupboards. Everything is \$5 per item. Please come to the front office if you are interested.



Lost Property

Lost Property is situated in the Courtyard near the canteen. Items are located in the grey metal cupboard or on top of it in tubs. You are welcome to come and have a look for any misplaced items.



REMINDER: Please name and re-name your child's clothing and belongings so we can return any lost items.

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.

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 pink, blue, red, green, yellow or purple trim.

Also available – Orange which is an alert for a **FOOD ALLERGY**



COMMUNITY NEWS

NARACOORTE NORTH KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUP

COME AND JOIN US!

FRIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS
FROM WEEK 3 ONWARDS
9:30AM - 11:00AM
39 PARK TERRACE, NARACOORTE
GOLD COIN DONATION

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY
BYO FRUIT SNACK, HAT AND WATER BOTTLE

Contact Meg on 87621581 for more information



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CARPOOLS AVAILABLE
 UNDER 14s eligibility- Males aged 10-13 and females 10-14 as at 31/12/2023
 Under 17.5s eligibility- Males aged 14-17.5 as at 31/12/2023

Thursday

29th February @ Padthaway

For more information contact
 Dan Carter 0476 138 652 or Dwayne Bell 0422 438 967



FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS
 FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA



School: Naracoorte Primary
Start Date: Friday 1 March
Finish Date: Friday 3 May
Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm **Contact:**
 christian.fleetwood@footballsa.com.au



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SWINGING WITH THE STARS FUNDRAISER

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3-5 yrs (kindy) 3:30pm-4:30pm
 5-7 yrs (junior primary) 4:45pm-6:15pm
 8+ yrs 6:30pm-8:30pm

TICKET \$13 PER CHILD
DATE: 2ND MARCH
WHERE: MJ NARACOORTE, 36 CEDAR AVENUE

LOLLY BAG, FRUIT BOX, GLOW STICK PROVIDED ON ENTRY
 For further enquiries contact Ella
 on 0474838355 or DM via
 Facebook or Instagram




Please book tickets via the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/COZEX>



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

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 📞



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

