



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 ~ Wednesday 6th March, 2024

Coming Events

MARCH

- 7th – Breakfast Club, Pancakes
- 7th – Playground Opening, 10.30am
- 11th – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Adelaide Cup
- 13th – NAPLAN commences
- 13th – Hamburger Day
- 18th – Governing Council Meeting
- 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**

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Canteen Roster

- Friday 8th March**
Chelsea Simcock,
- Friday 15th March**
Ruth Dickenson
- Tuesday 19th March**
Naomi Sambell
- Friday 22nd March**
Georgie Fitzgerald, Belinda Laycock
- Thursday 28th March**
Kirsty Kanehara, Michelle Bull

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 will go home soon.

We look forward to your support.

Over the past few days I attended the Education Leader's Day and Numeracy Summit in Adelaide. One of the underlying messages that is reflected in the *Strategy for Public Education* is about focusing on the whole child and preparing them for the modern world. Literacy and Numeracy skills are still key elements of schooling, but dispositions such as creativity, curiosity, discernment and judgement and self-regulation alongside wellbeing and sense of self are also critical. The skills we need our students leaving primary school and then secondary school with go beyond literacy and numeracy.

To help include the voice of the parent community, one question I would like to explore is what skills, knowledge and dispositions do you want your children to have when they graduate from Naracoorte Primary School?

Playground Opening

Tomorrow we will officially open the new playground at 10.30am. It has been a wonderful addition to our school. It has been very popular and provides our school community with a great space to be active, immerse in creative play and develop gross motor skills. This project wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of the Governing Council and Rob Sandercock.

Interviews

This term we will be having interviews in Week 9 which is the week starting **Monday March 25th**. We are using an **online booking system** which will make it a lot easier for parents and staff to coordinate interviews. There are instructions on how to log in and book times later in this newsletter. If you have any issues with bookings, please contact Tim Durik at the school.

The smooth running of this event requires us all to keep to a schedule and end the interview in a timely manner. If you think you will need more time, please discuss this with your teacher at the interview. This year, teachers from **Years 3-6** will be expecting the **students to attend the interview with you**, so they can share their learning progress and their individual learning goals.

NAPLAN

Last week our Year 3 and 5 students participated in the NAPLAN readiness test which tested the platform and allowed them to become familiar with the format and how the platform works. The actual assessments have 4 components and will be done on the **13th, 14th, 18th and 19th March** with catch up assessments done between the 15th and 22nd March.

Pedal Prix

The first Pedal Prix race is on **Saturday 16th March** in Mt Gambier. Students who are interested have been given information and will need to have returned it by today. How many cars we run will be determined by how many students we get.

Susan McLean Cybersafety

Thanks to our Governing Council and the Wrattobully Partnership, we are fortunate to have Susan McLean come to Naracoorte in April. She will be running a free parent workshop on **Thursday April 4th at 7:00pm**. 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.

Smoke-free and vape-free areas – new regulations

From 1 March 2024 new regulations will extend the smoke-free and vape-free areas to within 10 metres of site boundaries.

This includes:

- school drop-off and pick-up zones that are within 10 metres of the school fence, gate or boundary
- school ovals and sporting fields and within 10 metres of the boundary of the oval or sporting field
- footpaths, roads, public nature strips and public recreation areas that are within 10 metres of a school boundary.

The department's [Smoke-free policy](#) (PDF 419 KB) has been updated to incorporate the new regulations.

Key Dates:

Monday 11th March - Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th March- NAPLAN starts (schedule will be sent out by the end of the week)

Wednesday 13th March - Friday 22nd - NAPLAN test window

Thursday 21st March – Harmony Day

Friday March 29th - Good Friday

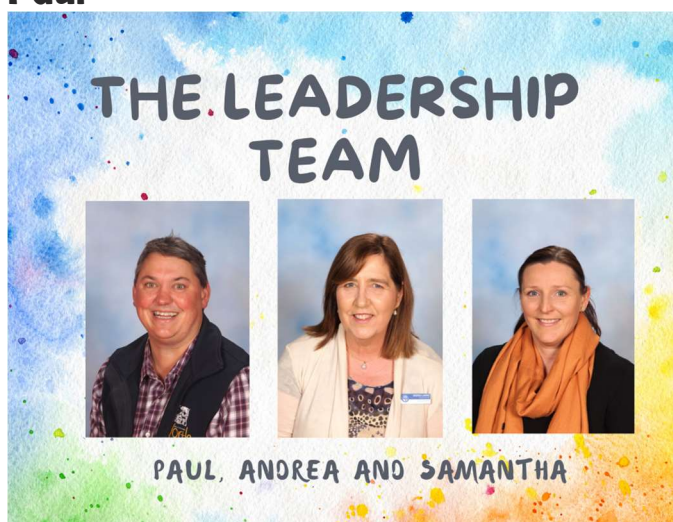
Monday April 1st- Easter Monday

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

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

Have a great fortnight

Paul



In 2023, Naracoorte Primary School had 23 graduating members of Children's University. A formal graduation ceremony was held in November at the town hall.

The students at assembly on Monday 26th Feb were presented with a graduation bear kindly paid for by an anonymous beneficiary to the program through the Adelaide University. They were excited and proud to have their learning journeys acknowledged once again.

This is an extra-curricular program that encourages students to be lifelong learners and engage in opportunities around them. Each student recorded and demonstrated a minimum of 30 hours in their first year, with hours accumulating as the students continue annually.



Children's University at Naracoorte Primary School 2024.

Please be advised that notes have been sent home with interested Year 3-6 students.

Please enter enrolment details via the QR code on the note and return slip with payment to school before 22/3/24.

Tash James – Children's Uni Co-ordinator

Numeracy At Home

One of the most important modes of enhancing children's understanding of Maths is having Maths discussions. The more you can talk about number, shape and patterns at home with your children that is connected to what you are doing at the time, the better their understanding and connections will be.

Take subitising for example. Subitising is the ability to look at a small set of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them. For example, when rolling a dice we don't need to count the dots to know what we have rolled.

For young children, the more you refer to different objects in groups, the better their number sense develops. This is very different to one on one correspondence (ie pointing and counting) or fast counting - it should be instant.

Opportunities are boundless in the home. We collected 3 eggs, 5 apples in the bowl, 2 shoes, 6 tennis balls etc. This gives children very good grounding and an important stepping stone for key numeracy concepts.



Breakfast Club

This week we are celebrating being over half way through the term with a pancake breakfast! There will be pancakes with maple syrup available tomorrow from the hall kitchen 8.30 – 9am. A big THANK YOU to our helpers who have offered to volunteer their time to prepare, cook and hand out pancakes – Daniel Hallett, Catherine Flint, Emma Gill, Paul Harmer, Andrea Lawrie & Ghi Ghi Kenny. Without this support, we wouldn't be able to have our yummy pancakes!



Social Media

Don't forget to follow the Naracoorte Primary School page on Facebook! It's just another way we connect with not only our school community but the wider community of Naracoorte as well. A great way to keep informed of all the great things our students have been up to!

Harmony Day

Our school video is all finished and ready to be shown at the community celebrations in the town square on Thursday 21st March. A huge thank you to our amazingly talented staff members – Dani Mahoney and Ashlea Owen for organising this for us. Also another big thank you goes to Nathan Wardle for coming in to film the drone footage for us. It looks incredible! Remember to organise something orange for your child to wear on the day. Alternatively, they could choose to wear their normal school uniform instead.



LAP

We are still on the lookout for LAP partners! This is a wonderful program where members of the community can work regularly (usually once a week or fortnight) with a student in an area of interest to them both. It's such a rewarding experience for the volunteer and the student. Please email me at samantha.gale817@schools.sa.edu.au or call the school on 87622277 if you are interested (or if you know someone that is!). We can answer questions and support anyone who is unsure of how to go about being a part of this program.



Play is the Way

This is a program used in all year levels at our school. You may hear the teachers and students talk about the guiding concepts that are embedded into our



school culture. We have a school focus on one of these each fortnight.

They are:

1. The Golden Rule – treat others as you would like them to treat you
2. Be brave – participate to progress
3. Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with
4. Have reasons for the things you say and do
5. It takes great strength to be sensible

Play is the Way is a social and emotional learning (SEL) methodology using physically interactive games & activities, 5 guiding concepts, an empowering self-reflective language and 6 key virtues that form a pathway to empathy.

It is a process that gives primary schools a way to develop, improve and entrench the personal and social capabilities of students.

I have included the link to the website if you are interested in finding out more. You may like to use these 5 guiding concepts at home too!

[About – Play Is The Way](#)

Samantha Gale ☺

PE News

Students have been learning Play is the Way games with a focus on the following maxim, *If you try you risk failure. If you don't, you guarantee it.*

Our House Captains are organising Lunch Time Fun activities every Thursday. So far Robertson have hosted Rabbits, Hares and Foxes for the 3/4s and then Cameron taught Dodge Ball to the 1/2s. The captains have done a fantastic job organising and running these sessions.





We have over 60 runners registered for Run Club. The group meets Monday and Thursday mornings at 8.10am and run laps of the oval. Students have been doing a mixture of jogging and partnered interval running. Their laps are being tallied each week and we look forward to seeing their fitness levels rise and them having lots of fun whilst doing it.

SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Ava McCarthy and Charlotte Legoe who have been selected in the Upper South East squad to compete in the State Swimming Carnival later this term.

We have a strong representation in the USE softball squads with Reggie Mueller, Lachie Withers, Jock Vilde and Frazier Brodie selected in the boys team and Mimi Thomson, Mia Walter, Matilda Doolan, Grace Doolan, Alice Fry and Ellen Fitzgerald in the girls.

Upcoming SAPSASA events: The boys netball nominations are now open, AFL boys football registrations are up in the courtyard and our athletics team will be trialling in the near future.

Ange Donnelly - PE Teacher

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.

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.

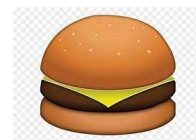
CHANGE OF DETAILS

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.



Please remember to pack cutlery if needed for your child's lunch – thank you.

Helen – Canteen Manager



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.

HAMBURGER DAY

Wednesday 13th March 2024

- Order online from Flexischools - **4th to 11th March**. Flexischools orders not available after 11th March. Paper orders **NOT** required for orders done through Flexischools.
- Paper order forms are available from the front office if not ordering through Flexischools and must be returned with money by **Friday 8th March**.

COMMUNITY NEWS



**TRAINING STARTS
MARCH 6TH**

**NARACOORTE SOCCER
CLUB GIRLS TEAMS**

TRAINING FOR:
UNDER 13 GIRLS (WEDNESDAY 5-6 PM)
UNDER 16 GIRLS (WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM)
WOMENS (WEDNESDAY 6:15-7:15 PM)

All abilities welcome for more information contact Jon:
0427608243 or Sila: 0447232532

NARACOORTE UNITED SOCCER CLUB

We are chasing coaches for junior teams. We need an U12D and U14 coach.

U12D train Thursday at 5.15pm-6.15pm and play first thing Sunday morning. This is a development team and mainly kids that haven't played before.

U/14 train 5.00pm Tuesday and play Sunday 10.00am start.

Please contact Jon if you are able to help out 0427 608 243.

MINIROO MATCH PROGRAM - EOI

Football SA is looking for expressions of interest in an Upper SE Miniroo match program. If you are interested, please complete the expression of interest form via the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/240288360173859>

Christian Fleetwood
Regional Development Officer
Limestone Coast

Football South Australia
p: 0408 669 081 f: 8340 3188

w: www.footballsouth.com.au e: christian.fleetwood@footballsouth.com.au

a: Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre | 7 Margaret Street, Mount Gambier SA 5290



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 😊



Stand Like Stone – Swinging with the Stars
Fundraiser by Naracoorte entrant Ella Boston.
All funds raised go back into the Naracoorte & District Community.

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



FREE Parent Workshop
Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Monday 8 of April 2024, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Mount Gambier Library

BOOK ONLINE at:
spelsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.

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AMAZING ANIME

THURSDAY 11th APRIL

8:00am — 6:00pm

- Craft
- Cooking
- Activities
- Games

Bookings can be made via OWNA - on your bookings screen, select the Pupil Free Day session type.

There are no automatic rollover of bookings from Before or After School to the Pupil Free Day.

Bookings made after the 4th of April will attract the short-notice booking fee.

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MINECRAFT MADNESS

FRIDAY 12th APRIL

8:00am — 6:00pm

- Craft
- Games
- Activities
- Cooking

Bookings can be made via OWNA - on your bookings screen, select the Pupil Free Day session type.

There are no automatic rollover of bookings from Before or After School to the Pupil Free Day.

Bookings made after the 5th of April will attract the short-notice booking fee.

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