



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 ~ Wednesday, 12th June 2024

Coming Events

JUNE

- 14th – Pedal Prix, Adelaide
- 18th – Governing Council Meeting & Finance Meeting
- 20th – 21st – Kindy Transition
- 24th – 26th – Sapsasa Netball, Adelaide

TERM 2

Canteen Roster

Friday 14th June

Emma Rasheed

Friday 21st June

Ali Busuttil

28th June

Fiona Copping

5th July

Georgie Fitzgerald, Belinda Laycock

format we can use for Primary Schools. Teachers will grade students from Yr 1-6 in all 8 curriculum areas with comments in English, Maths and a general comment. Reports will be pushed out via the EMS system and will only be printed upon request. These will be sent out in the last week of term.

RIGHT TO DISCONNECT

The teachers at Naracoorte PS are an incredible group who are very committed to providing the best education for your child. As part of the last Enterprise Bargaining agreement, the Department of Education support a 'right to disconnect' policy. This means that teachers are not required to respond to parent messages/ emails etc after 5:00pm and before 8:00am. Parents are able to send messages / emails etc to teachers outside these hours, but please be aware you may not get a response until the next school day.

DISCOUNT ON MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGE FOR 2025

As part of the 2024-25 State Budget, eligible families with school-aged children will receive a \$200 discount per child on their public school's materials and services charge for 2025. This is double the discount provided for 2022, 2023 and 2024. This will automatically be deducted from your invoice in 2025.

LITERACY AT NPS

With the success of Read, Write, Inc as an R-2 phonics and spelling program, we are introducing the Yr 3-6 spelling and morphology scope and sequence to the middle and upper primary classes. This will work on similar explicit teaching strategies that get students to understand why and how spelling patterns occur. Some spelling generalisations that are taught are:

- No English word ends in a v, j, qu or i. (some Latin plurals are exceptions)
- No English word ends in a v – it is always followed by an e. eg love, give, have
- In a one syllable word with a short vowel, double the final f, l, s and z – eg cuff, fell, grass, buzz

We are past the halfway mark of this term and already so much has been happening. Following on from the success of the South East Cross Country, we have had Pedal Prix, Alpha Performance, SAPSASA events and a very successful pancake breakfast last week. It was great to see so many children and parents coming to have a chat and catch up. It has also been a pleasure to show many prospective families around our school in anticipation of enrolling in 2025.

Next term we have 27 new receptions starting school in the Pond. They will be spread out with most in a newly created class; and the rest amongst the existing classes. This is an exciting time for these children.

Some have already had an initial transition visit with another group coming next Thursday. On Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June we will have two full transition days for these students before their first official day next term.

Earlier this term, we welcomed Duan and Danika as new students to the Pond. They have come from Namibia via Warrnambool and we hope they have settled in well.

REPORTS

This term we will be using the new Education Management System (EMS) to write student reports. As it is quite early in the use of the Department program, we are limited to the style of the report we can use. Currently, there is only one report



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On Thursday May 30th, the School Captains and SRC hosted the Biggest Morning Tea. Together, we raised over \$600 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to Foodland, Woolworths and Helen Michael for generously helping to supply honey crackles and brownies. Thanks to the SRC for making brownies and to all the students who supported this wonderful cause.



YELP CAMP

We are the YELP group and in week 5, Bailey, Daisy and I went to the Naracoorte Caves camp to meet up with other YELP leaders to learn about how we can help our environment. When we got there we settled in and we went into E.M's Lab the Keeper of the keys.

After that they set us up in the lab to understand what being an Earthkeeper means. Then we split up in groups to learn about the plant munchers, animal munchers, and sun munchers. We went to a magic spot where we sat and used our 5 senses to explore and connect with nature. We also did a time capsule treasure hunt, continuing to learn about connections to the earth.

The second day we started off with a hike, through the bush trails, learning about nature, following clues to find items. It was very exciting. On the way to lunch we did another magic spot. Then had lunch at the caves. When we returned, we reflected on our camp, and participated in the closing ceremony. Now we are apprentice Earthkeepers, we have got to continue our journey to protect the earth.

Kunashe





Marathon in May

We have had a whopping 142 students register in a team for the Marathon in May, and then many others completing laps during lunch and class times as well. All of their laps have been tallied and a total of 50 students have already completed their minimum distances for the term. Each kilometre covered has earned them a raffle ticket and to celebrate the announcement of Jessica Stenson making the Australian Olympics team, a surprise draw was conducted at assembly this week. The prize winners were Hayden Bowley, Asha Sears and Whitney Donnelly. There will be another draw at the end of the term with more prizes available.



REGISTER NOW FOR RECEPTION IN 2025!

Registrations of interest are now open to start school in 2025. If your child is starting school in Naracoorte in Term 1 or Term 3, you are encouraged to submit by 1st August 2024.

Click the link to find the Registration of Interest Form. Once completed email or drop the form into the office of your chosen school.

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Birthday Book Club

We have celebrated 10 more birthdays

Liam Rivett and Sophia Borg turned 6; Maddie Inverarity and Mitchell Gericke celebrated their 11th birthdays; William James turned 9; Savannah Dickenson, Harry Miller, Wills Allen and Sienna Moss celebrated their 10th birthdays and Ripley Gould turned 12.



Liam Rivett



Maddie Inverarity



William James



Savannah Dickenson



Sienna Moss



Ripley Gould



Sophia Borg



Mitchell Gericke



Harry Miller



Wills Allen

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](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

BONUS!

Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 is now open.

Please place orders online by **19th June**

[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

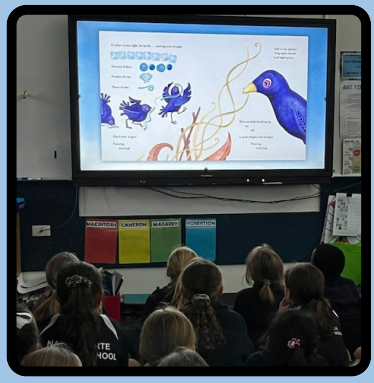
REMINDER...the library is open before school for borrowing/returning books, and at lunchtime everyday for inside activities. Plus...

DRAWING CLUB ON TUESDAY

UNO CLUB ON WEDNESDAY



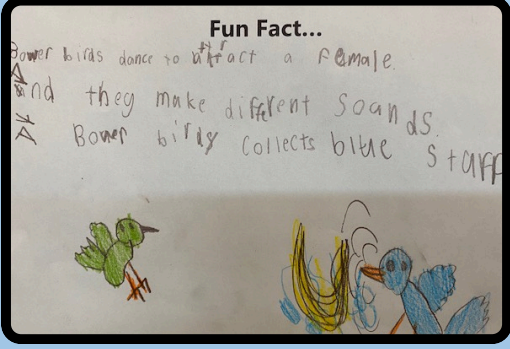
On Wednesday May 22nd our school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime



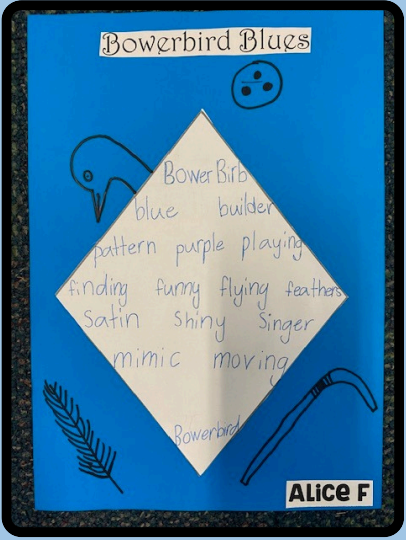
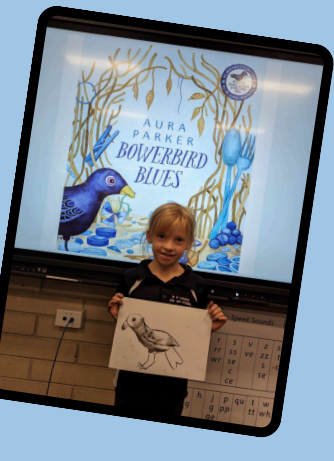
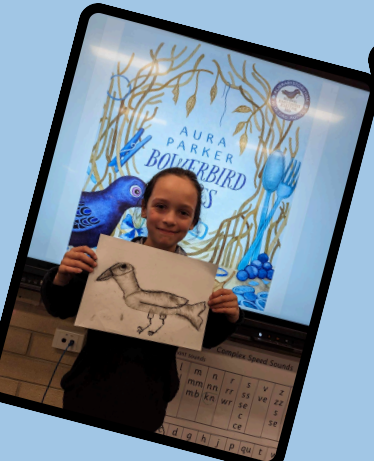
Students across the school listened to the story, "Bowerbird Blues" written and illustrated by Australian author, Aura Parker.



Over 2 million children across Australia participated in this event, designed to promote literacy and reading.



This prompted lots of fun and interesting learning across the whole school, including art, poetry, charcoal drawing, and fact-finding.

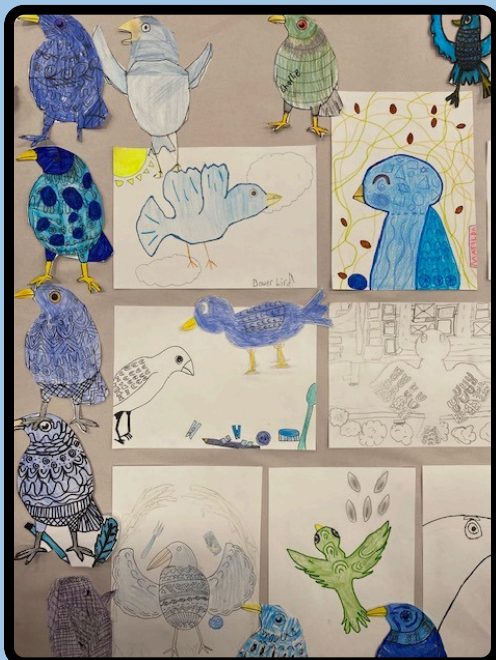




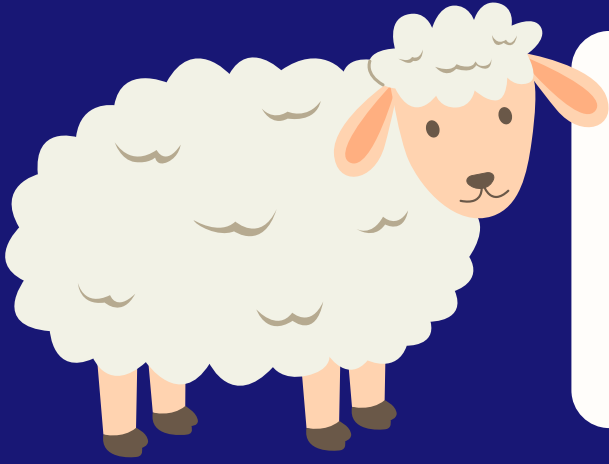
Satin Bowerbirds are amazing!
 They have huge bowers
 They mimic to attract the female

Did you know...
 Bowerbirds mimic birds
 They attract a female
 *They love blue.
 bla bla on

Satin Bowerbirds are amazing!
 Bower birds love blue
 Bower birds dance to attract their mate
 Bower birds collect objects that are blue
 Thing in mouth and their create a Spigh



The Garden visits The Sheep's Back Museum.



On Friday 31st May, The Garden children visited The Sheep's Back Museum and explored some of the historical buildings and displays. National Trust members acted as tour guides and shared their knowledge with the children about different aspects of local history and the history of shearing/wool.



I liked the post office because it was set up like the olden days. The toilet was an outside toilet.
Harry Lowe.



I liked the Bullocky shed because I like cows and I never knew that cows could walk that far. They walked all the way from Naracoorte to Port Adelaide pulling a big cart full of wool bales.

Jed Sellars.



I liked pretending to be a sheep in the shearing shed. I liked going in the old post office because the furniture was from the olden days.
Olive Hood.



My favourite part was looking at the olden day stuff. I saw an old shearing shed and I felt the wool and it was a bit smelly.
Zoe Busuttill

ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Louie Segundo

For always striving to achieve your best in everything you do and willingly helping your peers when needed.
Mrs McConnell



Poppy Collins

For being kind and inclusive of her peers and being an excellent Buddy!
Mrs Mahoney



Alexis Bytheway

For always participating to progress, no matter how difficult the challenge. You are a very kind, caring and helpful classmate.
Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder



Archie Bennett

For his wonderful growth mindset, great work ethic, cleaning - up skills and cheerful manner.
Mrs Smith



Harry Binet

For making a good effort to join in with classroom tasks more often this term.
Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel



Lexi Gilbert

For always being a caring and considerate classmate and a hardworking student.
Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel



Azalea Mellow

Quicksmart Certificate of Merit
For completing subtraction facts of 5.
Trudie Stewart SSO



Axel Malone

For your kindness and willingness to help others. Well done Axel.
Mrs Grundy & Mrs Owen



Steele Sayers

For the effort you are putting into blending words and the pride you take when successful. Keep up the great work.
Mrs Grundy & Mrs Owen



Liam Rivett

For increased confidence and participation in all learning areas, particularly in maths – learning about patterns and comparing quantities. Well done!
Mrs McCarthy



Anna Tu

For answering questions and joining class discussions. We love watching your confidence grow!
Mrs Wirper & Mrs Andrews



Willow Wardle

For always being a thoughtful helper in class. You willingly offer to help the teacher and others and we really appreciate it!
Mrs Flint



Chelsea Latsombath

For applying 100% effort to all set tasks. Your singing and dancing were fabulous.
Mrs McConnell



April Dunkin

Quicksmart Certificate of Merit
For completing Facts of 2.
Romi Eckermann SSO



Cason Poihakena Jackson

For being a super star helper in the classroom. I love seeing your self-manager skills grow.
Mr Wallis

ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Maliki Russell

For showing improved resilience with your Maths work. You worked really hard and even taught Ghi Ghi how to do it! Keep up the 'can do' attitude.
Mrs Flint



Emily Drusko

For great participation in all learning areas, particularly maths – modelling the partitioning of a 5 tower. Well done!
Mrs McCarthy



Mason Main

For sharing your broad general knowledge with the class, and giving insightful answers.
Mrs Wirper & Mrs Andrews



Jet Finch

For outstanding sentences during writing. Your sentences were complex and entertaining. Keep it up!
Mrs McConnell



Anna Riley

For working hard to improve her reading and spelling throughout the semester. A fantastic effort Anna!
Mr Hallett



Saxxon Godfrey

For wonderful engagement during investigations writing a great book about bees and sharing this to his peers. Well done.
Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy



Hugh Burns

For the effort you put into representing your thinking in Maths. Keep it up!
Mr Wallis



Haru Kanehara

For an excellent start to your time at Naracoorte Primary School and your increasing confidence and participation in class.
Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel



Stella Laycock

For using our reading comprehension strategies to create detailed responses during our novel study lessons. Fantastic work.
Mr Hallett



Sophia Borg

For her excellent enthusiasm and participation in Performing Arts and HASS lessons. Well done!
Ms Burrows



Kyrin Pettman

For participating to progress, particularly in Maths. You are a great role model for your peers! Keep up the great work.
Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder



Spencer Motteram

For always looking out for others with care and EMPATHY!
Mrs Mahoney



Lottie Legoe

For accepting challenges and showing great enthusiasm an initiative during History.
Ms Turci & Ms Burrows



Ruby Kelly

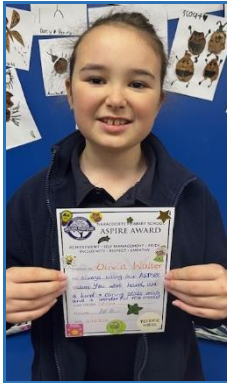
For always following the ASPIRE values and participating 100% in all set tasks. Well done! Keep up the great work!
Mrs McConnell



Gina Sambell

For your constant smile and happy disposition, always ready to help others and your "never give up" attitude.
Mrs McConnell

ASPIRE AWARDS 2023



Olivia Walter

For always using our ASPIRE values. You work hard, are a kind and caring class mate and a wonderful role model.
Mrs Flint



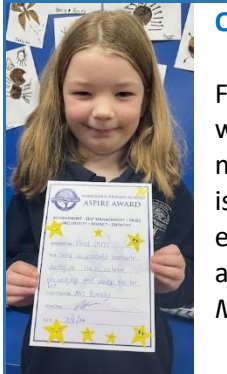
Beau Gould

For writing an informative book about bowerbirds.
Mr Wallis



Ollie Bittner

For showing great enthusiasm towards his learning and always doing his best. Well done!
Mrs McCarthy



Oliva Stoner

For being a wonderful team mate during PE. She is inclusive, encouraging and always tries her best.
Mrs Donnelly



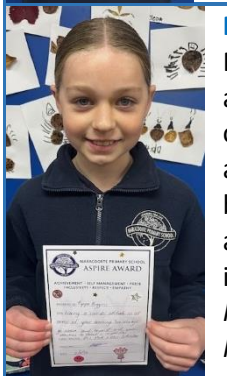
Alby Finch

For demonstrating great persistence learning his sounds. Keep up the great work.
Mrs Grundy & Mrs Owen



Alivia Bull

For consistently applying 100% effort in all learning tasks and encouraging others to do their best.
Mrs Andrews



Pippa Biggins

For having a 'can-do' attitude in all areas of your learning. You always go above and beyond and your attention to detail is impressive.
Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder



David Zanol

For being a kind and considerate peer with your 'buddy' from the 3/4 class. Your interactions are becoming more confident as the year progresses.
Mrs Schroder & Mrs Mott



Alannah White

For consistently striving to achieve her very best in all lessons.
Mrs Mahoney



Amelia Bennier

For striving to improve in Maths by seeking assistance during fraction lessons. Way to go Amelia!
Mr Hallett



Digby Wight

For working hard to understand new topics by asking questions and contributing to class discussions.
Mrs Mahoney



Penelope Walter

For always putting in 100% effort and being more confident to share ideas and answers with the class. Keep it up!
Mrs Andrews & Mrs Wirper



Henry Zilm

For demonstrating the ASPIRE values and pursuing your personal best. Keep up the amazing work.
Mrs Andrews



Ayah Madzika

For always having a cheerful attitude and willingness to do her best each day.
Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel



Ryan Bytheway

For improved concentration and "can-do" attitude in all areas of learning and being a responsible helper in class.
Mrs Smith



Wellbeing Leader Samantha

And just like that – we are well over half way through the term! What a busy time it has been with lots of wonderful events coming up as well.

Pancake Breakfast

Last Thursday, we had our mid-term celebration with a pancake breakfast. It featured the Coffee Pit coffee van for the adults which was very popular! A big thank you to all the families who supported this by turning up early on such a cold and foggy morning. Thank you also to all the staff who pitched in to help make this day a fun celebration for the whole school. We estimate we mixed, cooked and served over 300 pancakes which is an incredible effort!



WEC Wellbeing Survey

The Wellbeing and Engagement Collection Survey has now been completed with all year 4, 5 and 6 students. This data helps to inform schools of ways to support and improve student overall wellbeing and engagement in school, home and community. I was very pleased with the way the students were engaged in giving their best answers to support this.

National Volunteers Week

It was recently National Volunteer Week which provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. There are many opportunities at NPS to volunteer. We are always on the lookout for new LAP (Learning Assistance Program) friends to come in once a week to work with a specific child with a common interest. Please contact your child's teacher if you would be interested in working in a classroom or the front office staff if you are able to help out for school events, breakfast club or anything else! We are so grateful for all the amazing volunteers that give up their time to support our school. We will celebrate their wonderful commitment with a morning tea later in the year.



Sensory Tools vs Sensory Toys

Many students use sensory tools to help them with their learning. This is helpful for some and not as helpful for others which can raise questions about the validity of using these in the classroom setting. Some children are over or under reactive to sensory stimuli including touch, taste, smell, sound, sight and/or movement. By regulating the amount and intensity of stimulation it helps to keep the nervous system calm, organised and focused. Meeting sensory needs can include using sensory tools to help regulate behaviour or adapting activities to reduce sensory stimulation. For example,

some children will find that they can sit for longer amounts of time with a sensory tool. When these sensory items are used well, they stop being a toy and become a powerful tool to help children focus and learn at school.



Lower/Mid/Upper South East team to compete in the inaugural state championships to be held in Adelaide later this year. The boys have been really enthusiastic and eager to learn, which was evident throughout the trials and has resulted in the following nine boys making the team, Frazier Brodie, Casey Henderson, Hurley Sinclair, Kyrin Pettman, Logan Bennett, Tommy Woosnam, Digby Wight, Reggie Mueller and Lachie Withers.

Our girls representing the Upper South East teams include Alivia Bull, Ava McCarthy, Isabelle Willson, Mimi Thomson, Ava Maresh and Ripley Gould.

We congratulate them all and wish them well.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

We have two teams entered into the local school football competition, with approximately 15 students in each team. The students are training on a Wednesday afternoon and playing Saturday mornings. Thank you to Sam Logan, Brad Redding and their support networks of parents willing to assist, umpire and manage teams. If any other students from Year 3-6 are keen to join them, it's not too late. Please contact the school to enquire.

SCHOOL NETBALL

The school netball competition is in full swing and the girls are now rocking brand new uniforms. Thank you to the fundraising committee for their donation towards these!

We not only have a number of enthusiastic players, but also a group of Year 6 girls who are doing a fabulous job umpiring. Again, if any other students from Year 3-6 are keen to join them, it's not too late. Please contact the school to enquire.

SAPSASA MOUNTAIN BIKING

Earlier this term, a team of students competed in the SAPSASA Mountain bike team's championship in Adelaide. It was a great day and impressive results were achieved by our students. Thank you to Naomi Feder for her organisation and for running the training sessions. Our girls team, comprised of Mia Walter, Grace Doolan and Matilda Doolan, who finished 7th in their competition and the boys, represented by Keanu Naylor, Digby Wight and Hudson Bellman from Naracoorte Primary School and Sandy Fitzgerald from Frances Primary School finished 28th from a field of 77 teams.



SPORT REPORT

SAPSASA ATHLETICS

An eager and well prepared team of athletes competed in Bordertown on May 3rd in the Upper South East SAPSASA athletics trials. A number of personal bests were achieved on the day and our school performed competitively in many events. Our greatest strength was in the 100m, with a number of our athletes making the Adelaide team in this and the relay.

Congratulations to the following athletes who were selected to represent USE at the state championships on 16th September;

Sienna Moss - 100m, High Jump and Relay

Willow Wardle - 200m and Relay

Alara Malone - Relay

Isabelle Willson - Long Jump, Discus and Relay

Hayden Bowley - 100m and Relay

Hurley Sinclair - 800m

Tex Logan - Shot Put and Discus

Tommy Woosnam - Relay

Casey Henderson - 200m and Relay

Frazier Brodie - High Jump

SAPSASA NETBALL

This year saw a number of our Year 5/6 students trial for SAPSASA netball. The boys team is a combined



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

NEW NPS NETBALL TOPS

New NPS netball tops were recently purchased thanks to the Mother's Day bulb fundraiser. Thank you to all those involved in purchasing bulbs and organising the new tops, they look great.



JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS DISNEY THEMED

STORYTIME AT 10AM

Monday 8th

Wednesday 10th

Friday 12th

Tuesday 16th

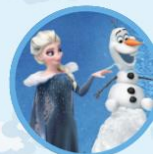
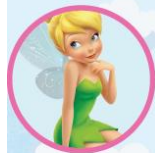
Thursday 18th

DYI CRAFT AT TABLE

10AM-4PM

DAILY

Indigenous inspired colour in sheets available daily for NAIDOC week



Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall