



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 ~ Wednesday 26th June, 2024

Coming Events

JUNE

26th – Lions Mad Minute Final in Lucindale

JULY

2nd – Year 5/6 Cook Out

2nd – Pre-loved Book Giveaway

3rd – Hamburger Day

4th – 100 Days of School for Reception Students

5th – Dress Up Day

5th – End of Term 2, **2.25pm Dismissal**

22nd – Term 3 Commences, 9.00am

AUGUST

9th – Pupil Free Day

TERM 2 Canteen Roster

Friday 28th June

Fiona Copping

Friday 5th July

HELP PLEASE

Student Absence

If your child is absent from school, please inform us by either **Audiri** or **phone call**.

You will receive an **SMS Message** from **NPS** if your child is an unexplained absence by 10.30am each morning.

Please **reply** with a **return SMS** with a reason for the absence, so we can adjust our absence records.

We have a new Education Management System which allows us to send these SMS messages ...



Dress up as your favourite sports player/team colours day!

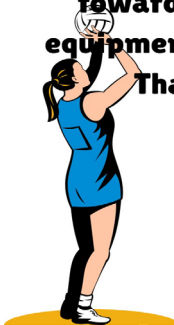


Come dressed in your favourite team colours or as your favourite sports player on the last day of Term 2

[5th of July, Friday week 10]

Please bring a gold coin donation to go towards purchasing new class sports equipment for recess and lunch time play.

Thank you, from the NPS SRC



Next week signifies the end of the first semester as we complete a remarkably busy first half of the year. It is amazing how much we have achieved and how much the students have developed in their learning over this period.

Last week we had our new reception students complete two days of transition ready for next term. It is a significant cohort to be starting mid-year, taking our total number of receptions at the school to 62 students! Ms Gill will now have her class and is very much looking forward to working in her space and being part of the Pond team.

Electronic Sign In and Sign Out

We now have an electronic sign in and sign out computer in the front office as part of the EMS rollout. Parents can sign their children in and out as they arrive. If students are late, it is important that they sign in, otherwise they may still be recorded as absent.

At about 10:30 each day, the primary parent of any students still recorded as absent without communication will receive a text message alerting you of the absence. A response to this message will be received by the admin staff and reflected on

the roll book. We thank you for your patience as we implement updated technology and processes.

Reports

As indicated in the letter sent home earlier this week, reports will be done electronically through EMS. On Friday 5th July, the reports will be published through the community portal and emailed to parents. We are using far more user-friendly technology this year; however, the template options are limited in this first iteration. We are aware there may be large amounts of white space on your child's report due to formatting restrictions. However, we are doing our part for the environment by going digital!

Community Portal

Shortly you will receive an email inviting you to the Community Portal. This is where the reports will be 'held' should you wish to access at any time. This will also give you the opportunity to check and change student and family details. We are aware that in the migration over from EDSAS to EMS, some family information is missing or inaccurate. Having parents check this will be much appreciated. You will only be able to access your own information which is restricted to you.

Over time, this portal will give parents the opportunity to update absence reasons directly. We are aware that this seems like yet another app, tool etc, however, over time the portal will replace existing apps and communication methods.

We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this transition period.

Kiss and Drop Area

The Kiss and drop area and central car park are a service that the school provides to parents to be able to have better access to the school. However, during the afternoons with high traffic flow and large amounts of students in the vicinity, there have been a few close calls. The school does not have an obligation to provide parking facilities for families and community members. It is therefore important that the area is used safely so as not to pose an injury risk to students.

I have been working with the Governing Council and the grounds sub-committee to look at how we can improve safety in the area. As a result, we will soon install improved signage in the area and create clearly marked designated student crossing areas. Parents will be expected to follow the signage so that this service can continue safely.

Parent Workshops

In response to a request from the Governing Council and parents, we will be running two parent workshops in Term 3. One will have a Maths focus and will be presented by the Mathematics Association of SA, the other will focus on reading, spelling, and morphology and how it is taught at Naracoorte PS from R-6. Look out for information about these workshops, especially the Maths session, as that will be early in the term.

Yr 5 and 6 Camps

Both the Year 5 and Year 6 camp will take place at the same time, Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th September. You will soon receive initial information about these camps and a reply slip to indicate your child's attendance. These numbers will assist with more detailed planning.

Key Dates

Some Key dates to be aware of for next term:

Monday 22nd July – Term 3 starts

Friday 9th August – Portfolio Pupil Free Day

Next week school will conclude on Friday July 5th at 2:25pm. Buses will run one hour before the usual time.

It has been a very productive term but as the cold weather and hopefully rain sets in, it is a timely opportunity for a break and children to recharge their batteries. Sam has put together some ideas about what to do with your children in Winter to keep them active. Don't forget the power of reading with and to your children. Being creative in the kitchen and cooking something together as well as playing board games with your children are also incredibly powerful. I wish you all a great break and look forward to seeing you all back next term and a special welcome to our new receptions.





Library News

★ Birthday Book Club

We have celebrated 7 more birthdays...

Hattie Schinckel, Alby and Benji Finch turned 6; David Zanol celebrated his 12th birthday; Levi Fedusio turned 11; Henry Thring celebrated his 9th birthday and Everley Motteram turned 9 ½



Alby Finch



Benji Finch



David Zanol



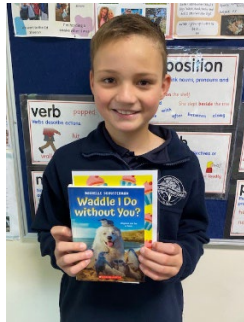
Hattie Schinckel



Henry Thring



Everley Motteram



Levi Fedusio

Happy birthday and happy reading everyone!

REMINDER...Please return overdue books

Book Give-away

Our student book give-away is happening next Tuesday, 2nd July at recess and lunchtime.

Therefore, this is your last chance to donate **pre-loved books**, that are in good condition and are **suitable for primary school students**. Donations would be gratefully received and can be dropped off at the front office or library, before Tuesday.



Here are just a few of the books ready to be given away next Tuesday. Thanks to everyone who has donated!

ASPIRE AWARDS 2024



Jackson Baldock
For an increased growth-mindset towards your learning and mature contributions in guided reading. You demonstrated excellent leadership in your role as Chairperson in our class meeting.
Mrs Mott/Schroder



William James
For his kindness toward others, completing tasks with quiet determination and positivity.
Mrs Smith



Chelsea Meynell
For completing tasks in a timely manner, her willingness to help others and her boundless energy and offers of help.
Mrs Smith



Harry Miller
For applying yourself to all set tasks, taking pride in your work and persisting with your reading! Keep it up.
Mrs McConnell



Jensen Sinclair
For flipping his thinking and engaging more quickly in writing tasks.
Mrs Smith



Bladen Owen
For always conducting himself maturely with fun and focus.
Mrs Mahoney



Amaya Watts
For being brave to give an oral presentation about dingoes to the class.
Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel



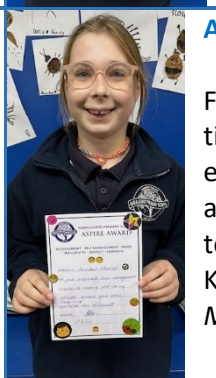
Jesse Sinclair
For delivering an outstanding oral presentation on crocodiles. What a star!
Mrs McInnes Library



Alice Mott
For consistently demonstrating kindness, compassion and respect towards your classmates. You bring so much to our lessons.
Mrs Andrews



Honey Makirere
For a beautifully descriptive and emotive poem about war.
Mrs Mahoney



Annabel Menzel
For your improved time management, expressive reading and caring attitude towards your peers! Keep it up!
Mrs McConnell



Harlow Jerrick-Stone
For approaching each day with enthusiasm and a willingness to try her best. Keep it up Harlow.
Mrs Flint



Nylah Thomson
For the great progress you are making with your reading. Well done!
Mr Wallis



Edward Agnew
For great participation in Maths lessons, becoming more independent completing tasks and developing the confidence to explain his thinking. Well done.
Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy



Lucy Schinckel
For your commitment to learning the Indonesian numbers. Bagus sekali!
Mrs Andrews

ASPIRE AWARDS 2024



Ariya Choosilp

For enthusiastic participation in basketball sessions. Your determination to get the ball was great to see! I loved seeing your smile!!
Mrs Wirper & Mrs Andrews



Keanu Naylor

For applying himself in class and effectively using self-management strategies. Keep it up!
Ms Turci & Ms Burrows



Matilda Langeluddecke

For showing great enthusiasm towards her learning and demonstrating good sound knowledge. Well done.
Mrs McCarthy



Ava McCarthy Lottie Legoe

School Sport SA
Sapsasa State Championship
Certificate of Participation
Swimming



Alara Malone, Tommy Woosnam, Kyrin Pettman, Ruby Kelly, Alexis Bytheway, Alice Mott

School Sport SA
Sapsasa State Championship
Certificate of Participation
Cross Country



Casey Henderson, Angus Norcock, Digby Wight, Tommy Woosnam, Frazier Brodie

School Sport SA
Sapsasa State Championship
Certificate of Participation
Football



Alice Fry

For taking pride in all that you do. Your history project on "Steve Irwin" was informative and engaging.
Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder



April Dunkin

Quicksmart
Certificate of Merit
For completing facts of 3!
*Romi Eckermann
SSO*



Aliya Lusher

For working enthusiastically, remaining on task, being friendly toward others and smiling always.
Mrs Smith



George Wight

For finding interesting and detailed information about platypus during library lessons and delivering an outstanding oral presentation to the class. Well done George!
Mrs McInnes



Violet Bennett

For your increased confidence to share your broad general knowledge with me and your peers! Well done Violet!
Mrs McConnell



Tennyson Chalmers

For sharing his ideas and answers with the class in both English and Maths. Your insights are invaluable!
Mr Hallett



Levi Fedusio

For always displaying empathy and kindness to your peers! Your smile is infectious and you bring joy to all around you.
Mrs Schroder & Mrs Mott

ASPIRE AWARDS 2024



Caleb Bennier

Quicksmart
Certificate of Merit
For completing facts
of 2!
*Romi Eckermann
SSO*



Henry Mehlhopt

For being a
superstar! I love
the way you
always listen to
and follow
instructions.
Mr Wallis



Marlena Greenwood

For always following
the ASPIRE values.
We love the effort
you put into
everything you do!
Keep it up!
*Mrs Wirper &
Mrs Andrews*



Paige McRostie

For putting 100%
effort into all set
tasks! Keep up the
great effort!
Mrs McConnell



Jack Le

For your increasing
focus and effort in
learning tasks. Well
done!
*Mrs Fox &
Mrs Schinckel*



Sophie Tate

For always showing
kindness, empathy
and respect for her
peers and teachers.
Thank you!
*Ms Turci &
Ms Burrows*



Benji Finch

For wonderful
participation at
basketball with
Matho and
demonstrating team
work. Well done.
*Mrs Grundy &
Mrs Owen*



Hattie Schinckel

For an amazing effort
during writing lesson.
Using your sound and
special friend
knowledge to write
sentences, using
capital letters, finger
spaces and full stops.
Mrs McCarthy



Brady Shuard

For participating in
Matho basketball
and demonstrating
great team work
when playing tag.
Well done!
Mrs McCarthy

SPORT REPORT

This week some of our students are in Adelaide playing Sapsasa netball at the State Carnival.

Well done Ripley Gould, Ava McCarthy, Ava Maresch, Isabelle Willson, Alivia Bull, Mimi Thomson, Frazier Brodie, Logan Bennett, Casey Henderson, Reggie Mueller, Tommy Woosnam, Hurley Sinclair, Digby Wight and Lachlan Withers. We hope they are having a fabulous time and enjoying the experience!



STEM AMBASSADORS

On the 24th of May, 8 of the Stem Ambassadors visited Naracoorte High School to paint the cubby house that were made and designed with the help of Naracoorte High School Year 12 students. We walked across to the high school, where we got to work painting and building. We painted pictures on the front and we added our handprints as did the Year 12's. On the side we added a beach theme with a crab and shark. On the other side and back we painted the walls blue.

Whilst we were there, we got to choose a Year 12 to work with and pick a job. As the day progressed, we changed over jobs and made sure all tasks got completed.

When we were painting pictures, we drew an outline and then added the detail with paint.

We had left before recess and got back to school by lunchtime.

We all had a great time and it was especially fun talking and bonding with the Year 12's.

We look forward to finishing the cubby and seeing it brought across to our school.

By Rylan Maywald



The STEM Ambassadors have since been researching the South-Eastern Red Tailed Black Cockatoo. Last week the group teamed up with the YELP group and went for a walk through our nature park to identify native tree species such as Stringybark and Buloke trees, which are important habitat and diet sources for the species.

The group also encouraged students to conduct a count over the weekend and look forward to analysing that data.





School Captains – Online Student Forums

Our School Captains have been participating in the online Student Forums with the Chief Executive, Professor Martin Westwell and other students from across the state. At the last forum they explored dispositions and capabilities for learner agency and continued building a set of student action cards. We look forward to this resource being available to all learners in 2025.



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.



Less than two weeks until holidays! What a wonderful term we have had with lots of exciting things happening around the school. I love the cooler weather, especially when I can light a fire and enjoy some hearty winter food. Unfortunately, this colder time of year has also brought with it lots of bugs which is a timely reminder to practice self-care and to keep children home if they are unwell to stop the spread where possible.

Choir

This year, I have the privilege of coordinating the NPS school choir. There are over 30 students in the choir. On Monday, they sang a song at assembly which is wonderful practice to prepare them for upcoming performances at the South East Music Festival in Mount Gambier in October and, for the year 5/6 students, the opportunity to sing at the Adelaide Festival Theatre in September as well. We also have students auditioning to compete and dance in the troupe for the Mount Gambier performance. What a wonderful experience for students to be involved in the arts in SA. A big thank you to Oriel Martyn and Erika Vickery who support our choir and take them for rehearsals each week and to Erika for conducting them at assembly as well.



Wellbeing Ambassadors

This year we have two senior students, Vivian and Ano, who are our Wellbeing Ambassadors. As leaders in the school their job is to promote positive wellbeing for all students. So far this year, they have shared on a number of topics at assembly, including the Play is the Way key concepts and sharing some ideas for students to do for brain breaks in their classrooms. They share to the whole school at assemblies proudly and confidently. Our project next term is to come up with a plan to reduce the litter around the school as a clean environment is something that helps the wellbeing for everyone! They will also be helping plan for whole school activities around Bullying No Way week next term. We will keep you updated!

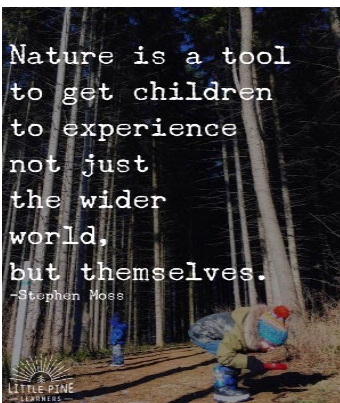


NPS Wellbeing Ambassadors for 2024 – Vivian and Ano

Holidays

I hope the school holidays are a chance for families to recharge and have some relaxation time. It can also be a wonderful time to spend with family, having adventures and creating memories together. I have attached a copy from Nature Play SA called '25 Things to do in Winter' which has lots of fun ideas for family activities to do in the colder weather. They encourage South Australians to 'engage with nature to enrich their lives.' Their website is also a great resource if you would like to check it out. I have attached a link to their website for you [Nature Play SA](#)

In Term 2 and 3 students have the opportunity to have regular playtimes in the nature park where they build cubbies and play games. It has been very popular this term already! Research says that 'not only does regular outdoor play help to encourage a healthy lifestyle, but it can also boost how your child sleeps at night. Fresh air and sunshine can lead to deeper, more regenerative sleep.'



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.

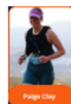
CHANGE OF DETAILS

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

July 4-6, Monivae College, Hamilton

Swim with Paige



State swimmer and now sought-after coach Paige Clay has extensive experience coaching young swimmers at all levels, developing skills to lead swimmers on her team to State and National levels. Originally from Portland, Paige is currently based in Geelong, where she works as a school teacher whilst is training for a 100km Ultra Marathon.

Run with Will



Will Barber is an experienced Accredited Exercise Scientist and Strength and Conditioning Coach based at Gen Health Hamilton. With a profound dedication to optimizing athletic performance, and a track record of helping runners achieve remarkable results, Will has become a sought-after coach for runners of all ages and abilities

Learn how to Fence with Alex



Learn how to Laser Shoot with Kate

2 full days of coaching, with a competition on the final day.
8.30-4.30

Food provided for the kids

PROGRAMME & REGISTRATION

SOUTHWESTPENTATHLON@GMAIL.COM

BOOK IN WITH THE QR CODE



Naracoorte Primary School Community Portal

Community Portal provides caregivers the ability to log into a web application and track how their child/children are progressing at school. The Portal allows the caregiver to view the timetable and academic reports and update data relating to attendance, medical details, and student demographic details. The caregiver is also able to update their contact and address details.

Creating your Community Portal account

When you receive the email, click the link provided, and create your Community Portal account. This link will expire in 7 days. If you do not use this link within the timeframe, please contact the school and we will send you a new one.

You will receive an email inviting you to create an account. This email will be sent from noreply@schools.sa.edu.au Please check your junk/spam folder if you are unable to locate this email.



Your invitation token will automatically populate when you follow the link from the email.

Read and accept the Terms and Conditions

Option 1: The simplest way to create your account is to use your Google credentials. If you do, you will not need to create a Username or Password. Apple ID registration is currently **NOT AVAILABLE**.

Option 2: If you do not have google credentials available, you will need to create a username and password. We suggest using: First Name.Last Name and ensure that you choose a password that you will remember.

Navigating to our Community Portal Homepage

Use this link to login after the initial setup:
<https://desa-portal.civica.education/>
We suggest saving this as a bookmark on your phone or desktop.

Note: If you used your Google credentials, please make sure you sign in using this method.

Community Portal functions

Once you have signed in you will be able to navigate to the Community Portal.

1. Messages allow you to view any notifications you have been sent.

2. To navigate to your child's individual data click on their tile under **My Students**, or select their tile on the dashboard. This includes their Student details, Attendance, Timetable, Academic results and Medical details.

3. Viewing your user profile, updating and viewing your personal details, change your password, enabling/viewing notifications.

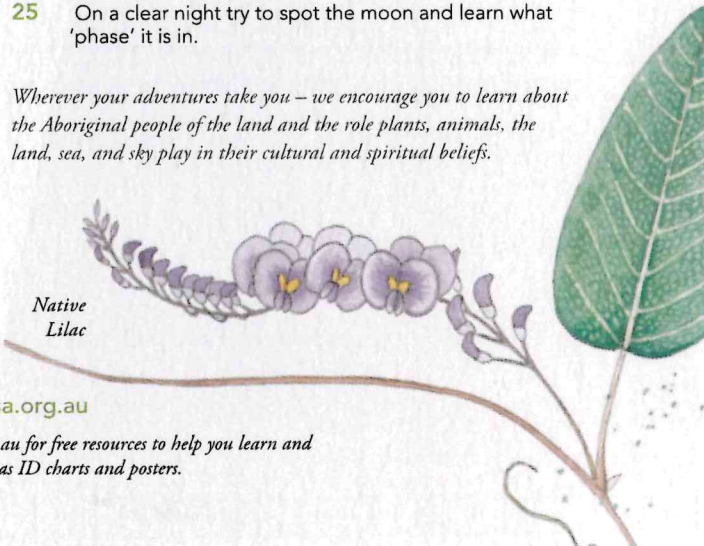


25 things to do in Winter

- 1 Wander a National Park trail, keeping an eye out for wildflowers (such as greenhood orchids) or curious echidnas as they search for a mate
- 2 Explore your local creek in gumboots and rain gear, taking in the earthy smells and sound of flowing water
- 3 Create a mud face on a tree or big piece of bark. Form facial features with sticky mud then add details with flowers, grass and other garden finds
- 4 Walk your local coastline after a storm to see what natural treasure has washed up. Keep an eye out for different shaped sponges, Pt Jackson shark eggs and shells you haven't seen before
- 5 Write a poem or story about how the rain makes you feel
- 6 Go on a snail or slug hunt in your backyard after heavy rains. Draw or paint your discoveries in an art book or nature journal
- 7 Visit South Australia's whale watching regions to see if you can spot a whale. Can you identify what species it is?
- 8 Investigate cubby / wardli building. What natural materials can you find to build your structure and keep the rain out?
- 9 Camp at a National Park and toast marshmallows, make damper or tell stories around a campfire
- 10 Make natural playdoughs (try cinnamon, lavender or lemon) and use them in creative ways: write your name, create a nature scene or incorporate sensory maths!
- 11 Create a living tepee in your yard by digging sticks into the ground, making a tepee big enough to sit in. Plant native climbers at the base, such as the winter-flowering Native Lilac (*Hardenbergia violacea*)
- 12 Walk through a botanic garden, noticing which trees have leaves (evergreen) and which don't (deciduous)
- 13 Make a rain gauge with an empty jar or plastic bottle. If using a plastic bottle, cut it in half and place the spout upside down into the bottom half (like a funnel). Use a permanent marker and ruler to write measurements on the bottle. Place it outside and record your daily rainfall
- 14 Visit a waterfall after heavy rains such as Morialta Falls, Waterfall Gully, or Ingalalla Falls
- 15 As a family, cook hearty soup or bake using winter produce such as apples, lemon, rhubarb, beetroot, broccoli, pumpkin and spinach
- 16 Stroll or bike ride the neighbourhood. See what flowers are blooming, how many nests you can spot in bare trees, or what insects are on the move (such as woolly bear caterpillars)
- 17 Create a nature weaving by tying four sticks together in the shape of a square. Use string to create a series of vertical lines. Collect flowers and leaves and weave them into your frame.
- 18 Spend a morning making potions, stews and mud pies with flowers, leaves, bark and seed pods collected from your backyard or neighbourhood
- 19 Create rain art: take a sheet of thick paper and add drops of watercolour paint or food colouring. Lay your paper flat in a container and leave it in the rain to watch your masterpiece unfold.
- 20 Make a winter shelter for small bugs and critters from twigs and leaves
- 21 Spend a morning gardening, noticing interesting creatures living in the soil such as beetle larva (white grubs in the shape of a 'C')
- 22 Set up a nature display at home with your interesting outdoor winter finds
- 23 Have a picnic in a pine forest and observe the moss, fungi and lichen you find
- 24 Towards the end of winter, visit a local nature patch or National Park to spot Golden Wattle in bloom (Australia's floral emblem and the inspiration behind our National colours)
- 25 On a clear night try to spot the moon and learn what 'phase' it is in.



Dwarf Greenhood



Native Lilac

Wherever your adventures take you – we encourage you to learn about the Aboriginal people of the land and the role plants, animals, the land, sea, and sky play in their cultural and spiritual beliefs.

MONDAY JULY 8	TUESDAY JULY 9	WEDNESDAY JULY 10	THURSDAY JULY 11	FRIDAY JULY 12
<p>In Day Wacky Willy Wonka</p> <p>Arrive by: Returns by:</p> <p>Creative treats, arts, crafts, and wacky activities.</p>	<p>Excursion Kaboom Family Entertainment</p> <p>Arrive by: 8:30am Returns by: 2:00pm</p> <p>Kaboom Family Entertainment with bowling and mini golf; wear sneakers.</p>	<p>In Day OSHC Day Spa</p> <p>Arrive by: Return by:</p> <p>Day spa for homemade face-masks, goodies, and yoga.</p>	<p>In Day NAIDOC Celebrations</p> <p>Arrive by: Return by:</p> <p>NAIDOC week celebration focuses on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and activities.</p>	<p>Excursion The Sheep's Back Museum</p> <p>Arrive by: 10:00am Return by: 2:00pm</p> <p>A guided tour of the Sheep's Back Museum.</p>
				
MONDAY JULY 15	TUESDAY JULY 16	WEDNESDAY JULY 17	THURSDAY JULY 18	FRIDAY JULY 19
<p>In Day Party Time</p> <p>Arrive by: Return by:</p> <p>Party day with games, treats, and arts and crafts.</p>	<p>Excursion Naracoorte Library</p> <p>Arrive by: 9:00am Return by: 3:00pm</p> <p>Come along to the local library to participate in some arts and crafts.</p>	<p>In Day STEM Extravaganza</p> <p>Arrive by: Return by:</p> <p>STEM Extravaganza features a range of STEM activities, from Lego challenges to crazy science experiments.</p>	<p>Excursion Naracoorte Town Hall</p> <p>Arrive by: 9:00am Return by: 3:00pm</p> <p>Relax in comfort at the Oatmill Cinemas. Pack some snacks!</p>	<p>In Day Super Mario Mayhem</p> <p>Arrive by: Return by:</p> <p>Super Mario Mayhem with games, activities, arts, crafts, cooking, and experiments.</p>
				

Do you need somewhere for your children through school holidays?

We still have some spaces available for our Vacation care program.

We can enrol children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Fees are \$92 through school holidays but can apply for childcare subsidy to reduce that.

We are open 8am-6pm through school holidays

<https://www.happyhaven.sa.edu.au/>



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