



NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 ~ Tuesday 27th August, 2024

Coming Events

AUGUST

28th – Year 3/4 Cook Out

29th – Combined Choir Rehearsal

30th – Maths Games Afternoon, 2.30pm

SEPTEMBER

2nd – Book Fair (all week)

5th – Strikers Cricket Clinics

6th – SAPSASA Basketball Regional Final, Mt Gambier

9th – Finance & Governing Council Meeting

12th – School Photos

13th – Adelaide Choir Rehearsal and Performance

16th – SAPSASA Athletics

16th – Parent Literacy Evening, 6.30pm

17th – 20th – Year 5 & 6 School Camps

25th – NPS Has Got Talent

What a busy term we have had so far! The Book Week celebrations were great and it was fantastic to see so many great outfits representing so many book characters. The creativity of parents continues to amaze me! Thank you to our wonderful Librarian, Fiona McInnes, for having lots of activities throughout the week and all the staff for supporting.

The students also had a great time at the disco on Wednesday night. Big thanks to the fundraising committee and particularly Anna, Caroline, Naomi, Ash and Bron for not only organising the disco, but being there to help with setting up, collecting money, setting up supper and being generally super enthusiastic for the event! The students had a ball and really appreciated your efforts.

Two weeks ago we celebrated Science Week with lots of great activities including Science quizzes, a fossil hunt and lunch time experiments. Thanks to Mrs James for organizing these events.

It was also 'bullying no way' week with daily activities to promote the understanding of positive social behaviour.

Regional Education Gathering

On August 9th, all education staff in the Blue Lake and Wrattobully Partnership gathered for one of the biggest events held in the South East. Over 900 educators got the opportunity to listen to CE Martin Westwell and well-renown educational expert, Pasi Sahlberg, speak.

Pasi spoke about the positive direction of education in SA being focused around developing the child holistically. He embedded strong research around three key factors to improve outcomes and the wellbeing of young people. These include:

- The concept of teacher looping- children having the same teacher for more than one year to develop stronger relationships.
- Building relationships through recess and free play- the idea of being creative with school timetables to allow breaks for play and relationship building.
- Belonging – creating ways to create a sense of belonging in schools.

These messages were echoed by Martin Westwell when he spoke about the connection between higher performing students and their sense of belonging to school, relationship with teachers and their ability to persevere and be creative.

TERM 3

Canteen Roster

Friday 30th August

Jane Woosnam, Tanya Biggins

Friday 6th September

Emma Rasheed

Friday 13th September

Julie Henderson



SCHOOL PHOTOS

THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Individual photo envelopes have been sent home with students. Extra individual student envelopes and family photo envelopes are available from the Front Office.

Please return all envelopes to your class teacher.

Please ensure your student arrives at school on time and in correct school uniform.



At Naracoorte PS, we follow these principles and value the above elements of education. We will continue to be innovative in the ways we can continue to develop these ideas.

SSO week

Last week, we celebrated SSO week and more importantly, celebrated and thanked the amazing work our SSOs do each and every day. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring group of people to support our school and children.

Welcome

This term we welcomed our new Mid Year Reception students: Clarence Amos, Oscar Bell, Ollie Bennier, Anita Chasowa, Jack Davies, Alex Donnelly, Ty Donnelly, Harvey Dowdy, Henry Gill, Grace Gould, Chase Kovac, Julia Legoe, Jett Malone, Addy Martin, Sharice Martin, Dawn Martin, Hendrix Paisley, Hunter Pye, Cooper Spratt, Matilda Stratford, Liam Sullivan, Kobi Tuiavii, Isabelle Vine, Johnny Watts, Max Williams and Arthur Zilm. We hope you and your families are enjoying your time at NPS.

I would like to welcome a new SSO to our team, Ms Hayley Braendler, who will be supporting students for a few days per week.

Welcome also to our new students starting this week, Ellie Harrop (Yr 6) and Reggie Bell (Reception). We hope your first week has been great.

Literacy Evening

On **Monday 16th September from 6:30-8:00pm**, we will be holding a Literacy evening to share current literacy practices and how parents can support literacy at home. Presented by Literacy Guarantee Unit Coach, Jo Culf, and school staff, we are hoping this informative session will help parents to have a greater understanding of how literacy learning looks at school in the current era from Reception to Year 6.

Optional Interviews

As per our reporting policy, parents are welcome to ask their child's teacher for a progress interview in week 8 (9th-13th September). Please make contact with your child's teacher/s via Dojo, phone or email should you wish to have an interview. Teachers may also request an interview with parents in which case you will receive a personal invite.

Progressive Achievement Testing

Students from Yr 2-6 will be involved in PAT assessments in Reading and Maths during the last four weeks of term. There is only one test for each subject and they are completed online in the child's class. The results are used internally to look at student progress and areas of strength and development across a cohort.

Maths Afternoon

As part of Literacy and Numeracy week, we will be having a Maths afternoon, where parents, grandparents and significant others are invited to join in. This will be held on **Friday 30th August from 2:30- 3:15pm**. We look forward to a math-magical afternoon!

School Camps

The Year 5 and 6 camps are not far away! On Tuesday September 17th, students in Year 5 will head East to Ballarat and the Year 6s will head west to Adelaide as part of the 2024 camp program. I am sure they will have an amazing experience!

Australian Rural Leaders Program

From Monday September 2nd I will be away for two weeks as part of the Australian Rural Leaders Program. This has been an amazing experience to connect with and share ideas with leaders from all over Australia in various industries representing rural and regional communities. This will be my final 'away' session of the program. During my absence, Andrea Lawrie will be Acting Principal with Samantha Gale supporting her.



2024 Parent Survey

The annual parent survey is underway and closes midnight Sunday 8 September. For more information please visit the [department's website](#).

This survey aims to get your views on:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you as a parent/carer.

Your answers won't identify you or your child and only collated feedback is provided to our school.

You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder emails are currently being sent to you unless you have completed a survey or have unsubscribed.

Please take the time to complete the survey, this is valuable information for our school. If you cannot find the previously sent link, then please use this one:

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/F6ky4xejlZuffkckBZlt5g2>





Pancake Breakfast

This term, we had our mid-term pancake breakfast celebration on the same day as Book Week dress up day. It was lovely to see so many families joining us for a yummy breakfast and staying to watch the parade afterwards. Thank you to Sophie from The Coffee Pit for providing the early morning hot drinks for everyone. Another big thank you to all the staff and parents who helped to mix, cook and serve so many pancakes! Make sure you check out our Facebook post to see lots more photos of pancake breakfast and Book Week parade.



The Resilience Project

We are looking into implementing the Primary Wellbeing Program from The Resilience Project in 2025. This will replace some of the older wellbeing programs we have been using and ensure that we use the latest research and up to date resources and strategies to support out students and their wellbeing. This is an evidence-based program that is tailored to each year level. It is centered on The Resilience Project’s core principles – Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy. A Resilience Project School Partnership Manager will be supporting staff and students with the program. I am excited to see the program in action! If you would like to know more about The Resilience Project, please click on the link below.



[The Resilience Project](#)

Bullying No Way Week of Action

The students did a variety of classroom activities over the week that focused on five principles of challenging stereotypes, promoting empathy, embracing diversity, developing positive relationships and knowing where to get help. A big thank you to the Wellbeing Ambassadors, Ange Donnelly, and all the House captains who did a great job to organise and run fun activities as a part of our Bullying No Way Week of Action last Friday. This year the theme was Everyone Belongs. In school, belonging is like a superpower against bullying. It’s what brings us together, makes us stronger, and helps us understand and support each other.





SSO Week

Last week we celebrated SSO Week where we acknowledged the wonderful work our support staff do to help our leaders, teachers and students each and every day. We know that our school would be lost without them and we are so lucky to have such a fantastic group that go above and beyond to share their time, skills and knowledge. They had a special pub lunch on Thursday and then a yummy morning tea on Friday as a small token of our appreciation. The cards from the students were a highlight and a big thank you to Anne Sears for donating delicious scones with jam and cream.



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.

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.



Library News

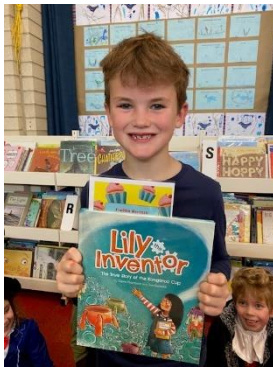
Birthday Book Club

We have celebrated 4 more birthdays.

Ruby Kelly turned 10; Freddie Norcock celebrated his 8th birthday; Henry Olsen and Spencer Motteram turned 11



Ruby Kelly



Freddie Norcock



Henry Olsen



Spencer Motteram

Happy
birthday
and happy
reading
everyone!



Scholastic Book Fair

2nd – 6th September
Held in the STEM building
before and after school
during week 7

- An exciting event that engages children and promotes literacy.
- Affordable books to suit every reading level and interest.
- A fun opportunity for children to see, touch and connect with books they want to read.
- Generous commissions—every book sold at the Book Fair earns **NEW** books for our school.

BOOK FAIR “WISH LIST”

Traditionally, classes have visited the fair and students have filled in a “Wish List”. Teachers explain to students that this **does not mean they will be getting these books**. Instead, it is an opportunity to talk with their parents about the books they like and decide whether buying them is an option, or not. Some parents have then used the Wish List to pay online or send the correct amount of money to school if they cannot attend the fair in person.

If you would not like your child to fill in a Wish List, please contact Ange Donnelly or Fiona McInnes before the Book Fair. Thankyou.

BOOK WEEK "READING IS MAGIC"



These books have been donated to classes to commemorate our amazing and fun dress-up day

Our extended school
community came together
during Shared Reading





A magical week at NPS celebrating the magic of books. Thanks to everyone for your participation!

ASPIRE AWARDS 2024



Everley Motteram

For your can do attitude. It's great to see you challenging yourself with your learning and always putting in 100%. Great job Everley.
Mrs Flint



Leo Bull

For your consistent efforts to improve your reading. Keep it up!
Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel



Mr Wallis' Class

For respectfully listening and participating during our author visit to the library. Your questions were thoughtful and interesting.
Mrs McInnes



Toby Copping

For achieving excellent results in your weekly spelling checkouts. The improvement you are making is fantastic!
Mr Hallett



Isaac Cooper

For your enthusiasm and 100% participation in music/dancing lessons.
Mrs McConnell



Hunter Crozier

For always showing respect to those around you. I love seeing you model the ASPIRE values.
Mr Wallis



April Dunkin

For demonstrating more independence when working on tasks. Keep up the great work.
Mrs Schroder



George Wight

For your determined effort to do your best at everything you do. What a great attitude! Keep it up!
Mrs Wirper & Mrs Andrews



Eddie Dix

For your fantastic participation in all Word Study activities.
Mr Wallis



Isabelle Vine

For being brave and participating in all activities in Indonesian lessons.
Mrs Andrews



Aorra Choosilp

For being brave in Word Study and using your big voice to share your ideas. Great work!
Annabelle SSO



Darcy Hurrell

For fantastic progress with your reading, recognising Red Words and Special Friends with increased confidence and fluency.
Mrs Owen



Jensen Sinclair

For being such an enthusiastic and vibrant member of your class. You bring such positive energy. Well done.
Mrs Donnelly



Sienna Moss

For your enthusiasm to read and complete all tasks and your willingness to help others.
Mrs McConnell



Whitney Donnelly

For following our class code of conduct, the ASPIRE values and for always being willing to help others – including me!
Mrs McConnell

ASPIRE AWARDS 2024



Ava Mc Murtie

For making a solid start to your learning at NPS. You give everything a go and ask for help when you need it. Great job Ava!
Mrs Flint



Keira McPhail

For always listening carefully and working consistently. Striving to achieve her best. Well done.
Mrs Owen and Mrs Grundy



Caleb Bennier

For working well with others and striving to do his BEST.
Mrs Mahoney



Isla Slotegraaf

For working conscientiously and building resilience to tackle new challenges.
Mrs Mahoney



Shannon Martin

For completing facts of 5.
Romi Eckermann SSO



Halle Ingenito

For always putting in effort to do her best with all her learning.
Mrs Fox & Mrs Schinckel



Harry Walter

For great participation and sharing of knowledge during our Science Week quizzes. Great job!
Mrs Wirper & Mrs Andrews



Henry Gill

For great participation and enthusiasm in morning circle.
Miss Gill



Poppy Thring

For demonstrating outstanding dedication towards all areas of your learning. You are always kind and a terrific role model for your peers.
Mrs Mott & Mrs Schroder



Ty Donnelly

For a fabulous start to school being a good self manager and engaging in all learning experiences. Well done!
Mrs McCarthy



Suravatee Phin

For wonderful reading practise, you are always willing to have a go and have made great progress. Well done.
Mrs Owen & Mrs Grundy



Max Hilton

For being a great mathematician to model, represent and explain his thinking when working on worded problems.
Mrs McCarthy



Tex Logan

For his wonderful work ethic, great attitude, "can do" thinking and friendly manner.
Mrs Smith



Tommy Woosnam

For your persistence and perseverance shown in our maths 'Box Challenge'. Your bravery and willingness to always have a go is a great strength.
Mrs Schroder & Mrs Mott



Pippa Rasheed

For being a great role model in class. Pippa regularly completes her work and encourages others to do the same. Well done Pippa!
Mrs Flint

ASPIRE AWARDS 2024



Ryder Sayers

For always applying 100% effort to all tasks, listening carefully to instructions and your peers and being a thoughtful and caring class member.
Mrs McConnell



Ella Binet

for greater concentration, taking pride in her work and being a friendly class member.
Mrs Smith
Certificate of Merit
Completing facts of 5.
Romi Eckermann
SSO



Alexandra Phelan

For some amazing results in her weekly spelling tests. Keep up your willingness to improve!
Mr Hallett



Hunter Pye

For being brave and having an enthusiastic attitude towards starting school.
Miss Gill



Ella Winslow

For always doing her best and demonstrating great self-management skills. Well done Ella.
Mrs Owen &
Mrs Grundy



Duan Van Zyl

For always participating in your learning and demonstrating kindness towards class mates. Well done!
Mrs McCarthy

COMMUNITY NEWS

JOIN IN THE FUN!

naracoorte Cricket Club
Wortley Oval
Starting - Wednesday 23rd October, 4 - 5pm
8 Sessions

[PLAY CRICKET](#)

COME & TRY BASEBALL

Come and give the great game of Baseball a try at no cost! Ages 8+ and adults welcome.

Date: 08/09/24
Time: 12pm - 2pm
@ Memorial Oval
More information to come on the day!

Find us on Facebook @ Naracoorte Rangers Baseball Club



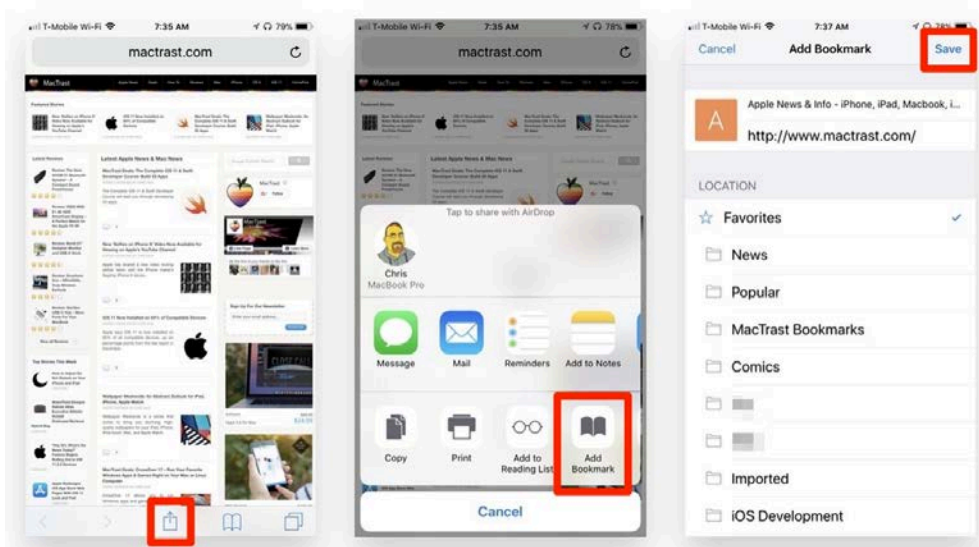
Using Community Portal

As you are aware from previous communication we are now using Community Portal. The Community Portal can be used for submitting Absences, viewing Attendance data, viewing your students Academic Reports, these options can all be viewed under the My Student tab.

We have also added another new feature to the Community Portal and this is the School Calendar. This can be viewed under the School tab. Here you can go through each day to view upcoming events.

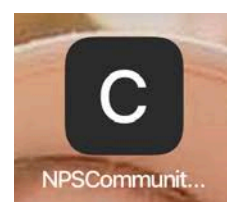
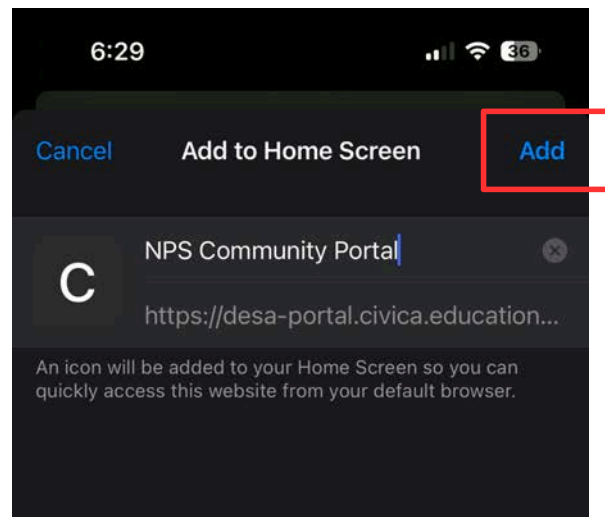
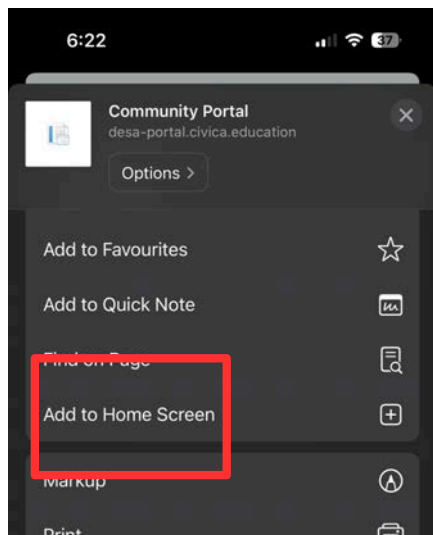
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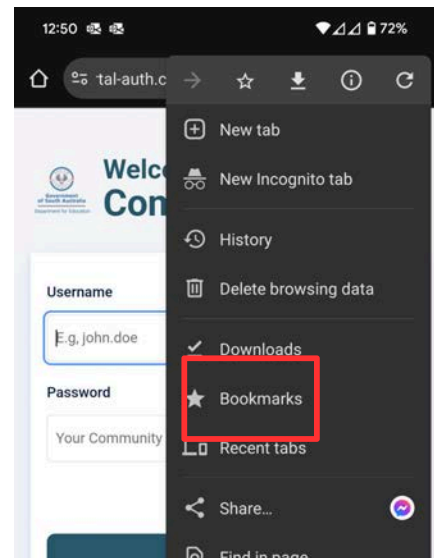
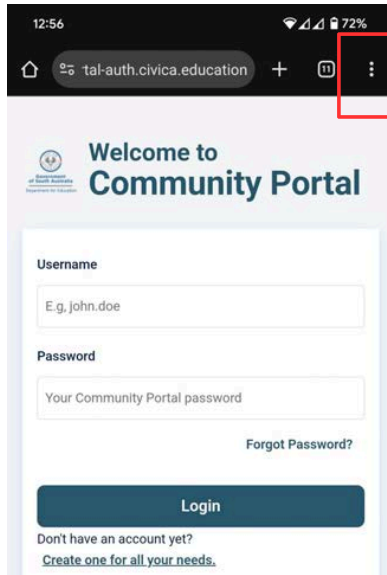


This is how the "app icon" will appear on your home page.



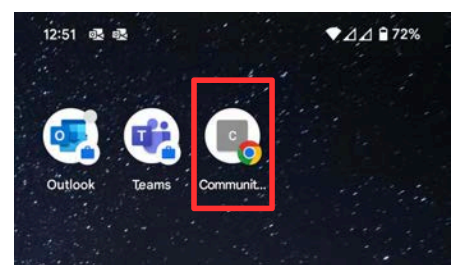
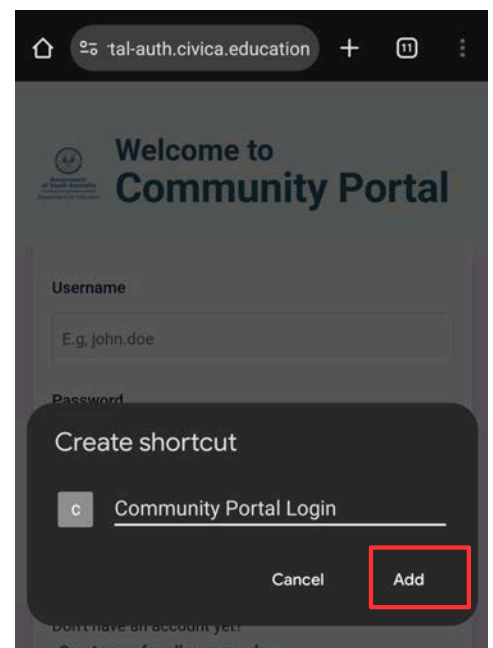
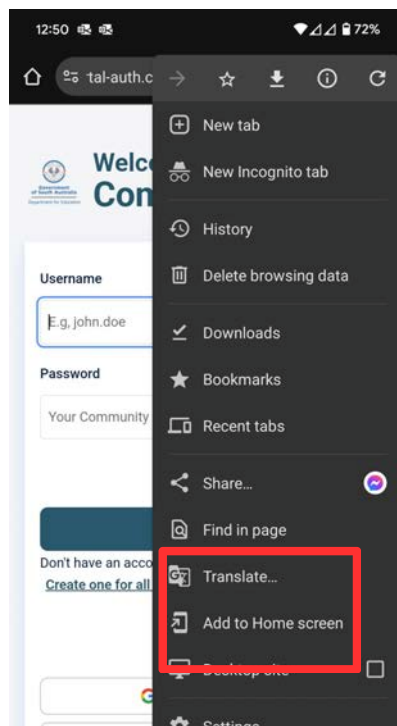
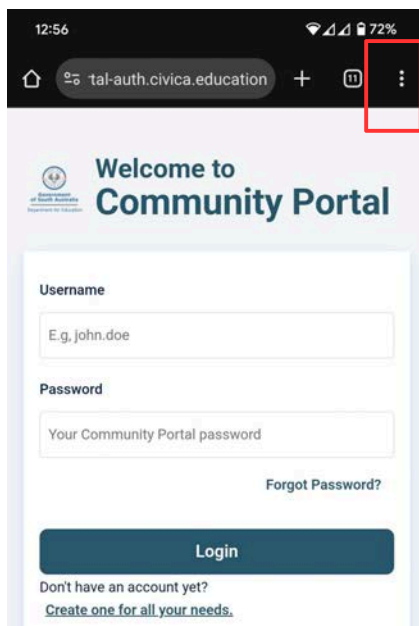
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What can I see in Community Portal

In Community Portal when you log in it will come up with Welcome (Parent Name) then have My Student. This has their photo and name (see photo 1). If you click on your student you can then click on Attendance and this will show their attendance summary with a pie graph of the break down (photo 2). If you then scroll to the right you can click on Academic Results and this will show your students school reports. (Photo 3) We will communicate with families as we add more options.

Community Portal
Photo 1

logo

Welcome, [Redacted]

My Student

[Redacted] 93% Attendance

Request an Absence

Community Portal
Photo 2

Home > Student > Attendance

Overview **Attendance** Timetable Academic

Attendance Summary
(Last Update: 16/08/2024 02:30 am)

Present	93.16 %
Partially Absent	2.56 %
Absent	4.27 %
Passive	0 %
Unsubmitted	0 %

Valid for data submitted up until yesterday

Community Portal
Photo 3

Home > Student > Academic Results

Timetable **Academic Results** Medical Details

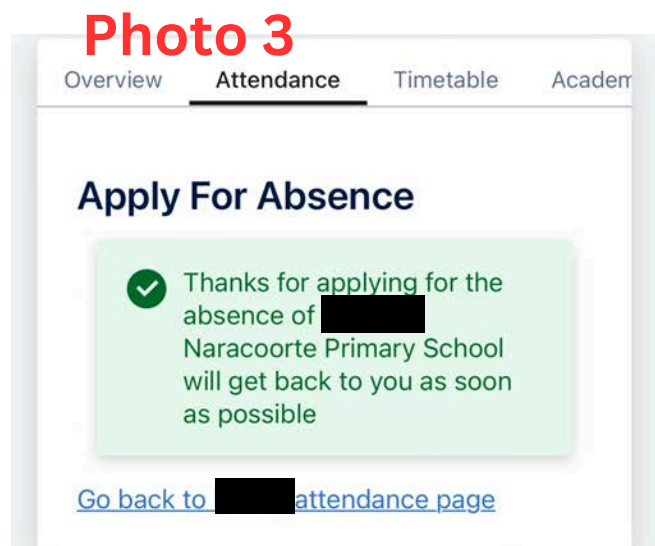
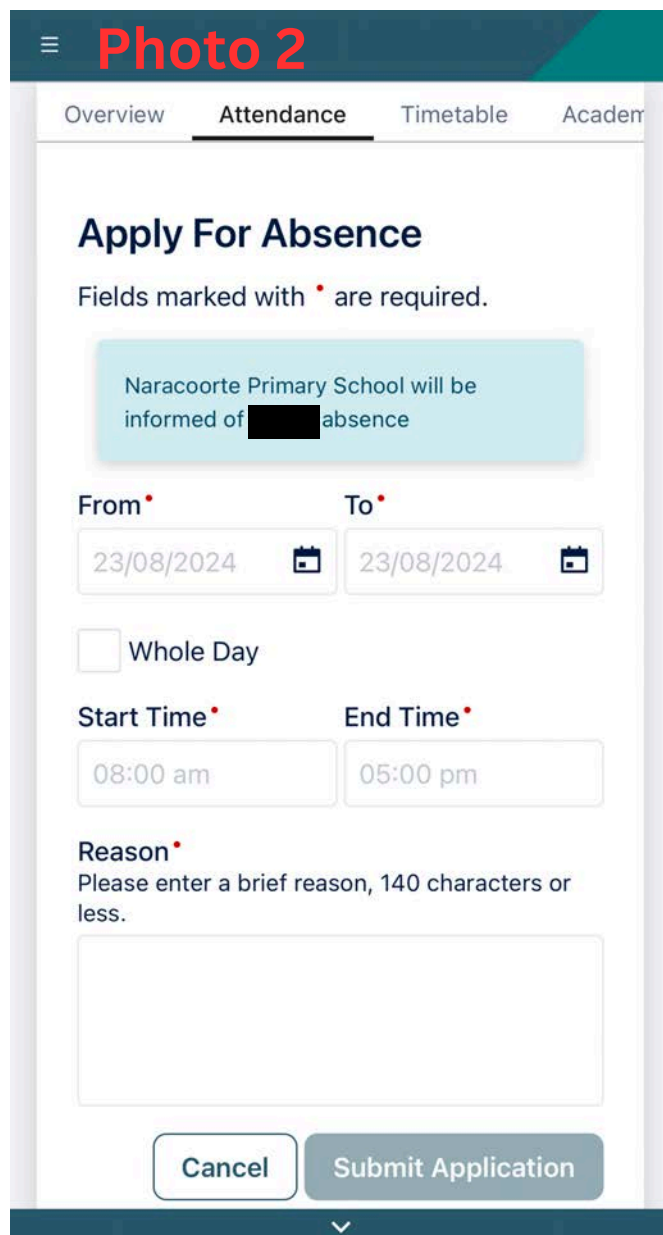
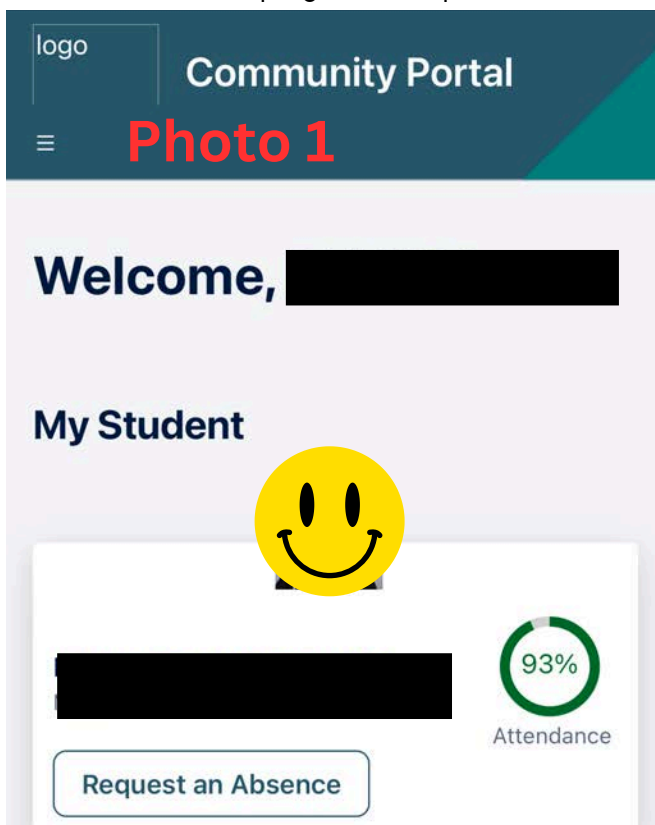
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Requesting an Absence...

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Community Portal now has our School Calendar

We have now started using the School Calendar function within Community Portal. This can be found under the school tab, the calendar shows day by day. Unfortunately at the moment the button to "Add to Calendar" is not working correctly but we have requested this be resolved asap so that families will have the option to add it to your own calendar on your phone.

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