

# NARACORTE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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### From the Principal .... Sharing the good news!

#### Welcome

We would like to welcome to our school Amity Wieland who has joined Mrs Legoe's class. We wish you a very happy and productive education at NSPS.

#### Book Week

We had a fantastic turn out for our book week parade and breakfast! I just love seeing students (and staff!) celebrating by dressing as their favourite book characters in the parade. Margie did an excellent job decorating the library to reflect this years' theme 'Find your treasure' and classes all created a display around one of the shortlisted books for 2018. Well done to our super organised literacy committee who planned the events for the week.



#### Student free day

Thank you for supporting our student free day last week. These days are invaluable for training and development in line with our site improvement plan to occur. We enjoyed a very productive day ensuring teachers are making the most of the information gained from running records and are setting effective goals with students that align with the reading continuum.

#### Year 5 camp

Thank you to Mrs Lane and Mrs Brighton who have organised an action - packed camp to Adelaide for our year 5 students! We will return to school by 4:30pm tomorrow.

#### Special Projects committee

We are looking for more members to join our special projects committee, who's role is to co-ordinate projects around the grounds and buildings. We are



### Diary Dates

**Friday 31st August**

Rm 12 & 13 Excursion

**Sunday 2nd September**

Father's Day

**Monday 3rd September**

Book Fair

Forensic Science for Year 3-7

**7.00pm** Governing Council Meeting

**Wednesday 5th September**

**11.45am** Music is Fun performance

**3.30pm** Fundraising meeting

**Thursday 6th September**

School Photos

**Sunday 9th September**

**9.00am** Working Bee

**Monday 10th September**

**5.00-7.00pm** McDonalds Fundraiser

**10.30am** Bounce & Bop

**Tuesday 11th September**

F-5 Cricket Clinic

**Thursday 13th September**

**10.30am** Bounce & Bop

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**Friday 14th September**

**10.00am** F-3 Assembly

**Monday 17th September**

**3.45pm** Sports Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 19th September**

Pasta Special Lunch

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currently working on our nature play space for upper primary students as well as planting fruit trees and installing totem poles in the gardens. If this is something you can see yourself being part of, please contact myself or convenor Troy Henschke to have a chat.

### Working bee

Our next working bee to work on the above projects as well as several others will be held on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September from 9-12. As usual a BBQ and refreshments will be provided. Invites went home earlier in the week but as always, we welcome anyone who is able to lend a hand.

### Upper Primary Nature Play Space

We have just taken delivery of two 'pods' for the UP play space- one is pre-woven while the other is a simple frame that the students can weave with different materials of their choice. Already some of our students have started experimenting with materials.

### SAPSASA Basketball

Well done to our SAPSASA Basketball team who competed admirably in the Mount Gambier carnival last week. A big thank you to Mrs Lane and our many parents for their support.



### Walker Learning

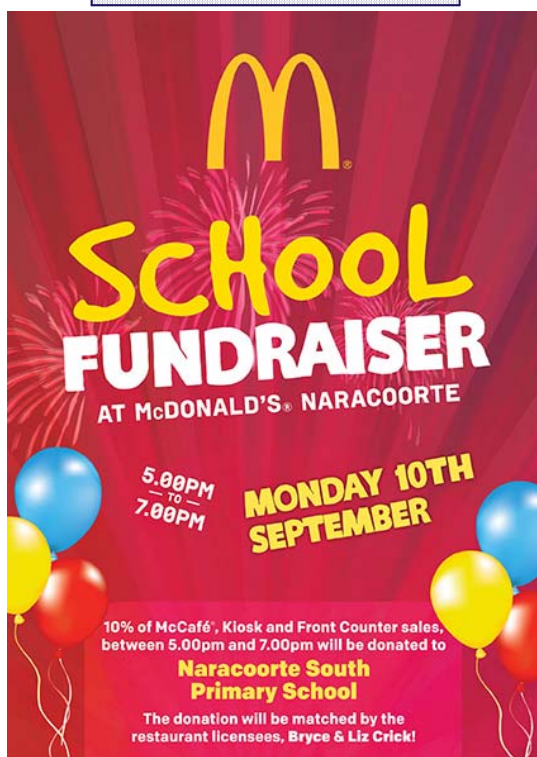
Play and active investigation are important for developing self-regulation as well as for promoting language, cognition and social competence in children of all ages.

Children are more highly motivated to learn and sustain their own learning if they are engaged through opportunities to make authentic choices.

Providing a range of learning environments offers children opportunities to practise how to make decisions, initiate ideas, persist, find out, try again, take risks, explore and research in a range of ways.

Deaken – I am making a box for Anastasia. There is a present inside.

### Fundraising



Dinner is sorted for Monday 10th September.

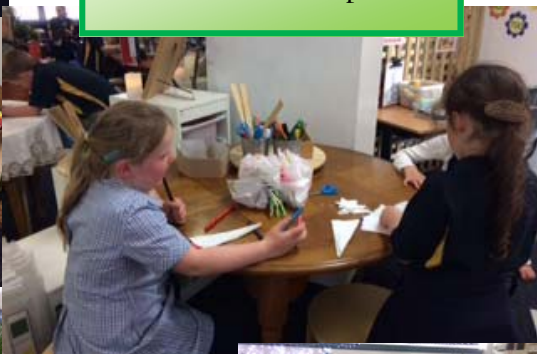
Get down to McDonalds Naracoorte.

All eat in and take away meals included. No drive through. Lucky squares sold in store. Activities for kids. Thanks to Bryce & Liz Crick of Naracoorte McDonalds

### Kirsty



Asiah – I am making a treasure box and a phone.



Ruby - I made a book. It is called We go for a Walk.



### Deputy News

#### KIC

Our intention for this fortnight is "Developing the Art of Conversation"

The KIC Executive discussed how developing conversational skills is a must when getting along with others. Developing the ability to say things in the right way and at the right time does not come easily for everyone. Some people are able to create natural and engaging conversations while others are not so sure what to say, how to say it and whether others will be interested in the subject. They also discussed how to make a conversation interesting:

- Firstly begin by saying 'excuse me' or 'hello'. At other times you will find that someone will ask you a question or make a comment. This usually means they want a conversation with you.
- Then smile and use a pleasant voice
- Look at their face and turn your body towards them. Follow up on what they have said, or say something about what is happening around you.
- Take turns to listen and to speak. A conversation is about sharing, and this means staying on the topic.
- Conversations flow more easily when connectors and comments are used.

While this may seem natural to most adults, it is a skill we need to teach children so they are able to start and maintain a conversation in an appropriate manner. This will in turn assist them in making and keeping friends.



The **KIC Executive** have been approached by a member of our community to hold a fundraiser to raise money for drought affected areas. While they thought this was a very important cause, they were also concerned that with camps, school photos and other fundraisers coming up, that it wasn't fair to ask families for yet another donation.

Instead they have decided to donate \$200 from our KIC budget towards this very beneficial cause. This way we can still donate money without having to continually hit the pockets of our families!

#### NAPLAN Online

Yesterday we held our NAPLAN Online trials. Thankfully it all went very smoothly! These trials are not assessed so we are unable to access the data from the trial. It is designed to be a trial that tests the capability of our school/computer system to manage this version of NAPLAN testing. All being well we will be able to complete online tests as targeted in 2019. Our Year 4 and 6 students have now had the benefit of using the online system as a practise so hopefully NAPLAN next year will not seem so daunting!

#### NETBALL

Our two netball teams have now completed their season. They had a fantastic time and built upon their netball skills each week. To see the progress that they made has been amazing! We had our big netball carnival a few weeks ago which was a fantastic night. The weather was very kind to us and the kids had a ball (pardon the pun) playing each of the other teams under lights.



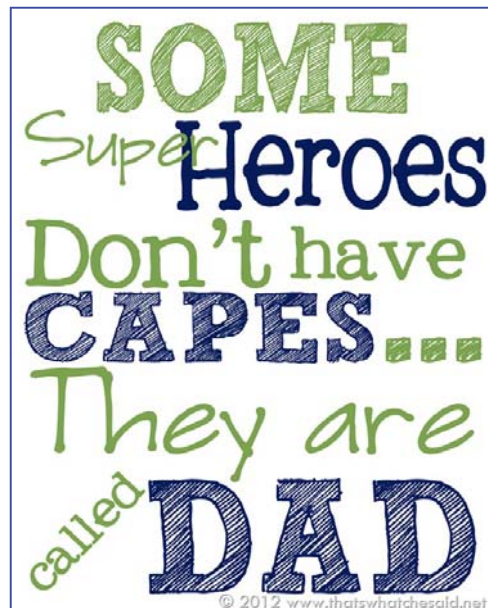
The highlight of course was the match when all of the family members made up a team and played against the kids. Lots of laughs and fun were had! Another fantastic season with lots of enjoyment. A big thankyou goes to Jo Winchester and Kirsty Hagarty our team managers as well as Tracy McInnes the coach of Sunrise South White. Also a special mention to one of our former students Ebony Urquhart who came along and umpired for us every week!

#### PAT Testing

Now that our NAPLAN trial is complete we can look towards PAT testing in the next few weeks. Each student from year 1-7 will be completing a PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) in the area of Maths and Reading. Year 3-7 students will also sit a PAT Spelling test. These tests are all done on computers and are not designed to be a stressful experience. They give us lots of valuable data that teachers can use to tailor individual learning plans for your children. A big thanks to Keith who has set up our teacher work area with 30 computers so we have an extra space we can complete the PAT testing!

Have a great fortnight! ☺

Kym





### Room 15 Cook Out

On Wednesday 22nd August, Room 15 went out to the Nature Park and had a "Cook Out".

The cook out consisted of sausages in bread with sauce for lunch and toasting marshmallows for sweets. Before we could do our cooking the students collected an assortment of wood, bracken, dry grass and twigs to get the fire going.

This drew much excitement from the students, once the fire was going, as they continued to stoke the fire, in anticipation for their lunch.

Whilst waiting for their lunch, the students had time to explore and move tree stumps around for seating. One student showed us how high he could climb up a tree.

This experience for the students was received with lots of talking and exploring, working together and seeing the results, plus telling stories around the camp fire.

We had a lovely lunch with the sun shining and the students expressing they would like to have this experience again.

Thanks to Mrs Ebert for bringing in her BBQ plate to cook our sausages on, they were YUM!



### Roster

Tuesday 4th Sept	B Williams
Wednesday 5th Sept	A Walker
Thursday 6th Sept	*
Friday 7th Sept	G Harvie
Tuesday 11th Sept	N Mathie
Wednesday 12th Sept	A Williamson
Thursday 13th Sept	C Maney
Friday 14th Sept	S Patrick

Stay tuned for further information about our next Special Lunch Day coming up on Wednesday 19th September.

Glenda Herron  
Canteen Manager

### Assembly Dates

#### Fridays

Junior Primary F-2 @10.00am

Wk 8 - 14/9/18

Room 4 are hosting

Primary 3-7 @ 12.15pm

Wk 9 - 21/9/18

Room 13 are hosting & rooms  
19, 12 & 14 sharing work

### Reindeers

Our Family Fair this year has a Christmas theme. We are on the look out for some large reindeer for decorations. If you have any that you are willing to lend us, please let the office know.





*Counsellor Chat***Raising Independent Citizens!**

I recently came across an article that inspired me to reflect on the responsibilities we ask of children. At school, students have a certain amount of responsibilities which then increases as they get older. We have clear expectations and subsequent consequences which are fair and consistent. But is this sense of responsibility really necessary in the home as well?

This article suggested that children who do chores learn responsibility and gain important life skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. Doing chores at home helps children feel competent. Whether they're making their bed or they're sweeping the floor, helping out around the house gives them a sense of accomplishment. Doing chores also helps them feel like they're part of the team. Pitching in and helping family members is good for them and it encourages them to be good citizens.

Research from a well-known 75-year Harvard study examined what psychosocial variables and biological processes from earlier in life predict health and well-being later in life.

**Researchers found that children who were given chores became more independent adults.**

Which leads me to the next question – what chores/responsibilities are appropriate for children to be doing? Of course this is very dependent on age and all children are different, but I found this chart an interesting and helpful guide. I hope you do too!

age appropriate CHORES	
2-3 YEARS	4-5 YEARS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*make bed</li> <li>*pick up toys and books</li> <li>*put laundry in hamper</li> <li>*help feed pets</li> <li>*help wipe up messes</li> <li>*dust (put socks on hands)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*clear/set table</li> <li>*load dishwasher</li> <li>*empty silverware from dishwasher</li> <li>*take laundry to laundry room</li> <li>*match socks &amp; fold</li> <li>*put away laundry</li> <li>*straighten room</li> <li>*get the newspaper/mail</li> </ul>
6-8 YEARS	9-11 YEARS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*empty dishwasher</li> <li>*clean bathroom sinks &amp; counters</li> <li>*sort laundry by colors</li> <li>*help pack school lunches</li> <li>*pull weeds &amp; rake leaves</li> <li>*water plants/flowers</li> <li>*collect trash from wastebaskets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*clean toilets</li> <li>*take trash to curb</li> <li>*vacuum</li> <li>*mop floors</li> <li>*mow grass</li> <li>*food preparation (wash, cut, dice, measure)</li> <li>*walk pet</li> </ul>
12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*baby-sit siblings</li> <li>*wash windows</li> <li>*iron</li> <li>*clean interior/exterior of car</li> <li>*cook simple meals</li> <li>*laundry</li> <li>*clean refrigerator</li> <li>*make grocery list</li> </ul>

*Happy birthday to ...*

Jack Grady who was 9 & Komeil Mohammadi who was 12 on 21st August

Page Chambers who was 10 on 24th August

Sadia Mohebi who was 13 on 25th August

Romana Bradshaw who was 13 on 26th August

Henry Brio who was 6 on 27th August

Rose Dixon who was 11 on 28th August

Courtney Brunt who was 6 yesterday  
29th August

Thank you,  
Samantha Power ☺



# HALL OF FAME

Liam Davis for working hard to improve his reading. Liam has been practicing his tricky words regularly and is starting to read books in a smooth talking voice.

Alexis Flint for being a great role model in room 4! Alexis is always ready to listen and learn and is never afraid to try new things.

Negin Rezaie for always using the 'Golden Rule' treating others the way they would like to be treated and always coming to school with a smile.

Sydney Schultz for always trying to improve her writing especially her handwriting and writing a fantastic persuasive piece on 'Why school is fun'. Keep up the great work.

Xavier Allen for improving his reading and working hard to achieve his reading goal of using spelling patterns to work out new words.

Emma Kay for writing with enthusiasm and care. I can see that you are thinking about your spelling and working on adding more to your stories.

Melody Wilby for using initiative in class when faced with a tricky problem.

Zac Doyle for being a consistently motivated and engaged member of his reading group and showing some fantastic complex thinking.

Kyndra DeBeen for working well with others during group tasks and always willing to help others.

Dylan Flint for working well to research bird parks in Australia for her ERP.

Nathsha Moore for improved confidence in speaking and listening tasks. Showing much higher levels of organisation in the process.

Matthew Maney for showing an ability to work independently by getting straight into his Personal Maths project with little guidance.

Chandler Blank for writing some very entertaining narratives in book making and sharing them with the class.

Shakaya McKenzie for more regularly coming to school and applying herself in all subjects, participating more in group discussions.



Jake Bates for improved confidence in Maths and working at staying on task during Maths lessons. Applying himself to have better time management to complete his work.

Jarin Oster for following our learning intentions and making sure to give compliments to teachers and students every day.

Patence Schultz for always practising her reading goal and trying to get better. Patence also knows all her tricky words. Great Effort!

Kelcey Dolphin for continuing to work hard during guided reading to achieve her goal of comprehending the story and expanding her vocabulary using a dictionary.

Nayab Jafari for your consistent dedication and commitment to your learning. You always try your very best and are caring and supportive of others.

Charlotte Elsworthy for having improved confidence to participate in class discussions and asking questions to ensure understanding.

Mujtaba Hussaini for making a conscious effort to help the classroom and is being more motivated across his literacy work.

Chad Hoskin for listening to feedback and using it to improve his learning.

Farida Fatehi for working hard to improve her English writing, reading and speaking.

Ali Hussaini for writing an excellent final recount about his birthday.

Blake East for showing increased application to his work, getting tasks completed and putting in a higher level of effort to achieve his best.

Mitchell Kluske for confidently sharing his ideas and knowledge with the class, especially with the class.

Nasir Mehdi for asking more questions and being prepared to deal with mistakes in Numeracy tasks this term.

Ari Donaldson for working more cooperatively in class and creating some excellent writing pieces.





### PCW Corner



#### Father's Day

History of Father's Day Festival as seen today is not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work and struggle of Ms Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Washington, that just as we have set aside Mother's Day to honour mothers, we have a day to

acknowledge the important role played by the father. However, some scholars believe that Father's Day history is much older than we actually believe it to be. They say that the custom of honouring dad's on a special day is over 4,000 years old. Father's Day Festival has gained amazing popularity over the years. The festival is considered to be a secular one and is celebrated in a large number of countries around the world including Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Norway and India and the US though on different dates. People take Father's Day as an opportunity to thank fathers and pay tribute to them. On this day children present Father's Day cards not just to their dads but also grandfathers, uncles, stepfathers or any other person who plays the role of a father in their life.

For many people Father's Day is not a time of celebration, but a time of sadness due to their fathers being absent from their lives. Perhaps one of the best ways to celebrate Father's Day when you don't have a father is to celebrate your mother. This woman is doing her best to take on both roles, so she deserves to be appreciated for both roles. Losing a father for one could mean losing a husband for another, so it is just as hard, if not harder, for her on days like these. So, please take the time to respect and love your mothers on this day, just as you would have your fathers.

(Adapted from an unknown author).

### Book Week

John Stayte  
Pastoral Care Worker



### Book Fair

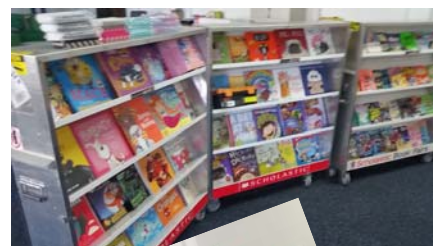
Clifford is at the Book Fair!!!

Book Fair has arrived and is being set up in the Hall. All children will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair on Friday and compile their wish list.

The Fair will be open for purchases from Monday 3rd September until Friday 7th September from 3.00 - 4.00pm.

Payment can be made by cash or card.

Margie Johnson  
Librarian



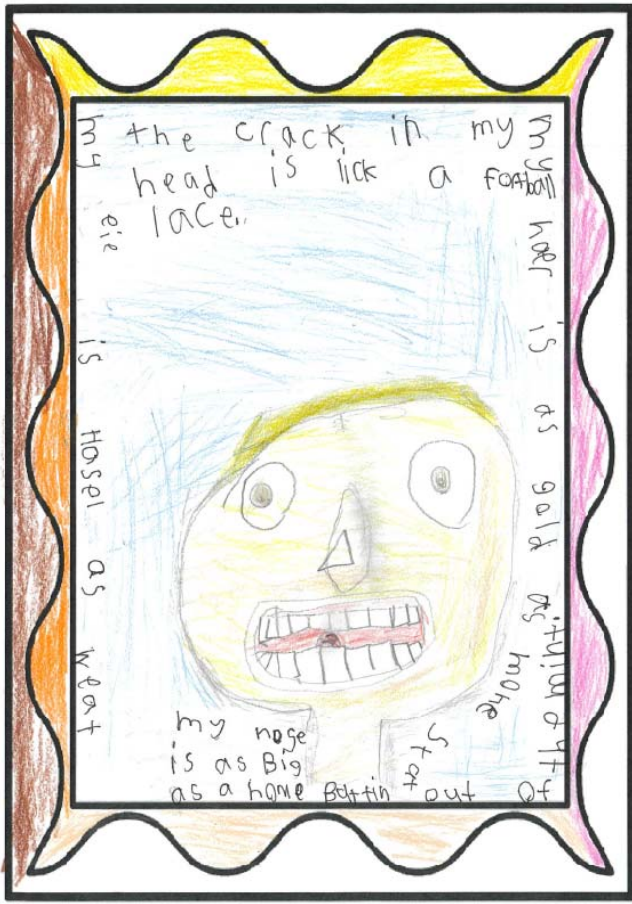
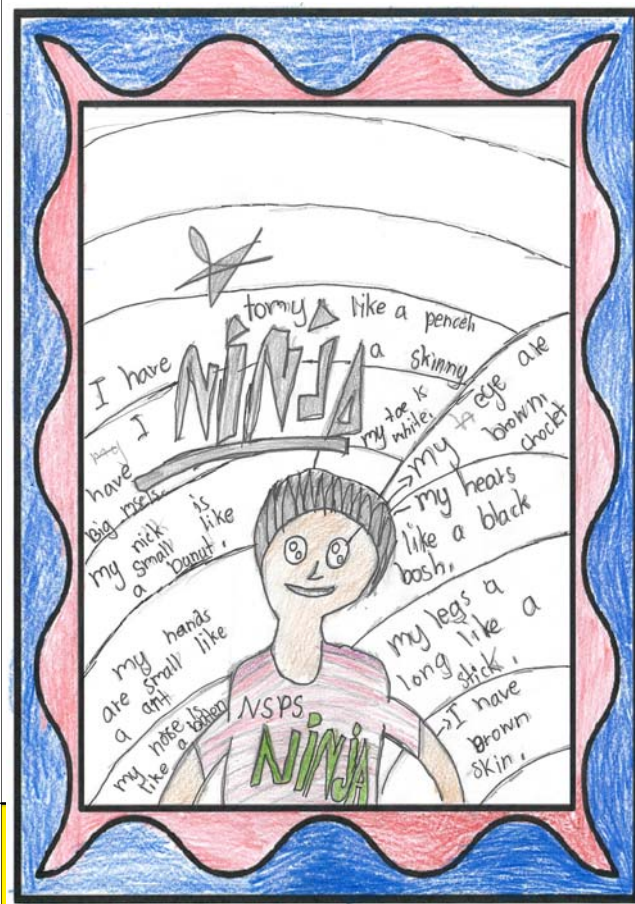
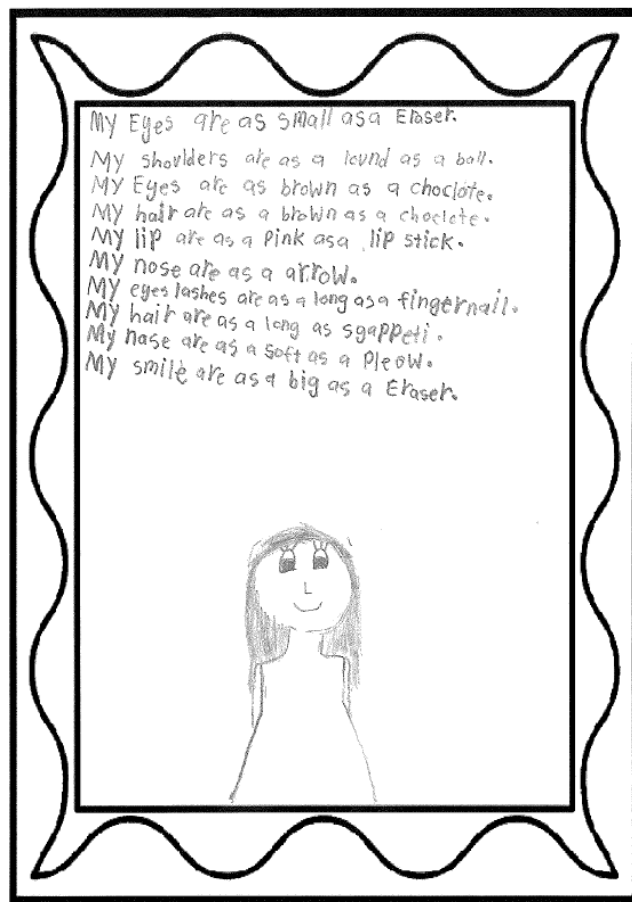


In Room 12  
this  
term  
students  
have been  
developing  
their writing  
by learning  
about  
language  
devices.

So far,  
they've  
learnt about  
alliteration  
and are  
currently  
concluding  
their work on  
simile.

The  
students  
worked  
individually  
to create  
Simile Self  
Portraits;  
describing  
parts of  
their face  
e.g. their  
eyes, hair  
and lips using  
simile.

Then as a  
class we  
combined  
ideas from  
everyone to  
create a  
story!





*Our Story*

One day Jamie was walking down the street. His eyes were as blue as the sky and hair was as brown as dark chocolate. Suddenly, he crashed into someone. It was Ella! Her hair was as red as fire and her eyes as green as long swaying grass. The two picked themselves up off the ground and walked together. As they walked they saw violets as blue as the sky, just like Jamie's eyes, and grass as green as bright green paint. They stopped at the window of the game store as saw the latest release, Ark!

"That game looks awesome!" said Jamie.

"I heard Ark is as real as real can be. Like life!" replied Ella.

"Wow!" whispered Jamie.

The two kept walking all the way to Ella's farm house. She had lots of animals there. Like a goat with a beard as long as a ruler. There was a horse as fast as lightning, a sheep as white as snow and a cow with eyes as brown as dirt. The cow made cheese as smelly as stinky socks.

"Could you help me collect the eggs from the chicken coop?" Ella asked.

"Sure," Jamie replied.

Jamie and Ella climbed inside the chicken coop and found something amazing! It was an egg as big as The Statue of Liberty.

"Oh my GOSH! How did a chicken lay that?" Jamie wondered.

"It's HUGE!" Ella shouted.

Suddenly, the egg started to wobble and shake! Ella and Jamie were as scared as someone who'd seen a ghost. They ran as fast as a The Flash out of the chicken coop and into the forest.

They kept running and running until they realised...

"WE'RE LOST!" they both shouted.

The forest was full of scary noise. The trees whispered and creaked.

"I'm scared!" cried Ella.

*CRREEEKKKK*

"What was that?" asked Jamie.

"I don't know. I hope it's not a monster." Ella replied.

"What if it's a demon? What if it's as angry as a bull?" yelled Jamie.

"I hope it's not as evil as Hero Brian in Minecraft," said Ella.

"Let's get out of here!" Jamie shouted as the pair ran away from the noise in the direction of what they hoped was home.

As they ran they started to see a light as bright as lightning strike. They kept running. But it wasn't lightning, it was Mr Bob in his car.

"What are you doing here Mr Bob?" Ella asked.

"I'm looking for you! Ella's dad saw you run off into the forest and called me to help find you both. He is as scared as a kid in the dark," he replied.

Ella and Jamie got in the car and drove back to the house. But with all the drama of getting lost they'd forgotten what was in the chicken coop.

Ella and Jamie tiptoed as quietly as a mouse towards to the coop doorway. They noticed it was quiet inside. They held their breath and climbed inside.

The egg was still there but it was all broken. Ella and Jamie looked around and couldn't see what had broken out of it.

"Wait! Look!" shouted Jamie.

Ella and Jamie looked up and saw something as spotty as a Dalmatian up by the ceiling. It was a ladybug as ginormous as a cow.

It opened it wings and flew over Ella and Jamie's heads and out the chicken coop door. They ran after it and watched as it flew off into the forest.

Ella started to follow it but Jamie stopped her. "Maybe let's just stay here," he said.

"Good idea," Ella replied.



## Community News

### World Suicide Prevention Day



**WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY**

*Working Together to Prevent Suicide*

**All welcome  
Join us on  
9th September**

6.45am Silent vigil  
7.00am Words of comfort  
Uniting Church Pastor Andrew Everson  
Naracoorte Town Square Sound Shell  
Tea & coffee available

### My Health Records



**You're invited**  
My Health Record  
Your Questions Answered

My Health Record helps you keep track of your health. It means your important health information like medical conditions, allergies, treatments, medicine details, shared health summaries, test or scan reports and immunisations will be available in one secure place.

**Come and listen to the people in the know and passionate about giving you the right information!!**

**Date:** Wednesday 26th September 2018  
**Time:** 10:30am & 7:00pm  
**Venue:** Naracoorte Football Club, Naracoorte Oval, 8 Sports Centre Drive, Naracoorte

For more information go to:  
**MyHealthRecord.gov.au** | Help line 1800 723 471

### Smile All Round

We are offering onsite at our Smiles All Round office in Naracoorte at 162a Smith Street the following:

**Growing Resilient Kids** - Wednesday, the 12th of September from 6:45 – 8:30pm. Link to purchase tickets: <https://www.sticktickets.com.au/74767>

**DIY Guide to Bouncing Back – Boosting Resilience in Teens** – Wednesday, the 3rd of October from 6:45 – 8:30pm. Suitable for teens to attend with their parents/caregivers. Link to purchase tickets: <https://www.sticktickets.com.au/74768>

More information can be found by visiting our website <https://smilesallround.com.au/workshops/>  
**P: 0430022705**

## R U OK Day



**R U OK? DAY**

*A conversation could change a life.*

Join us in the Naracoorte Town Square from 11.30am for tea or coffee

**THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

Supported by these local cafés

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## Live on Stage



**INTERNATIONAL YELLOW BRICK ROAD TOUR 2018-19**

**THE WIZARD OF OZ INTERACTIVE SHOW**

**LIVE ON STAGE**

**NEW interactive, fun re-telling of Baum's story**

**Mon 8th Oct - 4pm**  
**Naracoorte Town Hall**  
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**Online: Trybooking.com**  
**www.thewizardofozshow.com**

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SEPTEMBER**

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**Naracoorde South  
Primary School**

The donation will be matched by the  
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