



# Naracoorte South Primary School

17th February, 2022

## Principal's Report



### Welcome to Week 3!

This week we welcomed back our 3-6 students for face-to-face learning, we are so pleased to have all our students back to school. I am enjoying every day getting to know all of the students and their families. My favourite part about each day is spending time in classrooms and having conversations with the children and learning all about their interests, strengths and goals.

Our staff are working hard to provide high impact teaching and learning for our students, while managing the inevitable COVID-19 complexities that arise. We are so excited to have everyone return to the classroom and we recognise that it may be challenging for some families. The safety of our students and staff are paramount and we will continually be mindful of the wellbeing of all students, staff and our NSPS community.



### New Students

This week we welcomed some new students to our NSPS community. A big welcome to Leo Corcoran & Armaniel Teke.

### Site Improvement Plan

Our Site Improvement Plan is the driver of whole-school improvement, which is informed by evidence of student learning and best-practice strategies for achieving growth.

In 2022 our goals for improvement are to:

- 1. Increase the number of students achieving the Standards of Educational Achievement in Numeracy
- 2. Retain and increase the number of students achieving the Standards of Educational Achievement and higher bands in Reading

At NSPS we seek growth for every student, in every class by creating an environment that encourages and enables continuous improvement. Throughout the year you will hear your child talk about their Reading and Numeracy goals. Teachers and SSO's will be providing high quality teaching and learning to ensure every child is provided with the opportunity to reach their full potential. We all play a part in our children reaching their goals, let's set those high expectations and work together to encourage them to succeed.



### Governing Council AGM

Our Governing Council Annual General Meeting is set for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see some new faces. As a Governing Councillor you will work alongside leadership



**Resilience**  
**Opportunity**  
**Responsibility**  
**Pride**

### Important Diary Dates

- Monday 21st February - 7.00pm Governing Council
- Friday 11th March - Student Free Day
- Monday 6th March - 6.30pm Governing Council AGM - All Welcome

and other parents to set goals and work towards setting the broad direction and vision of our school. We also have opportunities to be a part of our sub committees including Fundraising, Sports, Special Projects, Finance and Canteen. You do not need to be on Governing Council to join one of these committees. If you are at all interested and would like some more information about becoming a member of our Governing Council or join a committee, please feel free to contact me.

### **Our Learning SA**

If your child is required to isolate or is unwell we highly recommend accessing the Our Learning SA website that has been set up for South Australian students to access learning resources. Our Learning SA will support education at home with self-guided lessons aligned to the Australian Curriculum. You can access the online lessons here:

[www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa/learn-home/primary](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa/learn-home/primary)

### **No more SkoolBag App**

We have made a decision to not move forward with the Skoolbag app this year. For 2022 and beyond our main form of communication will be through SeeSaw and our Facebook page. Please ensure you have downloaded the SeeSaw application to keep up to date with school news and information. Feel free to contact the front office if you need assistance with this. If you now receive the newsletter via SkoolBag you will receive future newsletters by email.



### **Meet the Teachers Night**

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions we have had to put our Meet the Teachers night on hold. We will keep you updated on when/if this night can go ahead.

### **Reminder COVID-19 requirements**

To ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible at school, we will be implementing the following measures as advised by the Department for Education and SA Health:

- Please keep your child home if they are unwell, even mildly
- Masks are required for all adults when indoors
- Masks are strongly recommended for children in years 3 to 6 when indoors
- We will be limiting the amount of people in the front office to only 4 people at one time
- Ensure you use the QR check in and sanitise if you need to come inside the building

We encourage parents to kiss and drop at the front gates to limit the amount of people coming on site.

**It's very important that you notify us immediately if your child tests positive to COVID-19.**

If a student or teacher in your child's class tests positive for COVID-19, they will be deemed a classroom contact and the following will occur:

- We will notify all parents in that class of the positive case
- All students and children without symptoms can continue attending school. No rapid antigen testing will be required.
- If your child develops any symptoms (even mild) please keep them home from school and get a COVID-19 test.

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Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to follow SA Health advice to help keep each other safe.

Thanks everyone, have a lovely fortnight.

Jess

### **Crossing Roster**

#### **Week 4**

Max Lush  
Sid Ebert  
Raphael Sopha

#### **Week 5**

Georgia Hagarty  
Jayla Garrigan  
Aishmeen Kaur

### Return to School

How wonderful it was to welcome our year 3-6 students back to school last Monday. We are back to a hive of activity happening and students settling into new classes again. It has been a unique start to the year but we still make the most of every learning opportunity. We look forward to the day we can welcome visitors and volunteers back too, but for now we are very grateful to have our students back with us.

### Our Fabulous Team

Our amazing team received a little gift this week to thank them for all of the hard work they have been doing. The start to the school year is always extremely busy and there are always a million jobs to do. Add COVID, a hybrid model of learning and a staggered start, and you add a complexity that we have never seen before. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our wonderful team for once again rising to the challenge and going above and beyond to cater for our school and community's needs.

### Food Packs



Our offer to deliver food packs to families remains. Please contact us at the school if your family would like one. We are here to support you, so please let us know if we can help you in any way.

### Student Leaders

With our 3-6 students returning to school we are getting closer to the time we can begin working with this year's student leaders. This year I will be working with the KIC Executive, Cathie will work with the Youth Mental Health Abassadors, Jess will be leading the House Captains and John/Ian will work with EAGS. We also have our fabulous school photographers that have a very important leadership role. We are very proud of the leadership opportunities that we give our students, building vital skills that will set them up for life!

### Maths

As maths is one of our major improvement areas this year, you will be hearing of a lot of information about this subject and how we can all help our students to improve their mathematical abilities. One very important part of this is identifying the feelings we have about maths. If hearing the word maths sends shivers down your spine and reminds you of poor memories at school, you need to be aware of how this could affect your own children. Jo Boaler is a leader in research about mathematical mindsets and maths anxiety. She states "We now know that the messages we give students can change their performance dramatically, and that students need to know that the adults in their lives believe in them. Researchers are learning that students' ideas about their ability and potential are extremely important, much more than previously understood. As well as the messages we give students

about their potential, brain research is now showing that messages students pick up from their parents about math and their parents' relationships with math can also change students' math learning and achievement.

As hard as it may be for you, the more positively you can speak about maths, the more your children's mindset will improve, along with their maths ability. This is something we will continue to support you with throughout the year. Keep a look out for some fun maths activities that I will be sending home in future newsletters and on SeeSaw. It will be a fun way to do some activities with your families and break down the stereotype about maths.

Stay safe and have a wonderful fortnight!

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## Meet our KIC leaders



Max Lush  
V/President

Sid Ebert  
Executive

Pipa Harvie  
Executive

Vea Peciller  
President



## Room 2

It has been a very exciting couple of weeks for room 2, with the reception students beginning their schooling journey. Here are some of our excited room 2 students introducing themselves, something that excites them and what they would like to be when they grow up!





## Fundraising

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED SE FIELD DAYS

NSPS has the opportunity to help the SE Field Days fill their rosters for the 2 day event on March 18th & 19th. They are paying organisations \$20 per hour per person who volunteer their time. All proceeds going to NSPS. Thank you to those who have already volunteered via the Facebook page.

If you are available to help out please look out for the note that is coming home today, stating which day you would prefer FRIDAY or SATURDAY and AM or PM or you can contact the front office.

Please note that Friday 18th March is a School Closure Day.

Thankyou  
 Ginny Harvie  
 Fundraising



## Counsellor Chat

This week we welcomed the older classes back to School, fresh from their online learning. In spite of the logistical difficulties resulting from the Staggered Start to 2022, it appears that students and staff have emerged with the confidence and skills to function in offsite learning and teaching. As one who has taught for nearly 40 years, I was inspired by the agility of our staff members who juggled their online learning so expertly with the face-to-face teaching, often at the same time!

In these times of continuing uncertainty and change, it is quite understandable that there are increased levels of anxiety in our school community and beyond. From an adult's perspective the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is confronting: no wonder our children are experiencing it also, in a myriad of seemingly unrelated ways! For our new Receptions, the first few weeks can be a mix of excitement, confusion and terror (well hopefully not!) as they learn to navigate a new environment. For some students, moving to a new class with a different teacher and classmates is a source of worry. Others have had changes during the holidays or have been affected by the spread of COVID in our community .... and the list goes on.

This year the Wellbeing Professional Learning group has identified Resilience as our priority focus area. We will be working on ways of promoting and growing our students' Growth Mindsets and encouraging them to keep working hard to achieve their Personal Best. Stay tuned...!

*Cathie Biggins*  
Wellbeing Leader



### Happy Birthday to ....

Skylah Gnys who was 10 & Lachie Buckett who was 11 on 4th February

Maika Bower-Morunga who was 5 on 6th February

Claire McCallum who was 8 & Will Maney who was 10 on 7th February

Jorja Walker who was 10 on 8th February

Pippa Angel who was 5 on 10th February

Ling Chen who was 10 on 11th February

Georgia Pope who was 10 on 12th February

Ava Cother who was 10 on 15th February

Sydney Schultz who is 11 today, 17th February



*Birthday books will be presented over the next couple of weeks.*



# THE GOOD LIFE PROJECT

**A series of FREE workshops to help improve the health and wellbeing of over 50's**

**WHERE:** Various locations around Naracoorte  
**WHEN:** From Thursday 17th of February 2022  
**TIME:** 9.30am

One hour group workshops over 8 consecutive weeks. Featuring a range of guest speakers including different local health professionals with lots of practical tips on how to live the good life! To register your interest or for more information, please contact



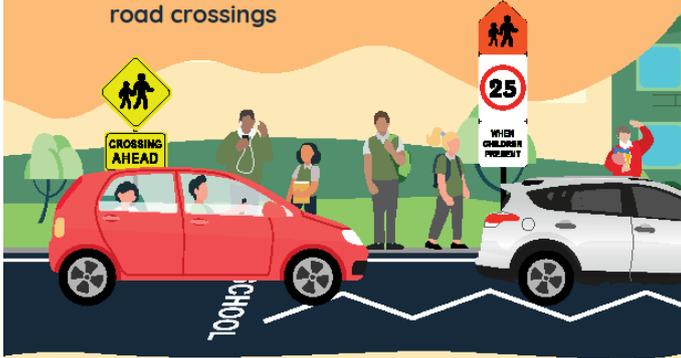
**Good Country Physiotherapy**  
 157 Smith Street, Naracoorte  
 Telephone: (08) 8762 1515  
 Email: gcp@goodcountryphysio.com.au

This is a joint project between the Naracoorte Lucindale Council and Wellbeing SA

## MORE KIDS MEANS MORE TRAFFIC IN SCHOOL ZONES

**LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE ON THE ROADS AROUND SCHOOL**

- ◆ Stick to the signed speed limit
- ◆ Be aware of students distracted by phones and each other
- ◆ Be courteous and model responsible driver behaviours
- ◆ Use allocated drop off / pick up zones
- ◆ Encourage students to use designated road crossings



**THINK! ROAD SAFETY** | SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE SAFETY COMMITTEE | Government of South Australia



## Violin & Viola Lessons

With Sharyn Hole  
 0466 248 380



## Give life. Give blood in Naracoorte.

**Naracoorte Town Hall Func Ctr**  
 21 February to 24 February

Monday 21 February	2:30pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday 22 February	9:30am – 7:00pm
Wednesday 23 February	9:30am – 7:00pm
Thursday 24 February	7:30am – 12:00pm

**give blood**



## COME 'N TRY GIRLS SOCCER

**STARTS FEB 23RD AT 5PM-6PM AT NARACOORTE SOCCER CLUB**

CONTACT JON THURLOW OR SILE LEGOE FOR MORE DETAILS, OR JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY! THERE WILL BE 3 COME AND TRY SESSIONS.  
 JON 0427608243 SILE 0447232532



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and sign up for Seesaw app to get all the up-to-date information.



# Term 1, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31/1 Wk 1	1/2	2/2 Rec-Yr 2 Commence school Yr 3-6 Online learning	3/2	4/2
7/2 Wk 2	8/2	9/2	10/2	11/2
14/2 Wk 3 Yr 3-6 return to school	15/2 Canteen Opens	16/2 Rms 12, 13, 14 16 & 19 Basketball with Matho	17/2 Newsletter	18/2
21/2 Wk 4 7.00pm Governing Council meeting	22/2	23/2 Rms 12, 13, 14 16 & 9 Basketball with Matho	24/2	25/2
28/2 Wk 5	1/3	2/3 Rms 12, 13, 14 16 & 19 Basketball with Matho	3/3 Newsletter	4/3 Schools Clean up Day
7/3 Wk 6 6.30pm Governing Council AGM - <b>All Welcome</b>	8/3	9/3 Rms 12, 13, 14 16 & 19 Basketball with Matho	10/3	11/3 Student Free Day
14/3 Wk 7 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	15/3	16/3 Rms 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 Basketball with Matho	17/3 Newsletter	18/3 School Closure for Lucindale Field Day Fundraising @ Field Days National day of Action against Bullying
21/3 Wk 8	22/3 National Ride 2 School Day	23/3 Rms 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 Basketball with Matho	24/3	25/3
28/3 Wk 9	29/3 BMX Bike Show	30/3 Rms 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 Basketball with Matho SAPSASA 5/6 AFL Trials	31/3 Newsletter	1/4 <b>Save the Date</b> Sports Day Daylight Savings finish 3/4/22
4/4 Wk 10	5/4	6/4 Rms 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 Basketball with Matho SAPSASA 5/6 AFL Trials	7/4	8/4 <b>Save the Date</b> Sports Day Backup
11/4 Wk 11 9.15am Awards Assembly	12/4	13/4 Year 3 Robe Camp	14/4 Alpha Shows Newsletter 2.15pm Dismissal	15/4 Good Friday