

# Naracoorte South Primary School

2nd February, 2023

From Ms Edwards



I hope you all had a lovely summer break with your friends and families, filled with love, laughter and smiles. I am thrilled to support, lead and guide Naracoorte South Primary School again in 2023. It has been so wonderful catching up with staff and students and hearing all of the stories about their summer break. I am really excited to work alongside our new leadership team, Heidi Kerr, our Deputy Principal and Cathie Biggins, our Wellbeing Leader. As a team with our wonderful teachers and SSO's, our job is to ensure your children have the most positive Primary school experience and we will go above and beyond to make sure of that.

## New staff

A big warm welcome to new staff members who have joined our team.

Deputy Principal – Heidi Kerr

Room 7 - Year 1/2 - Lauren Mather

Room 8 - Year 1/2 - Jade Delaney

Rom 12- Year 3/4 - Grace Sierp

Room 14- Year 5/6 – Natasha Wilkin

The Arts / Junior Primary PE – Michelle Stewart

Visual Arts – Hannah Drury

HASS – Jill Bedworth

Support Staff : Kirsty Haynes, Kayla Wellington, Ben Goodridge, Maryke Van De Merwe & Louise Burgess.

## New Students

Monday was a big day for our brand new receptions (and their parents) as they began their new chapter of primary school. We would like to welcome these children to our school. In Room 2 we welcome: Saleh Al Nahdi, Itayleeha Cooper, Oliver Cross, Yasin Haidari, Benjamin Higgs, Dominic Hingston, Noah Lacey, Sarah Marshall, Wyatt Moffatt, Jessica Rishworth, Raven Schapel, Maddison Schneider & Jade Tanner.

In Room 4 we welcome: Meena Akbari, Yasmin Ali, Narnia Bower-Morunga, Bailey Braun, Charlie B, Charlotte Doecke, Shahin Hakimi, Annie Heffernan, Joshua Jumby, Oliver Inthavongta, Emily McGurk, Matthues Nel, Ada Oram, Alamdar Rezai, Alibazahra Saleh, Sophie Stokes, Dustin Skinner, Autumn-Reign Smith & Nina Williams.

I look forward to spending time in the classrooms and building relationships with all of these students and their families. We wish you all the best



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

Important Diary Dates

**Save these Dates:** Meet the Teacher - 14th February, Student Free Day - 17th February, School Closure - 17th March & Sports Day - 31st March

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We pay respects to the traditional custodians the Meintangk/Moandik peoples of the Boandik Nation. We also acknowledge other First Nations people.

To Elders both past, present and emerging for their continuing connection to the land, animals and our community. We remember this land is, was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land.

for your primary school years.

We would also like to welcome back Grace & Daniel Teklemariam and Welcome to the NSPS family: Chase & Cooper Redding, Liam, Charlotte, Josephine & Hamish Meldrum, Cody & Darcy Crocker, Sid Wilkin, Lucas & Olivia Sinclair, Ellie Harrop, Lucas Whitehead & Hayden Benier

We hope you all enjoy your time at NSPS.

### Meet the teacher night

Come along for a sausage sizzle and meet with your child/ren's teacher on Tuesday 14th February to find out what to expect in your child/ren's year ahead. With so many new staff it is a great time to make yourself known.

### Hats & Sunscreen

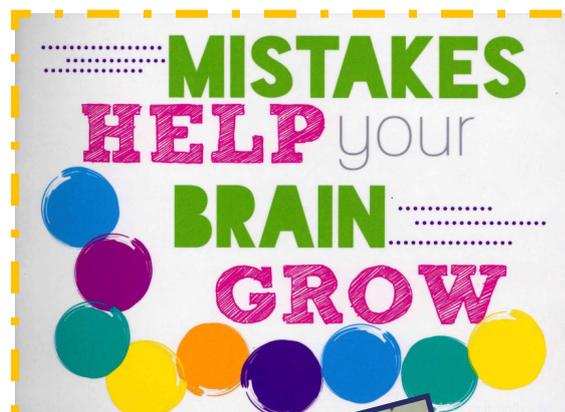
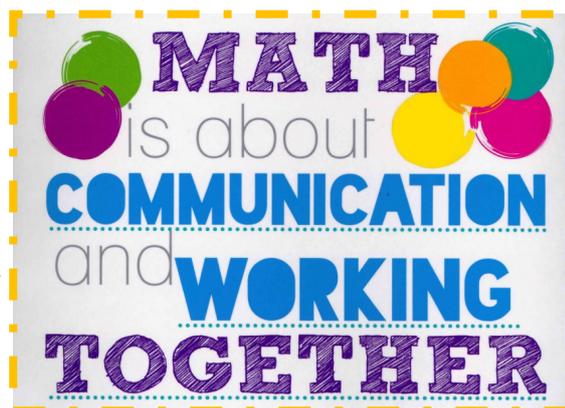
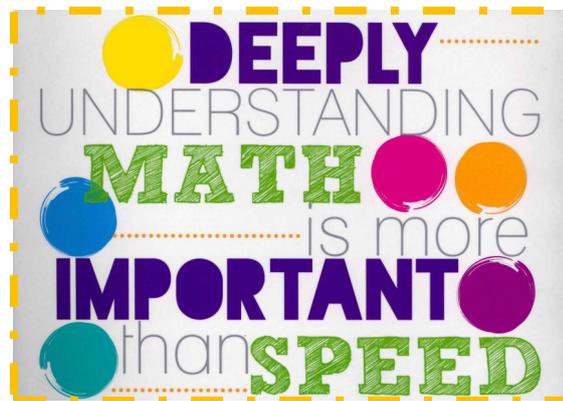
Just a reminder that students need to wear a wide brimmed hat for all activities outside in Term 1. Hats are available at the office for \$15.00. In line with our SunSmart policy students should come to school with sunscreen applied. Sunscreen will be available in classes for students to reapply before venturing out at lunchtime.

### School Photos

Frank Monger will be here next Wednesday, 8th February to take photos of students who have enrolled since, or were absent on photo day last year. These photos will not be available for purchase. School photos will take place in Term 3.

### Student Home Internet Program

As part of the Digital Strategy, the new [Student Home Internet Program](#) has now been launched for the 2023 school year. This will ensure all students have access to internet at home for educational use. All families without reliable home internet can request free internet from the department. With the introduction of this program all existing internet services that the department provided to schools to assist with remote learning have been disabled. If you would like to request free internet from the department please contact the front office.



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## Room 2 Receptions



## Room 4 Receptions



## Deputy News



Welcome to the 2023 school year. I am excited to meet everyone and get to know the NSPS community. I have been a teacher since 2007 but have worked with primary school-aged children since the age of 14 when I first started working in after-school care. Working with children is my passion, it's never a dull moment when you work

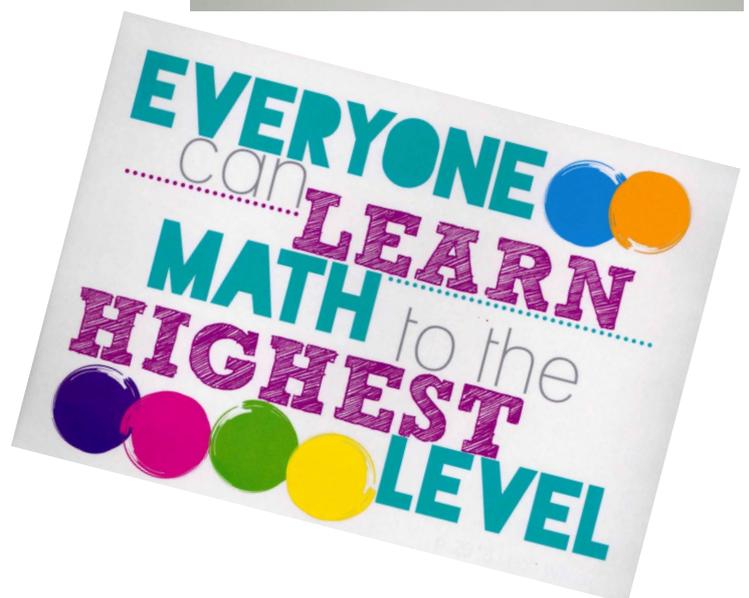
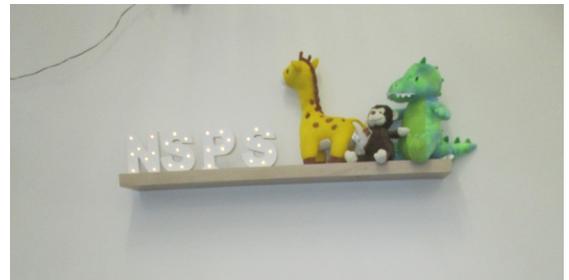
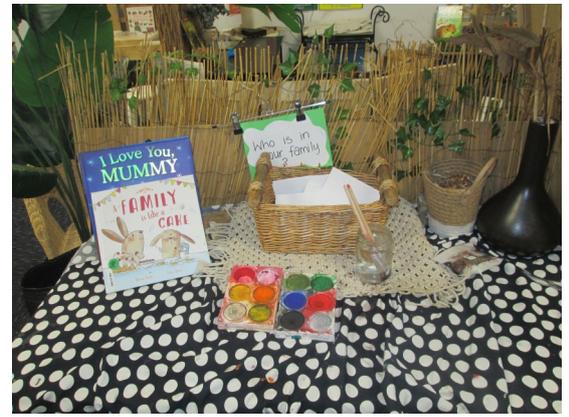
with kids! I am looking forward to working closely with staff to support them with the care and education of your children. Here are a few fun facts about me:

- I live in Penola with my husband and two children, Grace (9) and Georgia (5).
- I love country music and have seen lots of artists live in concert, including Carrie Underwood, Toby Keith, Alan Jackson, Tim McGraw, Luke Bryan, Jason Aldean and I'm going to see Morgan Wallen in March this year.
- My favourite foods are mangoes and prawns. My parents own two mango farms in Darwin, so I grew up eating as many mangoes as I liked for free!
- On the weekends, I like to do fun things with my family, go camping, go skiing in our boat and relax with a good book in the sunshine.
- My dream holiday would be to go on a Disney Cruise with my girls and meet all the Disney characters.

My door is always open, please contact me on 8762 2977 if you have any queries. I look forward to working with you and your children for the 2023 school year.

### Heidi Kerr

Deputy Principal





## Counsellor Chat

Welcome back to School in a bright new year! It is great to see all of our continuing students as well as those who have joined us from other schools. A big welcome also goes to the brand-new Receptions, for whom the adventure is just beginning!

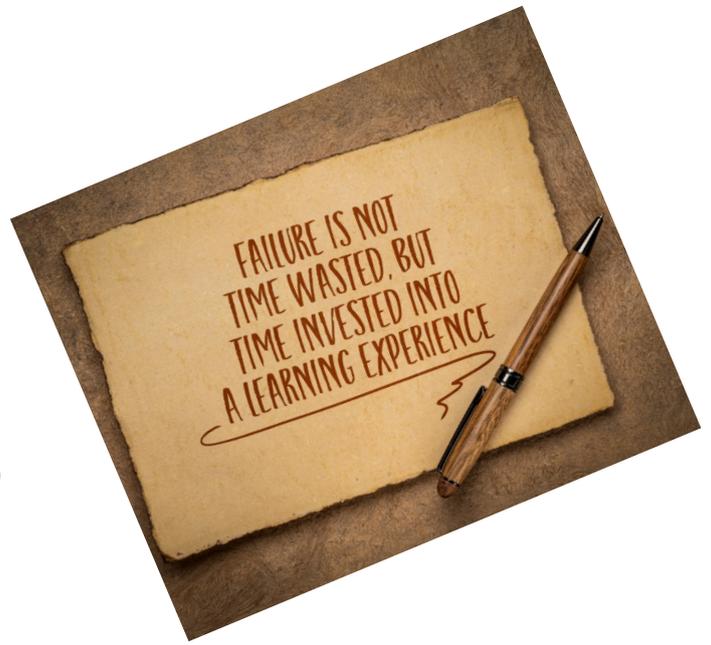
We have had superb weather to greet us this week: Courtney's tree is flowering, and the flowering gum tree on the front oval. The front garden beds are looking good, as do the grounds in general.

Mr B and I are busily catching up with students and getting to know our new children. In addition to this we are assisting with the launch of the new Interception Room, a dedicated space for the regulation of emotions which are impeding success at school. In attending this room students are learning and practising strategies to help them to recognise and manage unhelpful feelings by paying attention to what is happening within their bodies. Meanwhile, all classes are engaged in regular Interception activities after play breaks to develop these important skills.

We are looking forward to another great year together at Naracoorte South.

*Cathie Biggins*

Wellbeing Leader



## Happy Birthday to ...

Chandler Bradshaw who was 11 on 1st January

Kamran Ali who was 8 on 2nd January

Paytyn Blanck who was 9 on 3rd January

Elias Muhammadi who was 9 on 6th January

Reider Nikkerrud who was 7 on 18th January

Tyler Morris who was 8 & Liam Doyle who was 10 on 9th January

Nakoa Gnys who was 7 on 12th January

Ivy Mulraney who was 6 & Chase Redding who was 10 on 15th January

Mithran Arulmurugan who was 6 on 16th January

Winnie Schinckel who was 10 on 17th January

Matthues Nel who was 5, Olivia Sinclair who was 9 & Johnny Pham who was 10 on 18th January

Yasmin Ali who was 5 on 20th January

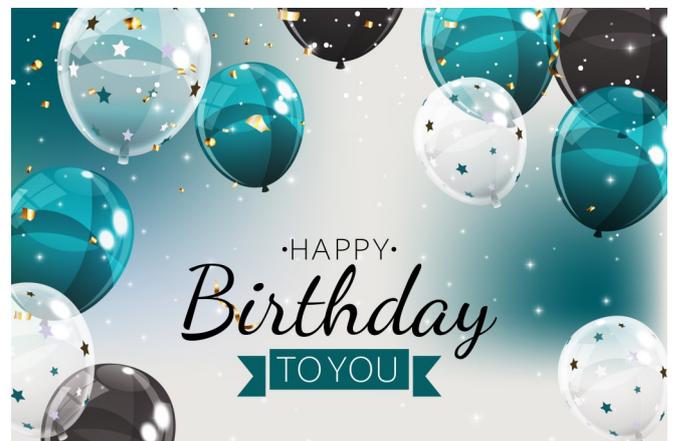
Lincoln Ebert who was 10 on 21st January

Evie Darlow who was 9 on 23rd January

Saami Al Nahdi who was 8 on 27th January

Ayan Rezaei who was 7 on 28th January

Starley Van Eyk who is 7 today, 2nd February



## Weekly Activities @ the Naracoorte Library

**Chats group** - Wednesday's 10am A weekly social gathering, open to all.

**After School Art Club** - Wednesday's (school terms only) 3.45pm A weekly gathering for teenagers interested in art, including structured projects and open studio activities.

**Being Digital** – Thursday's 16 Feb– 23 Mar 10am An initiative to build confidence in digital skills and improve online safety – aimed at seniors, just drop in! Lego Club - Friday's (school terms only) |3.45pm Aimed at children 5+, new challenges weekly.

**Bat Cave Babies** - Starting Friday 23 Feb 9.30am For carers and babies up to 18 months, gentle rhymes and bubbles and a chance to chat and relax!

## NARACOORTE FRINGE 2023

Naracoorte Town Squares Saturday 25th February 12-4pm Bamboozled Productions will deliver the Fringe to Naracoorte this year with an entertainment extravaganza featuring a 4-hour program of 7 world-class acts! Family friendly, free and super fun, the event will be complete with food trucks, market stalls and buskers. Cost: Free