

Naracoorte South Primary School

15th February, 2024

From Ms Edwards



Meet our NSPS Community Night

What a fantastic turn out we had on Tuesday night for our meet the NSPS community night. As we navigate through the school year, fostering strong ties within our NSPS community will be paramount.

When we actively engage with one another—students, parents, teachers, and staff—we create a supportive network that uplifts and enriches everyone involved.

This connectivity creates a sense of belonging, enhancing overall well-being and academic success.

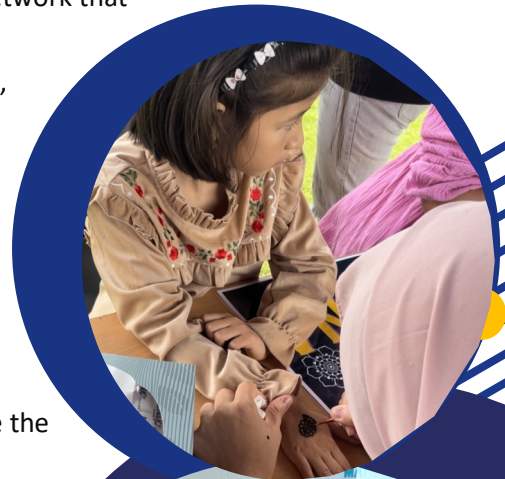
Moreover, a strong school community cultivates a culture of empathy, respect, and inclusivity, empowering individuals to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally by participating in school events, volunteering, joining committees, or simply reaching out to community members, we not only strengthen bonds but also enhance the overall educational experience for our students. Let's continue to prioritise connection, collaboration, and communication as we work together to ensure the success and well-being of every member of our school community.

Site Improvement Plan

Our Site Improvement Plan (SIP) is the driver of whole-school improvement, which is informed by evidence of student learning and best-practice strategies for achieving growth. In 2024 we are continuing to narrow our focus for improvement in Maths. Our aim is to: *Increase the number of students achieving Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) and higher bands in Maths.* We have a lot of our students sitting at SEA, but this year we really want to target lifting and stretching those students even further. 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 growth mindset, mistakes making their brain grow and having positive outlook towards Maths. 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.

Rubbish Warriors

A huge thankyou to this terms rubbish warriors. These students have volunteered some of their lunch play times to be active members and ambassadors of keeping our school clean and tidy.



Resilience
Opportunity
Responsibility
Pride

Important Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th February - SAPSASA Softball trials
Thursday 22nd February - 9:00am Yr 3 - 6 Assembly
Friday 23rd February - 9:15am R - Yr 2 Assembly

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.



Thanks to Lottie Lowe, Ruby Murphy, Gabby Moore, Charlotte Davis, Savannah Williams, Kenz Harris, Lexi Jones, Frankie Crossling, Adelle Johnson and Angus Jones.

Assemblies

Next week we will begin our Junior Primary and Primary assemblies. Please note the change of time and place of our Primary assembly: Our Primary assembly will be held on Thursday at 9:00am in the Hall (previously gym) and our Junior Primary assembly will be held on Friday at 9:15am in the hall. This is a great opportunity for our students to share what they have been up to in the classroom and we welcome all parents to please come along. You will hear from teachers if your child is receiving a merit card.

Shrove Tuesday

A big thank you to Mrs Biggins and Mr B who came in on Tuesday for Shrove Tuesday and made pancakes. What a wonderful way to start the day!

NSPS Annual General Meeting

We invite all families and new faces to come along to our AGM on Monday the 26th of February at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to be involved in making decisions for our school community.

We have opportunities for committees including fundraising, canteen, finance and special projects. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with our school community for our school to continue to thrive.



NSPS Governing Council AGM

NSPS invites all families to our Annual General Meeting

Monday February 26th at 6:00pm

Opportunities for committee involvement include:

FUNDRAISING

CANTEEN

FINANCE

SPECIAL PROJECTS



Jess

Deputy Principal

Wow, what a busy and exciting start to our term. I have loved spending time in classrooms and seeing the wonderful work that is already being done.

KIC Intention Assembly

Each fortnight, our KIC executives run our Intention Assembly. This is an opportunity for the whole school to get together and celebrate successes, pass on important information and, of course, celebrate birthdays! In this session, the KIC executives will set an intention for the coming fortnight. This is a whole-school focus, based on our School Values. This fortnight's intention is 'Opportunity'. *School provides many opportunities, not just for academics. Social interactions, art, music, languages, sport – the list is endless. Be brave with your learning and try things you wouldn't normally do.* You may like to speak to your child/ren about this intention – it can apply to many areas in life, not just school!

NAPLAN

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN assessments online this year (Year 3 students will complete the writing task using paper and pencil. All other tested areas will be done online). The testing will take place in Weeks 7 and 8 this term.

To prepare our students and to test our IT systems, a trial assessment will occur in week 5, on Tuesday 27th of February. This will involve Year 3 students completing a 45 minute practice test which will incorporate literacy and numeracy perspectives.

Please be aware that an assessment report of student achievement will not be provided to families for the practice test.

For parents/caregivers of students in these year levels a privacy collection notice was sent home this week. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or myself to discuss.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on FRIDAY 5th April (Week 10). Once again, we will be looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you are available to lend a hand, please email me

Heidi.Kerr330@schools.sa.edu.au or call the school on 8762 2977.

KIC INTENTIONS

OPPORTUNITY
RESPONSIBILITY
RESILIENCE
PRIDE

OPPORTUNITY

Take every opportunity that comes your way.

Be brave with your learning try things that you wouldn't normally do.

Stay focused and let others have the opportunity to learn.

Participate in all your work and sport.

Learn Lead Achieve
NSPS

SAVE	GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 6:00PM
STUDENT FREE DAY FRIDAY 8TH MARCH	THE
DATE	SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

Heidi

Something that we have focussing on this year across the school is ways for students to feel Ready to Learn throughout the day. This also includes how teachers and SSOs can support students when they are not feeling Ready to Learn. One of the ways of supporting this has been with the use of brain breaks during lessons, to help re-focus brains on the task.

Another way has been the use of the Interoception Room to help students when they need some extra space to re-focus. Mr B and I have been working in the Interoception Space to build this as a tool for students to use. Something we focus on in the Interoception Space is mindfulness. This is paying attention to the present moment and being aware of our surroundings. This can help us to understand what is going on in our body. Sometimes when we do this, we realise we are feeling, angry, sad, hungry, thirsty, hot or even tired. A great way to start with mindfulness is to spend 5 minutes focussing on breathing. There are lots of different breathing activities you can do and I have put a few in here if you would like to try them at home as a family.

Thankyou

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Woolworths Naracoorte who donated a box of amazing stationary supplies to our school for our students to use. We are so grateful for their support to our community and students.

Spare Ya Change 4 Kids

For those who may not be aware we are a hub for Spare Ya Change 4 Kids, which is an organization who provide frozen meals to families. We also have boxes of pantry items provided by Rapid Relief Team, another amazing organisation providing food to families. If you would like to register your family to access either of these services, please let me or Kayla at the front office know.

Breakfast Club

Finally, our amazing Breakfast Club program runs each morning

from 8am and we would love to have any volunteers who might like to come and have brekky with some of our students in the mornings. You don't have to commit to every week, it could even be just a few times a term. We are always happy to have volunteers. If you know of anyone who might be interested, contact the front office.

Please feel free to contact me at the school, or email jessie.cope810@schools.sa.edu.au if you or your child is needing some support.

Jessie



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING

Mindful vs MIND FULL



BEAR BREATH

Breathing to create peace and calm

Sitting on the floor or a chair, close your eyes and imagine you are a hibernating bear

Breathe in deeply, focus on holding your breath for the count of 4, and then exhale.



Meet the NSPS Community Night

An amazing evening on Tuesday filled with food, festivities and family fun. Thankyou so much to Sophie from The Coffee Pitt, Ahmet and Kassie from Turk-Bey, Sadiqa and Hameeda for the beautiful Henna, and Ches for spring rolls.

What a truly special community to be apart of. We are blown away by the support for our school.



Learn Lead Achieve
NSPS

Naracoorte South Primary School
& Learning Together

come and play

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP SESSIONS
STARTING TUESDAYS WEEK 5
UNTIL THE END OF TERM.
10.00 AM-11.30AM
NARACOORTE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM
AGES 0-5 WELCOME!
COST: FREE

Learning Together

Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Happy Birthday to ...

Yasin Haidari who was 7 on 4th February
Saleh Al Nahdi who was 6 and Claire McCallum who was 10 on 7th February
Pippa Angel who was 7 on 10th February
Steele Rata who was 5 on 11th February

Fantastic Room 2

The 2024 journey for our Room 2 reception students has been nothing short of fantastic! Their enthusiasm for learning is contagious, and we're eager to witness the growth and discoveries that lay ahead.

Science Adventures: Room 2 has delved into the captivating realm of living and non-living things in science. From exploring nature to understanding the world around them, our young scientists are making exciting discoveries.

Mathematic Marvels: In the world of numbers, Room 2 has been on a mathematical expedition, unraveling the mysteries of counting and numerical concepts. The foundation for future mathematical brilliance is being laid.

Literary Exploration: Literacy sessions have been filled with the joy of rhyme and the magic of letter sounds. Room 2 is practising the building blocks of language, fostering a love for reading and communication.

Artistic Expressions: Creativity knows no bounds in Room 2's art exploration. We've ventured into the diverse world of materials, discovering how they can be transformed into beautiful paintings. Each stroke is a step toward unleashing the artistic potential within.

As we embrace the learning journey, let's anticipate a year filled with curiosity, growth, and joy in Room 2.

We cannot wait to see our incredible students reach their learning goals!



SWINGING WITH THE STARS



QUIZ NIGHT & GOODS AUCTION

@ Naracoorte Football Clubrooms

\$20 ticket per person

Saturday, 23rd March 2024

Doors open at 6pm

Hot food and grazing boxes available to purchase, pre-order is required

Groups preferred to have tables of 8-10 people. To book a table or for further enquires please contact Ella: 0474838355 or dm on Facebook or Instagram

- \$20 per person.
 - 8-10 people on a table preferred.
 - Hot food and platters available to pre-order. More information to come.
 - No BYO alcohol- bar will be open.
 - Bring gold coins for games and raffle.
 - There will be items auctioned throughout the night.
- Message Ella to book your table – 0474 838 355 😊



Stand Like Stone – Swinging with the Stars Fundraiser by Naracoorte entrant Ella Boston.

All funds raised go back into the Naracoorte & District Community.

PADDYROOS TRAINING

COMMENCES



CARPools AVAILABLE
 UNDER 14s eligibility- Males aged 10-13 and females 10-14 as at 31/12/2023
 Under 17.5s eligibility- Males aged 14-17.5 as at 31/12/2023

Thursday

29th February

@ Padthaway

For more information contact

Dan Carter 0476 138 652 or Dwayne Bell 0422 438 967



SWINGING WITH THE STARS FUNDRAISER

GET YOUR DISCO ON

3-5 yrs (kindy) 3:30pm-4:30pm
 5-7 yrs (junior primary) 4:45pm-6:15pm
 8+ yrs 6:30pm-8:30pm

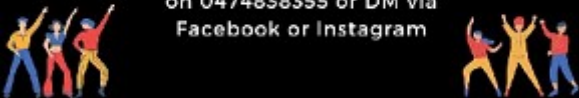
TICKET \$13 PER CHILD

DATE: 2ND MARCH

WHERE: MJ NARACOORTE, 36 CEDAR AVENUE

LOLLY BAG, FRUIT BOX, GLOW STICK PROVIDED ON ENTRY

For further enquiries contact Ella on 0474838355 or DM via Facebook or Instagram



Please book tickets via the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/COZEX>

NARACOORTE NORTH KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUP

COME AND JOIN US!

FRIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS FROM WEEK 3 ONWARDS

9:30AM - 11:00AM

39 PARK TERRACE, NARACOORTE
 GOLD COIN DONATION

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY
 BYO FRUIT SNACK, HAT AND WATER BOTTLE

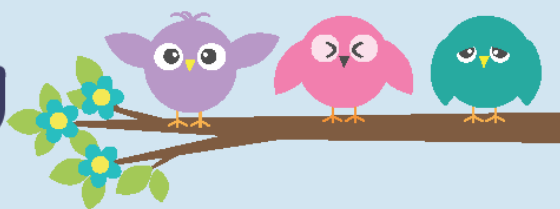
Contact Meg on 87621581 for more information



Term I 2024

Naracoorte Library

Children's program



Monday
3.45pm

JP Craft Crew

Weekly
Come along and create and make with our Junior Primary Craft Crew. All welcome

Tuesday
9.30 - 10.30am

Active Storytime Naracoorte Hall

Tuesday Fortnightly
Jan 30th, Feb 13th, Mar 12th,
Mar 26th, April 9th.
Aimed at ages 3-5 but all welcome, carer supervision required, fruit snack provided



Tuesday
10 - 11am

Active Storytime Lucindale Hall

Once a month
Feb 6th, Mar 5th, April 2nd.
Aimed at ages 3-5 but all welcome, carer supervision required, fruit snack provided



Tuesdays
3.45pm

STEM club

Weekly
6-12 years. Get hands on with different STEM activities. Carer supervision required. Limited places available



Wednesday
3.45pm

Teen Art Club

Weekly
A weekly gathering for High school age students interested in drawing, creating and art



Thursday
9.30am

Bat Cave Babies

Weekly
A gentle sessions that combine songs, movement and actions for babies up to 18 months. All welcome



Friday
3.45pm

LEGO club


Weekly
Free after school sessions for children of all ages. Weekly tasks to challenge your LEGO building skills



More Info Call
8762 2338

Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall

SHARK CAGE



Shark Cage is an eight-week supportive and informative group for women who have experienced family violence or sexual abuse in their lives.

Sometimes women begin to feel that they must attract abuse if it happens more than once in their lives. This is not true. No one is ever to blame in any way for the abusive actions of others.

This group program recognises that there are sharks out there in the world and sometimes it is not possible to avoid them. Having a strong **Shark Cage** of human rights can help you to recognise sharks before they become part of your life.

This program will help you to strengthen your **Shark Cage** and make sure it has a good alarm system. You will also explore how to recognise a respectful dolphin and identify the characteristics of healthy relationships.

In working through the five steps in the **Shark Cage** framework, you will learn about the impacts of trauma, how to manage strong emotions, develop assertiveness skills and build your sense of empowerment.

You will also create your personal Treasure Chest of tools to help you heal and create a new, strong and positive sense of yourself and your rights.

Date and time TBA Cost - Free Venue - Naracoorte TBA

We take great care to ensure our group programs are well matched to the needs and expectations of participants. To find out if this is the right program for you, ring the Mount Gambier Family relationship Centre on 8721 3500 to book in for an individual meeting.

TERM 1 NARACOORTE LIBRARY ADULT'S PROGRAM

**TUESDAY 10AM
KNITTING GROUP**
Come along to our informal knitting group to share ideas and learn from an experienced knitter. Beginners welcome.

**DIGITAL HELP
1ST THURSDAY MONTH
10AM LUCINDALE**
Digital sessions aimed at people 50+. Learn how to use Android and Apple phones and tablets. Build confidence and knowledge.

**DIGITAL HELP
THURSDAY
1 PM NARACOORTE**
Book a 30 minute one on one session to help you with your tech based questions.

**CHATS GROUP
WEDNESDAY 10AM**
CHATS group. Chat, Help, Ask, Tech savvy, Seniors. A social group of like-minded locals that get together weekly for different activities. Open to everybody.

**Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall**

RECYCLED FASHION POP-UP

FRIDAY FEB 16TH, 4-8PM
SATURDAY 17TH, 9-12AM



**AMAZING PRELOVED
& NEW CLOTHING**

Stand Like Stone
PENOLA COONAWARRA
INDUSTRIAL CENTRE

Mary McKillop Memorial School Hall.
Penola

Term 1, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29/1 Wk 1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2
5/2 Wk 2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2
12/2 Wk 3	13/2 5pm Meet NSPS Community	14/2	15/2 Newsletter	16/2
19/2 Wk 4	20/2 SAPSASA Softball Trials	21/2	22/2 9:00am Yr 3-6 Assembly 10am Bounce & Bop	23/2 9:15am R-2 Assembly
26/2 Wk 5 6pm Governing Council AGM	27/2 10am Learning Together Playgroup YELP @Caves	28/2	29/2 10am Bounce & Bop	30/2
4/3 Wk 6	5/3 10am Learning Together playgroup	6/3	7/3 10am Bounce & Bop Newsletter	8/3 STUDENT FREE DAY
11/3 Wk 7 ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY	12/3 10am Learning Together playgroup	13/3 NAPLAN	14/3 10am Bounce & Bop NAPLAN	15/3 NAPLAN
18/3 Wk 8 NAPLAN 11:55 Road Monitors Training 6pm Governing Council	19/3 10am Learning Together playgroup NAPLAN	20/3 NAPLAN	21/3 NAPLAN 9:00am Yr 3-6 Assembly 10am Bounce & Bop Harmony Day	22/3 NAPLAN 9:15am R-2 Assembly
25/3 Wk 9 3 Way Conferences (Parent, Student, Teacher) SAPSASA Softball Carnival	26/3 10am Learning Together playgroup	27/3	28/3 10am Bounce & Bop Newsletter	29/3 GOOD FRIDAY
1/4 Wk 10 EASTER MONDAY	2/4 10am Learning Together playgroup	3/4 SAPSASA AFL Boys Carnival	4/4 10am Bounce & Bop	5/4 SPORTS DAY
8/4 Wk 11 SAPSASA Swimming	9/4 10am Learning Together playgroup	10/4 SAPSASA AFL Boys Trial	11/4 10am Bounce & Bop	12/4 2:15pm Dismissal