



# Naracoorte South Primary School

28th March, 2024

From Ms Edwards



### New Students

A big warm welcome to our new students who have joined our NSPS family – Sharav Kumar joined Room 14, Mehran Hamidi, Room 12 and Arman Hamidi in Room 8. We hope you enjoy your time at NSPS!

### Kindness Award

Congratulations to our latest Kindness Award recipients Leo Slotegraaf and Ella Harris.

Thank you both for displaying kindness every day in our school. Leo and Ella will join the previous recipients for a 'Picnic with the Principal' at the end of the term.

### Harmony Day

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is an important celebration that reminds us all about the importance of diversity, acceptance and inclusion. It is a day where we embrace and appreciate the cultural differences between us. At NSPS, we understand that diversity is what makes us unique and special. Our community is made up of people with different backgrounds, languages, religions, traditions and beliefs. It's important to remember that we should celebrate not only our similarities but also our differences, as it's what makes us all so wonderful. We take pride in being a multicultural school that values diversity and promotes respect for one another. Our students come from all walks of life, and they all bring something unique to the table. We have learned that by understanding and accepting each other's differences, we can build strong relationships and create a harmonious community. Thank you to Miss A who attended a Ramadan information session with me last Saturday at the Migrant Resource Centre.

### Special Persons Day

Today we celebrated the important people in our students' lives for 'Special Person's Day'. The morning was filled with fun Easter activities in the classrooms followed by morning tea together, enjoying snacks and conversations with loved ones. It was a heart warming day that showcased the strong bonds within our school community while also spreading Easter cheer. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this day so memorable. Thank you also to Sophie at the Coffee Pitt for helping with our coffee fix and to Tiff Pearce and the canteen committee and families for the morning tea donations. We really appreciate all your support for events like these.



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

### Important Diary Dates

- 2/4/24 6pm Governing council
- 4/4/24 Cyber Safety Session @ NHS
- 5/4/24 Sports Day
- 12/4/24 Early Dismissal @ 2:15pm



## 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.



### Easter

I hear the Easter bunny made a special appearance today at our Easter Raffle! Thankyou to all of our families for your donations – we were overwhelmed with the amount of Easter goodies we received and ended up with over 50 prizes. Big thanks to our fundraising committee for putting all of our prizes together. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter with your families filled with laughs, hot cross buns and yummy Easter eggs!

### Staffing News

A big warm welcome to our new Digital Technologies and HASS teacher: Sadhna Lata. Sadhna comes with more than 15 years of teaching experience and is excited to join the Naracoorte community, moving down from Adelaide with her family.

I am very sad to announce that our Deputy Principal Heidi Kerr has won a position as a Teaching and Learning Advisor with the Northern Territory Department for Education, starting in Term 2.

We will truly miss Mrs Kerr and all she brought to our school community. Her wealth of knowledge, skills, and ability for building strong relationships made her an invaluable asset, and her leaving leaves a noticeable gap in our team. On behalf of the NSPS community we wish Mrs Kerr, Andrew, Grace and Georgia all the best with their new chapter in Darwin. We wish Mrs Kerr the best of luck in her new role, knowing she'll continue to thrive wherever she goes, our loss is the Northern Territory's gain. Our Deputy Principal vacancy is now advertised externally, closing on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, we will keep you all updated as we know more.



Jess



## Deputy Principal

### NAPLAN

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 5 students for successfully completing NAPLAN last week. We were very proud of the way the students persevered with their tests, some of them are quite challenging, but all the students worked hard and tried their best. Results will arrive later next term, and reports will be sent home to parents.

### SSO Deployment Program

Naracoorte South Primary School has been chosen to participate in a pilot program, which focuses on changing the way we deploy our SSOs throughout the school. As part of this program, in 2024 we have overhauled our SSO roster and have attached SSOs to classrooms full time for R-4 and for half days in 5/6 classes. This decision was made to ensure that all students are supported with their learning and allows for consistency within the classroom. We see our amazing SSOs as co-educators in our classrooms, they assist teachers with the teaching and learning, behaviour management and wellbeing of students. If you have any feedback in regards to the SSOs who work in your child's class, please email [Heidi.Kerr330@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Heidi.Kerr330@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Sad Goodbyes

I am very sad to announce that I will be leaving NSPS at the end of the term. I have loved every minute that I have worked here, it is an honour and a privilege to work with your children. Some of my favourite memories of NSPS include the school concert, sports day, working with the KIC executives, hosting KIC meetings, yard duty hang-outs and much, much more! The way your beautiful children greet me each morning, with a smile on their face and a 'Hello, Mrs Kerr!' always brightens my day. My family and I are relocating to the Northern Territory and I will be starting a new job in Darwin City working with principals and teachers, across a range of schools, to improve student learning. It is an exciting new role for me, my first non-school based job for seventeen years!

I will miss working with your children, the wonderful staff at NSPS and being a part of the Naracoorte community. Thank you all for welcoming and supporting me throughout my time as Deputy Principal. If you are ever in Darwin, please look me up and we can catch up for a swim!

Heidi

## Happy Birthday to ...

Blair Zeuner who was 7 & Tyler McKinnon who was 10 on 9th March

Tate Vitan who was 6 on 13th March

Elias Jafari who was 5 & Silas Osborne who was 11 on 14th March

Gabby Moore who was 8 on 15th March

Sharav Kumar who was 11 on 16th March

Bailey Holly who was 7 & Zara Secker who was 8 on 20th March

Tyler Polkinghorne who was 8 &

Austin Rishworth who was 9 on

23rd March

Ethan Cother who was 9 on 24th March

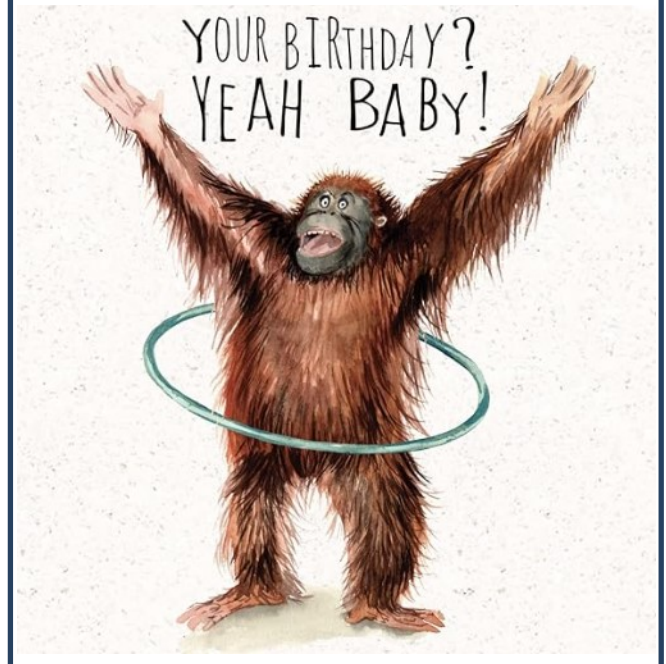
Charlie Brinsley who was 6 on 26th March

Roley Mark who was 7 yesterday, 27th March

Maddi Mulraney who is 5 &

Evie Cherrington who is 7 today,

28th March





## Harmony Day

Harmony Week is a celebration to recognize diversity within our community and bring together Australians from all backgrounds. On Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> we participated in the Children's Festival, organized by the Naracoorte Lucindale Council, going to the Town Square to watch movies that all the local schools had created looking at the theme of 'Everyone Belongs'. We then watched the ABC Backroads episode on Naracoorte. What a wonderful day, watching our students in a sea of orange, celebrating the diversity of our community.

## Special Person's Day

Today we had our Special Person's Day, where students invited someone special to come to their classroom and participate in an activity with them. This was followed by a morning tea in the hall. We also had Sophie from The Coffee Pitt providing us with coffee. It was so lovely to see so many people in children's classroom, sharing their learning with a special person.

## Mindfulness

Building on from the last few weeks of information on Mindfulness, I have attached a few different ways young people can focus on their breathing. Using Breath can be a great way to ground ourselves when we are feeling upset, overwhelmed, angry or need support to calm and focus.

## Thank you!

Thank you to the Uniting Church for their generous donation of \$400 for students at our school to support excursions or events, school uniforms and other necessary items for school. We are incredibly lucky to have such a generous community around us who support our school and our students.

Please reach out if you or your child needs support, my email is [jessie.cope810@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:jessie.cope810@schools.sa.edu.au) or you can call through at the office to talk to me or contact me through Seesaw.

Thank you,

Jessie

## 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.



## LION BREATH

**Breathing to help release anger and frustration**

Take a deep breath in, fill your lungs with air.

Exhale, letting all the air out through your mouth as you roar like a lion.



## BUNNY BREATH

**Breathing for when you're upset and can't find your breath**

Sitting on your knees, begin by wiggling your nose like a bunny rabbit.

Take 3 quick sniffs in through your nose and then one long exhale out through your nose.

Continue to regulate breathing





# Harmony Day



## Room 5

In Room 5 we ...

Try our hardest



Listen and learn

Are kind and respectful



Never give up

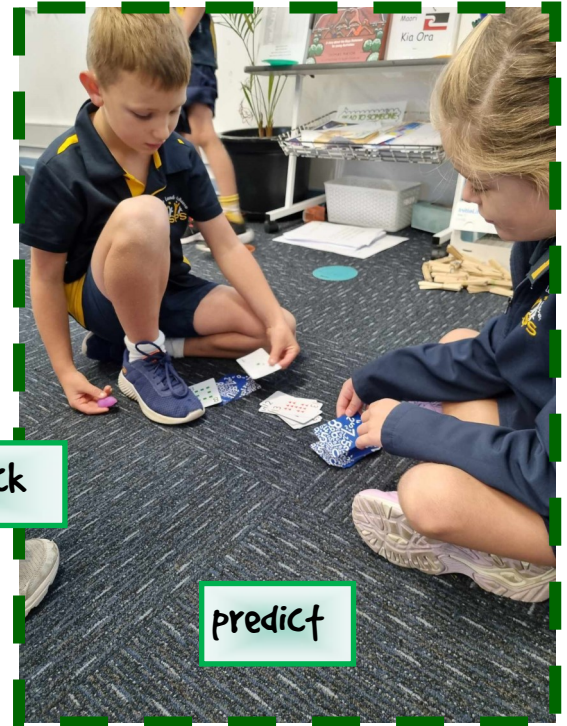


Room 5 continued

Can skip count



Learn different strategies to help us add and subtract



Bounce back

predict

Problem solve in mathematics

Practice our tricky words



Are learning our sounds

Are scientists

Are investigators



hypothesis

Are readers





# cybersafetysolutions

## Growing up Online:

**An educational & empowering session for Parents and carers, Susan's unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked at the reality of the online world.**

It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach. The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:

- **Reality & Risk.** The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.
- **What are kids doing online.** Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, Discord, Yolo, Wink & more.
- **Online Grooming.** What is it and when/how does it occur? Preventative measures. What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- **Cyberbullying.** What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- **Sharing Nudes.** The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law and the serious issue of Sextortion...
- **Problematic Gaming.** How to manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems and what to do if/when they arise.
- **Exposure to damaging content.** Including online pornography & site that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.
- **Top Tips–** how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.
- The session will conclude with time for questions



## Susan McLean

Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people.

Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments.

She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools & national & international companies. A sought after media commentator for television, print and radio, she recently co-authored the NSW Govt. review into mobile phones in schools. She is the most highly qualified & experienced presenter in Australia & is internationally renowned.

Susan is a proud ambassador for Collective Shout. A published author, her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.



## Parent Information Session:

**Thursday April 4th @ 7.00pm - 9.00pm, Naracoorte High School Library**  
Please register your interest via the QR code



# Nature Studio.

20 APRIL 2024



where art meets environment

Naracoorte Caves Naracoorte

FREE EVENT  
Featuring artist Harriet Mart  
10am - 9pm | Lunch provided

Scan here to register or visit [countryarts.org.au](http://countryarts.org.au)  
For enquiries contact Jane Ellis [janeellis@countryarts.org.au](mailto:janeellis@countryarts.org.au)



NARACOORTE

# Youth Theatre

COME AND TRY

Tuesday  
**April 16**  
Naracoorte Hall  
2-3.30pm



Brought to you by Brianna and Ashley  
Bookings to the Library on 87601170

# MINDFULNESS FOR STRESS & ANXIETY

SATURDAY 13th & 20th April  
10am - 11am



Mindful strategies for reducing stress and anxiety aimed at 12 to 25 year olds  
Please dress in warm comfy clothes BYO blanket

Call 87601170 to Book





FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**After-school Soccer in Naracoorte**  
Venue: Naracoorte United SC  
Day/time: Fridays, 3.45pm - 4.45pm  
Start date: 10 May  
End date: 28 June




**JOIN TODAY!**

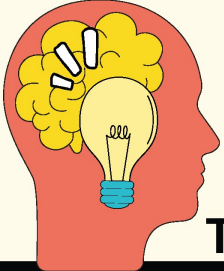


To pay online, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/52wjv2yu>  
For further information, contact [christian.fleetwood@footballsau.com.au](mailto:christian.fleetwood@footballsau.com.au)

# YOUTH QUIZ



12 - 25 YRS

BOOKINGS TO THE LIBRARY OR BEL BEGGS



GROUPS MAX OF 4

**THURSDAY**  
**18TH APRIL**  
4pm @ Naracoorte Library

# LOST MUMMY ESCAPE ROOM

CAN YOU CRACK THE CODE BEFORE YOUR TIME RUNS OUT?

**BOOK NOW**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Groups of 4, Parent supervision required, bookings essential




## MATHOONCOURT P/L

Matho's Basketball 4/5- to 7-year-olds basketball training/games  
Now Running **Wednesday's** Runs for all of term 2 & 3  
Cost \$5.00 per night per player From 4.15pm to 5.15pm  
At the Naracoorte Basketball Stadium All welcome  
Just a lot of fun and learning along the way.

Please email [mathooncourt@bigpond.com](mailto:mathooncourt@bigpond.com) Ph. 0417-855-247 or turn up on the night and see Helen Garrigan at the desk.





**INTERESTED?**

# JUNIOR BASKETBALL WINTER 2024

GAMES TO COMMENCE THE WEEK OF 6TH MAY

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 12TH APRIL**

- U10 2016-2015
- U12 2014-2013
- U14 2012-2011
- U16 2010-2009
- U18 2008-2007

Enquires: Jenny Grigg 0438 620 017  
*Registrations to be completed online with Basketball Connect link attached no later than Friday 12th April*

**\*\*NO REGISTRATIONS PAST THIS DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***

<https://registration.basketballconnect.com/userRegistration?organisationId=a0dca918-c062-4dec-92da-6ea13e43fa95&competitionId=2a971c2c-4403-4138-a825-5cba8cf0e588>

BORDER DISTRICTS NETBALL CLUB

# LITTLE EAGLES

FOR AGES 5-10 TO LEARN THE NETBALL BASICS  
FRANCES & GOROKE




REGISTER NOW!



**ALHD**  
 Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

**South-East Puppy Socialiser Information Session**

**Date**  
 🐾 2nd of April

**Time**  
 🐾 2pm-3:30pm

**Address**  
 🐾 Naracoorte Lions Den  
 Deviation Road  
 Naracoorte, 5271

Join us for an afternoon information session about our Puppy Program and how you can get involved!

If you would like more information about becoming a puppy carer, please contact us on 8388 7836 or [puppyprogram@lionshearingdogs.com.au](mailto:puppyprogram@lionshearingdogs.com.au)

School Holidays- Week 2

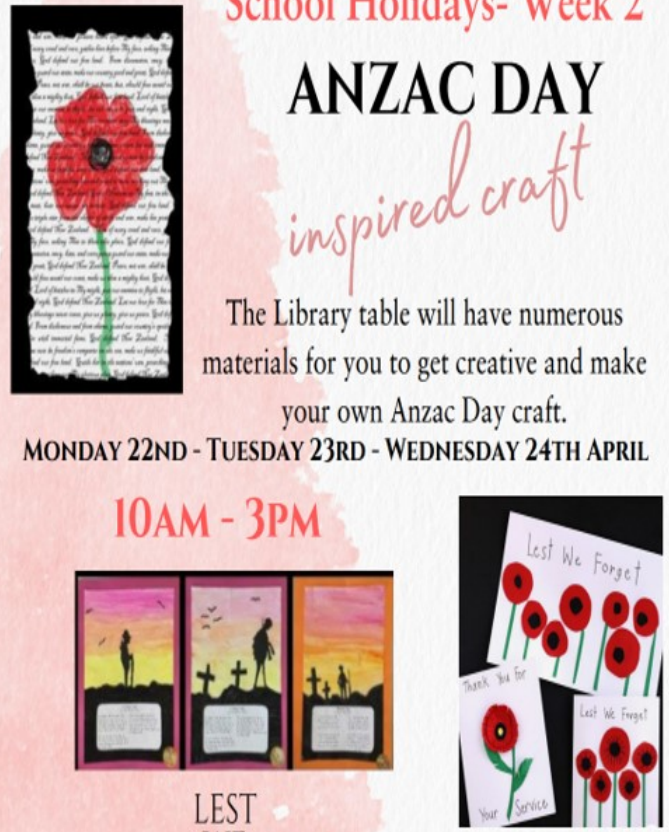
# ANZAC DAY

*inspired craft*

The Library table will have numerous materials for you to get creative and make your own Anzac Day craft.

MONDAY 22ND - TUESDAY 23RD - WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL

10AM - 3PM



LEST WE FORGET

Colouring sheets available all week

Naracoorte Library + Town Hall

# 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 Basketball with Matho	15/2 Newsletter	16/2
19/2 wk 4	20/2 SAPSASA Softball Trials	21/2 Basketball with Matho	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 Basketball with Matho	29/2 10am Bounce & Bop	30/2
4/3 wk 6	5/3 10am Learning Together playgroup	6/3 Basketball with Matho	7/3 10am Bounce & Bop Newsletter	8/3 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
11/3 wk 7 <b>ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY</b>	12/3 10am Learning Together playgroup	13/3 NAPLAN Basketball with Matho 3:30pm Fundraising	14/3 10am Bounce & Bop NAPLAN	15/3 Yr 5/6 Field Days NAPLAN
18/3 wk 8 NAPLAN 11:55 Road Monitors Training 6pm Governing Council	19/3 10am Learning Together playgroup NAPLAN	20/3 NAPLAN Basketball with Matho	21/3 NAPLAN 10am Bounce & Bop Harmony Day	22/3 NAPLAN 9:15am R-2 Assembly 11:30am Yr 3-6 Assembly
25/3 wk 9 3 Way Conferences (Parent, Student, Teacher) SAPSASA Softball Carnival Easter Raffle due back	26/3 10am Learning Together playgroup	27/3 Basketball with Matho Choir @ NPS	28/3 10am Bounce & Bop Newsletter 10:30 Special Persons Day Easter Raffle drawn 2:15pm Dismissal	29/3 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
1/4 wk 10 <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	2/4 10am Learning Together Playgroup 6pm Governing Council	3/4 SAPSASA AFL Boys Carnival Basketball with Matho	4/4 10am Bounce & Bop Susan McLean Cyber Safety @ NHS Yr 3-6	5/4 <b>SPORTS DAY</b>
8/4 wk 11 SAPSASA Swimming	9/4 10am Learning Together playgroup	10/4 SAPSASA AFL Boys Trial Basketball with Matho	11/4 10am Bounce & Bop	12/4 2:15pm Dismissal