



Naracoorte South Primary School

7th March, 2024

From Ms Edwards



What an excellent turn out we had at our Governing Council AGM. I would like to welcome and thank our new and continuing councillors for 2024:

Chairperson: Monique Crossling

Deputy Chairperson: Di Schinckel

Secretary: Alice Norcock

Treasurer: Bec Henschke

Committee Members: Emma Cother,

Eliza Mulraney, Milly Wood, Dellie Brown, Sian Burns,

Mary Obst, Amy Mott

Staff representatives: Liam Janssan and Ash Anderson

We look forward to working with you all this year.

A big thank you to our retiring members, Lauren Crossling, Skylea McLean and Catherine Flint. Thank you so much for your ongoing support as Governing Council members over the years, we truly appreciate you and the impact you have had in our school community.

Kindness Award

This year I have introduced a new award that will be presented at our assemblies – “The Kindness Award”. Each day I will be looking at students who stand out to me by displaying kindness in our school. Congratulations to our first recipients Harley Lewis and Charlotte Meldrum who have both demonstrated ongoing kindness to their peers and staff in our classrooms and yard. Charlotte and Harley also received an invitation to have a “picnic with the principal” in week 11. We are so proud of you both!

SAPSASA News

Well done to Winnie Schinckel who has been selected to represent the Upper South East at SAPSASA Softball in Adelaide. Great job Winnie!

Leaders Day and Numeracy Summit

On Monday and Tuesday this week Mrs Kerr and I were lucky enough to have the opportunity to join other principals and directors all over South Australia at our annual Leaders Day Conference in Adelaide. On Monday we heard from Chief Executive Martin Westwall and the Minister for Education, Blair Boyer, who outlined their vision for public education and future directions for our state. On Tuesday we attended the Numeracy summit, which was presented by a range of national and



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Opportunity
Responsibility
Pride

Important Diary Dates

Friday 8th March - STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 18th March - 6:00pm Governing Council meeting

Thursday 28th March - Special Persons Day

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.



international Numeracy experts. I left feeling very inspired and excited for our ongoing Numeracy improvement.

Stand Like Stone

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Stand Like Stone Foundation and their Back to School Program. For 20 years Stand Like Stone has supported local public schools through this foundation. This year they secured 1,160 \$50 vouchers that have been distributed to 40 local schools

to support regional, rural and remote children and young people. The foundation provide schools with \$50 vouchers that can be used to purchase items such as uniforms, shoes, school bags, stationery etc. Thank you also to all of the local donors who have contributed to the program over the years, we are so grateful.

Building Upgrades

We are very excited to be starting the renovation for our girls toilets. As of next week we will have tradesmen on site and a fenced off area on our asphalt. There will be lots of action happening for a little while and this will bring some disruptions to our routines. Class teachers will be speaking to students about the changes, please have a chat with your child if they are anxious about any of the works.

Rain Water Tank Updates

Over the last few weeks Gavin has been working with Luke Attwood to clean and replace the rainwater in our tanks. With a new pump from Lawrences Irrigation and rain water from Henschke Industries, our students have access to rain water in the drinking fountains. In the coming weeks the refrigeration units will be fitted in enclosed cages. Thanks to Crocker Engineering for designing and constructing these. Henschke Industries very kindly donated \$500 towards the cost of the rainwater. Thank you!

Jess



Stand Like Stone

Inspiring kindness and courage

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL MID YEAR 2024 OR START OF YEAR 2025?

What an exciting time - here is your checklist to follow to make everything that little bit easier.

1. Book a principal tour via this link <https://narsouthps.sa.edu.au/principal-tour/>.
2. Express your interest by filling out the required forms - available at the front office.
3. Stay in the loop via social media and email to know when our open day / nights are as well as kindy transition days (these aren't until term 2, so it's important you have selected your school of interest prior)

Please don't hesitate to contact us for more information, we are happy to answer any questions! We can't wait to welcome you to our NSPS community.

Deputy Principal

KIC Representatives

Each semester, the classes vote for a 'Kids in Charge' representative. The KIC Rep attends a fortnightly meeting and discusses matters that are important to the students. Some of the topics include grounds and maintenance, fundraising, school values and our intention for the fortnight. It is an honour, and a privilege, to be chosen as the class KIC Rep. The students take their role very seriously and love being part of the group. Congratulations to Semester One's representatives.

KIC Reps 2024 – Semester 1

| | Semester 1 Reps | Semester 1 Proxies |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Room 2 | Molly Newell Lewis Vanstone | Evie Biswell Callum Boden |
| Room 4 | Bonnie Crossling Harley Lewis | Maverick Trotter Penny Wood |
| Room 5 | Wyatt Moffatt Lulu Burns | Logan Joubert Zara Secker |
| Room 7 | Ada Oram Mattheus Nel | Eloise Lawrie Joshua Humby |
| Room 8 | Mehnaz Hussaini Eli Williams | Addison East Dustyn Negri |
| Room 11 | Harry Heffernan Gabby Moore | Charlie Haynes Frankie Crossling |
| Room 12 | Tilli Gregory Angus Jones | Chyanne Cubero-Hobbs Jaxon Harvey |
| Room 13 | Bruce Freeman Maya Pohlner | Axel Brown Palace Gnyss |
| Room 14 | Winnie Schinckel Arlind Oster | Charlotte Meldrum Chase Redding |
| Room 16 | Nida Sultani Liam Doyle | Olivia Sinclair Muhammad Karimi |
| Room 19 | Lincoln Ebert Evie Darlow | Ned Pearce Claire McCallum |

'Dress Like a Teacher' Day

Today, we held our 'Dress Like a Teacher' dress up day. It was so much fun to see the students' interpretations of how their teachers dress each day. Keep an eye out in our next newsletter for some photos. The money raised today will be donated to 'Spare Ya Change 4 Kids' who provide meals to families in need. Each fortnight, SYC4K provides around 800 meals directly to education sites around the Limestone Coast. If your family would like some meals for the freezer, please contact the school on 8762 2977. With the rising cost of living, everyone needs a little help sometimes, so please reach out if you need it!

3-Way Conferences

3-Way Conferences will be held in Week 9. You will soon receive communication about how to book in to see your child/ren's teacher. These conferences are crucial as they provide teachers the chance to communicate with you and your child, allowing you to set goals for their learning and understand what they are working on in class. It is important that you bring your child

along so that they can hear all the wonderful things their teacher says about them! Bookings will once again be online, so keep an eye out for details next week.

Heidi



Interoception Room

This is such a great space that students are accessing throughout the day to help them be Ready to Learn and regulate. Mr B is doing an excellent job at supporting students to develop their Interoception and mindful skills when he works with students on Wednesdays and Fridays. Classroom teachers are also accessing this space for students during the day when they feel they need it.

Breakfast Club

We are very excited to have so many students coming in during the mornings to have breakfast and a milo with us from 8am – 8:30am. Thank you to those lovely people who have put their names down with Kayla at the office to help out at Breakfast Club. I am truly very grateful for your help and support so we can ensure this wonderful program keeps running 5 days a week.

Mindfulness

Last newsletter I talked about the importance of mindfulness is helping with how we are feeling every day and dealing with big emotions and anxiety. This week I have included 5 fun mindful activities you could do with your children. Not all mindful activities need to be still, being mindful can still be moving around and being active but just being aware of your surroundings.

As always, please reach out if you or your child needs support, my email is jessie.cope810@schools.sa.edu.au or you can call through at the office to talk to me.

Thank you,

Jessie

5 TENSE AND RELEASE MUSCLE RELAXATION

- Starting at your feet, gently squeeze the muscles and tighten your feet, then slowly release.
- Next, squeeze the large muscles in the calves for 5 seconds, then gentle release.
- Work your way up your body, squeezing each of the muscles for 5 seconds and then release.
- From thighs, stomach, hands, arms, shoulders, mouth, cheeks, eyebrows, all the way to the top of the head.



5 FUN mindful activities FOR CHILDREN

1 "ONE BREATH AT A TIME" BREATHING ACTIVITY

- Find a quiet and relaxing place to sit comfortably on the floor or in a chair.
- Set a timer for 1 one minute
- Breathe deeply in and out and pay attention to your senses. What can you hear? What can you feel in your body?
- Take another deep breath, this time slower and deeper and image the air filling your lungs and then leaving your body.
- Take one more deep breath, hold it, and then release.



2 CREATE A GLITTER JAR

- Find a jar or plastic bottle and decorate however you like.
- Fill the bottle 3/4 of the way with water.
- Add clear glue, food colouring and glitter.
- Seal the lid.
- Shake and watch the glitter.



3 HEARTBEAT EXERCISE

- Jump up and down, run on the spot or do jumping jacks for one minute
- At the end of the minute, place your hand on your heart and pay attention to how your heartbeat and breathing feels.
- Do this for a minute and notice if there are any changes.



4 GOING ON AN ADVENTURE

- Go outside for an adventure. See if you can find a small rock, or touch a plant or a flower.
- Notice the bugs and the birds, what do they look like? What noises do they make?
- Walk mindfully and pay attention to the things you see. What colours do you notice, how do things feel when you touch them? What sounds can you hear? Are there any smells?



Children's University

Children's University is back for 2024!

This program is open to all students from year 2 to 6 (age 8 and above) and recognises the learning that students do outside of school hours. Students need to be self-motivated and are responsible for completing their learning and uploading their work to the CU Portal.

If your child is interested, please collect a form from the office and make sure it is completed and returned by the due date along with the money to participate.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at school or at

tracy.hahn121@schools.sa.edu.au

Tracy Hahn

NSPS Children's University Coordinator



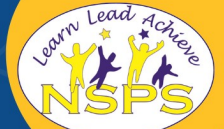
ASSEMBLIES WEEK 8

FRIDAY 22ND, 11:30

YEARS 3-6
ROOM 16 ARE HOSTING.
ROOMS 11, 13 AND 19
ARE SHARING.

FRIDAY 22ND, 9:15

YEARS R-2
ROOM 7 ARE HOSTING.
ROOMS 2, 4 AND 8 ARE
SHARING.



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR
YEAR 3-6 ASSEMBLY DUE TO HARMONY DAY
ACTIVITIES.**

Easter Raffle

It's time for the famous Naracoorte South Primary School Easter Egg Raffle again! Raffle books went home this week. So keep a look out for them.

The raffle has a reputation for being fantastic value with approximately 20 winners each year and tickets only cost \$1.00.

Families are asked to donate Easter eggs towards the raffle and to sell one book of 10 tickets. Of course, there are extra books available for enthusiastic raffle ticket sellers!

Amelia Wood
Fundraising Chair



Happy Birthday to ...



Viola Starke who was 7 on 17th February
Ada Oram who was 6 on 18th February
Penny Wood & Jaxon Bilston who were 5 on 19th February
Tariro Chambara who was 12 on 20th February
Zahra Fedayee who was 5 & Oliver Cross who was 6 on 21st February
Lucas Whitehead who was 9 on 22nd February
Harley Lewis who was 5 & Anakie Gregory who was 11 on 23rd February
Eli Williams who was 7 on 28th February
Nina Williams who was 6, Ruby Murphy who was 9 & Makenzie Bell who was 10 on 3rd March
Betty Pomery who was 5 on 4th March
Darcy Hill who was 11 yesterday, 6th March
Dan Teklemariam who is 11 today, 7th March

Exploring Chinese Culture and Creativity in the Arts.

As we reflect on the enriching experiences of Term 1 in the arts, I'm thrilled to share our students' incredible journey. This term, we've delved deep into the vibrant traditions of Chinese culture, especially as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon in 2024.

Students have immersed themselves in various creative activities throughout our exploration of Chinese New Year festivities. From crafting beautiful lanterns to dancing like dragons, they've been learning and enjoying themselves. These activities have not only introduced them to cultural traditions but also nurtured their skills in dance and creativity. They explored music techniques and dance choreography while learning about the methods used in Chinese dragon dancing.

Our imaginative journey will transport us to the enchanting world of "Puff the Magic Dragon." Through storytelling, puppetry, and creative world-building, students will discover how imagination and creativity can breathe life into stories. They will explore drama through setting scenes and investigate visual arts, experimenting with colour and texture to enhance their storytelling skills.

In addition to our cultural exploration, our Junior Primary students have been learning the moves for the Health Hustle at Sports Day. Their dedication and enthusiasm in mastering these dance moves have been truly impressive, and we're eagerly anticipating the opportunity to showcase their talents on the big day. Together, we've embarked on a journey of discovery and growth in the arts, laying the foundation for even more exciting adventures ahead.

Warm regards, Michelle Stewart, The Arts Teacher



Room 4

Exciting things are happening in Room 4! Every morning, we start our day with our **Morning Circle**. In the circle we give a warm greeting, identify values and expectations, and reflect on our successes.

Our **Walker Learning 'Investigations'** are packed with loads of fun and explorations. During the week we're also thrilled to be working with our **buddies** from Room 13 and Room 2 on fun activities and projects.

In **science**, we're exploring the wonders of living and non-living things in our school environment. We're learning what makes them tick and how they survive.

Mathematics is a blast as we dive into games that make counting and understanding numbers a breeze. We're also flexing our problem-solving muscles in different learning areas.

In **literacy**, we're sharpening our reading skills through phonological awareness. With a focus on sounds like 'm', 's', and 't', along with blending and segmenting words, we're becoming even stronger learners every day!



In everything we do we aim to...





SWINGING WITH THE STARS



QUIZ NIGHT & GOODS AUCTION

@ Naracoorte Football Clubrooms

\$20 ticket per person

Saturday, 23rd March 2024

Doors open at 8pm

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.

SIGN UP NOW




Cricket Blast is an energetic and fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, expand existing skills and play cricket in a team environment.

Naracoorte Multicultural Cricket
Saturday 23rd March 2024
9:00am - 1:00pm
Wortley Oval
Bring hat, sunscreen and drink bottle!
Harmony Day event






FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 0-6 YEARS OF AGE

- ✓ Children between 3-6 attend independently
- ✓ Bus Service available for eligible children
- ✓ Provides a hub for families in our community - supporting parenting

SESSION TIMES
Wednesday & Friday
8.30am - 12.00pm

CONTACT KERYN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON

PHONE: 8765 1034
LOCATION: FRANCES PRIMARY SCHOOL 23 BARRETT RD, FRANCES SA 5262





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




TRAINING STARTS MARCH 6TH

NARACOORTE SOCCER CLUB GIRLS TEAMS

TRAINING FOR:
UNDER 13 GIRLS (WEDNESDAY 5-6 PM)
UNDER 16 GIRLS (WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM)
WOMENS (WEDNESDAY 6:15-7:15 PM)

All abilities welcome for more information contact Jon: 0427608243 or Sile: 0447232532

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 STUDENT FREE DAY |
| 11/3 Wk 7 ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY | 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 | 29/3 GOOD FRIDAY |
| 1/4 Wk 10 EASTER MONDAY | 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 SPORTS DAY |
| 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 |