



Noorat Primary School

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## ***School Newsletter*** ***Term 4 2023 | Issue 17***

### ***A Word From The Principal***

It really baffles me when I stop and think that we are now beyond the half-way point of Term 4. We have had so many wonderful experiences already with many more exciting activities to come! We have again seen a glimpse of the warmer weather to come, and students love the opportunity to get outside and enjoy our beautiful and expansive yard.

#### **Fundraising Events**

Next weekend, Saturday November 18th we have our next school fundraising event, a raffle at the Noorat Show. Our Hands on Learning team have built fabulous creations as our prizes, including a birdhouse, chalkboard 'to-do list' and planter box. I thank Dave, Harry, Harper, Callum and Aidan for their work – I have no doubt they will be sought after items. Students have also entered work so be sure to have a look!

#### **150 Years of Excellence in Education – Celebrating on Thursday November 9th**

On November 10th, Noorat Primary School are celebrating 150 years of quality education. In honour of this wonderful occasion, we welcome our school community – past & present – to come for a walk down memory lane on Thursday November 9th between 2.30 and 3.30pm. Our library will be lined with memorabilia, along with student artwork, with guests being able to enjoy a stroll around our expansive grounds. The official cake-cutting will occur at 3.15pm.

Commemorative, personalised tea towels will be available to order – with delivery in December. We would love to see many parents, grandparents and special people come and enjoy this special event. If you know someone who has been involved in the Noorat Primary School community, please share this information with them.

#### **Attendance**

It is essential for every child to be at school, every day to ensure they learn, grow and flourish. We have fabulous attendance overall and have worked hard post-covid to reengage students and build their sense of connection.

As a parent of young people myself, I know the challenges sometimes faced to get children up, dressed and motivated for school, however it is paramount to their futures that they are here every day, unless unwell.

We care for our students and will always contact home if we feel your child is unwell and needs to be at home.

# School News

## Home Support

We work the students hard at school to challenge their ideas and expand their knowledge and skills. To support this work, it is important for students to practice these skills at home. Reading with your child every day for 10 minutes will make a significant difference in their ability to progress quickly and with confidence. Mathematics is easily practiced through everyday discussions about the weather (wind direction, rain percentage and time by looking at graphs), cooking (measurement, reading and following instructions), shopping (money and counting) and playing board games (reasoning, problem solving, counting and so much more).

I have no doubt every child loves special 'parent time' and these little moments daily form deep connections that will assist with the more challenging teenage years

*Alona Watkins*

Principal

## Noorat Show

The Noorat Show is fast approaching, and we need ONE MORE volunteer to assist on the day between 11am and 1pm. This is necessary to make the day a success and spread the load. Many hands make light work! It is important to have every family contribute wherever possible. Our raffle, consisting of prize items created by our Hands on Learning team is sure to be a hit!

## Parent Payments

Next week after going through School Council, your 2024 parent payment contributions and book lists will come home. We are once again going through Darrian's for families to purchase individual student stationary. We very carefully consider the items required and have made some adjustments on this year – we only ever order what is needed.

If you are unsure whether you have outstanding contributions for this year, please contact Mrs Burns in the office.

## Signing Out

If you need to collect your child from school early, all parents / guardians must come into the Office area to sign your child out of the school. This is a legal requirement. Thank you in advance for your support with this procedure.

## School Uniform

It is time to begin planning for 2024 which means now is an ideal time to review your child's current school uniform. The uniform order sheet will come home with the parent payment arrangements after they are approved at November's School Council meeting.

It is fabulous to walk in this-morning and see every student in correct school uniform. You should all be so proud, as our students are, in the pride we show as a school by being united in uniform.

To see full details, please see our [website](#).

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## Parent / Carer Communication

We rely on our families reading and actioning all communication and filling out forms accurately. This is to ensure students can participate in events and programs provided by our school.

## Contact Details

If your contact details such a phone number, email or emergency contact person have changed please contact Casey in the Office. We must have up to date contact details in case of an emergency. This is especially important as we prepare for excursions this term.

## School Lunch Orders

Just a reminder that school lunch orders for this term are only on Tuesday and Friday.

## Breakfast Club

Thank you to Beck, Sarah and Erin who continue to volunteer their time to ensure every child has a full tummy every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am- 8.50am. Drop-in parent volunteers welcome.

## School Hours

Classes begin at 9am and finish at 3.30pm. Please ensure your child/ren are here and ready to start class on time. It is good practice to allow them **10 minutes** to do what they need to do before the bell goes each morning.



*Celebrating*  
**150**  
**YEAR**  
*Anniversary*

Visit us on:  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
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NOORAT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Celebrating the Mountain of Knowledge*

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 1873 - 2023

# How can I help my child with **MATH**?

Count your steps as you take a walk. Count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.

Give your child story problems to try and solve. Have your child **explain** how to solve the problem.

Let your child help you cook. Cooking involves a lot of counting and measuring.

Help your child **learn math vocabulary.**

Give your child coins to practice counting money.

Have children point out patterns they find.

Show your child that math is in our everyday lives.

# Important Dates to Remember

## TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council Meeting
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Noorat Show – PFA Raffle, volunteers needed
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Prep 2024 Transition Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	WSW Literacy Learning Community PL- Miss Horsnell out
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Final MARC Session
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Fun Day – details to come Year 1/2 School Sleepover
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	State-wide Transition Day School Council Final Meeting for 2023
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Ceremony and Year 6 Graduation 6.00 - 7.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Day of School – Cleaning and Preparation
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2024 Planning and Staff time in lieu