

School Newsletter
Term 3 2023 | Issue 10
A Word From The Principal

It has been fabulous to see and welcome all students back to Term 3 with a bounce in their step and a smile on their face! It's been such a positive start to the term and great to see our students reconnect with their teachers, friends and learning. We've thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about the adventures, relaxation and slower days that everyone partook in over the two-week break.

We are very much looking forward to a wonderful term ahead – please make sure you have Dojo notifications turned on so you don't miss important information and event reminders.

School Values

The beginning of each term we spend time with students reviewing our School Values. Our School Values at Noorat are 'Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility.' We use these daily along with our Fab Four as a reminder for all students, staff and parents / carers in how we communicate and interact with each other.



School Review

We are commencing initial works in preparation for our Term 1, 2024 school review. This is a process that is undertaken by every school every four years to reflect and review progress made by seeking student and family input, digging into data and putting a lens in close on our school. Using this information, we will set our next four year school strategic plan (SSP). The process is lengthy and heavily involved, so please an eye out and ear open as we seek further information and feedback from our school community.

Student Voice

We are working to amplify student voice and provide opportunities for all students to share their ideas. We've had House discussions on events and Clubs that can occur this term with further discussion, voting and final decisions to be made. Some of the student ideas for lunchtime clubs were Pokémon Club, Drawing / colouring Club, Mindfulness Club, Lego Club, Minecraft Club, Dance Club, Author Club and a Music Club. We look forward to sharing our student ideas and decisions over the coming week.

Students also offered suggestions for events that our Junior School Council (JSC) could organise, so I look forward to hearing about their final decisions.

Positive Mindset

We discuss and share experiences with students regularly about caring for themselves – both physically and emotionally. This message is equally as important for our parents and carers. Taking care of yourself means you are better able to support your child's needs by being the calm in their storm. Being able to resolve challenges and setbacks calmly and logically enables students to build persistence and resilience

Ilona Watkins

Principal

School Transition – Kinder Tours and Prep Play

Earlier this week Miss Horsnell welcomed the Terang Kindergarten 4 year old children and their educators to Noorat. This is part of the transition program from kindergarten to primary school, with the aim of familiarising children with the school environment. Thank you to our School Leaders, Mackenzie and Harper who provided support and guidance to the kindergarten students and assisted throughout the session.

We also have Prep Play each term across the various schools to provide opportunities for our Prep students to reconnect with their friends from kindergarten. We look forward to hosting more kindergarten and pre students later this term.

School Camps

We are in the process of finalising our Year 3-6 School Camp with Cudgee Primary School to Sovereign Hill. Our 3-6 Sovereign Hill camp occurs on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th of October with a rest day on Thursday 12th (Term 4, week 2). Camps provide a wonderful opportunity for students to push the boundaries of their comfort zone and experience new things with their peers. Mrs Watkins is the teacher attending the Year 3-6 camp.

Our Year 1/2 school sleepover will occur towards the end of Term 4 with more information to come in November.

Uniform

Overall, students are all presenting well and in proper school uniform. This shows the pride our students have in being a member of Noorat Primary School. We know washing / drying can be challenging during the winter months – parents, please contact your child's teacher if this is the case. School t-shirts and jumpers are available for purchase from the office. Gumboots are not school uniform and should not be worn – if wet weather gear is needed, we have these at school.

School News

Swimming Lessons

Our annual school swimming program for all students will take place at the end of this term. The dates are as follows:

Week 8

Monday, 28 August 2023

Tuesday, 29 August 2023

Thursday, 31 August 2023

Week 9

Monday, 4 September 2023

Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Thursday, 7 September 2023

Week 10

Monday, 11 September 2023

Tuesday, 12 September 2023

Thursday, 14 September 2023

We welcome any parents who wish to come and watch or support your child to get changed at the end of a lesson. Swimming ability forms, excursion paperwork, etc. will all come home in the coming few weeks.

OSHC

Unfortunately, towards the end of Term 2, Big Childcare decided to cease offering before and after school care for our school as they were unable to find staff to run the service. I am currently working with other local schools to see if we can find an arrangement that would support our families. I feel very grateful that we have a supportive school community who help each other out when a family is in need of a village.

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.

Late arrivals and early departures

Students arriving late or needing to leave early must report at the office. The parent can collect and sign in or out. This is a safety requirement as well as enabling us to update attendance information.

A reminder to families to please call the school or send a message to your child's classroom teacher if your child is absent from school – this is your responsibility and takes away from teaching time for us to make contact.

MARC Library

Term 3

Author/Illustrator Visit: *Shelley Knoll-Miller*



It was a privilege to welcome Shelley Knoll-Miller to Noorat Primary School this week. Shelley is an extremely talented local author and illustrator who has recently published a series of delightful picture storybooks for young children...and of course for those older people who are young at heart!

Shelley was wonderful with the students, who were immediately captivated by her vivacious, friendly nature and passion for writing and illustrating. She spoke about the processes involved and the obstacles she had to overcome when on her journey to becoming a published author/illustrator. It involved an incredible amount of persistence, resilience, and commitment.

The session was very interactive and entertaining for the students. The spinning wheel was certainly a hit! Shelley dressed some students in paper outfits that she had made from her many draft illustrations. This was a novel way to demonstrate that creating illustrations for her picture storybooks was a lengthy process to get them just right. The students looked in awe at the ease at which she spontaneously drew pictures of anything they requested during the 'Simon Says' game. She even read her recently published book, *Parcel for Koala*, which has only become available in book shops this week. Nothing better than to hear an author read their own book!

Shelley's visit was a fantastic way to start our term.



Students share their thoughts about Shelley Knoll-Miller's visit...

My favourite part was when we made up the story and Shelley drew pictures. It was fun to meet Shelley for the first time. I really enjoyed it! **Mackenzie**

It was lots of fun because I liked drawing the penguin. I learnt how to make a book. **Charlie**

It was amazing because I finally got to meet Shelley. My favourite part was when I got to wear the vest, tie, hat, and glasses. They were made from her draft illustrations. **Grace**

It was good. I liked playing Simon Says. She was good at drawing. **Apollo**

It was very exciting to meet Shelley. I loved playing the Simon Says game. We had to tell Shelley what to draw and we made up a story. It was fun! **Harper**

*It was very good. We got to draw a penguin like the one in her book *Parcel for Penguin*.* **Harry**



Important Date to Remember!

**MARC Library
BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS
*Wednesday August 23rd***

Dress-up Day and Fun Activities



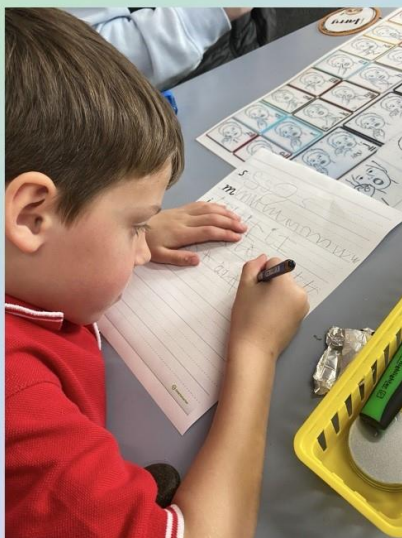
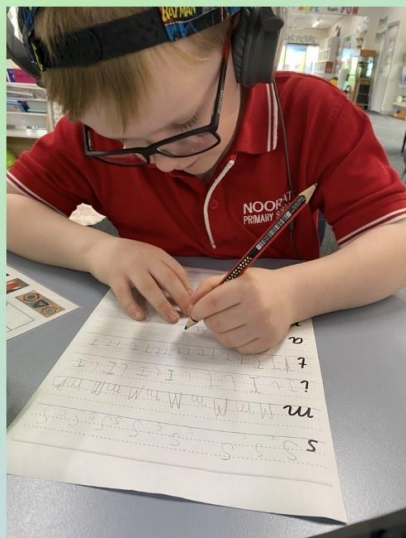
**The winning titles from our *MLCB*
(MARC Library Children's Book)
Awards will also be announced on
this day.**



What's Happening in the Classroom

WRITING

At the start of this term, we have been getting back into the school routines. In Writing we have had a focus on handwriting, specifically letter formation for upper case and lower-case letters of the alphabet. We have warmed up our hands for writing by using our putty!



F-2 Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING
BE RESPONSIBLE

ART

NAIDOC WEEK

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week which fell during the school holidays. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Together we discussed our Elders, researched important Indigenous Australians and read Dreamtime stories.

The Rainbow Serpent *a collaborative art project*



Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility

  Holiday Actors & Warrnambool Theatre Company present

The Wizard of Oz

By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox
Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

**15 - 22
JULY 2023**

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or 5559 4999

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2-4:30pm
Saturday 5
August 2023

Lighthouse
Theatre,
Warrnambool

Tickets
\$85 Each
\$150 Couples



WARRNAMBOOL
Breastfeeding Centre



A 2.5-hour workshop navigating big feelings, co-operation, working with our triggers, developing resilience and using play for connection

With Guest Speaker & Author, *Lael Stone*



JOIN THE GIRLS!

\$60 for 6 weeks, AFLW half-time experience & awesome goodies!

Warrnambool and Surrounds all Girls Auskick

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30
August 1st - Sept 5th
Deakin University Oval

REGISTER NOW



Terang Olympic Basketball Association

● ● ● JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS ● ● ●

Registrations for our upcoming junior domestic competition are now open!

We welcome new and returning players to follow the link below, to register **NO LATER than Friday 28th July.**

Season will commence **Friday 4th August**

Black or Navy Shorts **ONLY** and strictly **NO** pockets.

There will be **NO LATE** registrations accepted past the cut off date **Friday 28th July.**

Any queries please message TOBA page, Stephen Vaughan or Kym Grundy.



Focus on Your Breathing



Spend Time With Your Pet

Ideas for Self-Care

(n) doing things to take care of your body, mind, and emotions



Keep a Gratitude Journal



Do a Craft



Watch a Movie or a Show



Show Yourself Love



Cozy Up in Your Favorite Spot



Dance to Your Favorite Songs



Take a Nap



Go For a Walk



Have a Good Conversation



Be Hopeful



Clean Up



Go Outside in Nature



Be Grateful



Share Your Feelings



Create Something



Use Positive Self-Talk



Hug a Loved One



Read a Book



Come Up With an Idea



Do Something Active



Play a Game



Have a "Me Day"



Tell Yourself "Good Job!"



Do Yoga



Eat Healthy Foods



Have a Good Laugh



Stop Your Negative Thoughts



Listen to Music



Call or Message a Loved One



Finish a Task



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Important Dates to Remember

TERM CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 20 th July	Principal Network Meeting - Mrs Watkins Out
Tuesday 8 th August	Principal Area Forum – Mrs Watkins out
Wednesday 9 th August	Prep Play No MARC Van today
Tuesday 15 th August	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 16 th August	Numeracy CoP - Mrs Watkins Out
Thursday 17 th August	Kids Helpline School Bullying Session F – Year 6
Tuesday 22 nd August	3-way Conferences, 3.30 – 5.00pm. Contact your classroom teacher for a time.
Wednesday 23 rd August	Book Week Dress Up
Thursday 24 th & Friday 25 th August	VPA Principal's Conference - Mrs Watkins Out
Monday 28 th , Tuesday 29 th Thursday 31 st August	Swimming
Monday 28 th - Friday 8 th September	Grace Out
Wednesday 30 th August	Kinder Bus Tours
Thursday 31 st August	Principal's Network Meeting – Mrs Watkins out
Saturday 9 th September	PFA Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Friday 15 th September	End of Term 3, 2.30pm finish