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School Newsletter

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A Word From The Principal

We have all enjoyed the fresh but clear days over the past week as it means students can get outside and burn off that boundless energy. It has been wonderful to see all students joining in with an all-inclusive game of gang-up (chasey) over recess and lunch breaks. The strategy and collaboration for those it has been great to see, along with the persistence from all to keep running when puffed. We love that our students are inclusive, and all come together to play at various points across the year. It fosters a clear sense of positivity and calm among all staff and students when you enter our school.

Student Reporting

We are continuously looking at ways in which we can better share your child's learning in a clear, concise and timely manner. We pride ourselves on ensuring there are no surprises when it comes to receiving your child's mid-year and end-of-year reports by providing opportunities to discuss challenges and successes throughout the year. We are looking to change our reporting methods to a continuous, parent friendly and relevant format and will be seeking parent input. Please see Dojo for the link and further information.

3-way Conferences

It's now time to make an appointment to see your child's teacher in the format of a 3-way Conference - student, parent & teacher. This is an opportunity to celebrate, share and discuss your child's learning and ensure your child is supported with the best possible learning plan.

The scheduled date for these 15-minute conferences is Tuesday 22nd August, from 3.30pm – 5pm. Please message your child's classroom teacher via ClassDojo to book your conference time now. Bookings close on Thursday 17th August. We can do these face-to-face, or via WebEx if that's your preferred method due to work.

PFA Bunnings BBQ

Our wonderful PFA have again secured a Bunnings BBQ Day where we can raise a significant amount of money to further improve our grounds and facilities to benefit your children. The date is Saturday 9th September – please add to your calendar and keep an eye out for info seeking volunteers shortly.

Illness

There is a number of illnesses around the local community. We are fortunate and with large, open-plan learning spaces and adequate ventilation we are able to keep the spreading of illness to a minimum. With reports of slap cheek, gastro and influenza at other schools, it is essential we work together to minimise spread. If your child is sick with vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for a 24-hour period following the last symptoms. If a child is sick then home is the best place for them to rest and recover, otherwise ALL children should be at school EVERY DAY. This will help prevent the spread of infection within the school.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results were sent home on last week with our year three and five students. You will notice there are many changes to NAPLAN in 2023. These changes have been introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority or ACARA. The results will now be presented in four proficiency levels. These are: Exceeding ·Strong ·Developing ·Needs Additional Support. This change will give you clear information that details student achievement against these proficiency scales. Student NAPLAN reports will continue to show how individual students are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill level against national and state averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling.

Please remember that NAPLAN results do not define your children in any way, it is a snapshot of learning, and it is one way that we use to provide further support to students who need it. Our NAPLAN data demonstrates our dedication to providing high quality teaching and learning, while supporting the whole student. A 100% participation rate was also noted and reflects the inclusive and supportive approach we have at our school. Our entire community should celebrate these results. We each play a key role as teachers, Education Support and Parents and Carers. You support your children to show up to school each day and be the best learners they can be.

Ilona Watkins

Principal

Swimming Lessons

Consent, medical and swim ability forms have all been sent home with students to ensure the necessary and high-level risk paperwork is complete prior to our school swimming program. If you are yet to see this, please check your child's bag.

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.

School News

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.

Mercy Regional College The Addams Family

Next date: Friday, 18 August 2023 | 07:30 PM to 09:30 PM

Mercy Regional College are presenting their musical production 'The Addams Family' at the Theatre Royal, Camperdown. Opening night is Friday 18 August with both a matinee and evening performance on Saturday 19 August. Adult entry is \$20, with children aged between 3 and 15 only \$10. Please book your tickets through the Mercy Regional College website. Come along and support the students' hard work!



When

Friday, 18 August 2023 | 07:30 PM - 09:30 PM

Saturday, 19 August 2023 | 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Saturday, 19 August 2023 | 07:30 PM - 09:30 PM

Location

What's Happening in the Classroom

READING: Vocabulary

We have been identifying words that we don't know so, that we can understand what is happening in the stories we read. Once we understand what those words mean we have created synonym flowers to display in our classroom.



F-2 Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING
BE RESPONSIBLE

Kitchen Garden

We've been busy in the kitchen utilising the fresh eggs from our chickens who are very happy to be back at school, showing us their appreciation by laying daily. We made cheese and bacon muffins which were a hit all round!



Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility

Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 3 Week 3

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Nixon Harris

In Numeracy we have been learning about multiplication. Nixon was able to independently solve a problem for how many teddy bears and how many unicorns there are when there are a total of 16 legs. He drew pictures and was able to count all the legs to ensure he had 16 legs. Super proud!

Mrs Watkins

Be Excellent- Callum Baird

Callum has shown such positivity this past week and has a new appreciation for all things. He can problem solve and has shown resilience when things have been challenging. Keep up the great work Cal!

Be Excellent- Charlie Colyer

Charlie has shown persistence with mathematical tasks he found challenging this week. He used tools to assist him and was then able to apply his knowledge when problem solving. A great positive attitude Charlie!

Term 3 Week 4

Miss Horsnell

Be Responsible- Apollo Miller

In PE Apollo showed great persistence by using the skills he has learnt to attempt to get the ball into the big hoop. I was so proud that he did not get upset and continued to try even when the ball did not go in! Well done!!

Be Caring- Arya Bell

This week when Harper was not feeling well, Arya took the time during recess to sit inside to help her feel a bit better. It was so wonderful to see. Keep it up Arya!

Mrs Watkins

Be Excellent- Aidan Lacey-Hill

Aidan has been taking pride in his writing and working hard to ensure it is easily read by others. He has been working on building consistency in his letter formation and including finger spaces. Keep up the great work Aidan!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Ryan McKenzie

Ryan has come to Noorat Primary School with a positive attitude. He has also shown how to be a role model.

Harry Gurry

Harry has a smile on his face everyday. He always welcomes new students by playing with them and being kind.

Corangamite Youth

CREATIVE

What Makes You Smile



EXHIBITION

1 - 30 September 2023

CALLING CREATIVES AGED 12 - 25!

Submit your work to be showcased in this exciting exhibition, a highlight of Youth Fest 2023. It's all about exploring "what makes you smile" and promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.

- Let your imagination run wild!
- All mediums considered such as photography, sculptures, drawing, print making, illustration, painting, poetry and digital media. A3 size maximum.
- Exhibition will be at the Camperdown Courthouse Gallery, running for the month of September with an opening night event on Friday 1 September, 6 - 7 pm

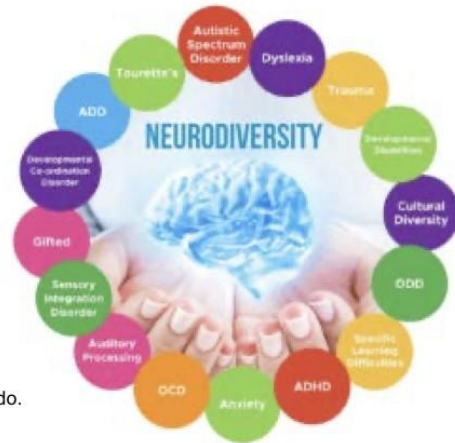


Expressions of interest close **Wednesday 16 August**, artwork to be submitted by Sunday 27 August.

corangamite.vic.gov.au/CreativeExhibition



10 ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSITY (AS, ADHD, ODD, PDA)



1. Neurodiverse students don't need to make eye contact when listening
✓ Reason: They often find looking and listening at the same time hard to do.
2. Give neurodiverse students time to answer any of your questions.
✓ Reason: They have slower processing time. Sometimes it can take them up to a minute to formulate the answer
3. If neurodiverse students feel pressured they may answer with stock standard answers.
✓ Reason: Students know it will get them out of trouble quickly. This may include: "I don't know", "yes", "maybe" and often this isn't their true answer!
4. Students struggle when homework for teacher 'x' is in the yellow basket but for teacher 'y' it's to be placed in the green basket
✓ Reason: Neurodiverse students don't "generalise" information between people and places.
5. Neurodiverse students find organisation of their school equipment very difficult.
✓ Tip: They are best with one folder with everything inside. Limit the number of pencils, pens etc.
6. Neurodiverse students find choices overwhelming and are often concerned with making the wrong choice
✓ Reason: Neurodiverse students often have difficulty with problem solving
✓ Tip: Limit their choices and be very specific with chores
7. Be as clear, concise and concrete as possible.
✓ Reason: Neurodiverse students have difficulty with abstract thinking.
8. Avoid verbal overload.
✓ Reason: Neurodiverse students are visual learners and verbal information takes them longer to process and retain.
9. Neurodiverse students often misinterpret your questions/comments . ie Could/Would? Can can be interpreted as an option. Words like "Stop" and "No" don't tell them what to do.
✓ Reason: Neurodiverse students are often literal
10. Neurodiverse students often have sensory processing difficulties
✓ Reason: This is part of their diversity and different way of processing.

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Important Dates to Remember

TERM CALENDAR DATES

Friday 4 th August	Numeracy Professional Learning – Mrs Watkins out
Tuesday 8 th August	Principal Area Forum – Mrs Watkins out
Wednesday 9 th August	Prep Play MARC Base Day - 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 – Uni placement
Wednesday 30 th August	Kinder Bus Tours
Thursday 31 st August	Principal's Network Meeting – Mrs Watkins out
Monday 4 th September Tuesday 5 th Thursday 7 th	Swimming
Saturday 9 th September	PFA Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Monday 11 th September Tuesday 12 th Thursday 14 th	Swimming
Friday 15 th September	End of Term 3, 2.30pm finish