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## **School Newsletter**

### **Term 3 2023 | Issue 13**

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

We've had a busy and exciting couple of weeks at Noorat Primary School, with the highlight being Book Week! A favourite event on the calendar for many students and staff, we love seeing the creativity and characters that are inspiring our student's love of reading. We had a wide range of visitors to the school last Wednesday and thank the parents for their assistance in preparing, as well as the enthusiasm shown when enjoying the parade. Be sure to check out this week's Terang Express too.

#### **Swimming**

Our annual school swimming program commenced this week, and we are so proud of the bravery and resilience shown by all, especially those students who were worried prior to our first session. I can safely say the confidence we're seeing already is a wonderful sign of what's to come over the next few weeks. We pride ourselves on being able to provide swimming for all, free of charge, as yet another benefit of our small school.

Our instructors have all commented how lovely small schools are and how visible the respect and love for each other is. We are so proud of the culture we have at Noorat; the positivity, encouragement and support students provide each other is incredible.

#### **Year 3/4 Hooptime**

Last Friday, Harper, Callum, Ryan and Harry headed off to Camperdown to play in the Year 3/4 Hooptime basketball competition. They won half of their games but remained positive and showed their skills throughout. Thank you to Dave for being their support person, and the parents that made this possible. Congratulations on fantastic sportsmanship by our four players!

#### **Mental Health Funding**

Today we commence our very first I Can Network Imagination Club session. Brit and Beau will be coming to Noorat each week for 8 weeks to work with all students as part of our school's mental health funding. We are thrilled to be able to utilise some of our funding to support our neurodiverse students while building understanding and acceptance of others. An information session is available through ClassDojo where parents / carers can learn more about the specifics and benefits of the program for all.

#### **3-way Conferences**

Thank you to those parents who took time out of their busy lives to attend our 3-way conferences. It is an important part of your child's schooling journey where they can share their learning and celebrate their achievements with you.

## Classroom Interruptions

Staff work tirelessly each day to provide highly personalised and quality teaching and learning programs for all students at Noorat. It is vital that classroom teaching interruptions are kept to an absolute minimum. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please contact them via ClassDojo to organise a time, or grab a quick (less than 5 minute) chat before 9.00am or after 3.30pm. We thank you for your support on this.

*Hona Watkins*

Principal

## 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.

## Swimming Lessons

We welcome any parents who wish to come and watch or support your child to get changed at the end of a lesson – please provide the Office with a copy of your WWCC (Working With Children's Check) which is free to apply for.

## Tupperware

Thank you to Beck who recently organised our Noorat Primary School Tupperware virtual party! We were able to utilise our Acciona grant to purchase high-quality storage containers for the kitchen which means ingredients will be able to be stored safely and hygienically. Thank you to everyone who purchased items to support our small school.

## Medical Information

It's essential that parents / carers are including all information about their child on medical forms. Mental health conditions or other diagnosed conditions such as ADHD, anxiety, autism, etc. should all be included on forms to ensure the providers external to the school can best support your child/ren.

## School Holiday Program and Ideas

Over the coming school break Camperdown College will be running a school holiday program through '*TheirCare*'.

These holidays the theme is 'Science'. Families can choose from a wide range of activities from science workshops, experiments, slime making, movies, robotics, a visit to the Timboon ice-creamery and loads more exciting and fun ideas.

For more information please contact their director Alex #0419 906 868 or see the attached flyer and head to the *TheirCare* website.

# 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.



The poster is for National Pyjama Day. It features a young girl with long dark hair, wearing dark blue pajamas with a white cloud pattern, smiling and holding several balloons. The balloons are blue, pink, white, and clear with confetti. The background is light pink with white clouds. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'the pyjama foundation' with a cartoon girl reading a book. The text 'NATIONAL Pyjama Day' is written in a large, white, cursive font. To the right, it says 'Gold Coin donation' with a gold coin icon. Below that, it says 'We're hosting a Pyjama Day #InMyPJs to raise awareness for kids in foster care!'. At the bottom, it says 'Time & Date: Wednesday September 13th'.

**the pyjama foundation**

NATIONAL Pyjama Day

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# Read



# Grow



## Book Week 2023

What a fabulous time we had last Wednesday during our Book Week celebrations. It was great to see everyone going 'above and beyond' to get in the spirit of Book Week...and I was certainly dazzled by the amazing book characters who came alive on the day! Thanks to all those who helped get the students organised with costumes. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are much appreciated.

Students had fun during their MARC Library session, enjoying some creative activities relating to some picture storybooks that were shortlisted in the CBCA Book Awards.



# Inspire



Books aren't just made up of words...they're also filled with places to visit, people to meet and things to grow your mind!

# What's Happening in the Classroom

## STEAM

This semester we have explored the theme chemical science. Last week we examined ingredients and made a prediction of what the end results would be once the ingredients were mixed. Surprise it was playdough!!!!



collaboration  
mixing

fun

predicting  
communication

Noorat Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT  
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING  
BE RESPONSIBLE

## Swimming

Students have done a fabulous job this week as we commenced our swimming program. Students' confidence has already grown, and they are excited to improve!



**Aidan** — Going to the deep end and diving into the pool.

**Trinity** — Collecting sinkies from the bottom of the pool.

**Callum** — Being brave because it was pretty deep where I had to jump in and get Bluey!

**Apollo** — Everything! 😊

**Kenz** — being able to jump off the edge again because I haven't done it for so long.

**Harrison** — floating on my back with Spiderman.

**Miss H** — seeing everyone's confidence grow!



*Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility*

# Student Achievements

## STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

### Term 3 Week 7

#### Miss Horsnell

*Be Excellent-* Spencer Hann

Spencer has been super focused on each writing task over the last two weeks. I have seen an improvement in the quality of his handwriting, ideas, word choices and using different punctuation. Keep up the amazing work!

#### Mrs Watkins

*Be Excellent-* Harry Gurry

Harry has shown significant improvement in his handwriting presentation, and it is now easily decoded by others. He is consistently using finger spaces and letter formation is accurate. Amazing effort Harry!

### Term 3 Week 8

#### Miss Horsnell

*Be Caring-* Harrison Plater

In the last two weeks I have seen Harry step up in the classroom. He has been helping out his fellow classmates with jobs and tasks, offering up his colouring pencils and inviting people to play at recess and lunch. So proud!

#### Mrs Watkins

*Be Excellent-* Mackenzie Gurry

Mackenzie has shown bravery and persistence this week as she pushes through her comfort zone and applies herself to swimming lessons. She listens to the instructor and gave everything her 100% personal best. Great work Kenz!

*Be Excellent- Be Caring- Be Respectful- Be Responsible-*

# HAPPY and THRIVING FAMILIES

a talk with parenting author Lou Harvey-Zahra  
(Toddler to teen - all ages!)

**Tuesday 12th September**

**7pm to 9pm**

**SPECIAL FREE EVENT!**

**Book your ticket on**

**[www.trybooking.com/CGWTS](http://www.trybooking.com/CGWTS)**

**Colac COPACC 95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac**

Everyday tips to transform your home-life and stay connected  
to children (toddler to teen)

Understand your child and transform common behaviours

Create happy and thriving children and harmonious homesmor

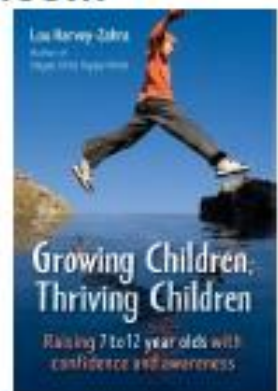
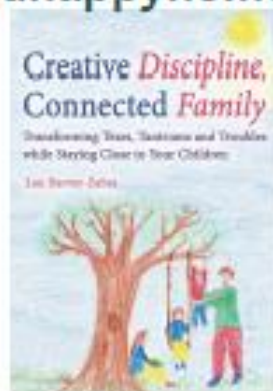
Time for questions and support - not to be missed!

Lou Harvey-Zahra is a popular parenting author with 7 books  
and international presenter.

See [www.happychildhappyhome.com](http://www.happychildhappyhome.com)



**COLAC OTWAY AND  
CORANGAMITE  
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES  
ALLIANCE**



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

attendance is the basis of all learning

**1 DAY PER FORTNIGHT**

IS 20 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **260** DAYS OF SCHOOL MISSED FROM KINDY TO Y12 THE EQUIVALENT OF

**1.25**  
SCHOOL YEARS

**1 HOUR PER DAY**

IS 40 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **520** DAYS OF SCHOOL MISSED FROM KINDY TO Y12 THE EQUIVALENT OF

**2.5**  
SCHOOL YEARS

**1 DAY PER WEEK**

IS 40 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **520** DAYS OF SCHOOL MISSED FROM KINDY TO Y12 THE EQUIVALENT OF

**2.5**  
SCHOOL YEARS

**2 DAYS PER WEEK**

IS 80 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **1040** DAYS OF SCHOOL MISSED FROM KINDY TO Y12 THE EQUIVALENT OF

**5**  
SCHOOL YEARS

**3 DAYS PER WEEK**

IS 120 DAYS PER YEAR

THIS IS **1560** DAYS OF SCHOOL MISSED FROM KINDY TO Y12 THE EQUIVALENT OF

**8**  
SCHOOL YEARS

so please give your child every chance to succeed



# Important Dates to Remember

## TERM 3 CALENDAR DATES

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Grace out – Uni placement
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Principal's Network Meeting – Mrs Watkins out
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Indigenous Literacy Day
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	PFA Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	JSC Pyjama Day – please bring a gold coin
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	End of Term 3, 2.30pm finish

## TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Curriculum Day – NO students
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Beginning of Term 4 for Noorat Students