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A Word From The Principal

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we learn, work and play, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and extend that to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today. We learn, work and play on Kirrae Whurrung land.

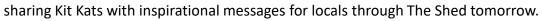
What a wonderful finish to Term 3 we have had! The weather this week has been sensational; I cannot say the same for the end of last week where we were very fortunate to be unaffected and were able to operate as normal – many other schools were not so fortunate. This week's sunshine has brought about a real sense of Spring with such positivity in the air. Swimming lessons, MARC Van, a school party, pyjama day and our I Can Network third session.

I once again thank the incredible staff I work alongside every day who always put the needs of the students first, going above and beyond their expected duties. It is their passion for their job, the desire to see students improve and willingness to never give up that allows our students to flourish. Alas, it is a partnership and I thank every parent and carer for the love and support their provide their child/ren. I truly value our Noorat families and am privileged to be a part of an incredible community.

Please enjoy the two-week break and the opportunity to enjoy a slower pace and reconnect with each other without the morning alarms and daily routines. We look forward to a fabulous Term 4!

R U Ok? Day...because a conversation could change a life

Over the past week, students have worked collaboratively to discuss and ask questions about the meaning of 'R U Ok? Day'. We've talked about when individuals might need help, who we can speak to in difficult times and what to do if something shared feels too heavy to hold inside. We are sure to spread the message, making sure our community knows about this important day by



Swimming

Our annual school swimming program finishes this week, and we are so proud of the bravery and resilience shown by all, especially those students who were very worried about the unknown prior to commencing. The growth with all students has been exceptional. Now is the time to enrol your child/ren into swimming lessons, as their anxiety is gone, and they are keen to improve. Contact information for the Splash Factory is available further in this newsletter, with a new term commencing with school in October.



School News

<u>Term 4</u>

We will begin planning our classroom structures, staffing specialist activities for 2024 early next term, so if you know any students interested in joining our school, please have them reach out. We know the opportunities and support we offer students is second to none and are proud of our students and everything they achieve!

We are thrilled to welcome another new student to Noorat this week and have no doubt our students and families will make Charlotte and her family feel welcome.

Foster Care Week – It takes all kinds

We all know how important it is for children to have a safe and supportive environment to call home so they can thrive – socially, emotionally and educationally – to become well-rounded individuals. This week is Foster Care Week and they're calling on the many people who 'have thought about it for a while now' to come forward and take that first step. If being a foster carer is something you have considered at all, please reach out to the wonderful staff from various agencies locally, or I am happy to share my experiences.

Alona Watkins

Principal

SunSmart

It is time to get the hats and sunscreen out this weekend. As UV rays are high, hats must be worn by students during break times as of Term 4. We strongly encourage parents apply sunscreen each morning, our teachers/ES staff will remind students to reapply around lunchtime. We have a school supply of sunscreen, however students are welcome to have their own (particularly if there are any known allergies). Our SunSmart Policy, along with other important polocies are available on our school website, where we welcome you to read and provide feedback.

Breakfast Club Holiday Boxes

School Holiday Breakfast Club boxes will come home with all students prior to Friday. We utilise this valuable partnership to support our families, so please see a staff member if your family is having a tough time and you need some additional support.



Kolora Splash Factory Please contact Glenice - 0429 046 732

Be Excellent. Be Caring. Be Respectful. Be Responsible

What's Happening in the Classroom

Term 3 highlights









F-2 Learning Community BE EXCELLENT BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE



Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 3 Week 9

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Arya Bell

This week students did a narrative cold write on the topic 'The Robot'. Arya independently came up with her own ideas, used the 'say the sounds and write the word' strategy and used full stops to end her sentences. So proud Arya!

Mrs Watkins

Be Excellent- Callum Baird

Callum has shown incredible persistence over the first fortnight of swimming lessons. He has pushed through being unsure to fully participate in all lessons. Callum's confidence has grown significantly. Keep up the amazing work!

Term 3 Week 10

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Apollo Miller-

Apollo has grown with confidence with each swimming lesson he has completed. Every lesson he tries his best and the biggest achievement was in the last week he put his head under the water. We were all so proud!

Be Responsible- Trinity Bell

This week we have focused on our individual Term 3 highlights. Trinity chose her highlights and used her iPad to independently type out her descriptions of each one, putting her writing strategies to use and taking ownership for her work. Well done Trinity!

Mrs Watkins

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Harry Gurry

Harry has been playing nicely and showing kindness towards others when playing games.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Spencer Hann

Spencer worked really hard in his writing Cold Write this week. He worked independently to 'say the sounds' and write the words about his robot. Amazing effort Spencer!

Be Respectful- Be Excellent- Be Responsible- Be Caring

Community News





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When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

If you have any questions, please spec with one of our friendly Educators or

call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

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alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

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WHERE: CNR FREDRICK ST & FULLER ST CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE SPORT PRECINCT

COST: \$140 PER CHILD FAMILY DISCOUNT APPLIES 3RD CHILD ONWARDS

Contact: Kristy 0408584044 for more information

Community News



Warrnambool Art Gallery

Join us for an exciting event at Warrnambool Art Gallery on Tue Sep 19 2023 at 10:30 AM. Get ready to explore the wonderful world of art and storytelling with the talented Sherry Johnstone. This interactive session is designed specifically for kids, where they can unleash their creativity and imagination.

Sherry Johnstone, a Keeray Wooroong/ Yorta Yorta artist, will guide the children in discovering how she uses traditional symbols in her art and storytelling methods.

This event is perfect for children who love art, storytelling, or simply want to have a fun and creative experience. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore the world of art and storytelling with Sherry Johnstone!



This event is part of the program of events at Warrnambool Art Gallery

Get Tickets
 Tue, Sep 19 2023, 10:30 - 11:30am



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18 - 21 September 10:30am -3:30pm Friday 22 September

9am-12:30pm



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

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Calling all Dinosaur enthusiasts!

We're excited to announce that Melbourne Museum will be visiting Gateway Plaza these Spring School Holidays bringing an action-packed holiday program with some of the best collection objects from the museum!

Visitors will be able to interact with objects relating to a new theme each day from Monday 18 Friday 22 September including activities on Dinosaurs, Horridus the Triceratops, Oceans our State Fossil Emblem Koolasuchus and even taxidermy Australian animals!



Gateway Plaza

- Mon. Sep 18 2023. 10:30am Fri. Sep 22 2023, 3:30pm
- Gateway Plaza, Raglan Parade, Warrnambool
- Wheelchair Accessible



Education Tips



Spring Break Safety Tips

Be careful moving large pieces of furniture. Use proper lifting techniques, always wear shoes, and if it is too heavy DON'T try and lift it- clean around it.



Be safe on ladders and step stools. Always have someone available to hold the ladder steady while doing chores like washing windows.



Be careful on wet surfaces. Everyone knows how easy it is to slip on a wet floor. Make sure to let your family know the floors are wet.

Follow Cleaning product safety label. Cleaning supplies can create nasty fumes, so make sure you get some fresh air by opening windows, turning on the exhaust fan, or placing a fan in the room.

Keep stairs & walkways free of clutter. Spring cleaning is a great time to declutter your home, but

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Have a Buddy System

Make sure to keep an eye on family members, or members of your party. Especially children!



Apply Sunscreen

Choose to pack sunscreen that has an SPF of 30 or higher and always reapply throughout the day.



Wear Safety Gear

Make sure to wear the correct active near or in the water.



Have your phone with you and charged to better stay in contact with those you are traveling with.

you need to make sure all the boxes and bags of stuff you are getting rid of don't cause a safety concern. Don't carry too much at once. Make sure you keep a hand free to hold onto the stair railing and always make sure you can see over the load you are carrying so you do not trip. Wear a mask when cleaning dusty areas. This may seem like overkill to some, but if you are at all allergic to dust this tip is very important.

Empty your buckets. Even if you need to take a quick break make sure you empty

that cleaning bucket. Only take a small amount of water to be

Wear rubber gloves.

a drowning hazard for small children.

Wear rubber gloves to keep your hands from getting dry and cracked from the hot water and chemicals.



Put away all cleaning supplies. Cleaning supplies are an attractive nuisance for our children and pets. Put the cleaning products away in a childproof cabinet for your children's safety as soon as you are done.



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yourself and your family before taking a road trip.



Pack Good Snacks

Pack healthy snacks for



Important Dates to Remember

TERM 3 CALENDAR DATES		
Thursday 14 th September	R U Ok? Day	
Friday 15 th September	End of Term 3, 2.30pm finish	

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES			
Monday 2 nd October	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day		
Tuesday 3 rd October	Beginning of Term 4 for Noorat Students		
Wednesday 4 th October	I CAN Network Session		
Thursday 5 th October	Principal Indigenous Day Tour – Mrs Watkins out		
Friday 6 th October	Assembly		
Monday 9 th – Wednesday 11th	Year 3 – 6 School Camp – Sovereign Hill		
Wednesday 11 th October	ICAN Network Session		
Thursday 12 th October	Camp Rest Day – (Staff time in lieu)		
Saturday 14 th October	Referendum Vote – Noorat PS MPR voting station		
Tuesday 17 th October	School Council Meeting		
Wednesday 18 th October	ICAN Network Session		
Thursday 19 th October	Principal Network Meeting – Mrs Watkins out Dan Pedro Information Session, Brother Fox at Deakin Uni		
Friday 20 th October	Assembly		
Wednesday 25 th October	ICAN Network		
Tuesday 31 st October	Principal Area Forum – Mrs Watkins out		
Wednesday 1 st November	ICAN Network Session MARC Base Day – No MARC Van borrowing		
Thursday 2nd – Friday 3 rd November	Principal Network Conference – Mrs Watkins out		

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TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES			
Monday 6 th November	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day		
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday		
Saturday 11 th November	Remembrance Day		
Tuesday 14 th November	School Council Meeting		
Saturday 18 th November	Noorat Show – PFA Raffle, volunteers needed		
Wednesday 22 nd November	Prep 2024 Transition Day		
Thursday 30 th November	WSW Literacy Learning Community PL – Miss Horsnell out		
Wednesday 6 th December	Final MARC session		
Thursday 7 th December	Whole School Fun Day – details to come Term 4 Year ½ School Sleepover		
Tuesday 12 th December	State-wide Transition Day School Council Final Meeting 2023		
Thursday 14 th December	End of Year Ceremony & Year 6 Graduation – 6.00-7.30pm		
Monday 18 th December	Final Day of School – Cleaning & Preparation		
Tuesday 19 th December	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day		
Wednesday 20 th December	2024 Planning & staff time in lieu		