

School Newsletter

Term 2023 | Issue

A Word From The Principal

Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe we have once again reached the final leg of the year with planning and preparation beginning for 2024, as well as ensuring we continue to offer the same high-quality education and wide range of learning experiences to our students.

All students have settled back in smoothly and it is always lovely to see the excitement and smiling faces when they return after a break and see their friends again.

Year 3-6 Camp

Our Year 3-6 students are currently on school camp with Cudjee Primary School, exploring Ballarat and Sovereign Hill. Students have shown incredible resilience as they walk and challenge themselves to try new things outside of their comfort zones. We've bounced and played on all sorts of trampolines and inflatables, learnt about the history through the Incredible AURA sound & light show by night, and explored Sovereign Hill while panning for gold, dipping candles, melting gold, walking through mine shafts, and tasted freshly made confectionary. Today we walked the incredible Lake Wendouree and enjoyed the playground before boarding the bus home again. Students will enjoy that sleep-in tomorrow after such busy days!



Diversity inclusion

We spent the first day of term as a whole staff learning about the new diversity inclusion model that is coming into our region over the coming year. It is nothing we aren't already doing as a staff but will increase the documentation of adjustments we make for students daily. The work we do ensures every student at every ability thrives at school and in life.

Attitudes to School Survey, Year 4-6

Every year our Year 4-6 students complete the Attitudes to School Survey. This is a survey conducted across the state and provides measures which allow us to see growth and compare data to similar schools, our network and the state. I was thrilled to see the data and that our students are truly thriving at Noorat Primary School. We have committed to many wellbeing programs, and this, along with our strong focus on teaching and learning has seen the knowledge, skills and confidence of all grow.

Alona Watkins

Principal

Noorat Show

The Noorat Show is fast approaching, and we will be seeking volunteers to assist on the day. The roster, commencing at 7am will have us needing two people for each 2-hour shift. 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!

Planning for 2024

We need to know of current families who may be moving on or away at the end of the year by Tuesday October 24th. We are in the process of planning classes and programs for 2024.

Parent Payments

We thank families for following this up. Please finalise your 2023 parent payments ASAP, unless you have a payment plan in place.

Hands on Learning Plantfulness delivery

Last week our Hands on Learning team received an exciting delivery! Plantfulness, in conjunction with the Hands on Learning program provided a range of items to support the program. Dave and the team were able to select items to assist our school and strengthen their program. We received a new wheelbarrow, shovels, rakes, gloves and a range of gardening equipment.

Thank you Plantfulness!

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.

With classes finishing at 3.30pm, it is essential parents collecting are also here at this time. Teachers have meetings and planning after school, so should not be expected to supervise your children.

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

Shelley Knoll-Miller, our very popular visiting author last term, is launching her four books at the Warrnambool Library on **Saturday October 21st at 10.30 a.m.** The students still speak fondly about Shelley's visit and how much they enjoyed the experience. They have been super-excited to hear about Shelley's book launch and I know she has many fun activities planned for the morning. If you are not busy on this date, I know Shelley would love to see your children and value the support.

Regards Chris Howlett



What's Happening in the Classroom

NUMERACY

We have been measuring! Students have used a range of materials to measure different objects, then order those objects from shortest to tallest.



F-2 Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING
BE RESPONSIBLE

Sovereign Hill

Our Year 3-6 students have just returned from their 3-day camp with Cudgee PS. We had a fabulous time at Bounce, exploring Sovereign Hill and Lake Wendouree. The weather was incredible and students were amazing!

SOME OF THE STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS
ARE BELOW:

Aidan & Harper — Going into the Red Hill Mine for a tour

Harry & Callum — Finding gold!

Ryan — panning for gold

Charlie — making friends with the Cudgee students

Charlotte — Food and the Sound & Light Show

Mrs Watkins — seeing all of the students push beyond their comfort zone and give everything a go!



Excellence Care Respect and Responsibility

Be Excellent . Be Caring . Be Respectful . Be Responsible

Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 1

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Harrison

Harrison has shown excellence this week by stepping up and trying his personal best across all tasks. He applied himself and was careful while creating his paper chain, finishing first. Harrison has helped other students pack up their game / activity. Amazing work Harrison, keep it up!

Mrs Watkins

Be Responsible- Harper

Harper has shown responsibility this week by having all equipment and materials ready for learning. This has been evident in all learning areas where she has applied herself and given her personal best.

Term 4 Week 2

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Arya Bell

This week we have focused on writing stories for the Noorat Show. Arya independently came up with her own ideas for her story 'Halloween Nightmare', she used interesting words and every person that read her story was so engaged, that they wanted more!
Keep up the amazing work!

Mrs Watkins

Be Excellent- Charlie Colyer

Throughout our time on Year 3-6 Camp, Charlie was kind and supportive of others. He had a positive attitude with everything and gave his personal best. He did everything - long walks without complaint, holding doors, stuffing sleeping bags and being curious.
Amazing work Charlie!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Charlotte

Charlotte has settled into school at Noorat Primary. She learning our routines quickly and following teacher instructions.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Charlotte, Callum, Ryan, Harry, Harper, Charlie and Aidan

Each of these students were incredible to take away for Year 3-6 Camp. They approached every task with interest, curiosity and enthusiasm. Students were responsible for their belongings, caring towards each other, respectful of staff and overall, excellent campers! Well done to all!

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



PLAY

WARRNAMBOOL SUMMER HUB

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY | TUESDAYS FROM 31ST OCTOBER

PLAY FOOTY WITH YOUR FRIEND AND FAMILY THROUGH
VARIOUS OFFERINGS ALL SUMMER LONG

PLAY NAB AFL AUSKICK

- 4 weeks \$40
- 4:15-5:15 PM
- For participants aged 5-8



PLAY AFL SUPERKICK

- 5 weeks \$50
- 4:15-5:15 PM
- For participants aged 8-12

PLAY AFL NINES YOUTH & OPEN

- Youth - \$65pp for participants aged 13-18
- Open - \$100pp for participants older than 18
- FROM 5:30 PM



**FIND YOUR LOCAL SUMMER
HUB & SIGN UP NOW!**



Auskick & Superkick



Nines

Important Dates to Remember

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 12 th October	Year 3 – 6 Post 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
Thursday 19 th October	Principal Network Meeting – Mrs Watkins out Dan Pedro Information Session, <i>Brother Fox</i> at Deakin Uni
Friday 20 th October	School Assembly
Tuesday 31 st October	Principal Forum – Mrs Watkins out
Wednesday 1 st November	MARC Base Day – No MARC borrowing
Thursday 2 nd – Friday 3 rd November	Principal Network Conference – Mrs Watkins out
Monday 6 th November	Curriculum Day – No Students
Tuesday 7 th 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	Miss Horsnell out – WSW Literacy Learning Community PL
Wednesday 6 th December	Final MARC Session
Thursday 7 th December	Whole School Fun Day – details to come Year 1/2 School Sleepover
Tuesday 12 th December	State-wide Transition Day School Council Final Meeting for 2023
Thursday 14 th December	End of Year Ceremony and Year 6 Graduation 6.00 - 7.30pm
Monday 18 th December	Final Day of School – Cleaning and Preparation
Tuesday 19 th December	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 20 th December	2024 Planning and Staff time in lieu