

## **School Newsletter**

### **Term 4 2023 | Issue 16**

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

We are busy preparing for 2024 where we have a whole-school review which will be held in Term 1. We have been working on ensuring all policies, documents and procedures meet the compliance standards. Thank you to the parents / carers who provided input or feedback on our policies and procedures. As always, all policies are available from the Office, with common policies on our website.

#### **World Teachers' Day**

Australia will celebrate the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 27th October 2023. Let's celebrate Australia's teachers for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our students.

Hats off to teachers this World Teachers' Day!

#### **150 Years of Excellence in Education**

On November 10th, Noorat Primary School are celebrating 150 years of quality education. In honour of this wonderful occasion, we welcome our school community – past & present – to come for a walk down memory lane. Our library will be lined with memorabilia, along with student artwork, with guests being able to enjoy a stroll around our expansive grounds. The official cake-cutting will occur at 3.15pm.

Commemorative, personalised tea towels will be available to order – with delivery in December. If you know someone who has been involved in the Noorat Primary School community, please share this information with them.

#### **School Transition Days**

It is essential for every child to have a successful transition into their schooling journey – whether that be beginning school, or transition to secondary school. To support this process, we work closely with the Kindergartens and local secondary schools for a thorough handover of data, achievements and other information that will provide a smooth transition for each individual.

We have a number of transition days coming up this term for both our new Foundations in 2024, as well as our exiting Year 6.

Our first Foundation 2024 transition session is on Wednesday 22nd November.

Statewide transition day is an important part of this process for all students as they spend the day in their classrooms for 2024, and it occurs on Tuesday 12th December.

*Ilona Watkins*

Principal

## Noorat Show

The Noorat Show is fast approaching, and we need ONE MORE volunteer to assist on the day. 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!

## Parent Payments

We thank families for following this up. Please finalise your 2023 parent payment contributions by the end of this month, unless you have a payment plan in place. A reminder to all families that if you have outstanding 2023 contributions, we would appreciate it if payment can be finalised as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you have outstanding contributions, please contact Mrs Burns in the office.

## Signing Out

If you need to collect your child from school early, all parents / guardians must come into the Office area to sign your child out of the school. This is a legal requirement. Thank you in advance for your support with this procedure.

## School Uniform

It is time to begin planning for 2024 which means now is an ideal time to review your child's current school uniform. The uniform order sheet will come home with the parent payment arrangements after they are approved at November's School Council meeting.

School uniform ensures all students feel a strong sense of connectedness, which is evident in our Attitudes to School Survey data. Our uniform is comfortable, durable and suitable for all to wear. Our approved school uniform is as follows:

- School logo polo top
- School logo jumper – ½ or full zip
- School logo hat
- Grey bottoms – shorts, pants, skorts. No tracksuit material
- Grey / white socks
- Black shoes
- Red & white check dress

To see full details, please see our [website](#).

## Parent / Carer Communication

We rely on our families reading and actioning all communication and filling out forms accurately. This is to ensure students can participate in events and programs provided by our school.

## Contact Details

If your contact details such a phone number, email or emergency contact person have changed please contact Casey in the Office. We must have up to date contact details in case of an emergency. This is especially important as we prepare for excursions this term.

## School Lunch Orders

Just a reminder that school lunch orders for this term are only on Tuesday and Friday.

## 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.



**World Teachers' Day**  
**27 October 2023**

Recognise and celebrate the teachers who make an impact on our lives.

For more information, visit:  
[www.vic.gov.au/world-teachers-day](http://www.vic.gov.au/world-teachers-day)

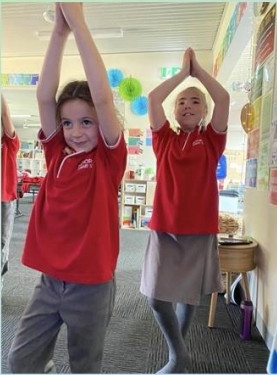
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# What's Happening in the Classroom

## HEALTH & PE

This term in PE we are focusing on co-operative games to continue to build on our teamwork skills. In Health we are focusing on personal goals and a range of activities such as yoga to support our wellbeing.



Noorat Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT  
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING  
BE RESPONSIBLE

## Kitchen Garden

With lemon trees aplenty among our families, we hopped into the kitchen to make a fresh and zesty lemon slice. It is a delicious and simple recipe that could easily be made at home.

We also headed out to tend to the veggie gardens and tidy our sensory garden. With stunning sunshine, the plants are thriving - along with the lawns.



Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility

Be Excellent . Be Caring . Be Respectful . Be Responsible

# What's Happening in the Classroom

## MARC Library News Term 4



### Term 3 was certainly a busy one!

We welcomed author/illustrator, Shelley Knoll-Miller, who read to us and created extraordinary illustrations right in front of our eyes. The students embraced the Book Week celebrations and enjoyed dressing up, sharing their favourite books, and participating in special book-related activities. Our very own **MARC Library Children's Book Awards** was also a great hit amongst the students. They loved browsing through many of the popular books from the MARC van and then voting for their favourite in each category. The winning book in each category was:

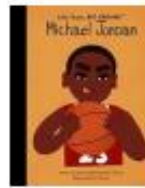
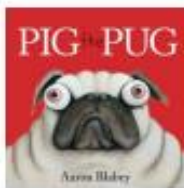
**Picture Storybook:** *Pig the Pug* by Aaron Blabey

**Non-Fiction (Information Book):** *Little People, Big Dream Michael Jordan* by Maria Isabel

**Junior Novel:** *Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey

**Older Reader Novel:** *Sick Bay* by Nova Weetman

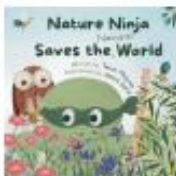
**Graphic Novel:** *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey



### It's now time to get excited for what is ahead in Term 4 for MARC Library!

#### CARING FOR OUR PLANET

From a variety of fiction and non-fiction books we will explore how to care for the planet and complete a range of literacy-based activities. The literacy focus will be to deepen comprehension and to extend vocabulary with lots of fun word games relating to given texts. Students will further develop their knowledge of technical words specific to our theme of *Caring for the Planet*.

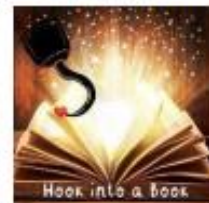


*This book is a great way to introduce our theme and begin our term. It is written by local author, Tania Moloney.*



#### BOOK HOOKS

Students will look at the importance of a 'book hook', as well as be encouraged to widen their choice of genre when borrowing. We are going to identify the 'hook in a book' in a range of given text and explore how a book hook uses the power of language to naturally make readers notice and want more. A book hook grabs the reader's attention and curiosity at the very beginning and makes them want to read on. My aim for this term is for the students to read something they normally wouldn't pick up. Student's will be exposed to different genres and be given the opportunities to share what they are currently reading and entice others to borrow it. They will discuss the importance of reading the blurb when making book choices. All activities will be adapted to suit all year levels.



Please remember the MARC Van will be at your school every **WEDNESDAY**. Be sure to return your books so you can borrow more! We have many new books available on the van waiting for your eyes to read.

# Student Achievements

## STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

### Term 4 Week 3

Miss Horsnell

*Be Responsible-* Nixon

Nixon has had a fantastic start to the term. He is listening to and following instructions, participating in classroom discussions, helping out other students, and mostly showing pride in his work. Keep it up Nixon we are so proud.

Mrs Watkins

*Be Responsible-* Aidan

Aidan continues to lead the way in being organised within the classroom and school environment. His tub is always neat and tidy, making it a quick and easy process to grab out materials needed for each lesson. Great effort Aidan!

### Term 4 Week 4

Miss Horsnell

*Be Excellent-* Spencer Hann

This week Spencer has participated in learning about the reading skill of inferring. Spencer has shown he understands what inferring means by participating in classroom discussions and being able to identify how characters are feeling by only using the pictures and key words from the text. Well done!

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Aidan

He has been working hard in Hands on Learning when painting with a roller for a project and trying his personal best.

Arya

She has been working hard in every class. In writing is where she has done her very best. We are very proud!

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Harrison

Harrison has shown great levels of responsibility this term. He is taking initiative both in the classroom and in the yard. Amazing effort Harrison!

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



TERANG ATHLETIC CLUB

**Terang Athletic Club training will commence on Wednesday October 11th until December 6th, 4pm-4.45pm, at the Terang Recreation Reserve.**

- For new registrations, 4th term only, \$5 per person or \$10 a family.

\*Coaching for those in Year 3 and above.

\*3 coaches (Ken Plummer, Jill McKenzie & Laurie Heffernan) will give advice on sprinting and middle distance running.

\*Coaching will include skills, drills fitness and style.

**Enquiries to Jill 0418175599**

## ARISE

Adolescent Relationships  
Integrating Safety and  
Empathy



Australian  
Childhood  
Foundation

brophy  
family and youth services



**Australian Childhood Foundation and Brophy Family and Youth Services are working together to support young people who have used family violence in the home and need support to develop safe and healthy relationships.**

ARISE is a free and inclusive program. We work with young people aged 12 to 17 years and their families living in the Wimmera South West.

ARISE practitioners will support young people to stop using violence and learn healthy and safe ways to engage with their family members. It is an outreach and office based program.

We offer individual and family counselling, along with group programs for young people.

**Call Australian Childhood Foundation on 1300 381 581 and ask for the ARISE intake worker in Warrnambool**

# MATHS IS ALL AROUND YOU

## TOP 5 TIPS FOR PARENTS

**Maths is all around you! You can explore maths while doing daily activities to help develop your children's maths and numeracy skills.**

### MATHS IN COOKING 1.

Cooking is all about maths! And it's something we can all do. Get children to read instructions, measure ingredients, and ask questions about the maths involved. Let them explore the



numbers, while being rewarded with a tasty treat! Extend this to maths in the veggie garden as you grow ingredients.

*Explore: Measuring and quantities, time, fractions, estimation, temperature.*

### MATHS IN SPORT AND EXERCISE 2.



Many children love sport, but often don't realise how much maths there is in it! Ask questions about performance statistics, compare and analyse players. Or try

footy tipping as a way to analyse team performance. Exercise is an opportunity! Estimate how far you will run today, and how long it will take. Use an app like Strava to record activity and look at the stats.

*Explore: Distance, time, speed, estimating, statistics, comparing, data and data display.*

### PLAYING GAMES 3.

Games are an awesome way to have fun with maths, any games with counting and dice help develop basic number sense. Many games explore money (Think Monopoly!), and puzzles often work with pattern and shape.

*Explore: Numbers, counting, addition, money, number recognition, pattern, shape.*



### MONEY, SHOPPING AND BUDGETS 4.



Have you ever given your children a budget to purchase the ingredients for a meal? What about shopping for their clothes? You could explore paying the bills, or calculating how

much it costs to run a car? What about budgeting for a holiday! Depending on your child's age there are plenty of activities to try.

*Explore: Money, calculating amounts, addition, subtraction, budgeting, tracking, estimating.*

### JUST ASK QUESTIONS 5.



Regardless of the maths you are exploring, the main strategy here is to ask questions!

Let your children explore, while you prompt them with questions to challenge and expand their thinking. You don't need to know the answers you can work them out together!

*Explore: Maths in the media, fake news, global news.*

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# Important Dates to Remember

## TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Principal Forum – Mrs Watkins out
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	MARC Base Day – No MARC borrowing
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Principal Network Conference – Mrs Watkins out
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council Meeting
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Noorat Show – PFA Raffle, volunteers needed
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Prep 2024 Transition Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	WSW Literacy Learning Community PL- Miss Horsnell out
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Final MARC Session
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Fun Day – details to come Year 1/2 School Sleepover
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	State-wide Transition Day School Council Final Meeting for 2023
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Ceremony and Year 6 Graduation 6.00 - 7.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Day of School – Cleaning and Preparation
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2024 Planning and Staff time in lieu