

School Newsletter
Term 4 2023 | Issue 18
A Word From The Principal

Please take care of yourself and your family over the next 4-5 weeks in the lead up to Christmas and Summer holidays. Assume Positive Intentions even when things get a little chaotic. It has been another busy year for students, staff and parents and we know everyone has things happening in their lives outside of school. It's an important time to stop and evaluate, reflect and take care of our wellbeing by expressing gratitude for the many wonderful opportunities and experiences we have here.

Noorat Show – Thank you!

Thank you so much to our wonderful parents, students and staff who assisted with the Noorat Show raffle on Saturday. Paul, David, Brooke, Apollo, Samantha, Ryan, Nyala, Charlotte, Jess and Kait – thank you SO much for giving up part of the day with your families to make this a success. Thank you to Dave and the Hands on Learning Team; Aidan, Harper, Harry and Callum, for your work in creating the incredible prizes. Thank you to all families who sold tickets to their friends, family and colleagues. The weather was much kinder this year and it was a wonderful day out for all who were lucky enough to attend.

Congratulations to Mark, Faye and Samantha on winning our raffle items.



Foundation Transition

Our 2024 Prep students had a great day today meeting staff and their classmates for next year as we start our transition to school program. It was so lovely to meet new families, say hello to familiar faces and see the excitement and smiles on everyone's faces. We welcome Monty and Lucas to Noorat! The children spent time in their classroom completing play-based activities while getting to know each other and the space, before joining in a fun Christmas book and activity in MARC Van. They also enjoyed the sunshine and headed out to explore our beautiful grounds. Visits will continue Statewide on Orientation Day for all students on December 12th.

Ilona Watkins

Principal

Indigenous Sensory Garden

I am delighted to announce that I have been successful in securing an additional grant for our Indigenous sensory art garden which will allow us to purchase high-quality signage to accompany the range of native plants. We will work with local suppliers to create the final design, with signs identifying the botanical name, common name, photo and description / use of each plant.

End of Year Excursions & Camps

We have a large amount of paperwork compared to normal that has or will come home as we prepare for the end of year celebrations, events and 2024. Please ensure you are reading and actioning all items, whilst adding them to your calendar.

End of Year Dates

End of Year Awards Evening – Thursday, December 14th at 6.00pm

This is our awards and final ceremony for students. School Leaders are announced, we celebrate our student achievement across the year, and farewell our graduating Year 6. We will also hand out student reports at the conclusion of the evening. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

2024 Start Dates

Staff return Monday January 29th

Student 1-to-1 Interviews, Tuesday January 30th

Students attend Literacy and Numeracy Interviews. Appointment booking times will be sent home later this year, so please add them to your calendars when they arrive.

All students first day of School, Wednesday January 31st

We welcome all students for their first day of school, including our new Preps. After this first week, Preps have Wednesdays off as a rest day, until after the long weekend in March.

2024 Curriculum Days

One main focus for us in 2024, along with that across our WSW Region will be on Literacy. There is very high quality and evidence-based professional learning across the year which staff will be attending. At our last School Council meeting, our 2024 Curriculum Days were approved. To give as much notice as possible, the dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 21st February
- Wednesday 1st May
- Wednesday 7th August

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 in the coming weeks. To see full uniform details and the current policy, please see our website.

School News

Tea Towel Orders

For families wishing to purchase a commemorative tea towel all orders and payments need to be placed by Friday the 1st December.

We are running a ...
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Celebrating 150 Years

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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.

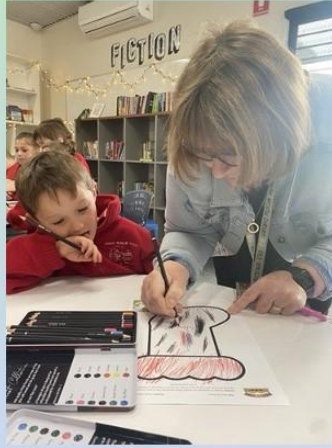
School Hours

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.

What's Happening in the Classroom

Prep Transition

Today we welcomed our 2024 Foundation students for their first transition session. They got to meet teachers and fellow students and had lots of fun playing and exploring.



Noorat Learning Community **BE EXCELLENT**
BE RESPECTFUL **BE CARING**
BE RESPONSIBLE

ART

It's beginning to look a bit
like Christmas

We are delighted to have been asked to create the Noorat Christmas window display once again and work has started, ready for an early December installation. We were also asked to create decorations for the Noorat village Christmas tree.

Oh, what a wonderful time of the year...



Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility

Be Excellent . Be Caring . Be Respectful . Be Responsible

Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 7

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Apollo

In writing we have been learning about recounts. On Monday Apollo started writing immediately and used spelling strategies to spell words to write in detail about his weekend. He followed the correct structure of a recount and included the best part which was eating special snacks. Well done Apollo!

Mrs Watkins

Be Responsible- Callum

Callum has showed incredible resilience this week. He has found himself in a negative mindset at times but has worked hard to turn it around and finish on a positive note. Amazing effort Callum!

Term 4 Week 8

Miss Horsnell

Be Caring- Harrison

These last few weeks Harrison has been stepping up in the classroom by supporting other students when they need help. He has helped with zipping up bags, cleaning up messes and putting away book boxes without being asked. Keep it up!

Mrs Watkins

Be Responsible- Charlie

Charlie has been making responsible choices in all areas of the school when outside. He is showing leadership qualities in Art and Kitchen Garden, whilst making great choices during recess and lunchtimes. Keep up the great work Charlie!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Spencer has joined in successfully in basketball and football this week to play well, have fun and listen to his teammates.

Be Respectful-

Be Excellent-

Be Responsible-

Be Caring-

WOLFPACK HOOPS

BY MITCH CREEK



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LOCATION: TERANG
DATE: SUNDAY,
3RD DECEMBER



TERANG
SWIMMING CLUB

Expression of interest

Swim Club is here again and will commence Tuesday 28th November with a couple of Come & Try sessions then will kick start the following week with Learn to Swim, Stroke Correction and Squad Swimming.

Please contact us via terangswimmingclub@gmail.com if you would like further information

HOW TO TALK ABOUT A FOOD YOU DON'T BUY

@kids.eat.in.color

AGE: 0-3

"That's not on the list."

AGE: 3-5

"Some families buy that, some families don't. I buy ___ because I'd rather spend my money on this instead. "

AGE: 6-11

"We buy this food because I like that it does XYZ for us. I want spend my money on something that does that. Plus companies get our money when we buy things. I don't really want to give the companies money for that."

AGE: 12+

"I'm choosing to spend my money on this for these reasons... If you'd like to buy it, you buy it with your money."



Important Dates to Remember

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

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 Year 1/2 School Sleepover
Friday 8 th Decemeber	Whole School waterfight- all welcome
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
Friday 15 th December	Final day of classes
Monday 18 th December	Cleaning and Holiday Preparation
Tuesday 19 th December	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 20 th December	2024 Planning and Staff time in lieu