

School Newsletter

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A Word From The Principal

It seems crazy to think that this is the final newsletter for the year 2023. Another year that has flown by with many achievements. Our whole school community has so much to be pleased of this year, and I cannot wait to see how far we can progress next year and beyond! I am so proud to be principal at Noorat, knowing that we truly cater to the needs of every student through a valuable partnership with families and support services.

Thank you!

Firstly, thank you to the many parents and special people involved in our school who have made this year such a success. Our PFA have been highly motivated – we have had many parents assist with events and by selling raffle tickets throughout the year which has seen a wonderful amount of money raised. We have been able to buy a new zero-turn mower which has cut off an hour in mowing time and is a much more pleasant ride. Our committed Breakfast Club Mum's who have given up their own time each week to support all students and our School Council members who have given up time each month to help guide the direction of Noorat Primary School – THANK YOU!

School Bus

I am delighted that I can officially confirm that we can now provide a school bus for students who reside in Terang and choose to come to our wonderful school. We know parents choose Noorat for the individualised teaching and learning we can provide for each student, our quality programs and ability to nurture the whole child to flourish. We thank our committed parents who have chosen to drive their child/ren to our school each day, knowing we can provide an education other schools cannot.

If you would like your child to access a school bus from Terang in 2024, please contact the Office.

End of Year Ceremony

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, farewell our graduating Year 6 student and draw our PFA raffle. We will also hand out student reports at the conclusion of the evening. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Student Kris Kringle

Thank you to the many people who have already returned their child's Kris Kringle present and placed it under our Christmas tree. We will have students do their Kris Kringle on Thursday 14th December after lunch, prior to going home for the day. This will ensure all students are present and can enjoy the special occasion.

Ilona Watkins Principal

End of Year Dates

Kids Kris Kringle – **Thursday, December 14th**

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

Final day of classes – **Friday, 15th**

Curriculum Day – **Tuesday, 19th**

End of Term 4 – Staff TIL – Office closes at 3.00pm – **Wednesday 20th**

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 were sent home last week. Please add them to your calendars now.

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 follow:

- Wednesday 21st February
- Wednesday 1st May
- Wednesday 7th August
- Monday 4th November

Parent Payment Arrangements

Our 2024 Parent Payment Arrangements were sent home on Monday. Please check your child's bag if you have not seen these. It is essential for families to read these carefully, especially the directions for ordering your child's individual stationary.

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 was also sent home on Monday. To see full uniform details and the current policy, please see our [website](#).

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.

2023



a year of
highlights!

Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 9

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Arya

This week Arya has been doing my numeracy for the areas of shape, time and measurements. On Thursday Arya completed a Measurement & Geometry end of year test and achieved 6 months growth since the middle of the year, with the test containing year 3 questions. So proud!

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.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Harrison

Harrison has been listening attentively in class. He has been showing respect to all teachers and students. Well done Harrison!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Grace

Grace has proved to be a great assistant this week, particularly in the preparation and installation of the Noorat Hall Christmas window display. She was a fantastic assistant as we sorted, displayed and navigated our way in a small space. Well done, Grace!

Be Respectful-

Be Excellent-

Be Responsible-

Be Caring-

Festive Road Safety: The Fatal Five

The issue

The festive season is considered to be one of the most dangerous times to travel on Australian roads.

Each year people die or are seriously injured as a result of road crashes while travelling to see friends and family over the extended holiday break.

30 fatalities occurred on Australian roads in a 12 day period starting December 23rd in 2020.



The Fatal Five:

Across Australia, the following total annual fatalities were caused by the Fatal Five

Failure to wear a seatbelt
156 vehicle occupants killed were not wearing a seat belt or restraint

Fatigue
240–360 fatal crashes were related to driver fatigue

Intoxication (drugs and/or alcohol)
94 drivers killed had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) above the legal limit

Distraction/Inattention
300 fatal crashes were due to driver distraction and inattention;

Speeding
481 fatal crashes were caused by speeding

73 drivers killed had an illegal drug in their system

Do not become a Fatal Five Statistic. Be safe this Festive Season.



Have a designated driver or use a car service



Plan your journey to avoid fatigue



Stick to the speed limit



Do not drink under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol



Do not send or read a text message while driving or better yet — don't use your phone.



Always wear a seat belt

Important Dates to Remember

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 7 th December	Whole School Fun Day Year 1/2 School Sleepover
Friday 8 th December	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