

School Newsletter

Term 1 2023 | Issue 2

A Word From The Principal

It has been lovely to speak with colleagues and other Principals this past fortnight whilst at Area Principal Forums and Network Meetings, sharing the enormous difference in the feelings we have all had to commencing the school year. For the first time in over two years, students, parents and staff have been able to attend school without the complications of COVID and a feeling of unease. We are delighted that every one of our students has settled into the year smoothly and are happy throughout each day. The energy in the playground, the focus in learning, the collaboration among students and the laughter heard is a welcome change. We cannot wait to see what this year has ahead with so many opportunities.

Welcome BBQ

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Welcome BBQ, our first event of the year. We had a beautiful evening, despite the flies who also wished to join the event, and it was wonderful to see everyone present, catching up and able to share a proper meal together. Thank you to our PFA for providing and cooking the BBQ.

Getting involved - School Council & PFA

Every year we have a dedicated team of parents / carers who meet throughout the year to discuss and help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also feel that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. You do not need experience to be on School Council – just an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. We have spaces available on our School Council. If you think there may be a parent suitable, please speak with them and ask if you can nominate them. You can also nominate yourself. Nomination forms are available from the school office and need to be returned **by 3.30pm TOMORROW**.

Our PFA is already working hard to ensure our bacon & egg muffin fundraiser is a success at the Noorat Community Garage Sale this Saturday. Please comment on the Dojo post your availability. We have some BIG events coming up and your support is needed – even if you are unable to attend meetings, your help at events and with fundraisers is always appreciated! Please see Erin at any stage for information.

**The Annual General Meeting of
Noorat Primary School, School Council**
will be held on
Tuesday March 28th
at Noorat Primary School – Staffroom
commencing at 7.00pm

Staffing

Tomorrow we officially farewell Sandy and thank her for the wonderful contributions throughout her time at Noorat PS. We will be having a little special moment in assembly which will be commencing at 3.10pm if anyone would like to join.

We are still seeking someone to run our Hands on Learning Program and before and after school program, so please spread the word – the information is on socials.

We also have a new Education Support opportunity to work within the F-2 Classroom on a Tuesday and Wednesday as Grace commences University for the year.

Ilona Watkins

Principal

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.

Office Hours

The Office Hours are 8.30am – 4.30pm, Tuesday and Thursday.

School Photos will be taken on Thursday March 9th at school. Photo order envelopes will be sent home next week as soon as they arrive.

Parent Payment Contributions

Thank you to those families who have paid their 2023 parent contributions. The recommended parent payment contributions for 2023 are available from the Office or can be found under 'policies' on our website.

Student Absences

It is a legal requirement of the Department of Education that we receive written notification of any student absences. Absences are recorded by parents on ClassDojo by messaging the classroom teacher. Please speak to Ilona if you need help with this.

Notifying staff of an unexplained student absence

It is a requirement for schools to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable on the day of a student's absence. A student who is absent is marked as 'Not Present Unexplained' unless notification is provided – this is your parental responsibility.

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. is provided – this is your parental responsibility.

School News

Athletics Sports Day

This year Athletics Sports Day will be held on **Monday 6th March** at Terang Recreation Reserve from 9.00am – 3.30pm.

Students must come to school as normal and they will then be transported to the venue.

Please note-

All students must wear:

- Red school polo tops with shorts / leggings and appropriate footwear: runners.
- Named school hat.
- Students will need to bring their drink bottles, snacks and lunch.
- Sunscreen will be applied at school before leaving for the venue; please supply your own if your child has sensitive skin.

There will be a BBQ provided and students have the option to pre-order food to alleviate the need of money on the day.

Miss Horsnell will hand out order forms next week for students interested in purchasing.

All proceeds will go to Surviving the Dark Times Fundraiser.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

**EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
MORNING
8.30 – 8.50AM**

Not only do we remove the barrier of children being hungry and having difficulties learning, but children also form positive relationships with their peers, staff and volunteers*.

*We would love anyone available to come and help, either weekly or whenever possible.
ALL volunteers must provide a copy of their Working With Children's Check to the Office.

What's Happening in the Classroom



F-6 AFL CLINIC

On Monday Leah from the AFL visited Noorat Primary school and we all learned how to handball and kick a football. We practiced these skills through games and activities. We all had so much fun!!



Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 1 Week 4

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent-

Grace Bell

Grace has actively participated in classroom discussion, listened to stories, ordered pictures and wrote detailed sentences to create a book summary

Mrs Watkins

Be Excellent-

Charlie Colyer

Charlie has been stepping up in his House Leader role and is willing to take on any job to assist others. Great work Charlie – keep up the great work!

Noorat Primary School



NOORAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
Climbing the Mountain of Knowledge

School Leaders



2023

Principal: Mrs Ilona Watkins

Left to Right: Mackenzie Gurry & Harper Teuma

Excellence, Care, Respect & Responsibility



CLINTON HALL MEMORIAL



41st COMMUNITY FunRun & Walk



ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
Scan code to register

Friday 24th February, 2023
5.92 kilometres

Start: Walk 6.30pm – Run 6.45pm

Finish at the Terang RSL Hall – Strictly no bikes or dogs permitted

Entries: Adult Run \$12.00 – Child Run \$5.00, Adult Walk \$12.00 – Child Walk \$5.00

Many Trophies:

- Veterans (40–49)
- Veterans Plus (50+)
- Under 18
- Under 15
- Under 13
- First local runner home

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES & CERTIFICATES AFTER RACE



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TERANG & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB INC.



KING'S COLLEGE

Christian Education Kindergarten to Year 12

Supporting the Wellbeing of Our Young People



Thursday 9th March 2023
King's College Auditorium 7PM

In the face of recent events including the Covid pandemic and repeated lockdowns, our young people's wellbeing has taken a toll. During this hour-long presentation (plus time for questions), experienced educator and author Sharon Witt, will share the latest data on the state of youth wellbeing and offer practical tips and strategies for parents, educators and carers to promote and bolster their resilience.

This presentation will cover:

- The most recent research around what is most impacting the wellbeing of our young people.
- Ten ways you can support the wellbeing of your young person
- How to support the wellbeing of parents and carers.

About the presenter

Sharon Witt is a seasoned educator with over 30 years' experience, and a sought-after expert in the fields of youth, parenting and education. She has contributed to numerous publications and is regularly sought after in the media, appearing in print, television, and radio.

Sharon is a best-selling author of 18 books, including the hugely popular *Girlwise* and *Wiseguys* series, *Teen Talk*, and *Starting Secondary School* (co-written with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg). Her books aim to provide guidance and support to young people on the challenges they face in their early and teen years.

Sharon is also the founder of The Resilient Kids Conference, a one-day event that brings together leading parenting and education experts from across the country. This conference has toured many states over the past 6 years.



Scan to Buy Tickets:
\$15 per person

www.trybooking.com/CGEZB



TERANG ATHLETIC CLUB

Inviting students from Year 3 and above to come along and enjoy some running coaching. Coaches are Jill McKenzie, Ken Plummer and Laurie Heffernan.

You will be taken through how to warm up properly, drills to help with speed, warm ups and style. We will also help you with your overall running style in sprints to longer distances.

Training is at the Terang Recreation Ground each Wednesday in first term, 4.00pm-4.45pm. Registration forms will be made available if you think you'd like to continue on for the term. Registration also covers 4th term when we re start again.

Costs are \$10 per student and \$20 per family for 3 or more members.

For any queries, please ring Jill on 0418 175 599.

Important Dates to Remember

TERM 1 CALENDAR DATES

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| Saturday 25 th February | Noorat Garage Sale 9.00am – 1.00pm |
| Wednesday 1 st March | Ilona out- Numeracy PD |
| Thursday 2 nd March | Kids Helpline Cyber Safety Session - Year 3-6 |
| Monday 6 th March | House Athletics - Terang Reserve |
| Tuesday 7 th March | Prep Play - Foundation students to visit Terang Primary |
| Tuesday 7 th March | Acciona Filming |
| Wednesday 8 th March | LOTE - 9.00am - 1.30pm |
| Thursday 9 th March | School Photos |
| Monday 13 th March | LABOUR Day Public Holiday – No School |
| Wednesday 15 th March | Preps first Wednesday at school |
| Wednesday 15 th – 27 th March | NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 – Writing 11.30am – 12.30pm |
| Thursday 16 th March | NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 – Reading 9.00am – 10.00am NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 – Conventions of Language 11.30am – 12.30pm |
| Monday 20 th March | NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 – Numeracy 9.00am – 10.00am |
| Tuesday 21 st March | Ilona out – Principal Meeting |
| Wednesday 22 March | Lions Eye Health Assessments for students |
| Tuesday 28 th March | School Council Meeting 7.00pm – 8.00pm |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Ilona out- Koorie Cultural Leader Day |
| Thursday 30 th March | Hockey Victoria Incursion |
| Thursday 6 th April | End of Term 1, 2.30pm finish |

School Council Nomination Form

FORM 3: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

(Formerly Schedule 5A)

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

..... council.

Name

Residential address

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Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement

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|---|--------------------------|
| I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training. | Yes / No (please circle) |
| I am an employee of the school council. | Yes / No (please circle) |
| I am engaged in work at and for the school. | Yes / No (please circle) |

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and have ever been, insolvent under administration
- I am not of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate..... Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.