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School Newsletter

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A Word From The Principal

What a wonderful start to 2024 we have all had! We are so proud of the students and how they've settled in, learning their routines and revisiting school expectations. Already students have experienced or are preparing for upcoming events such as the Indigenous Sensory Garden planting session, Athletic Sports, hockey incursions, Hands on Learning and our Welcome Back to School BBQ.

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 the BBQ.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to our student leadership team who will work together to lead the school and represent all students, ensuring their voices are heard. We have already seen our leader step up and show their skills. We are incredibly proud of all students who stepped outside their comfort zone and presented a speech for our student leadership roles.

2024 SCHOOL LEADERS - Harry and Harper

DAHL-JENNINGS HOUSE LEADER – Charlotte

FOX-BLUME HOUSE LEADER - Callum

ClassDojo

If you are yet to turn on notifications for ClassDojo, please do so. This is our primary source of information and provides the platform for communicating with all staff. Notification means you receive all information as it's presented, along with alerts for special events. It is a private platform that can only be accessed by individuals who I invite.

Ilona Watkins

Principal

**The Annual General Meeting of Noorat Primary School,
School Council will be held**

on Tuesday March 26th
at Noorat Primary School – Staffroom
commencing at 6.30pm

School Review

This term Noorat PS is undertaking its 4-yearly review to ensure ongoing reflection, planning and strategic direction of the school. Throughout this process we will seek parent feedback, and during the Fieldwork / Validation Days seek parents to be part of a discussion forum. Please keep an eye out for this information and times – we would love to have everyone's input.

Our school review dates are set for Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th of March.

School Council Nominations

Parent /carer nominations are now being taken for this year's School Council. School Council plays an extremely important role of governance and community leadership. The School Council has particular functions in supporting and monitoring the school's direction. School Council's have three main responsibilities; finance, strategic planning & policy development and review. We would love new members to make our School Council even stronger. If you are interested, please return your self-nomination form to the Office by next Wednesday 28th Feb.

Parent Consent Forms

Please ensure you have returned your 2024 parent consent forms. This paperwork is necessary to ensure we have accurate and up-to-date information on the wishes of your child, such as whether they can be in newsletters, social media and on ClassDojo. We take the privacy of all students very seriously so need to have forms returned ASAP.

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.

Morning Supervision

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am with **supervision commencing from 8.45am**. A bell will sound at this time to allow students into the classrooms to prepare for their days learning prior to playing outside. Bus travellers are, of course, welcomed into classrooms when they arrive at school where they will be able to read or draw / colour.

Late arrivals and early departures

Students arriving late or needing to leave early must report at the office. The parent / carer can collect and sign in or out. This is a safety requirement as well as enabling us to update attendance information

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.

Parent Payment Contributions

Thank you to those families who have paid their 2024 parent contributions or set up a parent payment plan. The recommended parent payment contributions for 2024 are available from the Office or can be found under 'policies' on our website.

Terang School Bus

We are thrilled that we can now offer a bus service from Terang to Noorat (return) each day for our families. Please contact the Office for further information.

School Lunch Orders

This year school lunch orders will continue to be on Tuesday and Friday.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to Sarah, Erin, Beck and Freddie 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. Please provide a copy of your WWCC to the Office.



New Year..New Night

Terang Athletic Club training will commence on Tuesday February 5th and conclude Tuesday 26th March, 4pm-4.45pm, at the Terang Recreation Reserve

For new registrations, 1st 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

TERANG & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB INC.

42nd COMMUNITY Fun Run & Walk

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
Scan code to register

Friday 23rd February, 2024
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

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Student Achievements

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Term 1 Week 3

Miss Horsnell

Be Responsible- Nixon

This week Nixon has been making fantastic choices in the classroom by starting learning tasks immediately, playing games in a friendly manner, cleaning up after himself and following teacher instructions. He has set an excellent example to all students in the F-2 classroom.

Mrs Watkins

Be Responsible- Ryan

Ryan has shown his leadership skills this year by assisting others and being a positive role model. He has been applying himself to all learning and remaining focused. Awesome effort!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Charlotte

Charlotte has been a good role model for everyone. She has been helping people and showing kindness.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Spencer

Spencer has had a wonderful start to 2024! He has been working well in his learning community and is engaging in specialist classes. Keep up the great work!

Be Excellent

Be Caring

Be Respectful

Be Responsible



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Important Dates to Remember

TERM 1 CALENDAR DATES

Saturday 24th Feb	Noorat Garage Sale. PFA event – 9.00am -1.00pm
Monday 4th March	Mrs Watkins out, Numeracy CoP
Tuesday 5th March	Athletics Sports Day @ Terang Rec. Reserve
Wednesday 6 th March	3 –Way conferences
Friday 8th March	Mrs Watkins out, Principal Forum
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13th March	NAPLAN, Years 3 & 5
Thursday 14th March	Mrs Watkins out, Principal Network Meeting
Thursday 14th – Tuesday 19th March	Samantha out, Sounds Write training
Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March	Noorat PS School Review
Wednesday 20th March	Lion’s Eye Health Assessment
Tuesday 26th March	School Photos
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 1, 2.30pm finish.

TERM 2 CALENDAR DATES

Monday 15th April	Beginning of Term 2
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