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School Newsletter ***Term 1 2023 | Issue 3*** ***A Word From The Principal***

Every student and all staff in every school have a great day every day!

Chris Thompson – Regional Director

It has been a busy fortnight with many things happening within the classroom and school community. Over the past few weeks we've had staff attend Sounds Write training, a day with Dan Petro a behaviour psychologist who has been working with our Network and school for the past year, Day 2 of our Numeracy Learning Community and Koorie Cultural Leader training.

Our students have had a Kids Helpline cyber safety session, the Responsible Pet Program where they learnt how to greet and approach an unfamiliar dog, Athletic Sports, Prep Play, Japanese Day and School Photos. The next four weeks of Term 1 are just as busy with NAPLAN, free eye checks for all, a Hockey Victoria incursion and District Athletics.

Noorat Community Garage Sale

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time on a weekend to be a part of our Community Garage Sale stall & BBQ. The weather was unfortunately not in our favour, however the community spirit remained high and there were plenty of people around the village.

Sports Day Fun

Our Athletics Sports was a great day on Monday with every student giving it their personal best. The weather was fantastic and our student's demonstrated resilience, teamwork and determination. Thank you to Terang College for allowing us to join with you once again – we appreciate the time and effort that goes into such an event. It was great to see so many families supporting our children and showing the Noorat community spirit. Our school values of excellence, care, respect and responsibility were visible for everyone to see. Every single Noorat student represented Noorat and you should all be so proud of yourselves – we sure are proud of you!

Congratulations to Grace who was the 7-year-old female champion, with Harrison and Trinity both coming equal third champions in their 5/6-year-old age group.

L.O.T.E

Yesterday all students enjoyed a day being immersed in the Japanese culture. They learnt how people sit traditionally in Japan, about the games they play, some of the sweets they enjoy and created goals for the year.

Ilona Watkins

What's Happening in the Classroom

Show & Tell

We have been practicing our speaking and listening skills. We have enjoyed learning new things from our friends!



F-2 Learning Community

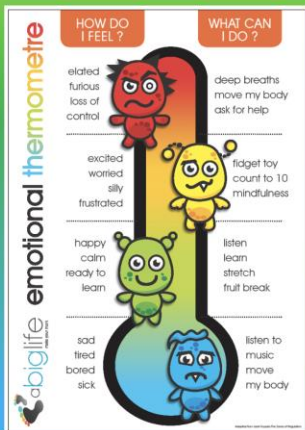
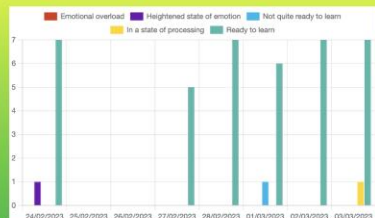
BE EXCELLENT
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING
BE RESPONSIBLE

3-6 Learning Community

We continue to check in every morning with 'Life Skills Go' so we can track student wellbeing.

We are continuing our work around self regulation using the ZONES of Regulation to identify our feelings. Students each have a 'Ready to Learn' Plan identifying their individual strategies to use when needed.



Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility

What's Happening in the Classroom

MARC Library Newsletter Term 1



What a great start we've had to the MARC Library program for 2023. It has been lovely to be back at Noorat to share my love of reading with them all once again.

A Book Restaurant popped up during Week 4 at Noorat Primary School, providing a 'BOOK TASTING' experience for the students across all year levels. Many book delicacies were served up on platters for students to 'taste' and enjoy. They were treated to a delicious menu of new books, which many students described as 'yummy'! They were each given a placemat to list all their favourite book choices. It was certainly a book feast!



The theme across all year levels for this term is **PENGUINS**. The students will explore a range of fiction and non-fiction books about penguins, which will help consolidate a range of literacy skills, including making predictions, sequencing of ideas, making connections, comparing texts, as well as identifying facts within a non-fiction book. It is important to note that all MARC Library activities are adapted to suit all year levels. The students from Year 3-6 will complete an information report about Penguins and will present this to the whole class. I am also very excited to be sharing a book called Parcel for Penguin, which is written and illustrated by a local author, who is also the parent of a Prep student at Cudgee Primary School. It is a punchy and playful guessing game about what could be in the parcel for Penguin. It is such a fun book to read. The students will love it!



We will be celebrating **Harmony Week** during our MARC Library session on Wednesday March 22nd. The theme for this year is 'Everyone Belongs'. The students will hear stories that reflect this theme, which will then promote discussion about respect, being inclusive and a sense of belonging for everyone. They will also complete a special activity to mark Harmony Week.

A very important component of the MARC Library program is the borrowing session. I love to see the smiles each week of all the keen borrowers at Noorat. Please remind your children to bring along their library books each Wednesday in readiness for borrowing. It is also very important that library books are protected and always returned in their library bag.

Kind Regards
Chris Howlett
MARC Library Teacher



Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 1 Week 6

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Harrison Plater

Harrison has been learning to use his imagination to create his own story in writing. This week he has been warming up his fingers using putting and has remained focused on tracing the teachers writing and has improved on this each day. Super impressed!

Mrs Watkins

Be Excellent- Callum Baird

Callum showed responsibility and maturity while with Miss Horsnell. He completed all work to his best ability and focused on the task. Callum was keen to show his learning. Great works!

Term 1 Week 7

Miss Horsnell

Be Respectful- Spencer Hann

At Monday's athletics, Spencer was the only student from Noorat in his group. He listened to the teacher's instructions the entire day, stayed with his group, participated in every event and tried his best! So proud!

Mrs Watkins

Be Excellent- Harper Teuma

Harper excelled during our Athletic Sports Day on Monday. She consistently tried her personal best and always showed respect. Harper stepped out of her comfort zone and even joined a relay team to assist a team that was short. Amazing attitude Harper!!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

To the whole school: On Monday at Athletics' Day it was great to see all students trying their personal best, giving everything a go, even when they got hurt or fell over and for listening to all of the teachers. We are very proud of you!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Principal's Award- Mackenzie Gurry

Mackenzie worked hard during Kitchen Garden and pushed herself to try new things. She learnt how to safely use a knife, as well as challenged herself to try a new food.



BODY CONFIDENT CHILDREN & TEENS WEBINAR

SUPPORTING BODY CONFIDENCE AND
HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOOD AND
EXERCISE IN YOUNG PEOPLE

TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2023

7.00PM – 8.15PM

VIA ZOOM – Time-limited recording
available



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In this session you will cover:

- Overview of body image and the importance of prevention
- The spectrum of body and eating issues
- Key influence on body image, including social media
- The impact of diet culture and weight stigma
- Busting common myths around eating disorders
- Reducing appearance talk and how to respond when a child expresses negativity towards themselves/others
- The power of role modelling positive body image and behaviours
- Understanding warning signs and the importance of early intervention.

TESTIMONIALS

"So glad I came. There is so much pressure on kids these days, it's hard to know what to do. This has given me lots of practical ideas." Parent WA



AUDIENCE
Parents &
Community



SESSION LENGTH
1hr 15mins



COST
\$15

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all 7.30pm (also 1.00pm Matinee on 20th)

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VOCAL DIRECTORS: Nikki McKenzie & Toby McKenzie PRODUCER: Michael McKenzie

also Reunion afternoon tea for past/present members & families: 4pm on Sat 20 May • Tickets (free) via above



DID YOU KNOW?

Wearing a helmet can reduce bicycle-related head injuries by up to **85%**.

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ALWAYS WEAR A BICYCLE HELMET with a safety approved label. Remember, different helmets are designed for different activities. Be sure to wear a helmet designed for use when riding a bicycle.



Check your bicycle for a good fit by standing over it. **THERE SHOULD BE 1-2 INCHES BETWEEN YOUR BODY AND THE TOP BAR.**

ALWAYS ride in the same direction as traffic. Follow all traffic signs to stay safe around cars. **STAY VISIBLE** to drivers by wearing bright, reflective clothing and by installing a reflector on your bicycle.



ALWAYS cross at a crosswalk and never between parked cars. **BEFORE** crossing:



Look **LEFT**



then **RIGHT**



then **LEFT** again

Important Dates to Remember

TERM 1 CALENDAR DATES

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

Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle books will be sent home tomorrow.

50c a ticket

We ask each family to please donate an Easter item (eggs / chocolate, colouring books, plush toys etc.) so we can make a wonderful Easter hamper prize.

Please kindly deliver donations to the office by Monday April 3rd.

Drawn Thursday April 6th at a Special end of term Assembly commencing at 2.20pm.