

School Newsletter

Term 1 2024 | Issue 4

A Word From The Principal

The end of term has come around so quickly, and we've had a wonderful first term which has prepared students for a successful year of learning, friendships and supportive challenges. Thank you, as always, to our wider parent community for your support and the work you do at home with your children; school is a true partnership.

School Review

Firstly, thank you to all staff for their efforts during our school review last week, and the preparation that occurred prior. I also wish to thank Erin Lanchester who, as our School Council President gave up two days of work to be an active and valuable member of our School Review Panel.

Despite the immense amount of work that goes into a school review, it was a highly valuable process and has provided us with clear direction and goals for our next four-year strategic plan. Throughout the preparation and review process, it has been evident that we have fabulous strategies in place to welcome, support and educate every child that steps into Noorat Primary School.

What is clear, is that our staff do an amazing job each and every day to care for and cater for each individual student, in both learning and wellbeing needs. Teachers are experts in teaching the Victorian Curriculum in an engaging, fun and creative way, while harnessing students' passions and interests.

What is also evident from your feedback is that our staff are open, welcoming and approachable, and the trust you have in our staff is clear. We know that by working together as a team we can ensure; every child, has every opportunity to thrive and receive the best possible education here at Noorat Primary School.

We want our students to flourish in every environment and have the best possible opportunities in life. We want them to finish their primary school journey with confidence, a strong sense of self, curiosity and a passion for lifelong learning.

At Noorat we are relentless in making sure students have as many opportunities to learn, in as many different ways as possible, and have a range of opportunities to engage with our wider community.

What I know is, that we, as a staff are one strong team and are committed to continuous improvement at Noorat Primary School. Every staff member is passionate, devoted and open to continuous learning through self-reflection and feedback. I know that the opportunities we can provide to our students is highly personalised, at their point of need and we provide a learning environment that is safe, inclusive and collaborative.

2025 Prep Information and School Tour

You will have no doubt seen our advertisement sharing our upcoming Information Session for Foundation 2025 on our social media platforms and within the community. Please share the post with family / friends who have a Prep person next year. The highly personalised learning and many opportunities students receive at Noorat is not as possible in a larger school environment.

School Council

Last night we had our AGM where I presented the 2023 Annual Report. Once endorsed, this will be available on the website for all to read.

Election of office bearers also took place, with Erin Lanchester re-elected President, Jessica Beer Vice-President and Kait Horsnell Secretary. Our Council Team this year are Erin Lanchester, Jess Beer, Sarah Wilson, Brooke Miller, David Whiteman, Nyala Smith, Kait Horsnell and Ilona Watkins. We are thankful that we have such a committed parent community who wish to be involved in their child's education

Ilona Watkins

Principal

Classroom Interruptions

Between 8.55am and 3.30pm, classrooms are a space for concentration and learning, and it is vital that there are no interruptions unless absolutely unavoidable. Parents should not be entering classrooms to share information or chat with teachers during lessons – these conversations should occur prior to 8.55am or at the end of the day. If you need, send a Dojo message and staff will reply when free, otherwise, see staff at the beginning or end of the school day.

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.

District Athletics

Congratulations to Ryan and Grace who displayed their skills and achieved their personal best at the district athletics at Camperdown on Tuesday.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who successfully completed NAPLAN last week. They each tackled every test with focus and determination to show their skills.

PFA Cadbury Boxes

Thank you to all families who have sold Cadbury chocolate and lolly boxes for our Term 1 PFA fundraiser. If you still have money at home, please return it TODAY.

Our next event is the District Cross Country on May 10th, where we will be seeking volunteers to assist with the canteen. Please add this date to your diary.

We have a PFA meeting at 3.40pm on Monday 29th April in the staffroom.

Terang School Bus

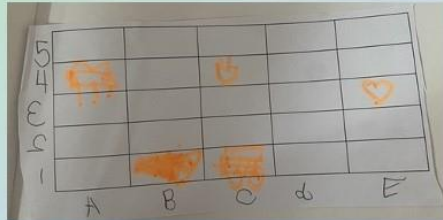
We are thrilled that we can now offer a bus service from Terang to Noorat (return) each day for our families. Please contact the Office for further information.

What's Happening in the Classroom



Numeracy

This fortnight we have been learning about positional words (forward/backwards, left/right & North, East, South & West) to follow and give instructions. We have also explored co-ordinates by locating different items on the grid.



F-2 Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING
BE RESPONSIBLE

Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 1 Week 7

Miss Horsnell

Be Caring- Lucas

Lucas this week has been stepping up by helping his peers in the classroom with packing up their belongings and supporting them with their jobs, as well as asking and including others at recess and lunch in different activities. Well done!

Term 1 Week 8

Mrs Watkins

Be Excellent- Ryan

Ryan has consistently shown excellence this term in all areas of the school environment. He has been respectful in class completing work and being of assistance to others. He has demonstrated responsibility by preparing equipment for specialist classes showing leadership skills and initiative. Amazing work Ryan!!

Term 1 Week 9

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Spencer

Spencer has tried incredibly hard this past fortnight to create a high-quality narrative story. He came up with original ideas, published and then carefully illustrated detailed pictures to bring his character to life. Amazing effort Spencer!

Mrs Watkins

Be Responsible- Harry

Harry has consistently shown responsibility in all areas of the school. He completes learning tasks and shows initiative by offering assistance to staff and other students. Amazing work Harry!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Callum has stepped up all week in the class and with his work. He has also shown respect when playing gang up and Gaga.

Super dooper, well done Cal!

Be Excellent-

Be Caring-

Be Respectful-

Be Responsible-



PADDLING DAY.

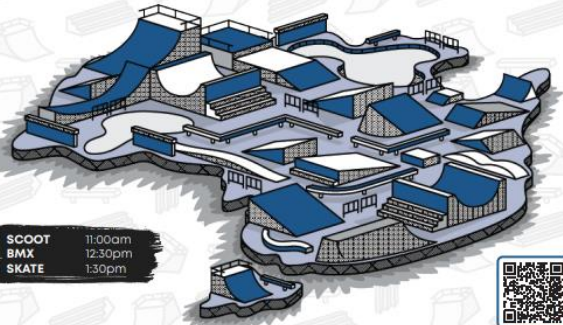
• **FREE KAYAKING FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!** •

Sunday 14 April • Lake Bullen Merri Reserve

Three sessions run for free by Paddle Vic:
10.30 – 11.30 am • 12 – 1 pm • 2 – 3 pm

SPL SKATE PARK LEAGUES | the Y | SKATE | AUSTRALIAN CYCLING | VCA | 
VIC 2024
WESTERN REGIONAL SERIES

SUNDAY 7 APRIL PORT CAMPBELL SKATE PARK COMPETITION




SCOOT 11:00am
BMX 12:30pm
SKATE 1:30pm



REGISTER HERE
OR ON THE DAY

52 Lord St, Port Campbell
Free entry, all ages and abilities welcome.



WWW.SKATEPARKLEAGUES.COM  SKATEPARKLEAGUES



For more information and registration, please scan the QR code or use the link: paddlehub.paddle.org.au/family-paddle-hub-at-lake-bullen-merri-april-2024/



The NOORAT Residents Association

Invites

All residents and their children to an

EASTER PICNIC

Saturday 30th March @ the avenue picnic shelter
opposite the PO @ 12 noon

BYO lunch favourites for your family.



HAPPY EASTER

Make, Decorate and wear your best EASTER HAT

A prize for the best hat judged by leading NOORAT milliner Georgina Conheady

Camperdown Theatre Company Inc.
production of

Disney **FREAKY FRIDAY** A NEW MUSICAL !



April 26, 27 & May 2, 3, 4 2024

THEATRE ROYAL + All 7.30pm (also 1.00pm Matinee on 4th)

Tickets available at [Laffs](https://www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au), Ph 5593 1469 or online at
www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au

Adults: \$30 + Student/Concession: \$25 + Children (15&U): \$20 + Family (2+2): \$90

Book by **Bridget Carpenter** Music by **Tom Kitt** Lyrics by **Brian Yorkey**

Based on the novel **Freaky Friday** by **Mary Rodgers**
and the Disney films

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

Director **Jen Rowan** + Choreographer **Clare Dunn** + Vocal Directors **Toby & Nikki McKenzie**
Musical Director **Jane McSween** + Producers **Que Place & Jenny O'Neil**



Noorat Emergency Planning Exercise

What if a storm or fire happened tomorrow?

Wednesday 17 April | 7 pm
Noorat Rec Reserve Club Rooms

Join us for a community chat around emergency planning. We'll discuss emergency scenarios and put together a community wide plan. We will then share in a light supper.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Please RSVP for catering purposes via the QR code or this link:
corangamite.vic.gov.au/NooratEmergencyPlanningExercise

03 5593 7100

shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au



WHATS NEXT? UNDER 8'S & UNDER 10'S!

Come and be apart of the **BRAND NEW** Venue-Based Competitions running in Terms 2, 3 & 4 for Under 8 & Under 10 Participants.

SAME DAY, SAME TIME, SAME VENUE, EACH WEEK!

With a number of host venues running across Victoria, there is sure to be a competition near you!

SPEAK TO YOUR CLUB TODAY!



FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

Club: Corangamite Hockey Club
Venue: Mockridge Park, Camperdown (10 Thornton St, Camperdown)
Program 1 Start Date: April 20th - June 22nd
Time: 10:00am - 10:45am
No. of Weeks: 10

Coordinator Name: Leah Boyd
Coordinator Email: corangamitehockey3260@gmail.com
Coordinator Phone: 0400 908 877

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER





QUALIFIED **AUTISTIC** AUTISM CONSULTANT

Available Monday, Tuesday
& Wednesday mornings
by phone or zoom
\$74.65 per hour



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EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE

- Autistic Leadership
- Artist Mentoring
- Festivals, Events & Workshops
- Advocacy & Self Advocacy
- Carving Your Own Career
- Access & Sensory Audits
- Women, Parenting & Autism Acceptance
- Schools & Homeschooling
- Body Doubling & Peer Support

NEUROKIN ON TOUR - APRIL, AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Creative Self-Advocacy for Autistic Kids & Youth

Autistic children & Youth aged 7+ will create a zine (mini pocket book), make stickers, and design a mixed media sensory space.

This workshop will explore authentic Autistic communication, social skills, access, self-advocacy & futures through fun, creative activities led by Autistic author & artist, Louise Cooper.

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Louise 'Rockabilby' Cooper is a late diagnosed Autistic author, artist and the organiser of Australia's first neurodiversity arts festival. She has a graduate certificate in Autism, bucketloads of lived experience and two Autistic sons.

This April, Louise is touring Victoria supported by the Victorian government through Creative Victoria.

Dates:

April 1: Preston
April 7: Yea
April 9: Castlemaine
April 13 & 14: Apollo Bay
April 20 & 21: Melton
April 28: Kensington

Tickets essential & limited-
book through the website:
www.neurokin.org.au

Autistic Creative Leadership

Are you a creative Autistic adult?
Do you want to increase or diversify your income streams?
Do you want to contribute to and benefit the Autistic community?

In the Autistic Creative Leadership workshop, Louise Cooper will share simple strategies to make your creative practice more accessible, why Autistic people need Autistic leaders and spaces, how to set them up and access funding.

Louise Cooper is a late diagnosed Autistic woman with a graduate certificate in Autism studies and organiser of Australia's first neurodiversity arts festival.

This leadership development workshop will give you access to a budding network of Australian Autistic creative practitioners for peer support & presentation opportunities.

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FEMALE IDENTIFIED

Make a zine or byo art project whilst we discuss our lived experiences of being Autistic. We will explore the concept of Biographical Illumination and what it means to join the loop, tell our stories and step up as role models in our homes & wider communities and how this can relate to our feelings of success.

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SILENT DISCO

Pop on a set of our silent disco headphones and dance to stigma smashing hits from the world's most popular Autistic & Neurodivergent musicians from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s and today. All ages & neurotypes welcome!

MIX, MATCH & CLASH - DRESS 4 DOPAMINE

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For More Info
03 5593 1403

Our Location
6 Gunner street, Camperdown VIC 3260

<https://camperdownch.com.au/>



Free workshop

Schools & Families Together 2 day Workshop

Warrnambool, VIC

Maximise learning and well-being outcomes for autistic students.

This workshop also provides an opportunity for shared engagement and learning which builds and strengthens teacher/family relationships.



School staff only
Tuesday, 23 April, 2024
8:30am - 3:00pm

Schools & families together
Wednesday, 12 June, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm



Lady Bay Resort
2 Pertobe Road
Warrnambool VIC 3280

Topics covered include:

Day 1 (School staff only)

- Beliefs and perspectives
- Narratives and diversity of autism
- Working together, home and school

Day 2 (Schools & families together)

- Strengths of your team
- The diversity of autism and practical strategies
- Working together between home and school
- Action planning and practical tools



To check your eligibility and learn more about the Schools & Families Together workshop, scan the QR code or visit:

www.positivepartnerships.com.au/SAFT

Funding support is available for schools. See website for details.

To register, email Jessica Feary:
jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au



0477 574 746

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ROAD TRIP!

Before you hit the highway, stock up on these travel essentials to have a healthy and worry-free road trip!



Important Dates to Remember

TERM 1 CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 28th March	End of Term 1, 2.30pm finish.
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TERM 2 CALENDAR DATES

Monday 15th April	Beginning of Term 2
Wednesday 17 th April	No MARC Van (loading new van with books)
Friday 19 th April	Noorat PS Cross Country – 2.30pm
Wednesday 24 th April	2025 Prep Information Session
Thursday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Monday 29 th April	Smile Squad Dental Van Pre Service Teacher in 3-6 classroom 29/04/24 – 10/05/24 PFA Meeting
Tuesday 30 th April	Smile Squad Dental Van
Wednesday 1 st May	Curriculum Day – WSW Literacy Learning