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## ***School Newsletter***

### ***Term 2 2024 | Issue 5***

#### ***A Word From The Principal***

If this fortnight is anything to go by, we are in for another busy term filled with many exciting and fun-filled events. Students have all settled back into their learning communities and have enjoyed reconnecting with their peers and teachers.

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Howlett back with a brand-new MARC Van! We love the passion and high level of expertise Mrs Howlett brings to our school each week – there is barely a book on the van that she hasn't read!

#### **School Vision, Mission & Values**

Following on from our Review in the final weeks of Term 1, staff have taken the opportunity to reflect on and refine our school Vision, Mission and Values. We have presented these to students, discussing the meaning and purpose of each. We would love your feedback.

**Vision** - To develop determined young people who exhibit confidence and a strong sense of self.

**Mission** - To provide a dynamic and inclusive learning environment where we empower students to achieve academic and personal growth so they will thrive in their future and contribute actively to their community.

#### **Values**

##### *Excellence*

Our school is a place where we actively participate and strive for personal growth in learning and behaviour.

##### *Care*

We are honest, thoughtful and inclusive of all.

We have high expectations for ourselves and others.

##### *Respect*

We demonstrate active listening and communicate openly to hear all voices and value individuality.

We are accountable for our learning materials and shared belongings.

##### *Responsibility*

We take ownership of our own learning and the choices we make.

#### **New faces**

We have welcomed many new faces to our Noorat P.S. Community this past week in all areas of the school. Firstly, I would like to welcome Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan who will be teaching PE and Humanities every Monday. We also welcome Charli, Georg and Dennis who have all seamlessly fitted into our learning communities, bringing personality, smiles and a positive attitude. I know everyone will introduce themselves and make them and their families feel welcome.

## Welcome Spud

We are delighted to have Spud, a blue 4 y.o whippet, in our classrooms to support student's health and wellbeing. Spud is working alongside Vanessa, practicing his skills as he becomes comfortable with his new role, expectations, our environment and people.

## Midnight and Milo – Cows Create Careers

On Monday we had a special delivery; Our dairy-beef mix calves were delivered by Joey and his son Finbar, with much anticipation and excitement! With *many* options presented, students and staff each voted, deciding on Midnight (black calf) and Milo (red calf). All students will be able to feed and care for Midnight and Milo during their stay at Noorat, while our Year 3-6 class learn about the various areas of work that contribute to the extensive dairy industry, we have here in South West Victoria. Thank you to the many families who have volunteered to care for them during our public holidays and weekends. If you haven't already, feel free to pop in before or after school to meet them.

## 2025 Prospective Foundation Students

Thank you to our wonderful staff for providing their time to showcase our wonderful school to our 2025 prospective prep families. Those in attendance we impressed with the focused teaching and learning, welcoming spaces, and inclusive environment we can provide at Noorat. If you know anyone who missed our information sessions or is interested in finding out more about our school, please have them contact the office.

## 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 mean 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

## 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. 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.



## Cross Country, SPUD and ANZAC Day

Amazing effort by all students who gave their all in our annual school cross country last Friday! We are so proud of everyone who gave their best, demonstrating excellence!



Spud is settling well into his new role at Noorat and the students (& staff) are loving having him here with us!



Students have been busy learning, reflecting and creating multiple things to honour our soldiers and those who served in WWI. We completed our own school service on Wednesday afternoon ahead of the ANZAC Day holiday yesterday.

# What's Happening in the Classroom



## MARC Library News Term 2

(MARC Library Teacher: Chris Howlett)



Welcome back to MARC Library for Term 2. Hope you all found time to relax and enjoy your Easter break with family and friends. I am very excited to be returning to Noorat Primary School after having some Long Service Leave during Term 1. I took this opportunity to spend some quality time with my gorgeous grandchildren, as well as 'curl up in the chair' and do lots of reading of course! I have found some great new reads for the students. Thanks to Bree Porter for taking on the MARC role during my absence. The running of the MARC Library Program was certainly in 'great hands'. We have the added excitement of the arrival of our new MARC van which will be on the road this term. Please remind your children of the importance of taking good care of all MARC books and remind them to return their books each week for borrowing. There are some great new books now available for loan!

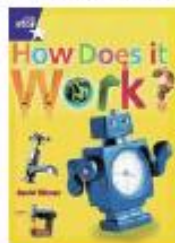
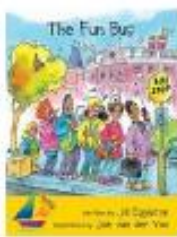
### Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Library Program Term 2

#### FUN WITH BIG BOOKS- FICTION AND NON-FICTION

##### LEARNING FOCUS:

- Demonstrate improved oral language skills- listening activities, concentration games, following directions, etc
- Focus on fluency through shared reading
- Further develop phonological awareness- rhyming words, alliteration, etc
- Extend vocabulary knowledge
- Further develop comprehension skills
- Consolidate persuasive writing skills

Through a range of big books, students will be immersed in memorable language with high-interest, meaningful stories, and factual text. Students will participate in literacy activities in response to a range of text. All activities will relate to our learning focus.



### BOOK WEEK 2024

The CBCA shortlisted books for 2024 have been announced. Please access this link to find out the shortlisted titles if you are interested: <https://cbca.org.au>

The theme for this year is simple but has great meaning... "Reading is Magic"! What an inspiring theme and so very true!



### Year 3 / 4 / 5 / 6

#### NOVEL STUDY- KIMMI by Favel Parrett

*Kimmi, Queen of the Dingoes, is a true tale of incredible courage and survival. It is told by Favel Parrett... one of Australia's most loved storytellers and dingo advocates. Kimmi is now housed in the Dingo Discovery Sanctuary near Gisborne.*

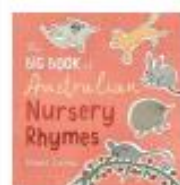
##### LEARNING FOCUS:

- Making predictions
- Using text to infer meaning
- Identifying important ideas in the text
- Understanding the point of view of the author and be able to give own opinion
- Demonstrate an understanding of the location and landscape of the Kimberley in WA- a natural wonder in Australia

Students will complete a range of activities relating to our learning focus, which will aim to improve and consolidate their literacy skills. The students will create a brochure to promote the Kimberley and to entice tourists to visit.



### MY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS TERM



# Student Achievements

## STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

### Term 2 Week 1

Mrs Watkins

**Excellence** – Callum

Callum has shown excellence this week by applying himself to his schoolwork, constantly exhibiting his personal best efforts. He has been a positive role model for his peers by displaying the four school values consistently.

### Term 2 Week 2

Miss Horsnell

**Excellence** - Apollo

Apollo has consistently worked independently in writing lessons, and he has taken on teacher feedback to add more detail to his writing to make it more interesting.

Mrs Watkins

**Respect** – Aidan

Aidan gave his best throughout our first Song Room session with Earl. He respectfully listened, actively participated and looked after all equipment. I loved seeing the enthusiasm during our session Aidan. Keep it up!

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

### Term 2 Week 2

Harrison – Harrison has shown excellence at all times. He has been helping people in the yard and playing well with everyone.

**Excellence**

**Care**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**

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, Ph 5593 1469 or online at  
[www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au](http://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 Sue Place & Jenny O'Neil

## FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.



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FRUIT 1	VEGETABLES 2	MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3	MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4	GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5	WATER 6
<p><b>FRESH FRUIT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apple</li> <li>• Banana</li> <li>• Mandarin</li> <li>• Orange quarters</li> <li>• Passionfruit halves (with spoon)</li> <li>• Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks</li> <li>• Pineapple chunks</li> <li>• Grapes</li> <li>• Plums</li> <li>• Nectarines, peaches, Apricots</li> <li>• Strawberries</li> <li>• Cherries</li> <li>• Kiwifruit halves (with spoon)</li> <li>• Pear</li> </ul> <p><b>MIXED FRUIT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit salad</li> <li>• Fruit kebabs</li> </ul> <p><b>DRIED FRUIT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes*</li> </ul> <p><b>TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In natural juice (not syrup)</li> </ul>	<p><b>FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corn cobs</li> <li>• Carrot sticks</li> <li>• Capsicum sticks</li> <li>• Green beans</li> <li>• Cucumber sticks</li> <li>• Celery sticks</li> <li>• Snow peas</li> <li>• Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes)</li> <li>• Mushroom pieces</li> </ul> <p><b>Can serve with either:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hummus</li> <li>• Tomato salsa</li> <li>• Tatziki</li> <li>• Beetroot dip</li> <li>• Natural yoghurt</li> </ul> <p><b>SALADS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing)</li> <li>• Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad</li> <li>• Pesto pasta salad*</li> </ul> <p><b>BAKED ITEMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grilled or roasted vegetables</li> <li>• Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones</li> <li>• Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot)</li> <li>• Popcorn</li> </ul> <p><b>SOUP</b> (In small thermos)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pumpkin soup</li> <li>• Potato and leek soup</li> <li>• Chicken and corn soup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milk</li> <li>• Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks</li> <li>• Yoghurt (frozen overnight)</li> <li>• Custard</li> </ul> <p><b>Tip:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese cubes, sticks or slices</li> <li>• Cottage or ricotta cheese</li> <li>• Cream cheese</li> <li>• Tatziki dip</li> </ul> <p><b>Can serve with either:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit</li> <li>• Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar</li> <li>• Vegetable sticks</li> <li>• Rice and corn cakes</li> <li>• Wholegrain wheat crackers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater</li> <li>• Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo)</li> <li>• Falafel balls</li> <li>• Lean meat or chicken patties</li> <li>• Tinned tuna or salmon patties</li> <li>• Lentil patties</li> <li>• Lean deli meats (e.g. ham, silveride, chicken)</li> <li>• Boiled eggs</li> <li>• Baked beans (canned)</li> <li>• Tofu cubes</li> <li>• Hummus dip</li> <li>• Lean meat or chicken kebab sticks</li> <li>• Peanut butter*</li> </ul> <p><b>Can serve with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad</li> <li>• Rice and corn cakes</li> <li>• Wholegrain wheat crackers</li> <li>• Side salad</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetable frittata</li> <li>• Skinless chicken drumsticks</li> <li>• Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots)</li> <li>• Homemade pizzas with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables</li> </ul> <p><b>Can serve with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Side salad</li> <li>• Steamed or roasted vegetables</li> </ul>	<p><b>MAINS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wraps</li> <li>• Sandwiches</li> <li>• Rolls</li> <li>• Toasted sandwiches</li> </ul> <p><b>Tip:</b> Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, white fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, focaccias, fruit bread and English muffins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pasta dishes</li> <li>• Rice, quinoa or cous cous dishes</li> <li>• Noodle dishes</li> <li>• Sushi</li> </ul> <p><b>SAVORY BAKED ITEMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homemade pizzas</li> <li>- Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins)</li> <li>- Vegetable based muffins</li> <li>- Pasta or noodle bake</li> </ul> <p><b>SWEET BAKED ITEMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit loaf</li> <li>• Wholemeal fruit based muffins</li> </ul> <p><b>SNACKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli)</li> <li>• English muffins</li> <li>• Crackers</li> <li>• Crisps/crunchies</li> <li>• Rice cakes</li> <li>• Corn chips</li> <li>• Wholemeal scones</li> <li>• Pikelets</li> <li>• Crumpets</li> <li>• Hot cross buns (no icing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day)</li> </ul> <p><b>Tip:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes</li> </ul> <p><b>Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.</b></p> <p><b>Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.</b></p>

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the the Healthy Eating Advisory Service: <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/>



\*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.

# Important Dates to Remember

## TERM 2 CALENDAR DATES

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	PFA Meeting
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs. Watkins out The Song Room
<b>Wednesday 1st May</b>	<b>Curriculum Day – WSW Literacy Learning Community</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mrs. Watkins out
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Miss Horsnell out
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	The Song Room
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs. Watkins out – Principal Network Meeting
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	District Cross Country – <b>PFA Canteen</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Smile Squad – School Dental Van Visit Mrs. Watkins out- Dartmore Review Panel
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Smile Squad – School Dental Van Visit The Song Room
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs. Watkins out - PL Deakin University
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Miss Horsnell out - Dan Petro PL
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs. Watkins out – Dartmore Review Panel
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	The Song Room
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mrs. Watkins out- WSW Numeracy Learning Community
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	National Reconciliation Week Prep Play at Noorat Primary School Responsible Pet Program
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	The Song Room Mrs. Watkins out- Principal Forum