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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11 March Student Free Day
- 14 March Public Holiday
- 15 March Governing Council AGM
- 18 March School Closure for Lucindale Field Days
- 21 March Harmony Day
- 24 March Naplan practice for Years 3 & 5



We are now at the half way point of the term. Over the last few weeks I have enjoyed teaching in the three classes, I have heard about the journey of the titanic from the year 5/6 class and the life cycle of bees from our middle primary class and I am enjoying listening to our junior primary class read and share their new word knowledge from our literacy program Initialit.

One of my favourite times when my children were younger was our nightly reading ritual, it was half an hour where we sat and talked and read a favourite book or their take home reader. It did not happen every night (often due to having to move a tractor, check the caving heifers or some other farm or school work activity), but as many times as we could each week. This was a chance to work on reading and for me to instil my love of reading into my children and for me to check in with how things were going. Reading is a life skill and being a successful reader will be beneficial in all aspects of your child's future success and happiness. In the next few newsletters we will have some handy tips on how to make reading an enjoyable time for both parents and children.

Home reading tips

Should the books be easy or difficult?

The books that children bring home to read, should be at a slightly lower level than what they are reading in the classroom. It is meant to be an enjoyable experience for both parents and their children. Not stressful!

If your child is getting stuck on every second word, then the book is too hard for them. This can get frustrating for both you and your child which is not setting them up for a positive experience. I would suggest you having a chat to their teacher if this is happening.

Make it a routine

Find a quiet, comfortable spot that is the go-to reading spot with your child. If you have other children, this can be tricky, I know! It's about finding the right time for you and your child. Whether it be just before they go to bed, or first thing in the morning. Do what works for yourself and your child.

Student absences

We appreciate that parents are contacting the school to let us know that their children are or will be away. We understand that some appointments especially those for medical reasons cannot always be made after school, however we seem to have a lot of students leaving each day for extracurricular activities, often these students are leaving early a few days a week. Students even leaving 15 minutes early are missing important learning opportunities, please consider this impact when planning and booking extracurricular activities such as sport and music.

Governing Council AGM

The AGM for our Governing Council has been rescheduled to Tuesday the 15th of March starting at 6pm, if you have any questions about the role of the Governing Council please give myself or Sam Ward the Chair of the Governing Council a call.

SAPSASA

Events are being held throughout the year. Parents of students in year 5 and 6 will have received a note about the different sports on offer and been asked to nominate which sports your child would like to trial for, if any. Parents will be required to register for events via the website <http://www.usesapsasa.org.au/sports.html> once we notify you information for that sport is available. We will then receive an email to verify that your child is registered. Swimming and Athletics are offered to students from 10 years and up, Cross Country from 8 years and up, so if you would like to have your child trial or participate and they aren't in year 5 or 6 please let us know via the diary and we will send the information on those events to you when they are available.

Pupil Free Day

On Friday we have our first Pupil Free Day for the year, the staff are participating in a day of professional learning around the Berry Street Education Model. This program provides strategies for teaching and learning that enables staff to increase engagement of students. The program has shown an improvement in all students' self-regulation, relationships, wellbeing and academic achievement. We will be joining with teachers from Frances, Naracoorte North, Kalangadoo and Penola Primary Schools. For this session we will be working at our individual sites and collaborating online through teams, we are hoping that for the second day of this training on the 10th of June we will be able to meet face to face.

HARMONY DAY

On Monday 21 March, people across Australia will come together to celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day is dedicated to celebrating Australia's cultural diversity and is timed to coincide with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day celebrates the fact that Australia is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world—approximately one in four of Australia's population was born overseas and around 44 per cent were either born overseas or have a parent who was born overseas. Australians identify with more than 270 ancestries, speak over 260 languages and practice a wide range of religions.

Padthaway will celebrate Harmony day on Monday the 21st of March, students can wear something orange which is the colour that represents Harmony Day.

YEAR 3/4 NEWS

This term in Science, our class is focusing on living and non-living things and their impact on the environment. We have just started our project on bees, looking at their features, life cycle, roles and threats to their survival. To begin our learning, Lisa visited our classroom to talk about bee keeping and their hives. She was able to share her knowledge, answer questions and show us an old hive. This hands on experience helped to build students' understanding of what the hive looks like and the roles each bee plays. We also got to try the smoker and honey, which was delicious!



YEAR 3/4 NEWS

The first part of the project; involved creating labelled models using plasticine. Year 3 students modelled their own bee, labelling each body part. Whilst Year 4 students have made each stage of the life cycle: eggs, larvae, pupa and bee, with labels. Have a look at some of our amazing creations below:



ENVIRO WARRIOR NEWS

On Tuesday Week 6 Bryce and myself went with Miss Duell to the Naracoorte Caves for our first YELP Expo. YELP stands for Young Environmental Leaders Program so we learn how to care for the environment and how we can help others look after the environment. We spent the whole day at the caves completing different activities. Bryce and I worked with students from different schools in the area and discussed environmental issues that we are concerned about. All of the students from the different schools told us what they are doing to care for the environment. The main goal for the Enviro Warriors at Padthaway is to complete the Bush Tucker Garden. In the afternoon all of the students were split into group and we got to go into the Victoria Fossil Cave and watch the Bent Wing Bats in the Bat Cave. It was a really good day and we both really enjoyed meeting the other students and learning about the environment at the Naracoorte Caves. My favourite parts were being able to see the stalactites and stalagmites and seeing the water drip through the solution pipe in the Fossil Cave. Bryce's favourite part of the day was seeing all the fossils from the animals that had fallen down the solution pipes and into the cave.

Jade, Year 6





Hello, this is the SRC report of Pancake day. We raised \$165. We are going to raise for Uniting Care. The church volunteers were Derek Bailey and Phil Brown and school helper Lissy Orton helped us with toppings for the pancakes, which were maple syrup, lemon & sugar, sprinkles, jam, cream and icecream. The most popular was icecream and sprinkles.

Felicity Orton

I am proud of myself for improving in my Maths. I feel I have got a lot better in the past few weeks. I love multiplication and feel that I am getting a lot quicker at solving problems with multiplication.

My favourite subject is Visual Arts because we get to do out Lino prints and it's the best fun.

Something I have learnt recently is the history behind the sinking of the RMS Titanic. We are learning about it to be able to write a historical recount on it. It is interesting learning about the past because there is a lot of drama.

Something I would like to learn more about is Science. I love the learning in Science because we can build and design things. Last week we had to design something that would move in the wind like a windmill. My design with Jack was really successful.

By the end of the year I would love to have read all of the novels in the library. At lunch I enjoy going down the swing with my friends and playing on the swing. Outside of school I love riding my new pony Comet. I like cantering around the paddock with Belle and her pony George.



Phoenix Zilm

Something I am proud of myself for doing is my maths multiplication work, because it looks cool and I did it easily.

My favourite subject is everything, because it is all fun!

Something I have learnt recently is multiplication. we drew groups and dots and then counted them.

Something I would like to learn more about is reading, because it is fun and I want to see what the words say.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to write fast so I do not take a lot of time and can do it quicker.

At lunch I enjoy playing chasesy and don't touch the ball, because you get to run.

Outside of school I like to run around with my dog Angel.



Lauren Ortlepp

Something I am proud of myself for doing is trying my best in maths and for helping other people when they are not sure what to do.

My favourite subject is health because in health we are learning rights and responsibilities. One of the responsibilities that we have at school is to not be mean.

Something I have recently learnt is positional language. This is words like above, over, under, beside, inside and below.

Something I would like to learn more about is Indonesia and how to speak more Indonesian so that if I ever go there I won't need to use google translate.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to speak lots of Indonesian and have conversations with mum on the phone in Indonesian.

At lunch I enjoy going on the climbing web and doing different tricks on there. I also really like going on the swing with Skyla and Ashley.

Outside of school I like to go on my tablet to play different games. I also like to play with my toys, my favourite one is my unicorn because its really fluffy.



Governing Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 15th March
6pm

All parents are encouraged to attend

The News

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BY MARY JONES + NARACOORTE



Hello everyone,

We at the News have a fun competition we are running, where we are asking kids to send in a question they would like to ask home grown hero Lachie Neale.

Lachie grew up at Kybybolite and went to school at Naracoorte Primary School and Naracoorte High School.

He has had an extremely successful football career playing AFL Football for the Fremantle Dockers and Brisbane Lions and has won the highest individual honour in AFL the Bronlow medal in 2020.

The favourite 20 questions will be answered by Lachie and we will have a question run each week in the News over the local winter sports season.

Questions can be submitted to news@naracoortenews.com by Friday, March 25.

Please include your name, your school and contact details with your email so we can run a little profile about you with the Ask Lachie column.

Looking forward to some great questions!



NOMINATION FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL 2022

I _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

Nominate _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

to be elected as a member of Padthaway Primary School Governing Council.

I _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.
- I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed, my membership of Padthaway Primary School Governing Council will cease.

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