

# Naracoorte High School

Newsletter

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### SCHOOL DIARY DATES

### TERM 3

#### September

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Year 10 camp 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Senior Science trip 27<sup>th</sup> End of Term 3 2.25pm dismissal

#### TERM 4

#### October

14th Term 4 commences
 14th-16th Yr 11 Aquatics camp
 16th Yr 8/9 Girls Knockout
 Tennis

17<sup>th</sup> Yr /9 Boys Knockout Tennis

d Yr 8-10 Knockout

Basketball STUDENT FREE DAY

9<sup>th</sup> Principal's Transition

Tours and Information

session

RAP Presentation

31st Centrelink talk 6.30pm



ALL STUDENTS must wear hats when outdoors when the UV Index is above 3. NHS hats are available for \$9.00 from the Front Office.

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### From the Principal ...

As we work our way to the end of Term 3, student reports will be made available to all parents through the "SENTRAL" Parent portal at the end of this week. Reports provide a snapshot as to how students are progressing with their work in each subject, halfway through the semester. It allows parents and teachers to scaffold support structures to ensure students have positive educational outcomes. As a school leader, I always encourage teachers to make contact with home regularly if students aren't meeting expectations, and I always encourage parents to reciprocate the contact when teachers indicate on reports that they would like to see youand your student.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela

I want to congratulate both Daniel Moos and Chris Heddles for recently winning permanent positions at Naracoorte High School. Daniel has come into the school as a Design and Technology teacher and Chris into the Maths/Science faculty. Both teachers have been working hard to become part of the school and Naracoorte community, and I am happy to be able to have them as part of the team.

In my last newsletter article, I congratulated both Charlie Hillier and Jake Shepherd for their top-eight finish in the 14 & Under Best & Fairest Medal for the KNTFL League. I would also like to congratulate Sam Pridham who came 4th and Tommy Anderson who came 5th. Well done to all the boys.

Congratulations to Di Agnew who has won one of the seven Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute Teaching Excellence Awards. Di will be representing our school in October at the Melbourne award ceremony where the overall Outstanding Mathematics Teacher will be announced. I would personally like to say well done Di and thank you for all your hard work supporting students in the acquisition of Mathematics at Naracoorte High School

Our Year 12 students are coming to the end of their studies and have only a few crucial weeks to go before exams or final submissions. Students need to be talking to teachers to ensure they are meeting all requirements of the course they are studying. As we always do, our Year 12 teachers are offering holiday sessions to support students. I would encourage all students to attend as putting in that little bit of extra effort now will help obtain the best results later

Last year Naracoorte High School invested heavily in our Agricultural faculty to offer industry-standard facilities, to ensure our students would be industry ready. This investment has indeed begun to show dividends. Well done to our Steer Team whose results for the steers included individual placings on both hoof and hook. Congratulations to the team also for winning the most prestigious award of all - the Most Professional School Team.



Our Sheep team also achieved fantastic results with individual students placing in the judging competitions, taking home 2nd in the overall best School Team across the judging.

Well done to all the students, parents and of course our fantastic Ag staff - Ms Dahlenburg, Mr Elyward and Mrs Phillips.

Last week, School Strike for Climate organisation held an event called the Globe# ClimateStrike September 20. As this was not a school-sanctioned event, I, as school leader, did not inform Parents/Caregivers that the School would be open as usual, and I have received feedback about this decision. Can I please reassure parents that we as a school, will always ensure that if there is any change to regular lessons or the school day, parents/caregivers will be contacted before the event through email, Skoolbag and Facebook. If you are ever unsure of what is happening at School, and your son/daughter has given you information that differs to the public comment made by the School then please contact us.

I hope you enjoy your break, ready for a busy Term 4.

Regards, John Harris, Principal

### \*\*\*SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2019\*\*\*

Orders are now being taken for this year's School Magazine. It will be neatly bound with over 70 pages and in full colour. Last years magazine was a resounding success, so order yours NOW!

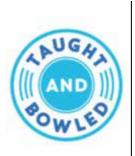
The cost for this magazine will be \$27.00 and orders must be forwarded to the school with money, using this form.

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Home Group .....

Payment can be made by Cash, Credit Card or EFT

### **CRICKET CLINIC - TAUGHT AND BOWLED**



Taught and Bowled will be running a preseason cricket clinic at Wortley Oval on Tuesday October 1st. The clinic will involve games, batting and bowling skills, competitive net sessions and fielding activities. This is the perfect chance to pick up some new skills, have fun and to prepare for an exciting summer of cricket.

Please visit www.taughtandbowled.com.au for further details or contact Ben Johnswood via ben@taughtandbowled.com.au

### STEM GIRLS PROGRAM

On Thursday and Friday of Week 9, a group of Year 11 students - Ashlea O'Shaughnessy, Ashlee Sincock, Marley Talbot and Shakira Elmer attended Uni SA's STEM Girls Program in Adelaide. The Adelaide program consisted of two parts -

a networking seminar and formal dinner on Thursday as well as an industry tour day on Friday.

The students were lucky enough to meet many of the leading women within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics sectors, with most of the women having a connection to future career aspirations that the girls have. These women were gushing with valuable knowledge and advice, particularly emphasising how there are many different pathways to future careers.

The girls also visited some of the most prominent STEM based businesses in Adelaide including: Australian Defence Science and

Technology, Codan, Adelaide Brighton Cement, SA Power, Health Innovation UniSA and Mod UniSA. In addition, they also completed two enquiry days at UniSA in Mt. Gambier, which demonstrates further careers within the STEM fields.

All of the students thoroughly enjoyed their STEM girls experience and would highly recommend the program to Middle School girls in years to come, particularly Year 10 girls next year.

Irene Willcocks Science Teacher



"STEM girls was an experience of a lifetime, it taught me many new networking skills as well as helped to confirm the career pathways I plan on pursuing after Year 12." -Ashlea O'Shaughnessy

"This experience with UniSA was incredible and showed us that there's a pathway to anything if you're passionate." - Ashlee Sincock

"Attending STEM Girls really opened my eyes up to a variety of pathways I can take to reach my goals in life. I have also learnt the importance of making connections with new people as it can open many gateways in life. I feel like I'm more confident in what I want my future to look like!" - Marley Talbot

"STEM Girls has been an amazing experience that I definitely recommend. It has really helped me gain a better understanding of my options in University and it was so inspiring listening to women talk about their experiences studying and working in STEM." - Shakira Elmer





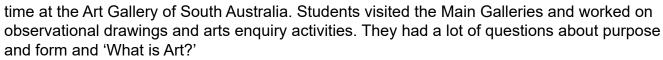
### YEAR 9 DRAMA

On Thursday Week 9 the Year 9 Drama ensemble trekked up to Adelaide for an incredible busy couple of days of Arts and Culture.

With generous support from the Adelaide Festival Centre with a rural transport subsidy, we travelled in a couple of mini buses. Thanks Mr Heddles for being a steady driver in such windy weather on the Thursday.

In Adelaide, the group unloaded at our accommodation at the Adelaide Youth Hostel in Light Square right in the middle of the city. We quickly freshened up and headed out to the Arts precinct.

For most students it was their first



The main focus of the trip was to attend the theatre on Thursday night to see *Girl Asleep* at the Space Theatre in the AFC complex. WOW! *Girl Asleep* is an internationally acclaimed play written right here in SA and presented by Windmill Theatre Company. The performance dazzled students and staff alike, with outstanding costuming, loads of 70's dance music, clever and inventive set and scenery, jump scares and mesmerising performances from the cast.







*Girl Asleep* was a huge success for the Year 9 Drama ensemble, who have been working on their own performance and getting ready to perform at the 'All Walks of Life' Showcase next term. With lots of inspiration, and a broader understanding of incorporating physical movement, they are looking forward to continuing with their rehearsals and fine tuning their performance work.

An excursion like this is a lot of work to organise and involves liaising with different Performing Arts and Art Education specialists. How lucky we are to be in the Festival State and have so much support for Performing Arts students in South Australia. Thank you to all the parents for supporting the program and thank you to Mr Heddles for taking the time out from his busy schedule to accompany us. A huge thank you to all the students for your excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. I can't wait for the next field trip.

Berlinda Carroll Drama Teacher



### ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW

The Royal Adelaide Show team consisted of 25 students, 5 steers and 6 wethers. Fantastic results for both teams were achieved and the students conducted themselves in a very professional manner.

Outstanding achievements for the Led Steer Team included: Most Professional Team, Best Charolais Carcase and 2nd MLA Prize Heavy Domestic Eating Quality Carcass, with many individual steer placings both on Hoof and Hook, and several students achieving handler awards.

The Wether Team showed fantastic judging skills placing 2nd overall as the Best School Team and individual prizes in all categories including Prime SAMM Ram, Merino Fleece and Merino Ram.



The students have spent tireless hours over the last six months preparing for the Show, including after school sessions, lunch times and weekends. We're incredibly proud of our students; all their hard work certainly paid off. Thank you also to all the parents, breeders and industry experts for supporting this program and your continued guidance.

Emma Phillips Ag Teacher











## NHS SNOW TRIP

On the 2nd September, 16 excited students (and five excited staff and leaders) from Naracoorte High in Years 10, 11 and 12 departed Naracoorte at 5am for a 10 hour bus ride to the Mount Hotham slopes. After plenty of downtime listening to tunes, watching movies, podcasts and talking we arrived at Mount Hotham at 3pm.

The first three days we were blessed with "Bluebird days" (clear blue skies) and believe it or not, hot weather, at 6 degrees, sweating it up on the slopes to the point where a couple of the crew boarded in t-shirts.

After the first day of skiing or boarding, including lessons at 10:30am, the boarding group had plenty of smiles and laughs to tell already at dinner time, yet the majority of the skiing group showed faces that told another story.

So this was the time to put on the "big boy pants" or shall I say "big girl panties", to persist and not give up. By the afternoon of the second day, it was so pleasing to see how much everyone had improved and the feeling of being in control finally hit. It was then onwards and upwards to confidence and laughs.



Back at the lodge, we had an amazing Chef, Whiskers, a big warm soul who catered for us during our stay. What an amazing spread he put on for every breakfast, lunch and dinner, and even a birthday cake.

In the evening after action on the slopes, we shared our stories in front of the fire. No phone time after 6pm, which rolled into awards given out from the day and playing cards. Bree and Charlie were awarded the Most Improved over the whole trip, Knocking Down 5 year old ski school kids awarded



to Nic, Best Snow Plough Award was Marcie, Causing Chaos Award went to Maddie, 360 Specialist (however not planned) was awarded to Zac and Card Shark Award went to Cade. Just a few to mention of the many stories and awards shared.

On the last day, the cold front moved in bringing showers, which turned into stinging hail and then finished with beautiful snow. This certainly didn't stop our group going out for one last ski/board before heading home.

"Although it's frustrating at the start, once you get the hang of it it's a whole lot of fun. You just gotta stick with it. Hands down the best experience and 100% recommend to anyone." Tahlia



"The Naracoorte High School Snow Trip was a fantastic well organised first trip to the snow. We were fortunate to have amazing weather which made skiing and snowboarding even more fun. Overall it was a great experience and I encourage Year 10 and 11 students to choose it as a subject." Kayla

"For my first experience to the snow it was a great experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone" Charlie

"Wow!!! What an amazing experience. Snow, I can't wait to see you again!" Nic

"The Snow Trip was an absolutely wonderful experience; challenging, but great fun. 100% recommend for anyone considering it." Marcie

As a staff member of Naracoorte High, I felt so lucky to take an amazing group over to the snow and share what I know as an amazing experience. Thank you to the parents who supported the trip and gave their child this opportunity, as well as our supporting leaders Bronwyn Longbottom, Jesse Briggs, Chris Moyle and David Castine. Lastly, thank you to Charlie at School Snow Tours, a truly professional family company with a personal touch.

Educational travel has huge benefits and helps students see the big picture. They learn the purpose of education and where studies could take them. It exposes strengths and helps to build confidence. Students are introduced to a different way of learning and are truly immersed in a unique environment, allowing for a deeper level of understanding of themselves and the world around them. Education travel encourages students to fulfill their potential and grow beyond their comfort zones. It motivates learners to have an interest in learning! At Naracoorte High, Year 10 or 11 students can choose to do Stage 1 Integrated Learning: Mount Hotham Snow Trip to gain 10 SACE credits.

Students, start saving now to bring on an amazing experience with memories that will last with you forever!

Nadia Sears PE Teacher



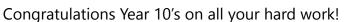
# MC CORMICKS FLAVOUR FORECAST RECIPE CHALLENGE



During Term 3, Year 10 Home Economics students engaged in the McCormick Flavour Forecast design challenge, competing against schools from all over Australia for some fantastic prizes. Students were required to create an original recipe, meet current trends in the food industry, adhere to a budget, justify their choices, and reflect on their learning.

This year's trends required the students to design around the themes of 'Need for Seeds' and 'Mexican Vegan'. The students rose to the challenge, extended themselves, worked collaboratively and flexed their problem solving and resilience muscles, to come up with some excellent results. Students also researched and developed their skills in food presentation, thinking carefully about how to present their finished product and photograph their work.

A big thank you to Adrian Gale from 'The Chapel Studio Photography' who generously donated his time to come in and photograph the students at work and professionally capture their finished products. Their results were innovative and delicious!









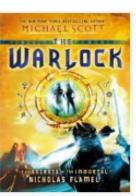


### Library Resource Centre

#### **Term 3 Most Borrowed Fiction Books**

- 1. Barefoot on the Wind
- 2. The Warlock
- Specky Magee & the Season of Champions
- 4. Other Brother





#### **Term 3 Most Popular Series**

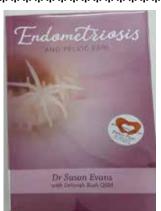
- 1. Issues in Society
- 2. The Secrets of the Life of Nicholas Flamel
- 3. The Twilight Saga
- 4. Diary of a Wimpy Kid

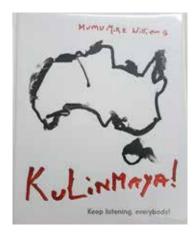
#### **Term 3 Most Popular Authors**

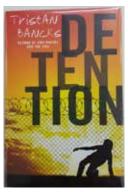
- 1. Eoin Colfer
- 2. Jeff Kinney
- 3. Anthony Horowitz
- 4. F Arena & G Lyon
- 5. Michael Scott



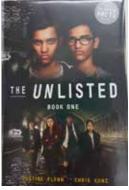












### <u>New</u> Books

Anita Miles Library Manager

# **Pedal Prix**

Our Pedal Prix riders' resilience and endurance was tested over the weekend of  $20^{th}$  to  $22^{nd}$  September at the 2019 Australian International Pedal Prix 24 Hour

Race in Murray Bridge.

The majority of the team and their families arrived in Murray Bridge on Friday to help with set up and to take part in the evening's practice laps.

After a very wet night of camping our riders were all raring to go Saturday morning.



To enable our team to have enough riders to keep the car on the track for the full 24 hours, they were entered into a Community category for this race. The team members were Jack Keller, Xayde Meyers, Mitchell Tidy, Ethan Wirper and Ashley Miles along with extra riders, Nathan Miles, Jordan Thornton, Matthew Wachmer, Ben Viney and Josh Viney, who were all previous High School or Primary School riders.



The rain came down again for the start of the race with Jack in the car for the rolling lap and race start. For the first few hours, the track was very wet and slippery with plenty of action right in front of our pit area. However, this did not deter any of our or the Primary School riders.

Our team rotated riding until mid afternoon then formed into three riding

groups to get them though the evening and night.

A surprise visitor stopped by our pits Saturday afternoon. Our Mayor, Erika Vickery, was visiting the event to see her granddaughter riding for another school and popped by to show her support for Naracoorte.



Our riders showed determination and endurance overnight, keeping the car going through the dark hours. The race was stopped for a short period just after 1am for emergency vehicles to cross the track. This time was used to do a quick modification on the car, putting extra ventilation holes in to alleviate the fogging of the windscreen which had been causing a problem.









From 8.30am Sunday morning, the tired team persevered and were back on rotation until the end of the race. Mitchell crossed the finish line with Red Lightning in 175<sup>th</sup> position completing 289 laps of the 1.7km circuit.

Thank you to Stacey Wirper and Will Sandford from Naracoorte Primary School for overseeing the management of the High School team. To Rob Sandercock for his assistance throughout the year and to Kellye Wachmer for organising the catering and keeping us all fed.



Finally a big thank you to all the parents for supporting their students to attend these races and to all of our sponsors. Without all this wonderful support our team would not be competing.

Well done everyone!



# NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out in the Canteen over the last three terms. Your help is essential for the smooth running of the Canteen.

We are in need of any parents who could donate an hour or so of their time to assist in the Canteen for Term 4. It is a fun and rewarding day.

Please contact the School on 8762 1333 or telephone the Canteen direct on 8762 2604.

Regards, Deb Gill Canteen Manager



