

# Naracoorte High School

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**SCHOOL DIARY DATES** 

TERM 2

June			
17 <sup>th</sup>	Finance 6pm		
	Governing Council		
	meeting 6.30pm		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 10 & 11 SACE		
	Q and A Information		
	Night		

July

1 <sup>st</sup>	STUDENT FREE DAY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term 2 -
	2.30pm dismissal

### **TERM 3**

20 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 commences
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 10 Immunisations
24 <sup>th</sup>	Open Mixed Hockey
28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Basketball

*August* 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr 8-12 Girls Netball



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 move further through 2020, it has been interesting to see how COVID19 still affects our everyday school life. I want to say thank you to all parents and caregivers during this time, by helping us maintain physical distancing. We are still required to reduce the number of visitors on school grounds, and we request, where possible, that telephone, email and SkoolBag App are used when contacting the school.

We are slowly moving out of the restrictions that have stopped excursions and outside organisations using our facilities. Currently, camps and excursions are beginning to resume where it is an integral part of a student's education program. Ms Dahlenburg's Cert I & III Agriculture class have been getting out to work on local properties and complete their competencies in lamb marking and fencing. Thank you to all who support our students in providing opportunities to extend their skills in real-life situations. We are still employing appropriate hygiene measures, and adults must continue to maintain physical distance (1.5m) and density (4m<sup>2</sup>) requirements. Students are not to be at school if they are unwell.

We are happy to announce we can now support local organisations using our gym and oval. These facilities can now be hired out to community groups for use after school hours, however no communal facilities (showers, change rooms, kitchens etc.) except toilets are available. All adults accessing the site are required to complete the site access form at the Front Office. This is a Government requirement.

I am very happy to welcome School Sports back on the agenda. On Monday 1st June restrictions for school-related sport have been eased to allow:

- Non-contact sports competition can commence from 1 June, 2020 (indoor and outdoor)
- Contact sport training activities can commence from 1 June, 2020 (indoor and outdoor)
- Contact competition activities can commence from 25 June, 2020 (indoor and outdoor)

The Department still requires us to keep gatherings of adults to an absolute minimum. Spectators aren't permitted except for one Parent/Caregiver per student. All adults must practise appropriate physical distancing.

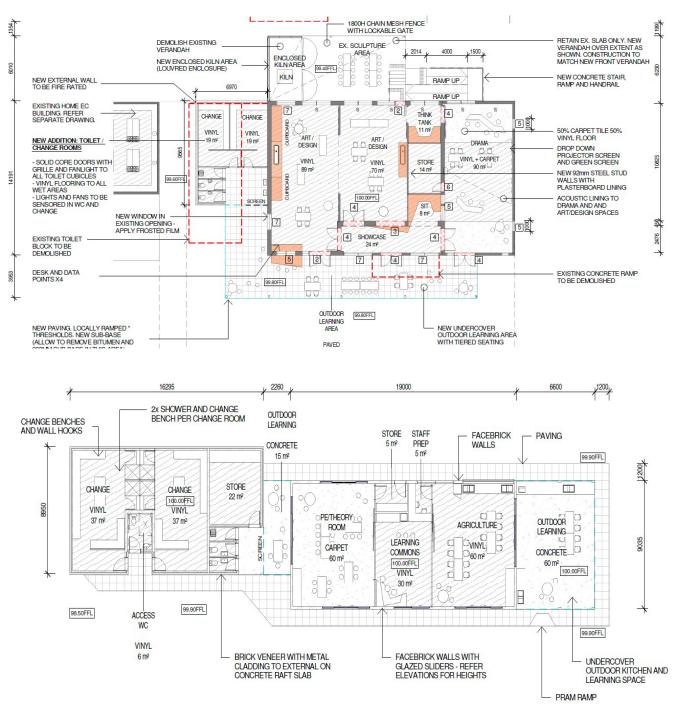
Current conditions have not stopped our planning for the move of Year 7 to High School in 2022. We understand this will be a significant change, bringing new opportunities for our students, staff and school. This is part of a Statewide initiative that will bring South Australia into line with other States. It also provides us with a unique opportunity to consider how this expansion to being a Year 7 to Year 12 site will impact on critical areas, such as transition, teaching and learning, student wellbeing and school structures, for our whole school community. As restrictions continue to ease, we look forward to beginning the consultation process with our community.

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We have been working hard in the background in consultation with Brown Falconer, one of the longeststanding architectural practices in South Australia, to help us develop a \$5 million building project to accommodate our additional students in 2022. It's fantastic to see the redeveloping of the Middle School kitchen, Art, Drama building and of course, the new Agricultural and Health/Physical Education building.



We want all of our students to get an excellent education, and the building blocks for an excellent education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve their SACE. Regular attendance has a significant influence on educational outcomes.

> Regards, John Harris, Principal

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1 day per fortnight	20 days (4 weeks) per year	100 days or more than ½ a year of learning experiences	
1 day each week	40 days (8 weeks) per year	200 days or 1 year of learning experiences	
2 day each week	80 days (16 weeks) per year	400 days 2 years of learning experiences	
3 day each week	120 days (24 weeks) per year	600 days 3 years of learning experiences	

Missed learning experiences

### **IMMUNISATIONS**

Year 10 - Meningococcal immunisation Thursday 23rd July (Week 1, Term 3)

Year 8 - HPV Gardasil immunisation Thursday, 24th September (Week 10, Term 3)

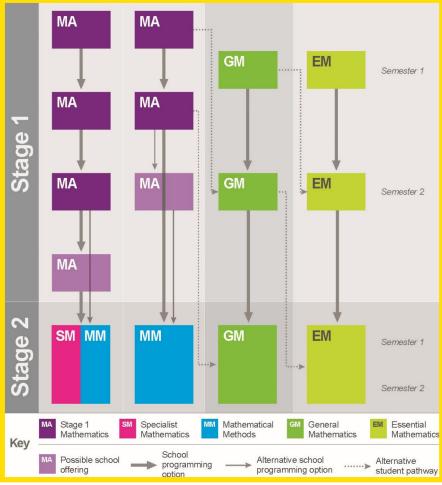
# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL

### <u>MATHS</u>

For the past couple of weeks, there has been a fantastic turnout to Maths After School! Each Thursday there are 20 - 40 students utilising this time for extra support with their Maths. Don't forget, Maths @ Lunch runs every day and operates as a "drop-in" session where students can ask quick questions or work on their weekly homework.

Now that all students from Years 8 - 12 have full access to devices they have been using several apps and programs to facilitate their learning. Most Maths classes are using Mathspace to support learning as Maths teachers are beginning to move away from the traditional textbooks.

Next Semester, the Year 10's begin to become more selective with their Maths subjects. 10A is an additional Maths subject offered for those students who wish to pursue Maths Methods or Specialist Maths. This



subject is also recommended for students who are unsure of the Maths pathway they wish to follow. If parents/ carers and students are unsure if 10A Maths is the correct subject to choose, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### <u>SCIENCE</u>

As a whole school improvement strategy, many Science classes have been working on word walls. There are some great examples popping up across the school that students have made to help improve their reading skills. In the coming weeks, the Year 8's will be making a Rube Goldberg machine to demonstrate their learning about energy and forces. Another Year 8 class is just about to start learning about cells and microscopes! The Year 9's are currently finishing their work on chemical reactions so they are ready to learn about ecosystems for the remainder of the term.

This year we have another four wonderful Year 11 girls participating in the STEM girls program. STEM Girls is a University of South Australia program encouraging girls in Year 11 to continue the study of Science and Mathematics throughout their schooling and into University.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL

The girls will strengthen their STEM initiatives and participate in the following:

- Enhancing knowledge and understanding of STEM concepts
- Forming networks with like-minded peers
- Meeting and networking with women in STEM careers
- Providing career information, including opportunities for cadetships and scholarships to support a STEM career pathway.

Well done to Georgia Blows, Grace Bittner, Ella Jones and Chloe Burke! Big thanks to Miss Bhumika Soni who is their STEM Ambassador.

### <u>AG</u>

Ag has certainly looked a little different this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Our Show aspirations with our steers and wethers has shifted and now the students are focusing on Carcass Competitions. The Year 10's are learning about wether production, in particular their growth rates and their predicted gross margins. Students are tracking the wethers' weight and wool growth fortnightly. The Stage 2 Aggies have been working extra hard to get through as much of their content before Mrs Phillips goes on maternity leave.

As the Covid restrictions begin to lift, the Ag Cert. students have had the opportunity to work off site. This week students finally had their first excursion offsite since mid Term 1. Students spent the day learning lamb and calf marking. Thanks to Miss Dahlenburg for continuing to work with these students and giving them working experiences outside of the classroom.







### LIFE SKILLS 2020

The Year 11 Integrated Learning and Year 12 Community Studies Life Skills class have participated in numerous projects around the school and community whilst learning important skills. Guest speakers have generously donated their time and knowledge to engage the students on a range of topics from mechanical issues, local medical services, employability skills, renting, taxation, suicide awareness and becoming 'work ready'.

Three plots in the Community Garden were also maintained by the Life Skills class where they prepared, planted, maintained and produced a variety of vegetables and herbs. By mid-way through Term 2, students were able to pick their produce and prepare a meal. Recipes that included beetroot, spinach and chillies featured on the menu. During this process, students learnt to work co-operatively with their peers, manage their time, and develop problem solving and negotiation skills.

At the beginning of the year, the students were challenged to create a balcony design for the outside space, for students to use for work and also during their break times. The students worked particularly well as a whole class through many decision making processes and budgeting issues. The end result is a calming place to study and even have breakfast or lunch.

Towards the end of Term 1, COVID19 became a worldwide issue and many students and their families were affected. As we had organised to spend time in Term 2 volunteering at Longridge we needed to change track. Students spent the last few weeks of term reflecting on the COVID19 situation and its impact on them and also the wider community.













They also sent letters or video messages to the residents at Longridge that they were not able to physically visit. Volunteering helps you grow as a person and the students in Life Skills have been able to see this first hand by volunteering at the Naracoorte South School, creating activities for the English as an Additional Language class.



Some very creative activities were made including word Jenga, sports memory game and Australian alphabet quiz. Hopefully with the easing of restrictions they will be able to present their efforts to



the students first hand. Students in Communications and the Community, and Arts and the Community have recently entered the Naracoorte Lucindale Council "Better by Nature" competition as well as exhibits for the upcoming SALA exhibition in the Naracoorte Art Gallery.

Bron Longbottom and Tammy Schinckel ILC Teacher and Campus Manager





## VIEBREI CIPOSS CORNERS

On Tuesday Week 6, we held our School Cross Country. With a little change up due to COVID-19, we set out a course within school grounds to give students the opportunity to compete in the Virtual Cross Country for both our South East Zone and School Sport SA. Even though a small group of keen runners, they proved to be very competitive with some fantastic times.

Naracoorte High School Cross Country results U/14 Female – 1st Brooke Edwards, 2nd Amelia Shepherd, 3rd Kiele Longbottom U/14 Male – 1st Thomas Orton U/15 Female – 1st Ella Longbottom U/15 Male – 1st Mojtaba Ali, 2nd Jake Shepherd, 3rd Harry Schroder U/16 Female – 1st Poppy Moyle Read, 2nd Daytona O'Farrell, 3rd Emily Fretwell U/16 Male – 1st Dekoda Irvine, 2nd Xian Rala Open Male – 1st Sebastian Volker



South East Zone Virtual Cross Country Competition Results Our U/16 Females came 1st, U/14 Females & U/15 Males 2nd, U/16 Males 3rd.

All 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors in the NHS Cross Country will be presented with awards.

Nadia Sears PE Teacher





# Farewell!

Hi! My name is Amanda Mangelsen and I have been lucky enough to complete my placement at Naracoorte High School for the past four weeks. During this time I have taught Year 9 and 10 Science and Year 11 Chemistry. I was lucky enough to be offered the opportunity to also participate in RMF classes, Art classes and Colour Themed Thursdays.

Firstly I would like to say thank you to my wonderful students who have been so patient, kind and always provided some laughter in the classroom. I would also like to say thank you to all of the staff at Naracoorte, specifically the Science Faculty, who have made me feel so welcomed and comfortable in such a short period of time.

The biggest thank you goes to Miss Sarah Edwards. It has been an absolute pleasure having you as my mentor. Your support, guidance and advice has made me a better teacher.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Naracoorte High School. I will cherish the memories I have made and will benefit from the skills and opportunities I have gained throughout my placement for the rest of my career.



# Governing Council News

Hi everyone, thought it was time you heard from Governing Council. Thank you for the opportunity to chair this committee, we have a very active and enthusiastic committee and I am enjoying my time working with them. The use of "TEAMS" and email, has enabled us to continue to communicate and conduct our meetings and comply with Covid safe rules as required. We have very active sub committees and meetings going on and I am sure by now you have heard about the new Ag/PE building and improvement to the Ag facilities. There are also improvements/ alterations going on to the Art building. If you feel you have the skills or the desire to have a say in the future improvement of Buildings and Grounds at our school we would love to hear from you. Please contact Charlene Grant or myself. Governing Council is always looking at ways to improve our school so feel free to make contact with me if you want a chat. Would also like to say well done to the team at NHS for getting through this far in this unprecedented time of Covid19, without too many hassles.

Andrew Shepherd Governing Council Chairperson

### NHS Building and Grounds Committee is looking for members!

If you're interested, please contact Charlene Grant on 8762 1333 or Andrew Shepherd (Governing Council Chairperson)

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide advice to Governing Council on the use, maintenance, development and strategic planning of the schools grounds and facilities.



### **ROLE:**

To develop a strategic Facilities and Grounds Forward Plan in order to determine and manage future facility needs and use of school grounds on behalf of Governing Council and in consultation with other sub-committees, taking into account matters such as community priorities, changing educational requirements, future enrolments and technological innovations.

To oversee applications for grants for school facility and grounds improvement and manage the implementation of projects when successful in obtaining them. To make recommendations to Governing Council about the ongoing development and maintenance of buildings and grounds.



## Library Resource Centre

**International Archives Week:** 

### 8-14 June 2020

#### What are archives?

Archives are the documentary by-product of human activity retained for their long-term value

They are contemporary records created by individuals and organisations as they go about their business and therefore provide a direct window on past events. They can come in a wide range of formats including written, photographic, moving image, sound, digital and realows. and analogue.

> Here are some items from the Naracoorte High School Archives. Learn about your school's history and you may see some familiar faces.

> > Please handle these items with care



### **New Arrivals**

To coincide with International Archives Week the Library had a display of old archived school magazines for the students to browse through. The display also included the program from the School's Opening on it's present site in 1955 along with a visual display of the 2014 Whole School Musical.





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**SUZANNE COLLINS** 

Don't forget the holidays are a great time for students to relax with a good book. Just remind them to update their challenge record.

Happy reading!

Anita Miles, Library Manager

Challenge

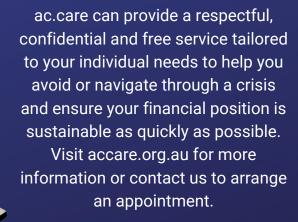


## Struggling to pay bills or rent due to the impact of COVID-19?

# ac.care can support you with emergency relief, financial and general counselling.

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