



# Naracoorte High School

## Newsletter

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### SCHOOL EVENT DATES

#### TERM 3

##### August

26<sup>th</sup> Yrs 8,9,10 and Open Girls Netball - Mt Gambier

30<sup>th</sup>-1/9 Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences 4-6pm, Library

30<sup>th</sup> Open Boys & Girls Basketball Final - Adelaide

30<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> PAT Testing

##### September

1<sup>st</sup> Finance Meeting 6pm

8<sup>th</sup> Yr 8/9 Girls Netball - Mt Gambier  
Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> Yr 8,9,10 & Open Girls Netball Finals - Adelaide

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> STEM Girls Conference - Adelaide

17<sup>th</sup> Pathways Yr 10 Certificate course

21<sup>st</sup> Yr 8 immunisations

22<sup>nd</sup> STUDENT FREE DAY

23<sup>rd</sup> Yr 10 Girls & Boys Basketball

24<sup>th</sup> END OF TERM 3 - Early Dismissal

### *From the Principal ...*

Naracoorte High School staff, students and community members, I continue to be delighted and impressed by the extraordinary commitment to working together as a team to provide exceptional opportunities, support and educational rigor for the young people of our community.

Naracoorte High School staff and the wider community have been working tirelessly this term to deliver ongoing support and educational opportunities to young people and for this I am very grateful.

'Every Student, All of the Time, Without Exception' is clearly at the forefront of our minds as we consolidate the hard work of Semester 1 and reflect on the beginning of Semester 2 with an improvement focus for every young person.

Over the weekend, in preparation for Parent Teacher Interviews, parents have access to student's Stoplight reports on the parent portal in Sentral. If you haven't had the opportunity to login, I highly recommend you access this information to support prioritising Parent Teacher Student Conferences. Meeting with your child's teacher with your young person present will support targeted feedback for educational improvement. The likelihood of improvement occurring is strengthened, as all stakeholders are involved directly.

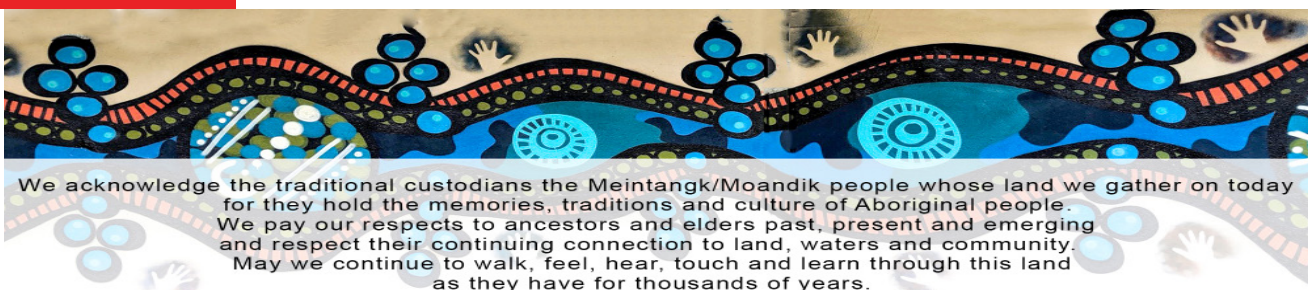
Over the next few weeks, staff will be working closely with Year 10 and 11 students beginning to make 2022 Subject selections with their future careers in mind. On Monday 23 August, Pathways to a Pay Packet launched an abundance of career pathways for consideration for all students across our region. This was an outstanding collaboration between Naracoorte High School, Local Government organisations and private enterprises. We appreciate the significant planning and organisation that has taken place to provide our young people with such fabulous opportunities to access first hand, career information. For any questions regarding course counselling information, please contact the school directly, asking for assistance from Tammy Schinckel - Year 10 and 11 students, Jeanette Terry- Year 8 and 9 students or subject specific teachers.

With the challenges of COVID-19, border restrictions and other challenging circumstances across our site due to the close proximity of the border, I would like to reassure you all, we have all bases covered in the event that we need to provide online learning options. Microsoft Teams continues to be our chosen platform to distribute information across our site and into our community for learning purposes and continues to be used regularly to support young people in a variety of circumstances.



Government of South Australia

Department for Education



Staff at Naracoorte High School are highly committed to communicating regularly with all students and families at all times. At this point in time, there is no cause for alarm, if you have any concerns regarding access to curriculum materials, please do not hesitate in contacting the school directly.

On Saturday evening, Tammy Schinckel, Lisa Riley, Kerry Probert and Katelyn Baker represented Naracoorte High School, joining with the local Afghan Community, standing in solidarity and supporting our local families at a candlelit vigil. It was a timely reminder for us to be mindful that whilst we are living in uncertain times, Naracoorte and surrounding districts provide strength and support to those in need. A number of local community members spoke about how we can support our valued Afghan families that have made their homes in Naracoorte, and also highlighted the challenges that continue to occur in Afghanistan. Please continue to support people in their time of need.

Thank you to the staff, students and community members that continue to support the implementation of our State directed Mobile Phone Policy. Your support enables us to focus on teaching and learning whilst at school and also proactively engage other support networks to educate our young people about the negative impact mobile devices and social media use can have on young adolescents. Please keep up the great work in minimising the disruption to learning at Naracoorte High School. For any concerns or additional support, please contact the school directly.

*Take care.  
Regards,  
Kylie Smith  
Principal*

# Flag Raising

The Inclusive Learners have taken on the responsibility of the daily raising and lowering of the Australian and Aboriginal flags. Well done ladies! It is really wonderful to see them both flying proudly out the front of our School.

Carolynn Crouch  
Aboriginal Education Officer



# Year 12 Chemistry Excursion

As a part of the Year 12 Chemistry curriculum, students are required to complete a Science as a Human Endeavour (SHE) task. This task focuses on the development of Science as a way of knowing and doing and explores the purpose, use and influence of Science in society. To support the student's research, the Year 12 Chemistry class visited the Transmutation Station in Robe. There, students focused on how certain plastics are made, their uses and how they can be recycled.



One of the most challenging plastic to recycle is polystyrene (the foam in your packages or your bread tags) due to its chemical composition. Brad and Narelle Scott from Transmutation explained their process in collecting polystyrene and how they recycle it into useful materials such as bowls, serving platters, doorknobs and pens.

The excursion was eye-opening and informative for the students and has raised awareness about recycling. Naracoorte High School is a collection point for your recycled bread tags.

Sarah Edwards  
Science and Mathematics Coordinator



Did you know Naracoorte High School is an Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs collection point?

Bread tags for Wheelchairs started in South Africa in 2006 with the idea to recycle bread tags plastic to raise funds to buy wheelchairs. In late 2018 the idea took hold in Australia and has grown rapidly.

Bread tags in Australian are recycled at Transmutation in Robe, a craft plastic recycling operation who take monthly shipments of bread tags and recycle them into bowls, boards, coasters and even door knobs!

Facts:

- Wheelchair tally: 28
- Recycle tally: 4,429 kg of Aussie bread tags recycled to date
  - Current recycling rate: 250kg of bread tags / month

Your bread tags can be collected for recycling at the collection point in the Wellbeing Hub.

# KNOCKOUT HOCKEY

After being postponed because of lockdown, we finally got to play hockey against St Martin's Lutheran College on Friday 13th August. The match was held in Mt Gambier and was to decide which team would progress to the next round in Adelaide. Our team consisted of students from Naracoorte and Lucindale Area School. We got off to a quick start, scoring a goal off a penalty stroke in the first quarter. However, St Martin's quickly rallied and scored off a short corner. Whilst we had plenty of the play we were unable to score further. Despite some fast attacking breaks and courageous defending St Martin's went on to score two more goals leaving the final score 3-1 ending our hopes of playing in Adelaide.



All students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Team players were Hamish McLachlan, Henry Boord, Jorja Doecke, Callum Carruthers-Murray, Samantha Edwards, Tash Moore, Ella Andrews, Jasmine Wilby, Ben Goodridge, Bella Schubert, Amelie Nancarrow, Chris Hille, Luke Ewer, Connor Butler, Mitchell Burrow and Nicholas Hille.



A big thank you must go to coach Scott Murray and umpire Andrew Doecke, who both gave up their time to assist on the day.

Nicola Chant  
Teacher

# 8/9 KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

On Tuesday August 10th, the Naracoorte High School 8/9 Footballers took on Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School and Tatachilla Lutheran College. These games were the semi-finals to progress into the State-wide School Football Grand Final in Adelaide. The game was played at Tintinara Football Club, the team was managed and coached by Mr Hicks, games umpired by Mr Moos. Thanks to Loren Bald who drove a mini-bus of boys down and time kept for the day.

The boys played the first game against Eastern Fleurieu, playing good football throughout with our top players leading from the front. Lachlan McKenzie providing a solid wall and taking the game on off half back. The tap work was good in the middle from Sid Shepherd and the ball winning and skills were excellent from all the midfielders. George Malone and Will Freckleton were particularly damaging, getting totally clear of contests and delivering the ball long. This is where Charlie Brodie and Lucas Leehane provided great targets and made the most of their opportunities. The final score for the first game was Naracoorte winning 51-26.

The second game was played between Eastern Fleurieu and Tatachilla. Eastern had mostly Year 9's and Tatachilla were very young, but they held their own all game to keep it close all the way until the end. However, Eastern managed to win by a couple goals.

This meant that going into the last game Naracoorte had to beat Tatachilla to ensure that they would progress to the Grand Final in Adelaide. Naracoorte put together a great team performance and had a great win 83-13. All the students who played well in the first game backed it up again and Mr Hicks heavily rotated some other players through the midfield to test them out for Adelaide once the game was won. Harry White and Zach Boston were great contributors in this game, winning a lot of the ball in the middle of the ground, creating rebound back into the forward 50.



Our Best Players for the day were George Malone, Will Freckleton, Lachlan McKenzie, Charlie Brodie, Sid Shepherd, Zach Boston and Harry White.

*Daniel Moos  
Teacher*

# 8/9 Girls Football

## 8/9 GIRLS FOOTBALL - ROUND 2

Thursday Week 5 saw the Year 8/9 Girls travel to Tintinara for Round 2 of Knockout Football.

In the first match, the girls faced Willunga High School (WHS). The girls took some time to warm up, with WHS securing three goals in the first term. A breakthrough came in the second with a goal scored by Evie. However, coupled with some early minor injuries, WHS's pressure around the ball was too much for our girls who secured only one more late goal (Charli) for the match. Irrespective of the score line, there were some great performances from our girls, especially Amelia M, Zara and Brooke.

WHS 6-9-45 defeated NHS 2-2-14

After a break, the girls played St Aloysius College (SAC), who were seeking a win after a narrow loss to WHS. Strong performances were flavour of the match once again for Zara, Brooke and Amelia, this time accompanied by Cleo and Halli. Teamwork across the ground helped to reduce scoring opportunities for SAC. However a late third quarter injury and a long day of football finally caught up to the girls, with SAC taking control of the last quarter.

SAC 9-5-59 defeated NHS 0-2-2.

Katelyn Baker  
Teacher





# AG UPDATE



## YOUNG JUDGES WORKSHOP

On Monday August 9th, 15 enthusiastic young judges attended the Young Judges Workshop at the Naracoorte Showgrounds. Students learnt about judging beef cattle, merino sheep and fleece, meat sheep and grain. Throughout the day, students rotated amongst the workshops and gained extensive knowledge. Four of our students were recognised for their ability to engage with the workshop leaders and ask questions, receiving a free pass to the Royal Adelaide Show. Thank you to the South East and Border Societies Association for running this event.

Emma Phillips  
Agriculture Teacher



# OPEN GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL

## **GIRLS:**

On Monday 9th August the Open Girls Basketball side headed to Mount Gambier to take on other Limestone Coast secondary schools in the Statewide Schools Sports Competition. The girls put in a great effort displaying high levels of sportsmanship throughout the day. Thanks to Trina Sincock for coming as our scorer and to Hattie, Lily and Lucy for umpiring throughout the day. Well done to the team.

## SCORES:

Lucy Walker - 29 points  
Lucy Henschke- 22 points  
Neysha Dermody-Hart - 22 points  
Grace Collins - 19 points  
Hattie Sambell- 18 points  
Chloe Burke - 15 points  
Lily Sambell- Defender of the day



*Tammy Schinckel  
Teacher*

## **BOYS:**

In Week 4, the Open Boys Basketball team travelled to Mount Gambier to compete in the Pool B Schools Sports Competition against other schools from around the region at the Ice House.

We started the day against a very well drilled Tenison Woods College team who dropped down from Pool A for some extra game time - we were competitive for much of the game, however, their polished skills shone through in the end, as we went down by 15 points. As Tenison are in Pool A, we still walked away with the points.

Next up was Grant High, who were again a very well drilled and skilful team with extra height around the rim that we struggled against at times on both ends of the floor. Some excellent team play kept us in the game for the first half, however Grant ran away with the win in the end.



# OPEN GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL

Next up we faced off against St Martins Lutheran College, who we have always had close games against. Fortunately, we had started to come together much more as a team by this point in the day and started to hit shots that we had struggled with in previous games. At last count we had hit double digits in 3-point shots made, with Harry Schroder hitting three in a row in the 3rd quarter. By the final buzzer, we had stretched the lead out to 25 points, giving us a solid first (proper) win for the day.

Our final game for the day was against a strong Millicent team, who came out firing, hitting shots early and capitalising on a couple of turnovers. Unfortunately, we ran into the same issues of missed shots from the first two games, which allowed them to get an early lead. Millicent's competitiveness on both ends of the floor and our missed shots combined to make it difficult for us to peg the lead back, eventually going down by 15 points in a hard-fought and physical game.

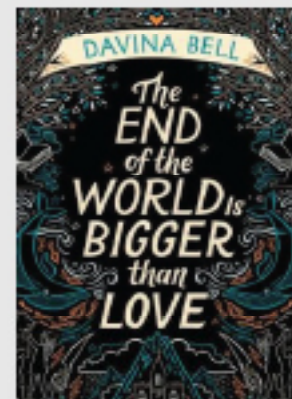
We finished 4th overall on the day, meaning we won't go through to the State Championships in Adelaide later in the year, however our boys represented Naracoorte High and themselves excellently and had a blast in the process. Also, Wicked Wings from KFC on the way home always help to ease the pain of a loss!



*Elliott  
Johnson  
Teacher*

# Library Resource Centre

To celebrate Book Week (21st-27th August) the Library has a collection of Historical, Fantasy and Science Fiction books on display. Included is "The End of the World is Bigger than Love" winner of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Older Readers section for 2021.



## New Books



## PREMIER'S READING Challenge



**This year's Challenge finishes on September 4<sup>th</sup>.** Students need to remember to complete their PRC record sheet to receive an award this year.

For further details visit the PRC website, or students can speak to their English teacher or Mrs Miles in the Library.

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>

**Currently the social media app 'Tellonym' is gaining traction. Being an 'anonymous question and answer' feedback app, it is not simply the app itself that is dangerous but the behaviour of those using it that determines the safety and positive or negative experiences of other users.**

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## DIGITAL PARENTING MADE EASIER



Tellonym is an anonymous feedback social media app, where you post things about yourself and invite people to comment back (potentially & likely to be anonymously). The app links to main Social media apps such as Snapchat, Instagram, Whatsapp & Twitter. The app is a bit of a "rate my personality or opinions" arena, which can go one of two ways, people who agree or people who really don't like you and are not afraid to show it.

Noticed this app? Do not panic. Have an open chat about what they find interesting from the app and if they would like to show you. You may find they are finding positives within the app and can help them if they are not.



**TELLONYM**



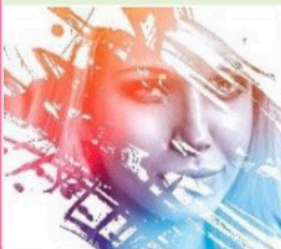
### GOOD POINTS

- The app by design is a good idea but the issue highlights to the right is about the users. The app can offer positive interaction and feedback.
- Users can offer their question, privately to just their close friends by sharing it just to them. This can be a good way to control who sees it.
- There are reviews by it's users that they've found incredibly positive experiences and feel part of a community within the app, the age ranges of these users varies but is often young adults or older teens.



### BAD POINTS

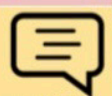
- Because the app can be completely anonymous it presents several challenges, including controlling behaviours that are harmful within the app.
- Users post something "anonymously" and then post it on Social Media somewhere, making it much easier for the commenter or viewer to work out the poster's identity.
- There is moderation, but the issue here is the users can't be banned who leave horrible comments, as most of the time they don't have an account to ban, therefore it's a constant issue that never gets fixed.



### Parent Opinion:

*Father of a 15-year-old*

Noticed this on my little girls' phone didn't think a thing of it. Then something serious happened at school and home that really affected her confidence and self-esteem and still does and it all came back to this app. If you see this app TALK to your teen!! I wish I did.





## Limestone Coast Drug Action Team

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## Rotary Mount Gambier West

with the support of City of Mount Gambier  
would like to host

### International Overdose Awareness Day at The Blue Lake

(western lookout alongside The Cactus Memorial Garden)

**5.30pm On Tuesday 31st August, 2021**

Please wear purple and bring either a candle or a candle app on your device to remember those who have lost their life to overdose, to support the families and friends who have lost a loved one to overdose and to reduce stigma at this special vigil.

**Overdose is preventable and as a community we can work together to ensure people feel valued and educated.**

Guest Speakers include:

Tim Brennan—Life Without Barriers

Ray Herbert—Rotary Mt Gambier West

Sophie Burchier—Substance Misuse Limestone Coast

Jade Hill—SA Police

