



Naracoorte High School Newsletter

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We are a New Metrics School!

Naracoorte High partners with University of Melbourne

WORKING IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH



Melbourne
Assessment

Universities and leaders in Business across Australia have been in discussions about the skills students leave school with, and how what were traditionally known as “soft-skills”, for example Communication, Collaboration and Quality Thinking, are actually essential to success. How can information about these skills be captured in a reliable way, and how does this form a part of University entry requirements, or used in a pathway to employment?

In 2022 and 2023 Naracoorte High has been a part of a Research Project with the University of Melbourne, a partnership which centres on the assessment and recognition of complex competencies, such as those listed above. Naracoorte High has been working in the area of Agency in Learning, determining how schools can work in partnership with families and community to give students the skills to independently know what to learn, how to learn it and who to learn it from.

As a part of this New Metrics for Success Pilot this year, we provided opportunities for our year 10 cohort



to self-assess their own agency in learning using tools and rubrics provided by the University. The process of the Pilot was shared with students within classes, and elements of learner agency analysed. This gave students explicit examples of what agency can look like across multiple contexts. Performance opportunities created by our teaching team have allowed students across Agriculture, The Arts, Food Tech, Outdoor Education, Pathways and Science to demonstrate their Agency.

WHAT'S INSIDE?



**STATE HOCKEY
FINALISTS!**



**ROSTRUM
SEMI FINAL**



AG UPDATE



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New Metrics continued...

In June, Naracoorte High representatives attended the Semester conference in Melbourne. Our Principal, along with leaders from other involved South Australian Schools Pultney Grammar, Wilderness School, Heathfield High and Glenunga International College, took part in a panel with SACE Board CE Michaela Bensley and Department for Education CE Martin Westwell, to discuss moves towards Learner Agency within our state, with South Australia described as first movers in this area of education.

Connections have been made with fellow partnership school, Wurun Senior Campus in Fitzroy, where an onsite visit has led to collaboration and transfer of ideas to develop the 10-12 Senior school at Naracoorte High in 2024.



To build on this work, our school has been selected to take part in the SACE Board Capabilities and Learner Profile Pilot in Semester 2. This Pilot explores how the Collective Engagement, Quality Thinking, Self-Motivated Learning, Principled Action, Personal Enterprise, and how this is reflected as a part of SACE Stage 2 results at the end of Year 12.

The SACE Board has declared that they are "committed to developing, recognising and certifying student's development of capabilities", and Naracoorte High is leading the way to ensure our students, staff and community are best placed at this time of change in education.



New Metrics continued...



FOR PARENTS

We are a New Metrics school



What is New Metrics?

New Metrics is a research-practice partnership between innovative schools in Australia/NZ and The University of Melbourne. The partnership is at the forefront of global work looking to find solutions for improved ways to teach, assess and report on the complex competencies that learners need to thrive throughout and beyond their schooling life.

What are complex competencies?

Complex competencies are multiple knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values that combine to form an attribute. Examples of complex competencies include: agency in learning; acting ethically; active citizenship; communication; collaboration; and quality thinking. Such competencies are increasingly important in a modern world.

THE NEW METRICS INITIAL SUITE OF

COMPLEX COMPETENCIES





New Metrics continued...

What does this mean for your child?

With practice, everyone can learn to get better at complex competencies along with other subject-based knowledge and skill. Our school values complex competencies as important because young people need them to navigate the modern world with sophistication. These competencies are also increasingly important for future employability, as well as training and study beyond secondary schooling.

As partners of The University of Melbourne, our school has access to next-generation assessment and reporting tools to measure the development of complex competencies, and resources to guide our teachers to design learning programs that support the development of competence in our students.

What is this work hoping to achieve?

The work of the New Metrics partnership aims to guide our practice and report on what learners can do beyond traditional domain-based knowledge and skills. Our teachers are developing learning programs that enable students to learn, exercise and demonstrate competence. Our school is committed to supporting our students to develop agency in learning, fostering students to know what to learn, how to learn it and who to learn it from. The more our learners develop agency, the more we hope they understand how to be motivated and act for a purpose that is meaningful to them or relevant to their community.

In Australia, there is an increasing number of schools, universities and employers interested in the deliberate teaching and assessment of complex competencies. The growing number of schools, including ours, that are participating in new assessment practices has opened the door for a national conversation on teaching and learning in Australia and we are looking forward to continuing to contribute to this important work.



ELEMENTS OF

COLLABORATION

Working with others to achieve a common goal



ELEMENTS OF

QUALITY THINKING

Thinking things through to achieve better outcomes for yourself or your group



Events Calendar



SCHOOL EVENT DATES TERM #2

>> JUNE

- 22nd Year 7/8 & 9/10 Netball
- 28th Senior Drama Performance
- 30th Pathways Immersion Day

>> JULY

- 3rd NAIDOC Week
- 5th Flinders Uni Regional Roadshow
- 5th–7th Year 11 Ag Tech
- 7th Last Day of Term #2

SCHOOL EVENT DATES TERM #3

>> JULY

- 24th First Day of Term #3
- 26th 7/8 Boys Football
- 26th Year 10 Immunisations
- 31st Student Free Day



Important Reminders

ONLINE PAYMENTS



When making a payment via direct deposit, please make sure you are using your family code or student name as the reference.

Thank you!



NO PARKING!



There is to be **NO PARKING** on any of the grassed areas within the school grounds.

Please make sure you are parking on the bitumen areas only when visiting the school.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians the Meintangk/Moandik people whose land we gather on today for they hold the memories, traditions and culture of Aboriginal people. We pay our respects to ancestors and elders past, present and emerging and respect their continuing connection to land, waters and community. May we continue to walk, feel, hear, touch and learn through this land as they have for thousands of years.



CAMBODIA TRIP FUNDRAISER DINNER

CONTACT 8762-1333 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
28th Of August 2023, 6pm

\$45 per person

@Indian Pearl Continental

LIMITED SEATS!

**Payments to be made to Naracoorte High
School Front Office by 25th of August**

Our Year 12 Integrated Learning class have been busy fundraising for their upcoming trip to Cambodia in the October school holidays

They have so far held a BBQ at the NEXUS night, and another one at the Kincraig Plaza. This has been followed up with a very successful quiz night and wood chop. The students are busy organising a Shopping Spree to be held on the 30th July and a fundraising dinner at Pearl Continental on the 28th August. Limited number of tickets are available for both of these events.



Students will also be holding a Steak and Cake stall at the Pathways to a Pay Packet Career Expo and Information evening on the 7th August, so come along and purchase tea at the event.

Treat yourself and eat out at the Bushman's Arms in the month of August on Tuesday nights, as the Public Purse is also supporting our students fundraising efforts.



We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their enormous support thus far, it is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to book a space at the upcoming Shopping Spree please call the High School front office on 8762 1333, or drop into the school. \$20 per head includes a medium sized coffee.

Tickets for the Indian fundraising dinner are \$45 and can also be purchased through the front office.

TAMMY CANE
Teacher





Premier's Reading Challenge in full swing!

The holidays are a great time to relax with a good book.

With just under three months to go to the end of this year's Premier's Reading Challenge students are encouraged to visit the library and update their reading records. The students' own books can also be used towards the challenge.

Don't forget the extra certificate that can be gained this year.

Happy reading!

With lots of sporting events taking place this term and next, please ensure that if your student borrows sports uniform from the library, it is returned washed, dry and in its protective bag within a few days following the event.

Thank you!

ANITA MILES
Library Manager

PREMIER'S READING Challenge CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

20 BOOK CHALLENGE

In 2023, the Premier's Reading Challenge turns 20!

To commemorate this milestone, we are running an additional Challenge where students can challenge themselves to read 20 books instead of the usual 12.

Successful students will receive a bonus certificate. This challenge is for 2023 only!

Books to be read: The additional 8 books to be read in the 20 Book Challenge are free choice.

Data entry: Schools will enter data the same way as previous years.

Tracking students: Each school will keep track of their students who complete the 20-book challenge.

Certificates: All students who complete the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive their award at the end of the year. Students who also complete the 20 Book Challenge will receive a bonus certificate. Schools will download and print the 20 Book Challenge certificates for students and present them.

Reading logs: Both 12 and 20 book reading logs are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. Only 1 reading log needs to be filled in (by completing the 20 Book Challenge log, students will have automatically completed the 12 book requirement).

Reading for the Challenge finishes on 8 September 2023
For more information visit the website, phone 08 8226 4300 or email prc@sa.gov.au

www.prc.sa.edu.au

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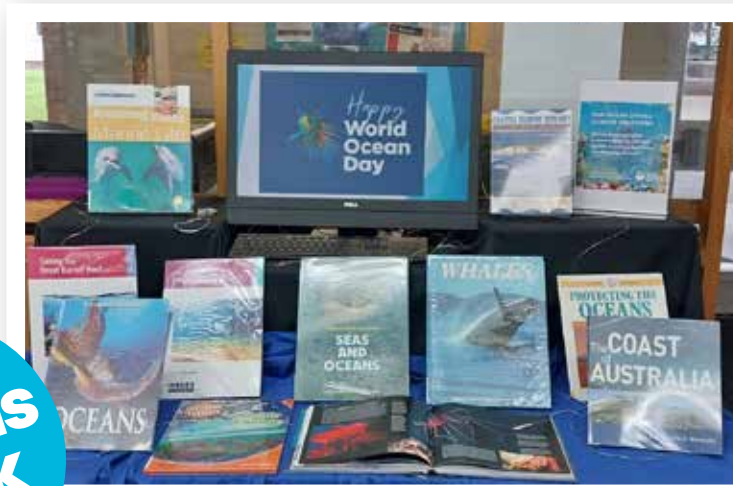
Nadioc Week



New Books!



Oceans Week





SE Zone Cross Country



SE Zone Cross Country success and State selection for Paige

Back in Week 2, our Cross Country Team travelled to the Mount Burr Golf Club to compete in the South East Zone Cross Country. What a great day it was, hosted by Millicent High School! A big congratulations to our individual winners:

Harry Clark 1st U15 Boys, Paige Rasheed 1st U14 Girls and Libby Pretlove 3rd U15 Girls.

Well done to all of our NHS competitors who all performed well, with a number of Top 5 and Top 10 finishes on a tough 3km course.

We also took home the Under 15 Boys Team shield and Naracoorte High finished in 3rd place overall.

Following on from her 1st place at the SE Zone Event, Paige Rasheed went on to represent our school at the Cross Country Competition in Oakbank.

In very wet and muddy conditions, Paige fell over the line in 4th place in an extremely close finish.

Paige then raced again last weekend in Trial 2 and again finished 4th, which has awarded her a spot in the SA State Team.

Paige will now head to Canberra in August to participate in the National Cross Country Competition representing South Australia.

A huge congratulations to Paige! Wishing you all the best for your training in the lead up to Nationals and we look forward to cheering you on from afar!

ASH BENNIER



supporting your young person's mental health and wellbeing

education sessions for parents and carers

Narcoorte Primary School invites
parents and carers (Year 6-12) to attend
a **FREE** mental health education session
covering:

- information about mental health and wellbeing in adolescence
- how to have conversations with young people about mental health & wellbeing
- strategies for parents/carers about how to support their young person

When

Wednesday 13th September 2023

6pm-7:15pm

Where

Naracoorte Primary School Library

RSVP

Monday 11th September 2023

**via email - dl.0309.admin@schools.sa.edu.au
or by phoning 87622277**

(This workshop is not suitable for children/young people).

This session is delivered by headspace Schools mental health education program. This initiative is funded by the Australian Government.



School Sport SA Hockey



Top 3 finish for Naracoorte High at the School Sport SA Hockey Finals!

Naracoorte High School's Senior Mixed Hockey Team travelled to Adelaide in Week 7 and competed in the Finals of the School Sport SA Hockey competition.

Naracoorte started the day with an early game against Faith. We had a tough, back to back game with many good drives up the mid field and a few short corners with no advances, causing a nil all draw.

The second game was quite defensive on Naracoorte's behalf, causing many of our players to tire but still put in great leads and free hits, with the score finishing 3-0 Pembroke's way.

Later in the day we played Samaritans. Our team was switched on doing great passes with connections into the attacking circle. Although unable to capitalise on all of our scoring opportunities, Naracoorte still managed to pull through with a 1-0 win.

As the rain came around, so did finals! Naracoorte finished 2nd on the ladder in our pool and went on to play Trinity College in the cross over match.

Trinity challenged our perseverance causing us to work really hard. Many penalty corners were given at both ends but Trinity finished the game with great field goals winning 2-0.

After losing in the Semi Finals, Naracoorte had the chance to play off for 3rd place against Mount Carmel. Naracoorte started the game slowly but the second half saw us become more active in our attack, but unable to convert in goals. As the final whistle was blown both teams were nervous and excited, as the nil all draw meant shootouts!

Both teams did exceptionally well with Naracoorte's goalkeeper stopping numerous shots. Even though our players were challenged, we managed to win the shootouts 4-2 and take out third place overall.

BRIGITTA WHITE
Coach

House Captain's Report



House Captain's providing lunch time fun for everyone!

As House Captains, over the past term we have come up with many exciting activities for students to participate in.

Starting the term off we held a Dodgeball Tournament for all year levels to come have some fun at lunch times. This involved a junior competition and senior competition against the house groups. This competition was a great success and we loved to see all the kids getting involved.

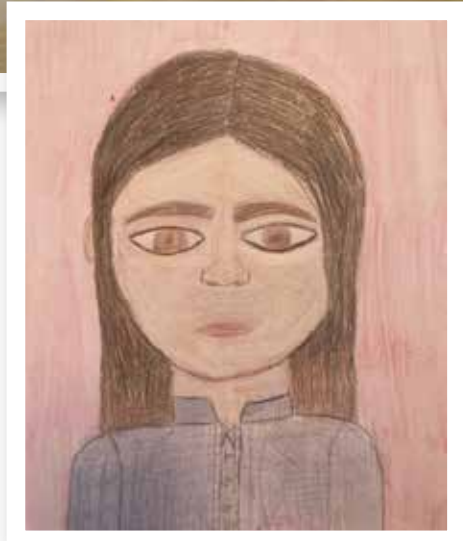
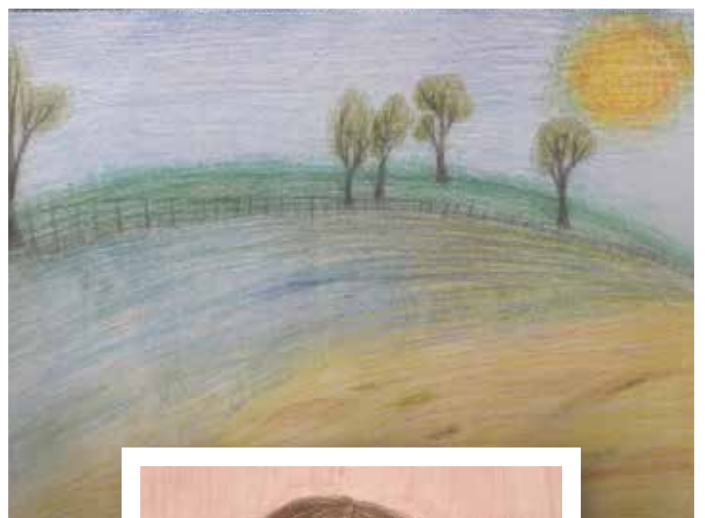
To follow on from this, we held an Art Competition in week 6, where students from all year levels were able to come into art at lunch and create an artwork, with the theme being 'Naracoorte'. Students worked well and competed for the grand prize, which included house points and a canteen voucher.

We would also like to thank Miss Thomas and Miss Matthews for their help judging and supervising this competition.

We are looking forward to some more exciting things yet to come and if anyone has any suggestions of what you would like to see, please let your house captains know.

Thank you!

LILY, LACHIE & ASHLEY Flynn House Captains
MIA, REMI & HAMISH Carter House Captains
ELIZA & HENRY Murdoch House Captains





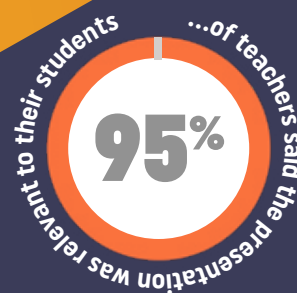
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Open to all South Australian
students from years 5-12,
with a focus on South
Australian history, civics and
active citizenship

Entries for Individual, Group
and School award categories
close on 15 September 2023



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PATHWAYS TO A PAY PACKET 2023



CAREER EXPO AND INFORMATION EVENING
MONDAY 7TH AUGUST 2023

WILLIAMSON HALL NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL 6.00PM – 9.00PM

This year we are super excited to welcome staff from the Schools Support Student Pathways and Careers team that support pathways for students with disabilities. This is a new and added dimension to our event, providing opportunity for both employers and parents/students to connect and discover the benefits to industry and employers along with support available for industry and Employers.

What's been happening on the Ag Block in Term 2...

The students have been busy preparing the steers and merino wethers for the 2023 Royal Adelaide Show in September. This year has seen over 40 students being involved in the program, which includes after school training to train the animals and working as a team to develop showmanship skills. Students are involved in the whole process, from working with the animals to feeding, general husbandry tasks and learning how to parade animals for the show. Currently, the school has 9 steers and 10 merino wethers being prepared.

We would like to say a big thank you to the breeders of the animals for their support of the program including Bottlesford Murray Greys, Days Whiteface, JB Angus, Limek Limousins, Phillips Cattle Company and Spence Show Steers.

The Year 10 students have also enjoyed working with the wethers to learn about fibre production and how to judge the animals on constitution, conformation, and wool quality.



Over the holidays, the Ag Block is looking forward to seeing some redevelopments occurring including a new pad for the sheep yards to be moved onto and a new entry fence to the farm.

EMMA PHILLIPS

Agriculture Key Teacher





Naracoorte High well represented at the recent Rostrum Semi Finals!

Following on from our success at the South East Heats, our four Naracoorte High School entrants in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition, Tom Nolan, Maggie McLean, Freya Wirper and Zach Pope, competed in the Semi Final division of the competition, which was held at Immanuel College in Adelaide on Saturday, 27th May.

Students were required to present the same prepared speech of six minutes for juniors and eight minutes for seniors, but had new short notice topics (three minute speech with a 15 minute preparation time) such as "A good lesson to learn", "Pressure to perform" and "A risk worth taking".

The competition at the semis was incredibly strong and while our four students presented extremely well, only Freya won her semi final.

Freya now heads to the SA/NT Zone Final which is being held this Saturday night, 24th June at

Parliament House in Adelaide. Freya has been required to write and deliver a new eight minute prepared speech for this level of the competition and has chosen the topic 'Let the past not rule us'.

We wish Freya all the best for this weekend!



BEL BEGGS

Rostrum Co-Ordinator



Term #2 Assembly Awards



SPORTS AWARDS



YOUNG WRITERS



YOUNG WRITERS



SGC REPS



ROSTRUM



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28th June 2023 Week 9
Naracoorte Highschool Hall
Gold Coin Donation
Mature themes 15+
7 PM start

B.B Productions presents...

collapse

what will cause society to collapse?

