



# Naracoorte High School Newsletter

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## Students Shine!

### Naracoorte High School's annual awards Presentation Assembly recap

On Tuesday 12th December, we held our last official event for the 2023 school year, our annual Presentation Assembly. A night where we recognise a wide range of different achievements from our students, from sporting and academic through to community involvement and leadership.

Our outgoing school captains Cameron Coutts and Zachary Pope did a wonderful job hosting the assembly as their last official duty as this year's School Captains.

We were joined by past Naracoorte local, John Ferguson who was our special guest speaker for the evening. We also heard Year 8 student, Tom Nolan's winning Speak Off speech and were treated to a solo musical performance by Year 11 student Caleb Garrod.

Congratulations to our Year Level Dux winners:  
Year 7: Kaidee Thomson, Year 8: Tom Nolan, Year 9: Shakila Ali, Year 10: Elijah Flint, Stage 1: Mia Grady and Stage 2: Zachary Pope.

We also introduced our incoming School Captain's for 2024. Congratulations to Mia Grady, Henry Boord and

Lachlan McKenzie, we look forward to seeing what you can bring to your new role next year.

Thank you again to all of our wonderful award sponsors and all of the families who came along for what was a great evening celebrating our students.

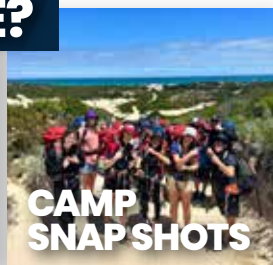
A full list of award winners will be published in our school magazine which is now available to order (please see order form on page 5).



#### WHAT'S INSIDE?



**YEAR 12  
CELEBRATION BALL**



**CAMP  
SNAP SHOTS**



**SPEAK OFF  
COMPETITION**



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# Presentation Assembly





# Presentation Assembly





# Events Calendar

## SCHOOL EVENT DATES TERM #4

### >> DECEMBER

- 12<sup>th</sup> Presentation Assembly
- 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Inaugural House Cup
- 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 4  
2.20pm Dismissal

## 2024 TERM #1

### >> JANUARY

- 29<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 1 for  
Year 7 Students
- 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Retreat @ Robe
- 31<sup>st</sup> First day of Term 1 for  
Year 8 - 11 Students

### >> FEBRUARY

- 13<sup>th</sup> School Photos



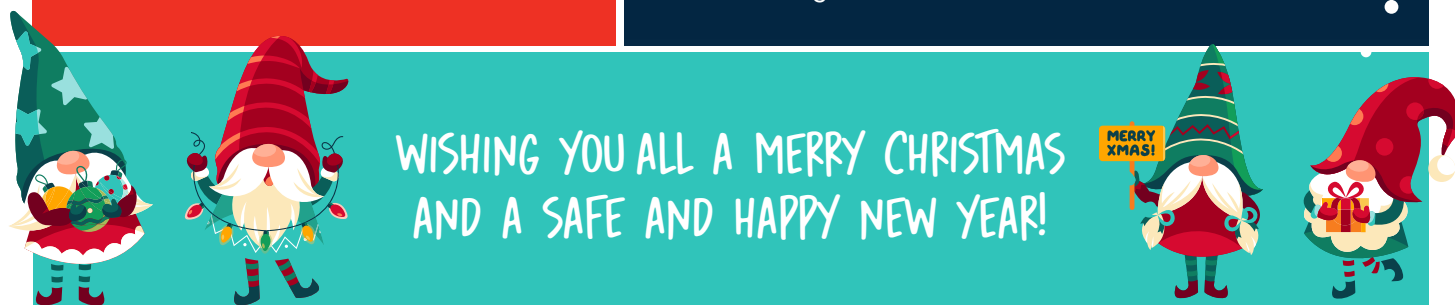
## Important Information



## STAFFING UPDATES

As the school year has come to an end, we farewell our contract staff. We acknowledge the positive contribution they have all made to our school in their time with us and wish them all the very best in her next phase of their careers.

Farewell to teaching staff Olivia James, Lexi Matthews, Steve Moores and Bradley Tregenza, as well as SSO staff members Lauren Male, Kristin Donnelly, Lucy Walker, Lucy Wardle, Sharna Shankland, Heather Pitt and PSW Kerry Probert who will be leaving Naracoorte High School at the end of 2023.



WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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.

Naracoorte High School

# School Magazine



**\$24**  
each.

**Orders are now being taken for this year's School Magazine!**

The cost for the magazine is \$24.00 and can be ordered at the front office by returning this form with cash, credit card or EFT payment.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The 2023 School Magazine will be available at the beginning of Term 1, 2024. This is so we can include ALL events, awards and celebrations right up until the end of Term 4. If you'll be unable to collect your magazine in person, please let the front office know upon ordering and we can arrange for it to be posted to you.

Student Name:

#### PAYMENT METHOD

Cash ☐ Card ☐ Direct Debit ☐

## 2024 Materials & Services Charge Poll Results:

On the 21st November a poll was distributed to families indicating if they were in favour of the Materials and Services charge become compulsory for 2024. A total of 47 responses were received with a majority indicating they were in favour of this charge being compulsory.

1. I/We support that the proposed 2024 materials and services charge as approved by governing council of \$500.00 for year level/s 7 to 12 plus any subject charge, where applicable be compulsory. I/We understand that by voting in favour of the proposed materials and services charge that I am aware that the amount is greater than as prescribed in the Education and Children's Services Regulation.

[More Details](#)

● Yes	26
● No	21







# Speak Off Competition



## Speak Off is an annual public speaking competition for Years 7–10 English Classes.

This year saw 14 students participate in the final on Monday 13th November at the NHS library. School Captains Zach Pope and Cam Coutts hosted the night while the judging panel consisted of Malcolm McEachern of the Lion's Club, Mayor Patrick Ross and Nasik Swami from The News.

All students spoke incredible, clearly rehearsed persuasive speeches on a range of topics. Congratulations to the following students who won their year level:

**Year 7** Grace Law persuading her audience that there should be no school uniform.

**Year 8** Tom Nolan who argued that something needs to happen about the issue of Homelessness.

**Year 9** Thalia Benier who persuaded the issues surrounding sexism in Australia.

**Year 10** Eli Flint who persuaded that the minimum wage must increase.

A further congratulations to Tom Nolan who was awarded speaker of the night. Thank you to all students and English teachers, judges and hosts and The News for sponsoring the event.

**GEMMA BORG**

English Lead Teacher





## History in our Backyard...

Throughout Term 4, the Year 11 Modern History class visited numerous sites in the area to explore Naracoorte's history.

The students first visited the Naracoorte Cemetery to learn about the first settlers of the district. The class then went to The Sheep's Back Museum, where they discovered just how Naracoorte really was formed on the 'sheep's back'.

The students also met with Ruth Dennis, archivist from the National Trust, where they learnt how archives are stored and what clues objects can give

historians. The class also visited Struan House where John Stafford, from the National Trust, spoke about the different history of the family, including whether Frances Robertson really was pushed, or did she fall???

The students would like to thank the National Trust who have given up their time to talk to the class, and also provide resources for their assignment.

### **YEAR 11 MODERN HISTORY CLASS & MISS ELLIS**







# Year 7 Aquatics Camp





# National Athletics



## 2023 Viva All Schools National Athletics

Following on from their success at the South Australian All Schools Athletics Competition, Harry Clark & Paige Rasheed recently travelled to Perth to compete in the National Competition.

Paige competed in the 3000m track event, finishing in 10th position. While Harry competed in the High Jump and Triple jump finishing in 6th and 5th respectively, with PB's in both events.

Congratulations to both Harry and Paige on their athletics success this year, we are all extremely proud of the way you have represented yourselves, our school and South Australia at such a high level.



# Governor Civic Award



## 2023 Governor's Civics Award for Schools!

This year three of our students entered the Governor's Civics Award for Schools.

Congratulations to Nayab and Tom who are awardees! They will be presented with their prizes at a ceremony in February hosted by the Governor.

Well done also to Zach Pope on his entry.





# Library & Resource Centre

All year 10 and 11 library loans should have been returned by Friday 1st December, before these students went on camp or started their pre-year 12 classes. Any outstanding items need to be returned as soon as possible.

All other student loans for 2023 should have been returned by Friday 8th December. Emails will be sent out to parents of students with outstanding items and invoices will be issued at the start of 2024 for books that remain outstanding. Please assist with checking for items at home and return any items found to the school as soon as possible.



**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Congratulations to all the NHS students who successfully completed this year's Premier's Reading Challenge.

Bronze Medal (2nd year) Cruize Nelson & Thalia Benier

Gold Medal (4th year) Trisha Alvarez

Legend Medal (6th year) Jawaher Hassani

Reader for Life 8 Kelcey Dolphin & Georgia Hagarty

Reader for Life 9 Mia Grady

Reader for Life 10 Bella See, Breanna Porter & Maxwell Collins

Extra congratulations go to Thalia Benier, Bella See and Breanna Porter who were also awarded a special 20th Anniversary Certificate for reading 20 books this year. Well done everyone.

To keep reading during the Summer Holidays don't forget to visit our great town library. You can find out more information here:

[www.libraries.sa.gov.au/client/en\\_AU/naracoorte/](http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/client/en_AU/naracoorte/)



### ANITA MILES

Library Manager

**YEAR 11  
HISTORY  
DISPLAY**







## NOVEMBER DISPLAY



THE HON PETER MALINAUSKAS MP  
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TO: THE PRINCIPAL, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

### RE: PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations on another wonderful year of reading and being a part of the Premier's Reading Challenge in its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Reading regularly is an important step in developing good literacy skills. It is the key to success at school and into the future.

You have supported another successful year, with 693 schools in South Australia and over 121,450 students completing the Challenge.

The South Australian Government is delighted to support the Premier's Reading Challenge, but the students, staff and parents make it a reality and I thank you all for your efforts. Please find a certificate of recognition from me enclosed for the people who coordinate the Challenge at your school.

I encourage all students to take up the Challenge again next year and to continue on the journey of becoming a reader for life.

Yours sincerely



Hon Peter Malinauskas MP  
PREMIER

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# Year 12 Celebration Ball





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# Year 8 Camp



## Year 8's Camp in Little Dip National Park, Robe.

Year 8 Camp happened in Term 4. Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures (WEOA) were camp facilitators for the camp that was based in Little Dip National Park, Robe.

The cohort of 53 students were put in two groups so they could be involved in two very different experiences.

On the first night, Group A went on a remote over night expedition within the park where they needed carry packs and hike in to where they would sleep. Once at the location, it was time to set up tents and learn how to cook using a Trangia. The two staff members from WEOA were fantastic and soon had tents set up and meals being prepared for some very hungry students.

Group B were to spend the afternoon surfing and also doing some problem solving games at basecamp. The surf was perfect for all the days the camp was on and everyone had the opportunity to try their hand at standing up and boogie boarding. Again, the WEOA were fantastic and supportive of the students as they tried to navigate the waves.

Group A and B then changed over on the second day and did the same program as the group before.

Aside from tired students, there was fun had by all and was wonderful to see students try something new and also conquer fear they may have had about camping and surfing.

A massive thank you to Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures for the way they positively interacted with the students and for running such a great camp. Another big thank you to Miss James, Miss Kav, Mr Murray and Mr Harvey for being on camp and making this a memorable time for the students.

**STEVE MOORES**

Camp Co-ordinator



# Year 8 Camp





NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL

# PageTurners

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

BEACH  
READ

AWARD  
WINNING  
NOVEL

#BOOKTOK

WATER ON  
THE COVER

NON-  
FICTION

SHORT  
STORY

READ THE  
BOOK...  
DON'T WATCH THE MOVIE!

WRITE A  
QUICK BOOK  
REVIEW

CHRISTMAS  
THEMED