



Naracoorte High School Newsletter

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Tash wins \$10,000!

Year 12 student, Natasha Moore has been awarded a \$10,000 scholarship through Teen Parliament.

A few weeks ago, we had a number of students from Naracoorte High School apply to be a part of Teen Parliament 2024. The application process involved students writing a brief proposal about how to build a brighter future for SA under one of the following categories: state development, the economy, the environment, health, education and social issues.

We were super excited to hear that Year 12 student, Tash Moore, was selected as one of the 31 Year 10 -12 students to attend Teen Parliament to voice her proposal and ideas.

On Friday March 8th, Tash was flown to Adelaide to attend Teen Parliament in the House of Assembly at Parliament House.

WHAT'S INSIDE?



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING



SPORTS DAY RESULTS



LION'S YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



Teen Parliament



The students were addressed by Premier Peter Malinauskas and were then given time to each present their proposals, addressing people with the formalities used in parliament.

To see Tash in action head to our facebook page and follow the video link (Tash is towards the end of the video).

Upon return, we were thrilled with the news that Tash was one of the ten students selected from Teen

Parliament to receive a \$10,000 scholarship to put towards her future education! She accepted this scholarship on Friday, 15th of March at the Building a Better, Bigger South Australia event held at SkyCity Adelaide.

Well done Tash – what an amazing opportunity. You represented Naracoorte High School superbly!!

See what Tash had to say about her experience below...

“On Friday 8th March, I had the opportunity to attend the 2024 Teen Parliament competition, and it was an experience that I will never forget. I spoke about how the grading system needs to change so students are not seen just by their grades. This was a huge achievement for me, as I had never done anything like this before. Attending the competition was an incredible experience, and all the participants had amazing ideas that could make South Australia a better place. I am grateful to everyone who supported me during this journey, and it has truly changed my future after school.”

- Tash Moore

Important Information



Event Dates

TERM ONE.

March

- 20th Interschool Athletics
- 25th Nexus & Twilight Tours
SACE & Pathways Camp &
Parent ICT Info Nights
- 28th **Early dismissal @ 2.20pm**
- 29th Public Holiday – Good Friday

April

- 1st Public Holiday – Easter Monday
- 2nd SE Zone Golf
- 4th Adelaide Athletics &
Cyber Safety with Susan McLean
- 5th Pathways Immersion Day
- 12th Last day of Term #1
Early dismissal @ 2.20pm

TERM TWO.

- 29th First day of Term #2

May

- 7th Student Free Day



Important Info!

Student Free Days

- Tuesday 7th May Week 2, Term 2
- Friday 9th August Week 3, Term 3

Early Dismissals

Students will be dismissed at 2.20pm on the following dates:

- Thursday 28th March Week 9, Term 1 (Easter)
- Friday 12th April Week 11, Term 1
(Last day of Term)



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.



Staffing Update

Mr Kieron Hicks has taken up a temporary position of Principal at Padthaway Primary School for the remainder of 2024. We wish him all the best in his new role.

With the end of Term 1 nearing, we farewell Ross Braendler and Susan Kritzinger. Please join me in thanking them for their contributions to our community

during their time at Naracoorte High School.

We have also recently seen two trainees join our staff. Welcome to Evie McClure who has joined our admin team, and Marshall Talbot who will be working in ICT.

Lynette Corletto

Principal



Naracoorte High School
Pathways
Pay to a
Packet!

SAVE THE DATE!

**Our Award Winning Pathways to a Pay Packet
Career Expo & Information night is back in 2024!**

Monday 12th August @ Naracoorte High School

If you would like to be involved in this years event, please contact Tammy Cane on tammy.cane985@schools.sa.edu.au as soon as possible for further details & to secure your place



**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

EXPLAINING STUDENT ABSENCES

As per DE requirements all student absences need to be explained. Any absences 5 days or more requires an exemption form. These need to be approved by the year level coordinator, so please allow adequate time for this to be processed. Please contact the school to explain your student's unexplained absences.

This can be done in the following ways:

>> Audiri App (previously skoolbag)

>> dl.0786.absence@schools.sa.edu.au

>> Text Student Services 0421 616 782

>> Sentral Parent Portal

>> Telephone 8762 1333

Please note the first session of the day begins at 8.45am, students need to ensure they are arriving by 8.40am to start the day on time.

STUDENT WORK

SUBJECT DISPLAYS

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

YELLOW BRICK ROAD TRAIL

**MEET OUR STAFF, SCHOOL
CAPTAINS & LEADERS**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE



Students, Families & the Community of
Naracoorte are invited to Nexus '24

NARACOORTE

NEXUS

Monday 25th March from 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Williamson Hall, Naracoorte High School

and Twilight Tours!

School Orientation Tours with our School Student Leaders will
also be available for prospective students and their families

Tours will leave at 15 minute intervals from 5.30 pm, no bookings required



Lion's Youth of the Year



Lion's Youth of the Year 2024!

On the 19th February, five Year 12 Students: Mia Grady, Halli Backler, Freya Wiper, Henry Boord and Lachie McKenzie, competed in the Naracoorte Lion's Youth of the Year competition. This involved students preparing a five minute persuasive speech on a topic of their choice, that would also interest their audience. Students also prepared an application that reflected their achievements in a range of categories including leadership, sporting, academic and cultural activities. From this, students sat a 30-minute interview during which the three judges asked them numerous questions evaluating their general knowledge.

On the evening, a Lion's dinner meeting was held during which the students presented their prepared speeches and tackled two impromptu speech topics: **'If you had complete control and resources what business would you open in Naracoorte?',** and **'Jimi Hendrix once said: 'When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace'. What could you do to make this happen?'**

Congratulations to all students, and a special shoutout to Freya Wirper who presented a persuasive speech on the 'the importance of speaking a second language in Australia', and well-rounded impromptus winning the



Public Speaking award. A second congratulations goes to Mia Grady who won the overall Naracoorte Lion's Youth of the Year, moving onto the Regional Final.

This was held in Kingston on the 3rd March, where Mia was up against the winners from Lucindale, Kingston and Millicent. The competition was tough, Mia once again submitted an application, sat an interview, presented her prepared speech on 'The importance of rural volunteering' and delivered two impromptu speeches, this time on **'Why do you think it is possible that someone like Donald Trump is able to ascend to the position of presidency of his country'** and **'Can you reflect on what you have learnt over the last four to five years and what advice would you give to your Year 7 self.'** Although doing a fantastic job, Mia did not advance to the next round, with the student from Kingston taking this place.

Gemma Borg

Year 12 English Teacher



Zach & Myles awarded Merits for excelling in 2023!

Congratulations to past Year 12 students Zach Pope & Myles Bittner who received Merit Certificates in February for their outstanding achievements in 2023.

Zach received his merit for outstanding achievement in English. He has deferred his course in Biodiversity and Conservation at Flinders University and is currently spending his gap year working at the Department for Environment and Water as site interpreter at the Naracoorte Caves.

Myles Bittner received his Merit Certificate for his outstanding achievement in Material Solutions.

Myles is headed to university this year to do a Bachelor of Business, Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Uni SA.

Congratulations and all the best Zach & Myles!



Outstanding Abbie!

Back in February the Automotive Industry Group of the South East held their awards night. We are so proud of Abbie Michael who took out the most outstanding student - work placement award for 2023.

Abbie undertook a FIP - Flexible Industry Pathway in 2023 in Automotive and was also dux of Work place Practices which is the contextualized SACE that sits alongside a FIP. Abbie has continued her pathway and is now a School Based Apprentice with Brandt Naracoorte.

Congratulations Abbie!





News from the World of Books!

Junior English classes have now finished their Young Writers' Award, and are eagerly awaiting to hear who is moving onto the next round. The best two stories from each class go onto the school based semi-final, where the best three from each year level will be selected for the final. Please see the attached poster for details of judges and house points.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is in full swing, Mrs Borg visiting all English classes to help student sign up. We have all Year 7 students participating, as well as a record breaking 53 students from Years 8-12. This program promotes the importance of reading for pleasure, and will earn participating students points for their house. Please see the attached poster for more details.

The Senior Book Club, Page Turners, are visiting the Naracoorte Library in Week 11 to listen to Australian author Fiona Lowe talk about her latest novel *The Accident*. For most of these students it is their first book launch event, and is a great opportunity to speak to an author about the writing and publishing process.

Author Highlight: Holly Jackson

Holly Jackson is a British author of young adult novels. She is best known for her murder series, *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* that features three novels and a novella. Jackson has also written 12 other novels with her latest *The Reappearance of Rachel Price* to be released on the 2nd of April. Her books come highly recommended by members of the Page Turners as they are fast paced, twisty and have strong female characters. These books are suitable for 15 years and older, and our school library has some in stock and ready to borrow.



'Bookish Borg' aka Mrs Borg

English Key Teacher



“A book is a dream you can hold in your hands.”
- Neil Gaiman



Autumn Reading Challenge!

As the weather starts to cool down, and Easter and school holidays approaching, what better excuse to curl up with your favourite hot beverage and get lost in a good book.

Don't know where to start? Use our Autumn Reading Challenge as a guide. Don't forget to log your books for The Premier's Reading Challenge.



**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

SACE & PATHWAYS CAMP PARENT INFO SESSION

REMINDER: SACE Information & Year 10 Pathway's Camp information session for Year 10 Parents will be held in the Library at 7.00pm following NEXUS, Monday 25th March.

ICT PARENT INFO SESSION

Families are invited to a Sentral & Teams Information Session: Monday, 25th March from 6.00pm – 6.30pm in Classroom C5 (opposite the library)



CLASSROOM ANNOUNCEMENT



2024 House Points

- 1 point for every submission
- 5 points for class semi-finalists
- 10 points for year level finalists
- 20 points for year level winner
- 50 points for school winner

Meet the Judges



Semi-Final Judges

Mr Flint - NHS's own published author of *Runt*.

Mrs Miles - NHS librarian

Mia Grady - 2024 School Captain, founding member of Page Turners and past YWA winner

Final Judge

Mrs Merrin Martin - Naracoorte Public Librarian





What a great start to this year's Premier's Reading Challenge!

Over the last few weeks our English Key Teacher, Mrs. Borg, has visited all English classes to promote the challenge to students, which has resulted in a record sign up. We presently have all year 7's plus 53 students from across other year levels taking part. If your student hasn't signed up to the challenge yet and would like to, they need to speak to Mrs. Borg or Mrs. Miles (in the library). All they need to do is read at least 12 books between now and the 6th September 2024 to complete the challenge.

For students in year's seven to nine, four of the books need to be from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist. This list can be found on the Premier's Reading Challenge website:

www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/book-list

To find books on the PRC booklist in our school library students just need to look for the yellow sticker on the spine. There are plenty of books to choose from with over 1000 books on the booklist in our library including fiction, nonfiction and graphic novels.

This year Naracoorte High School has introduced a new House Point system for the Premier's Reading Challenge. All students that sign up and read at least one book will receive points for their house. Students also have the opportunity to gain extra points for reading more than 12 books, for writing a short review or illustrating a scene. See poster on previous page for more details.

Anita Miles

Library Manager



Library Lover's Day

During Week 3 of this term our library celebrated Library Lover's Day/Week, a national celebration of libraries instigated by The Australian Library and Information Association.



Read with a Friend

Our present library display is encouraging students to enjoy a book with a friend and share the experience of the story.



Sports Day



SPORTS DAY 24



1 Murdoch
2725 pts



2 Flynn
2710 pts



3 Carter
2665 pts

2024 AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

AGE GROUP	SPONSOR	WINNER
U/13 Female	The Grant Family	Eliza Ward
U/13 Male	Rotary Club of Naracoorte	Cooper Foale
U/14 Female	NHS Governing Council	Elise Hahn
U/14 Male	NHS Governing Council	Rueben Woolley
U/15 Female	NHS Governing Council	Paige Rasheed
U/15 Male	NHS Governing Council	Quentin Mitchell
U/16 Female	Hansen Design & Print	Libby Pretlove
U/16 Male	H.T Rowe Memorial Trophy	Will Ellis
Open Female	Rotary Club of Naracoorte	Elise Barker
Open Male	Joe & Kay Hole	Blake East

2024 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

AGE GROUP	EVENT	AWARD/SPONSOR	WINNER
Open Female	1500m	Edwards Family Perpetual Trophy	Libby Pretlove
Open Male	1500m	Frank Drew Perpetual Trophy	Matthew Maney
Open Female	800m	Naracoorte Sportspower Perpetual Trophy	Paige Rasheed
Open Male	800m	Jack Farmer Perpetual Trophy	Matthew Maney
Open Female	100m	Edwards Family Perpetual Trophy	Mia Grady
Open Male	100m	Nick McBride MP Perpetual Trophy	Blake East

NEW RECORDS

EVENT	NEW RECORD HOLDER	DISTANCE/TIME	PREVIOUS RECORD HOLDER	DISTANCE/TIME	YEAR SET
U/13 Male Javelin	P. Mueller	22.67m	H. Brodie	19.71m	2023
U/13 Female Triple Jump	E. Ward	7.79m	J. Frick	7.42m	2022
U/13 Female High Jump	G. Law	1.35m	P. Rasheed	1.30m	2022
U/13 Female Shotput	G. Occleshaw	7.81m	P.Ryan	7.80m	2023
U/15 Female Javelin	T. Maresch	22.35m	S. Creaser	21.72m	2012



Interschool Swimming

Interschool Swimming Champs!

Earlier in Term 1 our Naracoorte High School Swim Team travelled to Penola to compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival.

It was a very successful day in the pool for our swimmers with some awesome individual performances resulting in a number of Age Group Trophy Winners:

U14 boys (equal with PHS), U15 girls, U15 boys (equal with PHS), U16 girls (equal with PHS) and Open girls.

In what was a tightly contested carnival, Naracoorte High (178 pts) edged out Penola (170 pts) by 8 points to be the overall winners for the day with Millicent (168 pts) taking out third place.



Nadia Sears

Current Role at NHS: Career Strategy & Integrated Learning Key Teacher, Health & Physical Education Teacher

If I wasn't a Teacher I would be: Interior designer

In my spare time you will find me:
Running my Kids around the country playing sports, dancing and camping

Favourite Sports team: Carlton

Hidden Talent: Don't have one...

Dream Holiday Destination: Free camping in our caravan with the family on a tropical beach anywhere in Australia

Fun Facts:

1. I have been teaching at NHS for almost 20 years
2. My first concert was Janet Jackson
3. I can recite the alphabet backwards

Favourite Quote:

"PUSH YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND SEE WHAT YOU ARE REALLY CAPABLE OF"



Staff
Profile



John Flint

Better known as: Flinty

Current Role at NHS: Maths/Science/Ag Teacher

If I wasn't a Teacher I would be: Stuck behind a mob of sheep on my old man's farm at Kingston

In my spare time you will find me:
Watching my trees grow

Favourite Sports team: Australia's Cricket Test XI

Hidden Talent: Making silly videos on TikTok

Dream Holiday Destination:
Roughing it in the wilds down Tassie way

Fun Facts:

1. I play drums in a local band, "Unruly mob"
2. I wrote a novel during COVID. Currently working on Part 2...
3. I'm secretly growing 2,000 baby trees behind the science lab

Favourite Quote:

"IN THE BEGINNING THE UNIVERSE WAS CREATED. THIS HAS MADE A LOT OF PEOPLE VERY ANGRY AND BEEN WIDELY REGARDED AS A BAD MOVE."
- DOUGLAS ADAMS



Staff
Profile





Canteen Information



Canteen Volunteers

The school canteen is seeking helpers to volunteer on Thursdays & Fridays!

For more information or to register your interest please contact the Front Office on 8762 1333

Ordering from the School Canteen has never been easier!

1. Download the *flexischools* app
2. Create an account
3. Place your order

It's that simple!





**NO
PHONE
ZONE**



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

THE SCHOOL CANTEEN IS A NO PHONE ZONE

Mobile Phone are NOT permitted in the school canteen for payments.
If students wish to pay via ETPOS they MUST present a bank card



Fleece Jumpers \$75

Please be advised that our Naracoorte High School fleece jumpers have increased in price.

They are now \$75 and can be purchased from the Front Office.



Community News & Events

MINDFULNESS FOR STRESS & ANXIETY

SATURDAY 13th & 20th April
10am - 11am

Mindful strategies for reducing stress and anxiety aimed at 12 to 25 year olds
Please dress in warm comfy clothes BYO blanket

Call 87601170 to Book

YOUTH
12 - 25 YRS

QUIZ

BOOKINGS TO THE LIBRARY OR BEL BEGGS

GROUPS MAX OF 4

THURSDAY

18TH APRIL
4pm @ Naracoorte Library

NARACOORTE

Youth Theatre

COME AND TRY

Tuesday
April 16
Naracoorte Hall
2-3.30pm

Bought to you by Brianna and Ashley
Bookings to the Library on 87601170

SWINGING WITH THE STARS

QUIZ NIGHT & GOODS AUCTION

@ Naracoorte Football Clubrooms

\$20 ticket per person

Saturday, 23rd March 2024

Doors open at 6pm

Hot food and grazing boxes available to purchase, pre-order is required

Groups preferred to have tables of 8-10 people. To book a table or for further enquires please contact Ella: 0474838355 or dm on Facebook or Instagram



cybersafetysolutions

Growing up Online:

An educational & empowering session for Parents and carers, Susan's unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked at the reality of the online world.

It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach. The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:

- **Reality & Risk.** The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.
- **What are kids doing online.** Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, Discord, Yolo, Wink & more.
- **Online Grooming.** What is it and when/how does it occur? Preventive measures. What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- **Cyberbullying.** What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- **Sharing Nudes.** The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law and the serious issue of Sextortion.
- **Problematic Gaming.** How to manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems and what to do if/when they arise.
- **Exposure to damaging content.** Including online pornography & site that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.
- **Top Tips** – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.
- The session will conclude with time for questions



Susan McLean

Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersecurity and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersecurity and young people.

Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments.

She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools & national & international companies. A sought after media commentator for television, print and radio, she recently co-authored the NSW Govt. review into mobile phones in schools. She is the most highly qualified & experienced presenter in Australia & is internationally renowned.

Susan is a proud ambassador for Collective Shout. A published author, her book 'Sex's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.



Parent Information Session:

Thursday April 4th @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Naracoorte High School Library
Please register your interest via the QR code

TOM CURTAIN

WHY WE LIVE OUT HERE TOUR

KATHERINE OUTBACK EXPERIENCE,
CHRIS MATTHEWS, MELISSA FRASER & LAURA FRANK

Family friendly event:

- 1hr National award-winning Outback Horse & Dog Show
- 1.5hr Live music

WILLALOOKA

EASTER SATURDAY
30 MARCH 2024

XMAS ROCKS TRAINING & EVENTS

3029 RIDDOCH HIGHWAY, WILLALOOKA, SA
GATES OPEN 5:00PM | SHOW 5:30PM-8:30PM

ONLINE TICKETS (+BFF): ADULT: \$40 | SENIOR: \$35 | STUDENTS (16-17YR): \$25 | KIDS (5YR+): FREE | FAMILY: \$117
COMPANION CARD ACCEPTED | SMALL ONLINE BOOKING FEE | DOOR TICKETS \$10 MORE | DOOR FAMILY: \$135
FOOD AND DRINKS AVAIL | BYO CHAIRS | OUTDOOR EVENT

TICKETS: WWW.TOMCURTAIN.COM.AU

TC Katherine Outback EXPERIENCE

TRAINING STARTS MARCH 6TH

NARACOORTE SOCCER CLUB GIRLS TEAMS

TRAINING FOR:

- UNDER 13 GIRLS (WEDNESDAY 5-6 PM)
- UNDER 16 GIRLS (WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM)
- WOMENS (WEDNESDAY 6:15-7:15 PM)

All abilities welcome for more information contact Jon:
0427608243 or Sile: 0447232532

Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.





Headspace walk-in service

at Naracoorte High School

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. We began in 2006, and ever since we've provided early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year-olds.

We support young people with mental health, physical health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drug services, as well as work and study support. With a focus on early intervention, we work with young people to provide support at a crucial time in their lives – to help get them back on track and strengthen their ability to manage their mental health in the future.

Headspace will be visiting Naracoorte High School every Thursday during term time.

When: Every Thursday, 2024

Where: Meeting room near the front office

Who: Any Naracoorte High School student



Stay up to date with School Communications with Audiri!

Audiri (previously Skoolbag App) is a free school app used to keep families updated and informed with important school communications.