



Naracoorte High School Newsletter



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Athletes Star!

Naracoorte High hosts the 80th South East Zone Interschool Athletics Carnival!

Last week, Naracoorte High School welcomed six schools from the South East, for the 80th annual Interschool Athletics Carnival.

It was a beautiful day for athletics and the school was buzzing with families, friends, volunteers and staff all on site to cheer on the students. It was an exciting day of competition with a number of records falling, following some outstanding individual performances from athletes from participating schools.

Naracoorte High School finished with one of their best results in recent years, winning the Handicap Trophy for

the most improved school, as well as our Under 15 Boys & Girls winning their age group shield. Tenison Woods College once again took home the trophy for the overall champion school.

A big thank you to our organising committee and wider school community who put in a mountain of work behind the scenes to make the day possible. Thank you to all of the visiting school officials, volunteers and participants who all contributed to, what was, a very successful carnival.

Best of luck to our athletics team, who will now travel to Adelaide in Week 11 to compete in the annual SSSA Track & Field Championships.

WHAT'S INSIDE?



NEXUS NIGHT



SPORTS DAY RESULTS



LION'S YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Government of South Australia

Department for Education



Event Dates.



TermOne.

March

26th–28th Year 10 Outdoor Ed Camp
31st Year 9 Camp

April

1st–2nd Year 9 Camp continued
1st SE Zone Golf
9th Adelaide Athletics
11th Last Day of Term #1

TermTwo.

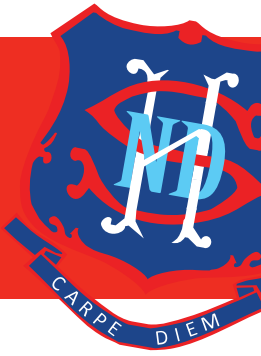
April

28th First Day of Term #2

May

21st Governing Council
28th SE Zone Interschool
Cross Country

Important Reminders



Visiting School

Parents & Caregivers are asked to please present to the Front Office only when visiting the school. Thank you!

No Parking!

No parking is permitted on the grassed areas within school grounds.

Please make sure you are only parking on the left hand side of the drive way at school pick up.



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

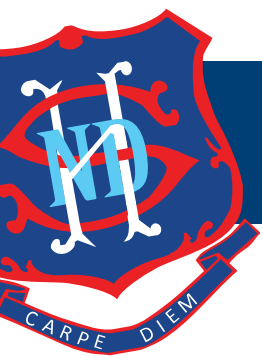
>> Telephone 8762 1333

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.

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.





Principal's Welcome

I'd like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself Principal of Naracoorte High School for the remainder of 2025. I'm looking forward to working alongside students, staff, families, and the broader community throughout 2025 to support student learning and wellbeing.

My guiding word for 2025 is "Visible" – a reflection of my commitment to leadership that is present and engaged, teaching that is purposeful and collaborative, and learning that is measurable and celebrated. I believe strong relationships, clear expectations, and meaningful engagement with families and the wider community are the foundation of a successful school.

Our Vision for 2025

This year, we will continue to build a culture of high expectations, student agency, and continuous improvement. Our Site Improvement Plan focuses on:

Expanding Student Agency through Learning Design. Empowering students to take ownership of their learning by setting goals, using feedback, and producing meaningful work.

Building Teacher Capability in Differentiation. Ensuring all students are supported and challenged to succeed, regardless of background or learning style.

Strengthening the Role of Home Group Teachers. Enhancing student wellbeing and connectedness through strong, supportive relationships.

Our aim is to inspire resilient, curious learners in a safe and inclusive environment, where every student knows they belong.

Staffing Updates

Congratulations to the following staff who will continue in their respective roles for the remainder of 2025:

Dylan Agnew – B3 Strategic Operations

Katelyn Baker – B1 Learning Design

Georgia Block – Continuing in a 0.6 role

These staff members bring valuable experience and dedication to their leadership and teaching, and I thank them for their ongoing contribution to the school.

Interschool Athletics Success

In Week 8 of this term, Naracoorte High School hosted the SE Interschool Athletics Carnival. With 256 of our students involved, it was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our teamwork, school spirit, and organisation. I extend my sincere thanks to all staff and students involved in making the day a success—particularly the organising committee for their tireless work behind the scenes.

Leadership Insights – Department for Education Leaders Day

Earlier this term, I attended the DfE Leaders Day and Literacy Summit. A key message was the importance of being both tight and flexible—tight in our vision and expectations, but flexible in our approach to achieving success. It reaffirmed our commitment to learning that is both purposeful and inclusive, while ensuring our students understand their rights and responsibilities within our school community.

Student Free Days – Planning for Improvement

In line with our improvement priorities, we have proposed five Student Free Days in 2025 focused on professional learning for staff. These days will allow us to pause, reflect, and refine our practices to ensure students experience deep and meaningful learning.

Looking Ahead

As we continue the year together, I look forward to strengthening connections across our school and community and ensuring 2025 is a year of visible growth, belonging, and achievement for every student.

Kieron Hicks
Principal

School Captains Report



Interschool Athletics

On the 19th of March, the Naracoorte High School hosted the annual South-East Interschool Athletics sports carnival. Prestigious academies from across the Limestone Coast, including Mount Gambier High, Tenison Woods College, and Grant High School, arrived to compete against each other in a variety of sporting events.

Our school distinguished themselves, placing third overall, and winning through a handicap system. Furthermore, multiple students performed well on the day; Will Ellis and Lucy Midwinter scored highly in all of their events, and the Open boys relay team came within a second of a longstanding school record.

Overall, it was a fantastic effort from our students, and we cannot wait to see what they achieve in Adelaide this April.

Harmony Day

On the 21st of March, the school held a cultural day in recognition of the Harmony Day celebrations.

Students arrived wearing their cultural outfits, highlighting the diverse backgrounds of our town's

community. As part of the event, a small quiz was held in the hall during the lunchbreak, with a focus on the fascinating culture and history of other countries. The day was highly successful, and an excellent display of the heritage and traditions of our students.

Nexus

On the 24th of March, our school held the Nexus event after school hours. The night was focused on showcasing the High School's subjects, facilities, and administration to future year 7 students and their parents.

Multiple tours were run by our school leaders, providing the attendees with firsthand experience of the high school.

The event was highly successful, with over 50 families attending over the course of the night. Following the tours, Tom Rechner presented an overview of the SACE program, informing parents of the general structure and requirements of our education system.

Alberta, Alice & Eli School Captains



Rural Youth Ambassador – Mia McCarthy

Congratulations to Mia McCarthy on being selected as a South Australian Rural Youth Ambassador for 2025! This is a fantastic achievement, recognising her leadership, dedication, and passion for rural education.

As part of this prestigious program, Mia will have the opportunity to collaborate with other young leaders across rural South Australia, engage in key discussions about rural education, and represent the voices of students in our communities. She will also participate in forums, meet with government and education leaders, and contribute to shaping the future of rural education.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Mia, and we have no doubt she will represent Naracoorte High School with pride.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS²⁵



FLYNN



MURDOCH



CARTER

2025 AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

AGE GROUP	SPONSOR	WINNER
U13 Female	The Grant Family	Lacey Foale
U13 Male	Rotary Club of Naracoorte	Beau Morton
U14 Female	NHS Governing Council	Annie Rasheed
U14 Male	NHS Governing Council	Cru Waihape
U15 Female	Munro & Mahney	Elise Hahn
U15 Male	Munro & Mahney	Rueben Woolley
U16 Female	Hansen Design & Print	Jessica Frick
U16 Male	H.T Rowe Memorial Trophy	Quentin Mitchell
Open Female	Rotary Club of Naracoorte	Lucy Midwinter
Open Male	Kay Hole	Will Ellis

2025 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

AGE GROUP	EVENT	AWARD/SPONSOR	WINNER
Open Female	1500m	Edwards Family Perpetual Trophy	Lucy Midwinter
Open Male	1500m	Frank Drew Perpetual Trophy	Cooper Rees
Open Female	800m	Naracoorte Sportspower Perpetual Trophy	Lucy Midwinter
Open Male	800m	Jack Farmer Perpetual Trophy	Quentin Mitchell
Open Female	100m	Edwards Family Perpetual Trophy	Lucy Midwinter
Open Male	100m	Nick McBride MP Perpetual Trophy	Will Ellis

NEW RECORDS

EVENT	NEW RECORD HOLDER	DISTANCE/TIME	PREVIOUS RECORD HOLDER	DISTANCE/TIME	YEAR SET
U13 Female Javelin	L. Foale	20.4m	T. Maresch	19.48m	2022
U13 Male Triple Jump	B. Morton	8.88m	D. duRand	8.59m	2022
U13 Male Javelin	E. Heffernan	23.84m	P. Mueller	22.67m	2024
U13 Female Triple Jump	L. Foale	8.03m	E. Ward	7.79m	2024
U13 Female High Jump	L. Foale	1.36m	G. Law	1.35m	2024
U13 Male 200m	E. Heffernan	30.12	T. Walker	30.89	2022
U13 Female 800m	A Flint	3:05.80	H. Wilkinson	3:20.27	2024
U13 Female Shot Put	M. Thomson	8.07m	G. Occleshaw	7.81m	2024
U13 Female 4x100m Relay	Flynn	1:03.76	Murdoch	1:03.94	2023





Flynn House Report



Flynn for the win!! An update from our Flynn House Captains following a successful Sports Day!

For the first 4 weeks of term, we were busy in the preparation for Sports Day. This involved putting people into events and making sure, everyone was doing something they wanted. By doing this we were able to increase our chance of winning on the day, and nobody was left out.

A tug of war was held the Friday before sports day with house points up for grabs. It included all age groups and was really good to see every single person giving it a red hot crack!

Then came the big day...Sports Day! For the whole day it was tight between all teams and came down to the last relay races. Support on the sideline's was huge and in the end, Flynn were able to come through with the win on the day!

Of course, days like this do not happen without the people that spend time in getting everything ready. So, to all teachers and staff members that helped out on the day we would like to say thank you for what you do, because it wouldn't be possible without you.

To every single teammate in Flynn thank you for making our job a lot easier and make the day run smoother. Congratulations to everyone that won an award and competed on the day.

From here, along with the other house captains, we are starting to go through the process of holding games

in the gym at Lunch for students to participate. This will include students of all ages to come together and work as a team, hopefully building new friendships.

We're already off to a really good start of the year, let's keep it going!

Ben, Amelia & Jack Flynn House Captains



Lion's Youth of the Year



On February 24th, five of our Year 12 students: Alberta Olisi, Elijah Flint, Molly Crouch, Madison Hagerty and Alice McKenzie took part in the Naracoorte Lions Youth of the Year competition.

As part of the event, they each delivered a five-minute persuasive speech on a topic of their choice, while aiming to engage their audience. Additionally, they submitted applications showcasing their achievements in leadership, sport, academics, and cultural involvement. A significant component of the competition was a 30-minute interview, during which three judges assessed their general knowledge through a series of thought-provoking questions.

On the evening, during a Lions dinner meeting, the students presented their prepared speeches and faced two impromptu speech topics: "If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?" and "We live in an ever-changing world—what do you hope for your future?". Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding efforts. A special commendation goes to Alice McKenzie, who impressed the judges with her speech on "The importance of communities offering social interactions and entertainment for retirees," securing the Public Speaking Award. Another big congratulations to Alberta Olisi, who was named the overall winner of the Naracoorte competition. However, she was unable to advance to the Regional Final, so runner-up Elijah Flint stepped in to represent our school.

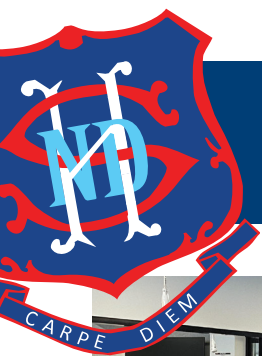
The Regional Final took place in Kingston on March 2nd, where Eli competed against winners from Lucindale, Kingston, and Millicent. Facing strong competition, he

once again submitted an application, participated in an interview, delivered his prepared speech on "Rural schools should receive more funding and resources," and tackled two new impromptu topics. Eli's confident delivery and compelling arguments earned him both the Public Speaking Award and the Overall Winner title.

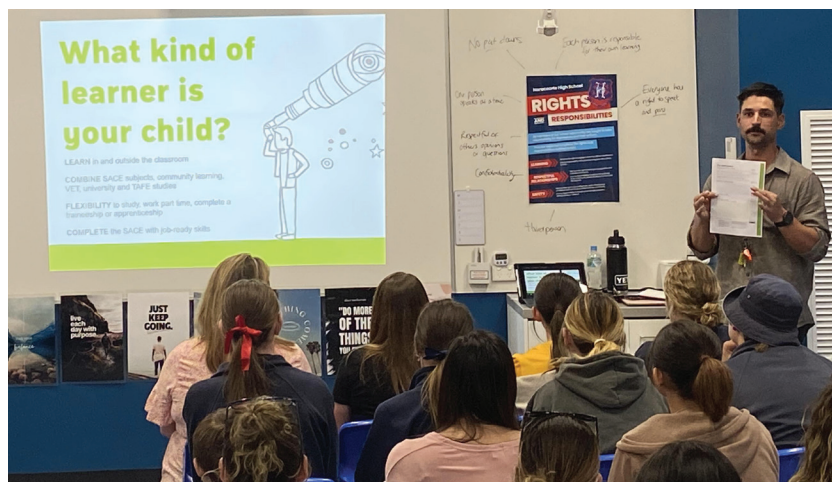
Eli competed in the District Final in Adelaide on March 23rd against highly talented candidates from Brighton, Berri and Mount Gambier, he represented our school and district exceptionally well. Although he did not advance to the State Final, Eli gained invaluable skills and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. His dedication and effort were commendable, and we congratulate him on his outstanding achievement.

Gorgia Robbie
Coordinator





Nexus Night



NEXUS is a showcase of Extraordinary Learning that we do here at Naracoorte High School!

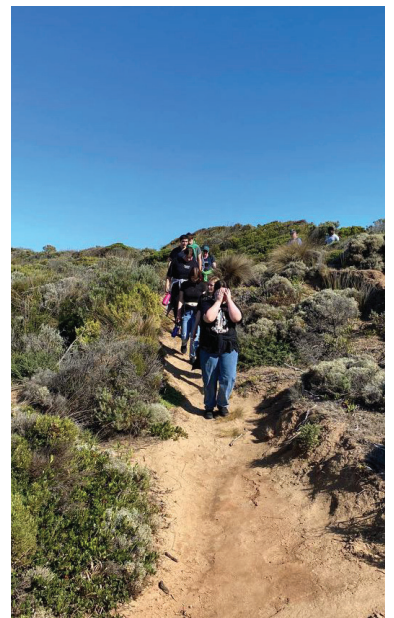
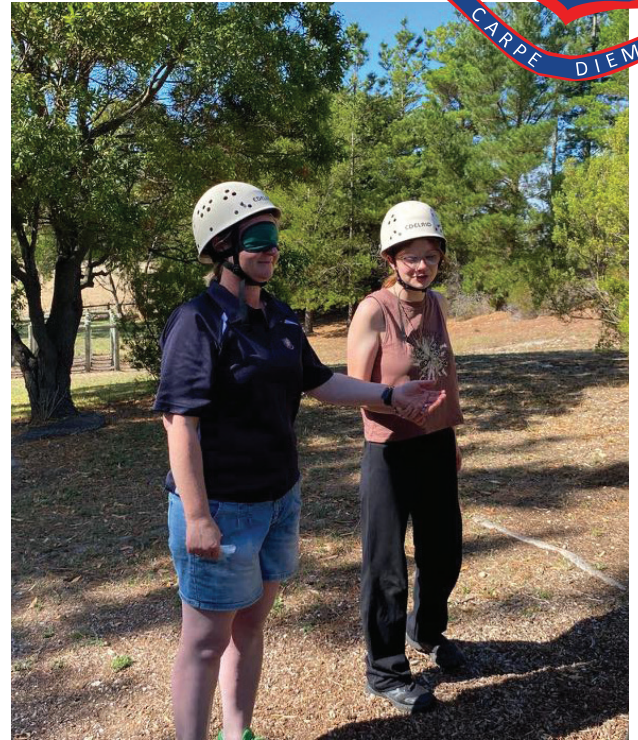
A thankyou to staff of all Learning Areas for their engaging contributions to NEXUS this year. A thankyou to those who attended from our community and across all our partner schools!

students to thrive. NEXUS was a space where we all could think positively about public education, and educational opportunities students have access to here at NHS.

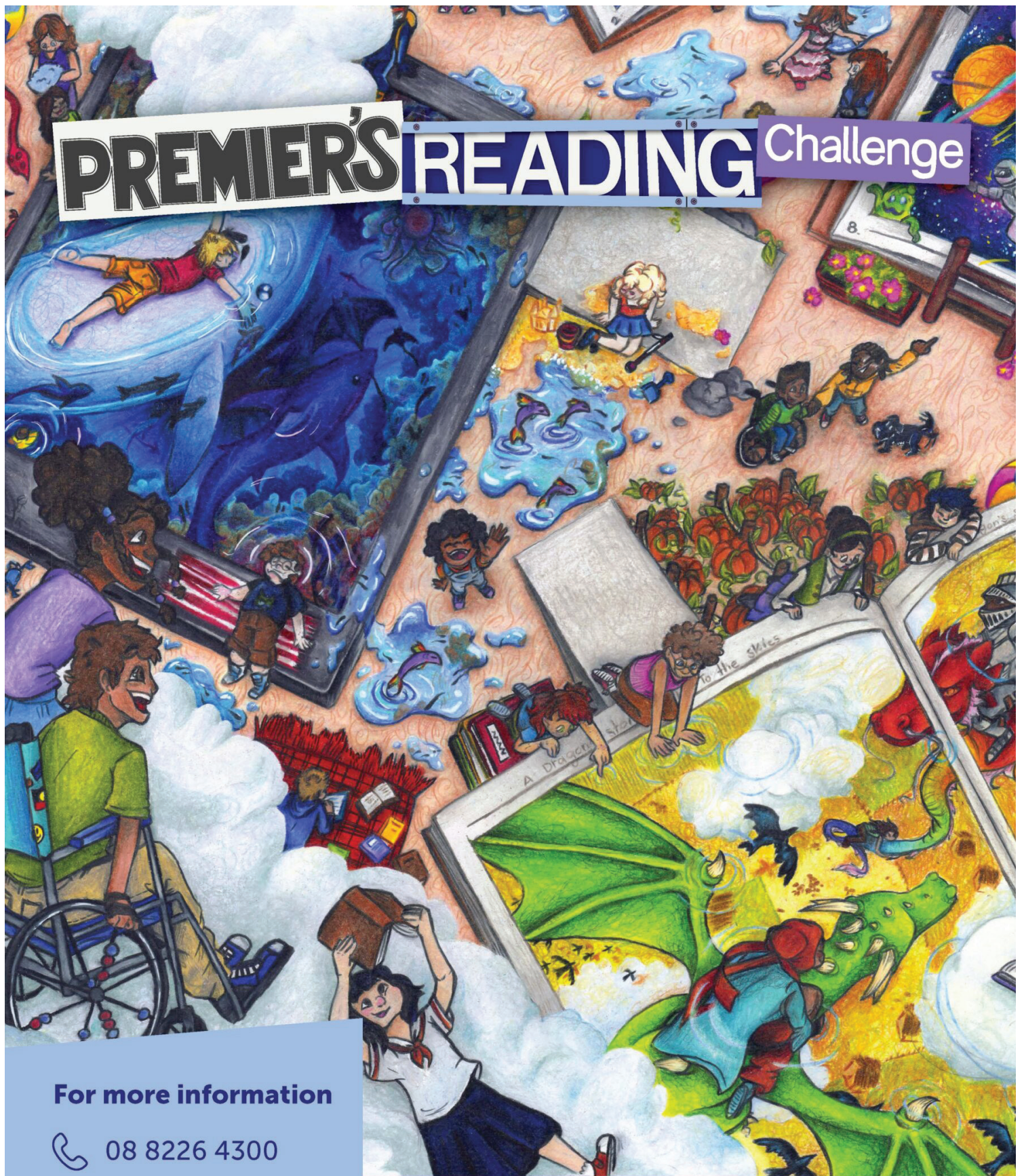
We captured our learners hopes for the future by showcasing how an education at NHS supports



Noorla Yo-Long Camp



PREMIER'S READING Challenge



For more information

☎ 08 8226 4300

✉ prc@sa.gov.au

🖱 prc.sa.edu.au



Reading for the Challenge finishes on
5 September 2025



Government of
South Australia





“A Taste of Harmony” Month

A Taste of Harmony is Australia's largest celebration of cultural diversity bringing people together to share, discover and learn about each other's cultural heritage through food. The Library presently has a display of cookbooks featuring recipes from around the world, all available for students to borrow.

Premier's Reading Challenge

As we approach the school holidays don't forget this is a great time for students to relax with a book. Just remind them to update their challenge record when they return to school.

If your student hasn't got a 2025 challenge record sheet yet they can visit the school Library to collect one or download a copy from

<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>

'The Premier's Reading Challenge is most successful when parents show interest and support their children. Help your child read their 12 books for the year and you will be making a positive difference to their future.'

Happy reading!

Anita Miles
Library Manager

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Naracoorte High School House Cup Points

1 point for each book read

5 additional points for completing the challenge

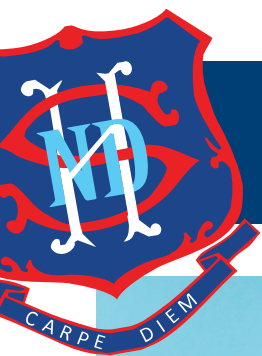
10 points for student who read the most books in each English class

10 points for the student who read the most books in each Year level

10 points for the student who read the most books in the School

Students are encouraged to write small 20-50 word book reviews or illustrate a scene from your books to be displayed in the school library. Please submit these to Mrs Miles in the library. Each submission is worth 5 points (at staff discretion based on quality).





Free Internet Access



Did you know there is free home internet access available for students?

Families with school aged children who do not have reliable internet at home can apply for free internet to support learning.

There are 2 options available:

- **NBN broadband internet** access until June 2028 from the Australian Government through the School Student Broadband Initiative

- **Wireless internet** access from the Department for Education through the student home internet program.

Find out more about what options are available and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the department's website:

www.education.sa.gov.au



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.

Community News & Events



LADIES ON THE LAWN

BOOK ONLINE

GRAB THE GALS

FUNDRAISER EVENT

AN AFTERNOON SHOWCASING THE LATEST TRENDS & FASHIONS FROM SALT & CO LIVING WITH 20% OF ALL SALES GOING TO STAND LIKE STONE PENOLA COONAMARRA SUB-FUND!

FOOD FASHION WINE

2PM-6PM

12

APRIL 2025

PENOLA TOWN SQUARE

Stand Like Stone

PENOLA COONAMARRA

Harmony Day Wish Festival

Sunday 30th March 2025
Naracoorte Swimming Lake | 5 - 8pm

Make a wish by releasing a floating candle on to the lake at twilight
Community picnic with free multicultural food offerings and performances

Presented by:

LCMN **HARMONY WEEK**

Limestone Coast Multicultural Network

everyone BELONGS

GTE

APPRENTICESHIPS | TRAINEESHIPS

OPEN UP YOUR FUTURE AND EARN WHILE YOU LEARN!

WHO IS GTE?

- A local not-for-profit organisation focusing on employing apprentices and trainees across the limestone coast.
- We have a team of qualified Field Officers with extensive knowledge across a large range of industries.

WHAT DOES GTE DO FOR STUDENTS?

- Assists students with finding apprenticeships and traineeships by connecting them with local employers.

HOW CAN GTE HELP ME?

- Guidance on career pathways.
- Support with job placements and work experience.
- Assistance with resumes and interview preparation.

FOR MORE INFO

08 8721 2345

www.gte.org.au

17 Ormerod Street, Naracoorte

YEAR 11/12 FORMAL - MAY 9TH 2025

GLITZ & GLAMOUR

NARACOORTE FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS
ARRIVAL 6PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$70 per person

Please see Kelly Midwinter at Helloworld (49 Ormerod St)

Conditions:

- THIS EVENT IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT AND IF YOU ARRIVE INTOXICATED YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE
- FOR THE RED CARPET ARRIVAL PLEASE ENTER THE NARACOORTE FOOTBALL GROUNDS THROUGH THE STEWART TERRACE ENTRANCE FROM 6PM
- DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED
- THE EVENT WILL CONCLUDE BY 11.00PM.
- PRE EVENT PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS AT 3PM AT CAROLYN'S COTTAGES



Community News & Events

**YOUTH
QUIZ
NIGHT**

**FRIDAY
APRIL 11TH**

4pm to 5pm
Group max 4 / ages 12-25

Naracoorte Library
87601170

Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall

**JOIN
BRI & BREE**
for 12 - 25 year olds

**YOUTH
WEEK**
Jewellery & Macramé making

TUESDAY 15th April 10am - 2pm

Naracoorte Library @ the center table

Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall

NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL

**BREKKY
PROGRAM**

**START YOUR SCHOOL DAY RIGHT
WITH THE NHS BREKKY PROGRAM!**

Located at the Food Tech Locker Area
Monday - Friday from 8.00am - 8.30am
Toast, juice & milo available

Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall