



# NEWSLETTER



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# Athletics wrap up!

**Athletics is done and dusted for another year following our annual Adelaide Athletics**

**Congratulations to all Naracoorte High School students who represented our school with great effort and sportsmanship at the Adelaide Athletics Carnival held on 31st March at the SA Athletics Stadium.**

After arriving in Adelaide on Monday Afternoon, students visited the South Australian Sports Institute, where they toured facilities used by elite athletes. Guided by Volleyroo players Oliver Merrit and Solly Bushby, students explored training areas and even tried some high-intensity equipment. It was a great opportunity to see how top athletes train and recover.

The next day the students competed in the Athletics Carnival where they came 6th Overall in B2. In the 4x100m relay, our 13 Girls team placed 3rd, while our 14 Girls team showed great determination to take out 1st place.

## WHAT'S INSIDE?



**GRIP LEADERSHIP**



**LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR**



**NARACOORTE NEXUS**



**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Education

## ADELAIDE ATHLETICS



### Individual results include:

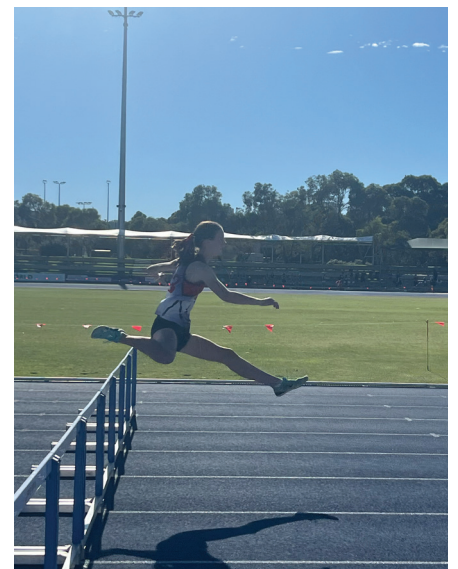
Grace Occleshaw – 15 Girls 2nd in Javelin, 1st in Shot Put, 16 Girls 1st in Javelin, Open Girls 1st in Javelin  
Lacey Foale – 14 Girls 1st in Hurdles, 1st in Long Jump, Joint 1st in Triple Jump, 2nd in 100m  
Eddie Heffernan – 14 Boys 1st in Shot Put, 2nd in Javelin, 2nd in High Jump  
Mimi Thomson – 14 Girls 1st in Shot Put and 3rd in Javelin  
Patrick Clark – 13 Boys 2nd in High Jump and 2nd in Triple Jump  
Alexandra Phelan – 13 Girls 3rd in High Jump  
Winifred Schinkel – 13 Girls 2nd in Triple Jump  
Vincent Dawson – 14 Boys 3rd in Hurdles  
Logan McRostie – 14 Boys 1st in Discus  
Xavier Koch – 14 Boys 3rd in 800m  
Tyler Sherrin – 15 Boys 3rd in Hurdles  
Levi Moss – 16 Boys 2nd in Hurdles  
Jack Barker – Open Boys 3rd in Discus, 3rd in Shot Put  
Nic Bald – Open Boys 2nd in 800m, 3rd in 400m, 3rd in 1500m

Darcy duRand – Open Boys 2nd in Triple Jump  
Maddison Bellman – Open Girls 2nd in Hurdles.

A special mention goes to Tyler Sherrin, who showed outstanding sportsmanship during the relay event. In the final leg, Tyler noticed another student stop due to injury and chose to assist him rather than continue the race, demonstrating a fantastic ability to prioritise helping others over winning. His actions were recognised with an honourable mention over the loudspeaker and a well-deserved round of applause. Well done, Tyler!

Naracoorte High School students had a fantastic day, demonstrating great sportsmanship, dedication, and pride in representing their school. Thank you to the students who stepped in at the last minute to fill events and support their team.

Thank you to all competitors, staff, and supporters for your effort and enthusiasm, you have made us all very proud!



# Key Dates.



## Term Two.

### May

- 19th-21st Year 7 Ballet Program
- 21st 11/12 Statewide Football @ Naracoorte Football Club
- 27th Interschool Cross Country @ Blue Lake Sports Park
- 29th 7/8 Statewide Basketball @ Naracoorte Stadium

### June

- 2nd-4th Outdoor Ed Bushwalking Camp
- 5th Student Free Day
- 5th Year 12 Halfway Day
- 8th Public Holiday
- 10th 9/10 Statewide Football @ East Gambier
- 23rd 9/10 Statewide Netball @ Wulanda
- 24th Arts Showcase
- 26th Pathways Immersion Day
- 29th Year 10 Work Experience Week

# Important Reminders



## SCHOOL SPORT REMINDERS & EXPECTATIONS

Term 2 and Term 3 include a large number of Statewide and Zone sporting events

It is really important that students are regularly checking Sentral for notices for nomination, trial, uniform collection and meeting information.

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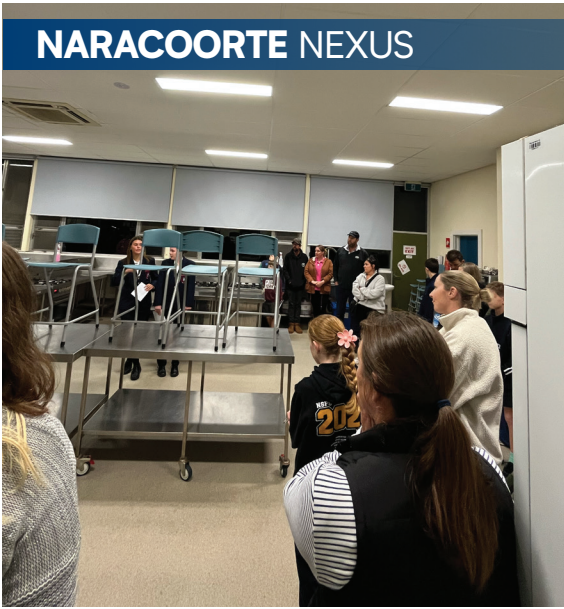
- >> Please attend scheduled meetings in a timely manner.
- >> If you are nominating for an event you need to be fully committed.
- >> If circumstances change and you can no longer attend an event, please make sure you notify the teacher in charge as early as possible.
- >> Please return uniforms in a timely manner.

Thank you for your support!

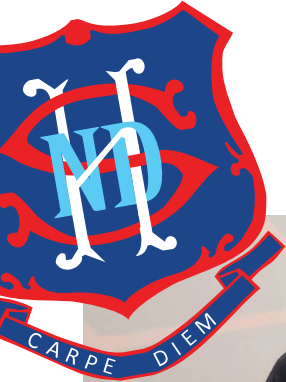
We acknowledge the traditional custodians the Meintangk/Moandik people whose land we gather on today for they hold the memories, traditions and culture of Aboriginal people.

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 NEXUS







# GRIP Leadership



## Recently, a group of our middle school student leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference as part of our ongoing work around student leadership development at Naracoorte High School.

The purpose of the day was to begin exploring an important question: What does middle school leadership look like at Naracoorte High School? Students were challenged to think about the opportunities, skills, and culture needed to strengthen leadership pathways as they move towards Years 11 and 12.

Throughout the conference, students participated in workshops focused on practical leadership skills including public speaking, teamwork, school culture, positive friendships, and leading new ideas within a school setting. Sessions encouraged students to think critically about the challenges schools face and how student leaders can create positive change through initiative, resilience, and collaboration.

Students explored topics such as:

- Categories that help leaders understand and respond to challenges
- How to manage the challenges associated with school leadership
- How to make school events successful
- How to improve public speaking
- How to create a culture of positive friendships
- How to get a new idea off the ground

Students were challenged to identify common school issues and categorise them into challenges already improving, challenges students care deeply about, challenges requiring persistence, and challenges that may need to be revisited later. This sparked thoughtful discussion around topics such as respect for school spaces, littering, and improving the overall school environment.

Students reflected positively on the experience and shared a number of valuable takeaways from the day:

“I learnt some tips on how to be a better public speaker.” – Skye

“I realised that stepping out of my comfort zone and taking initiative can help me grow into a more confident and effective leader.” – Pippa

“I learnt to be a better role model for others.” – Georgia

“Strong leadership isn’t about being the loudest, but about listening, supporting others, and leading by example.” – Isabelle

Other students reflected on the importance of trying new things, building confidence, listening more than speaking, taking small steps towards goals, and seeking feedback throughout the leadership process.

The conference gave students practical tools and ideas that will help shape future leadership opportunities at Naracoorte High School. We look forward to meeting with the group to hear their reflections and ideas as we continue building a strong leadership culture within our middle school and beyond.

# Year 9 English



**As part of our English Learning Expedition at Longridge, students had the valuable opportunity to interview older residents and listen to their life stories and experiences.**

Students explored themes of resilience, change and personal history through meaningful conversations that helped build empathy and connection across

generations. Using these interviews as inspiration, students then transformed the real-life experiences into creative fiction pieces, blending factual details with imaginative storytelling techniques. It was wonderful to see students engage so respectfully and thoughtfully while developing their writing skills in an authentic and memorable way.





# Lion's Youth of the Year



**Throughout Term 1, two Year 12 students competed in the Lion's Youth of the Year competition.**

Ben and Jack completed an application and interview with three judges, then presented a five minute prepared speech on a topic of their choice, and two impromptu speeches during an evening Lion's meeting. Both boys presented with confidence demonstrating their public speaking skills and general knowledge.

Congratulations to Jack who won the event, moving onto the next round. Weeks later he competed in Kingston against four other students from our district, again sitting an interview and presenting three speeches.

Jack was again successful, moving him into Round 3 at Yankalilla. Unfortunately Jack did not progress beyond the third round, however we are incredibly proud of his efforts and dedication to the competition.



# CFS Volunteer Visit



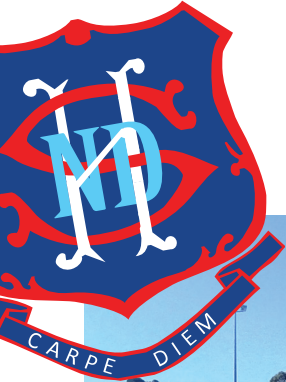
**A big thank you to the Naracoorte CFS volunteers, Chris (Mr Heddles) and Callum, for taking the time to speak with our Year 8 students today about the value and impact of volunteering in the community.**

We were also proud to have our own students, Jess and Lachlan, who are CFS cadets, share their personal experiences and explain what motivates them to get involved.

Students had the opportunity to engage hands-on with the equipment, making the experience both informative and interactive.

This was a valuable learning opportunity as our Year 8s prepare to take part in their own community volunteering later this term. A fantastic step towards building awareness, responsibility, and community connection.





# Statewide Hockey



## Our school hockey teams had a fantastic day on the pitch against Keith Area School at Naracoorte on Monday of Week 3.

The morning began with fog and a chill in the air, but by game time we were playing in bright sunshine—almost too warm for comfort, but perfect for supporters.

The Junior Team set the tone for the day with a convincing 5-0 win, demonstrating strong skills, determination, and great sportsmanship. The Senior Team followed up with an impressive 7-1 victory, showing excellent cohesion and team spirit throughout the match.

One of the most pleasing aspects was seeing some of our less experienced players step up for both teams.

They embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and were well supported by their teammates, who were very encouraging and inclusive.

Special thanks must go to Kelly Gale, who volunteered her time as umpire, and Jane Agnew, who generously assisted with coaching on the day. Thanks to the Naracoorte Hockey for their support and the use of their facilities.

Thank you to all players, volunteers, and families for your involvement and encouragement.

Congratulations to both teams for your outstanding results and for representing our school with pride and sportsmanship.



# CRAYFISH RAFFLE

## Supporting Men's Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

Drawn May 22nd



### Crayfish Raffle

- \$2 each or 3 for \$5
- Purchase in the Staff Room or at Student Services
- Winner receives a cooked crayfish, donated by the Dawson family



### Proceeds towards Movember Foundation

- 4 out of 5 suicides are male
- Raising funds and awareness for men's mental health & suicide prevention



### Bonus Prize - Shave Mr. Rechner's Moustache

- If \$1000 worth of tickets are sold, a random name will be drawn out to shave Mr. Rechner's moustache off
- Donations welcome

# *First Nations Storytelling through Dance*



# DANCE WORKSHOP

## *Outreach Program*

Valued at \$2000, The Australian Ballet's choreographic workshops are designed for secondary school students, igniting their creativity and immersing them into the world of dance. The program is delivered to **all Year 7 students** by **The Australian Ballet Education and Outreach Team** who are specialist dance educators and professional dancers.

### WORKSHOP DATES

**19TH, 20TH & 21ST MAY 2026**

### PERFORMANCE:

**21ST MAY 2026 2:30PM**

### INCLUDES:

- 3 PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR EACH YEAR 7 CLASS OVER 3 DAYS
- EDUCATION ON FIRST NATIONS STORIES, LED BY FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE
- A LIVE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET
- PARENTS/CARERS OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE END PERFORMANCES ON THURSDAY 21 MAY, 2:30–3:15PM

**PERFORMING ARTS**



Contact  
Lizzy Stewart  
for more info

Includes a Student Art Exhibiton

Join us for our

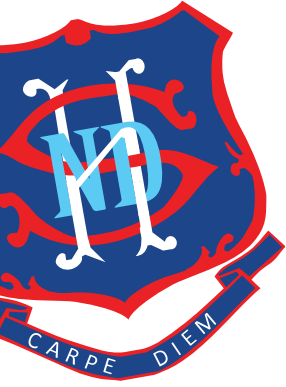
# END OF SEMESTER ARTS SHOWCASE performance

And Live Music & Drama Performances



 **24th  
JUNE  
6 - 7PM**

**Performances by  
Year 7 & 8 ARTS  
Students  
NHS Williamson Hall**



# Library News

# PREMIER'S

# READING

# Challenge

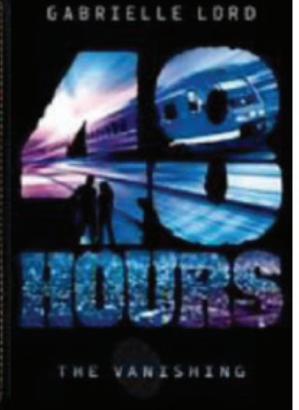
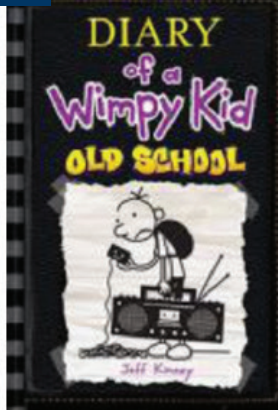
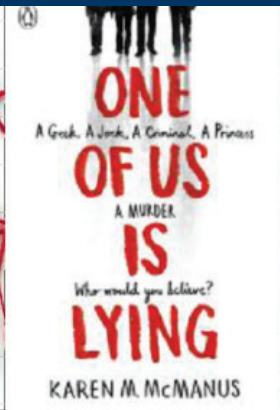
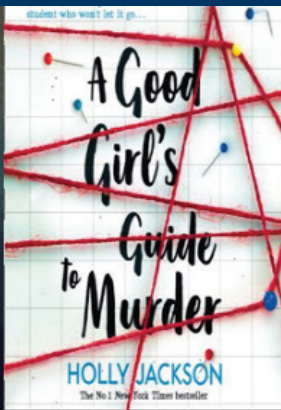
## Premier's Reading Challenge

Students are reminded to update their Premier's Reading Challenge booklist with their Term 1 reading. A reminder that any books read at home can be included as well as class texts and class independent reading books.

If your student hasn't started a PRC booklist they can collect a record sheet from the school library or their English teacher.

Further information can be found at:  
[www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/parents-families/](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/parents-families/)

## Some of the most popular books for Term 1



## Term 1 Book Loan Recap...

Term 1 Library Resource Centre Loans - 2157

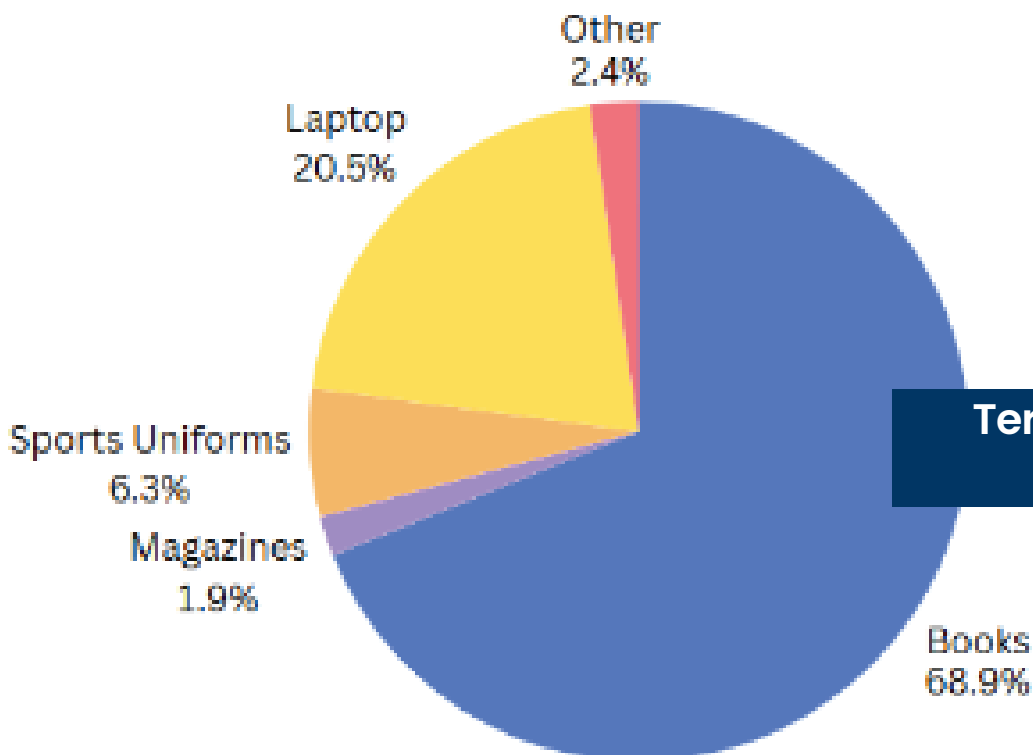
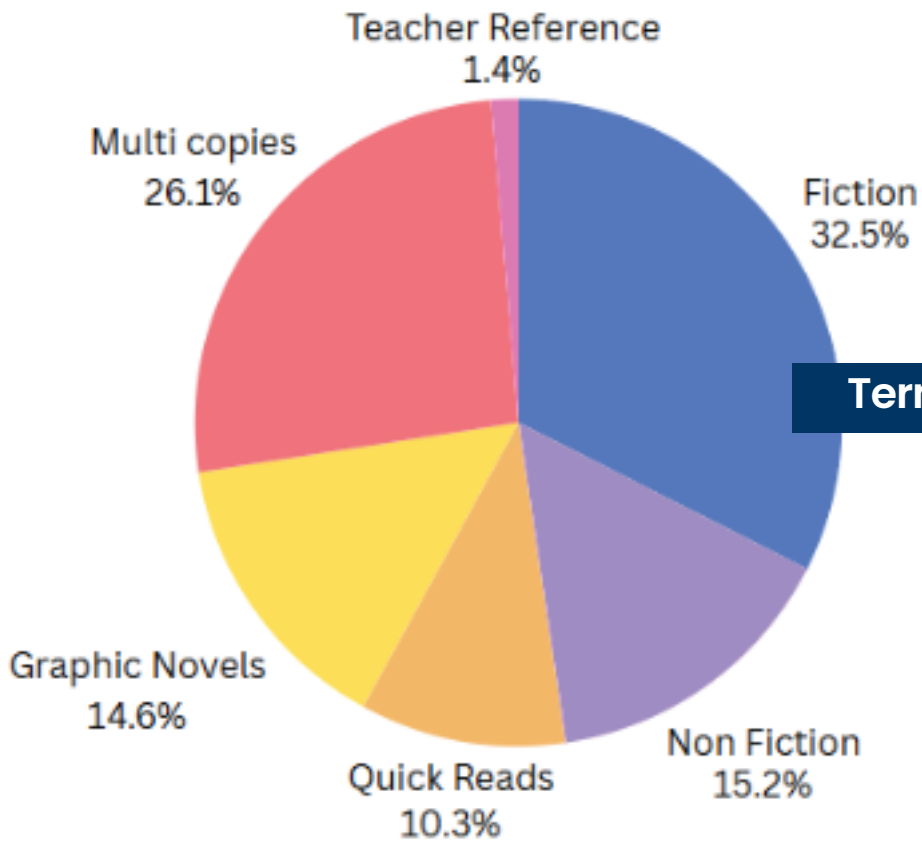
Book Loans - 1486

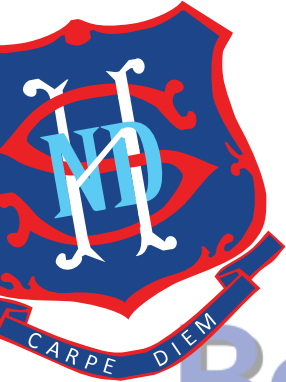
The top borrowing year level for Term 1 were the Year 8's - 600 loans

Our top borrowing class was 7A - 212 loans

The most popular Genres were Fantasy and Love Stories.

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## Benefits of Reading

### STRENGTHENS YOUR BRAIN



Builds the pathways and connections in your brain



Improves your memory and recall

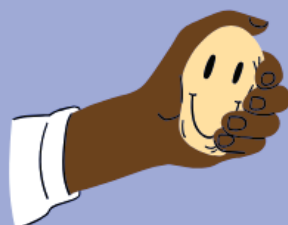


Improves your concentration and ability to focus

### IMPROVES YOUR HEALTH



Helps you fall asleep



Reduces stress



Improves your mental health and makes you feel more positive

### HELPS IN REAL LIFE



Helps you understand new words and improve your writing

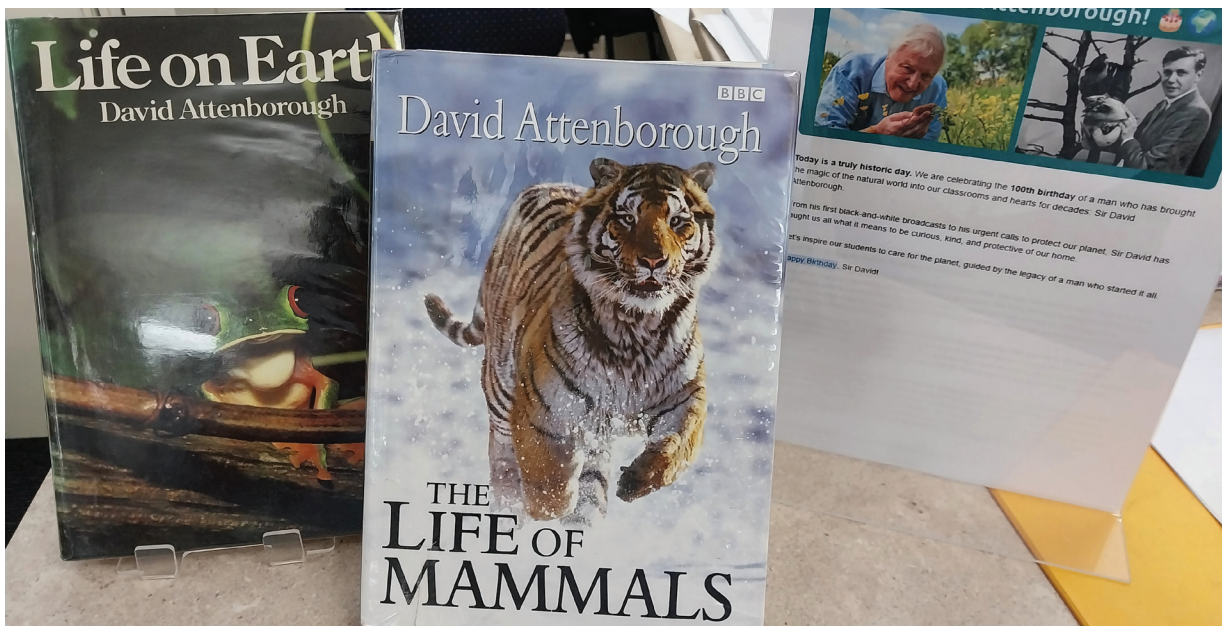
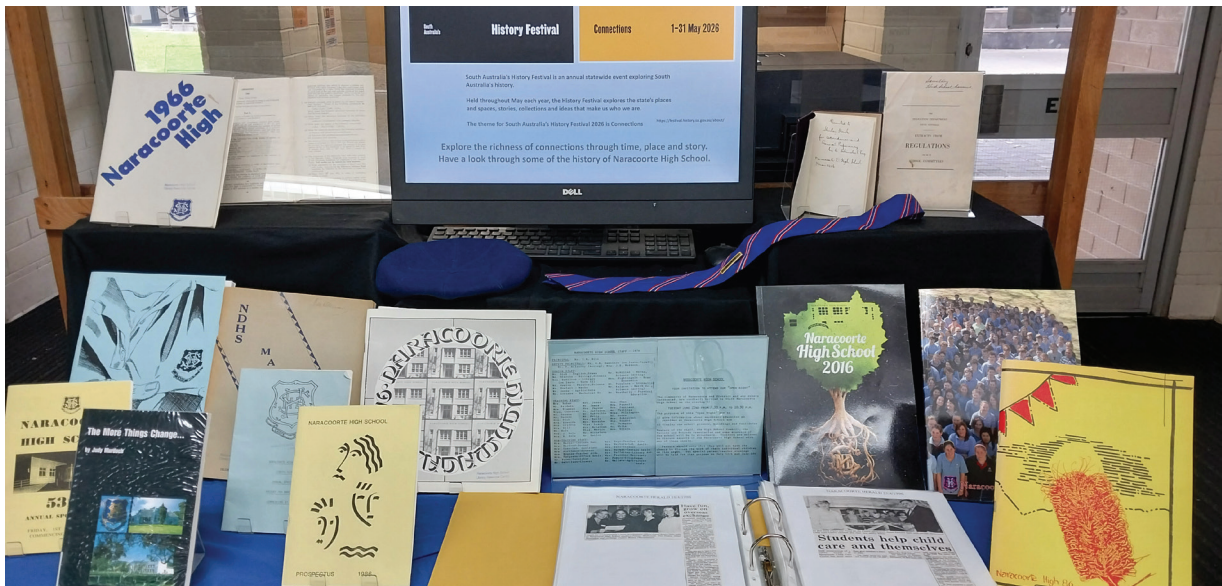
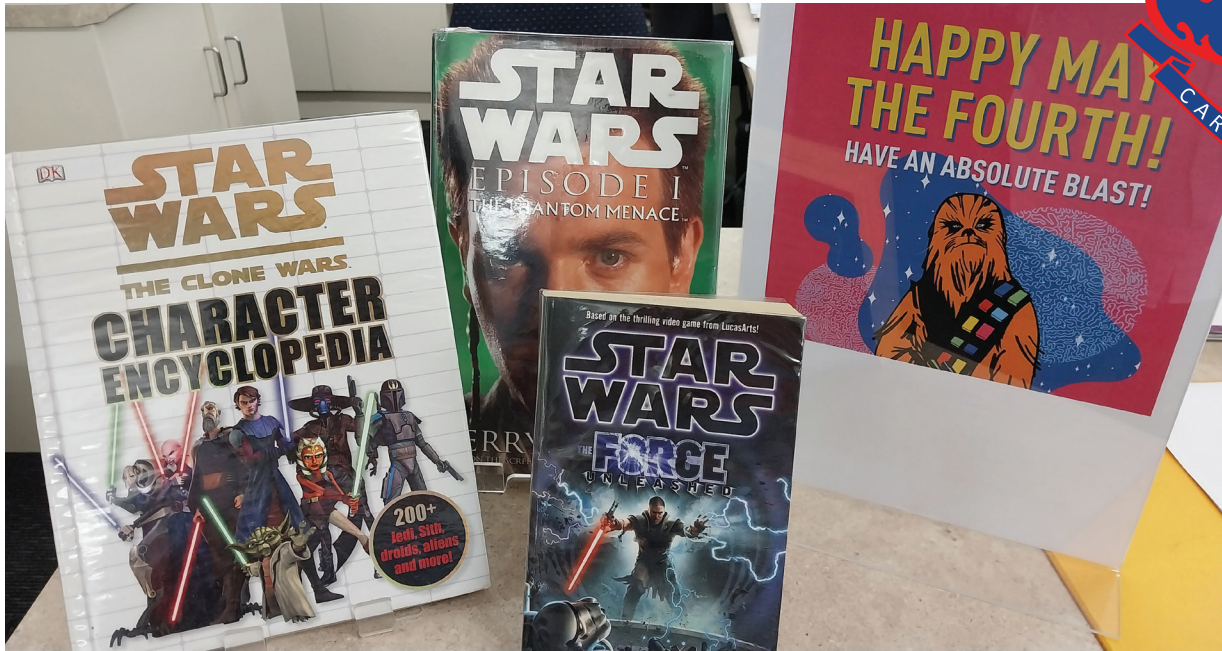


Makes you more likely to try new things



Makes it easier to relate to others and understand their emotions

# Library Displays



# DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY



# Community Events



**NARACOORTE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS NAPA CLUB**

THE NARACOORTE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS (NAPA) IS EXCITED TO OFFER A TEN WEEK PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM.

- AGES 7 TO 14
- MONDAYS, TERM 2 ONLY
- 4:00PM - 5:30PM
- 10-WEEK PROGRAM
- \$15 PER 90 MIN SESSION
- NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCAN TO BOOK VIA HUMANITIX NOT-FOR-PROFIT. REGIONAL. PASSIONATE.

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FACEBOOK: NARACOORTE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS (NAPA)  
INSTAGRAM: PERFORMINGARTS.NARACOORTE

**LITA TRAINING**

**PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

**SESSION DATES**

- ✓ Monday 22nd June 6pm - 7pm
- ✓ Monday 6th July 6pm - 7pm
- ✓ Monday 3rd August 6pm - 7pm
- ✓ Monday 17th August 6pm - 7pm

**Help Your Learner Become a Safer, More Confident Driver**

Join our engaging educational workshops designed specifically for parents and guardians of learner drivers. These easy-to-follow sessions will show you how to confidently use and verify learner logbooks, guide your young driver through essential driving skills, and provide information to confidently supervise driving practice. Gain the skills, confidence, and know-how to support your learner every step of the way – helping them build safe driving habits that last a lifetime.

**Spots are limited**

**REGISTER NOW**

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<https://lita.org.au/>  
[support@lita.org.au](mailto:support@lita.org.au)

**Naracoorte High School**

**Pathways to a Pay Packet!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Our Award Winning Pathways to a Pay Packet Career Expo & Information night is back in 2026!**

Monday 10th August @ Naracoorte High School

If you would like to be involved in this years event, please contact Tammy Schinckel via email [tammy.cane985@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:tammy.cane985@schools.sa.edu.au) as soon as possible for further details & to secure your place



# TERM #2 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week #1	April. 27 <b>First Day Term 2</b>	28	29	30	May. 01
Week #2	04 <b>Nexus &amp; Twilight Tours</b>	05	06	07	08 <b>Do it for Dolly Day</b>
Week #3	11 <b>Statewide Mixed Hockey</b>	12 <b>Year 7 &amp; 10 Immunisations</b>	13 <b>Careers Expo</b>	14	15
Week #4	18	19	20	21 <b>11/12 Statewide Football</b>	22
<b>YEAR 7 BALLET PROGRAM</b>					
Week #5	25	26	27 <b>Interschool Cross Country</b>	28	29 <b>7/8 Statewide Basketball</b>
Week #6	June. 01	02	03	04	05 <b>Student Free Day</b>
<b>OUTDOOR ED BUSHWALKING CAMP</b>					
Week #7	08 <b>Public Holiday</b>	09	10 <b>9/10 Statewide Football</b>	11	12
Week #8	15	16	17	18	19
Week #9	22	23 <b>9/10 Statewide Netball</b>	24 <b>Arts Showcase</b>	25	26 <b>Pathways Immersion Day</b>
Week #10	29	30	July. 01	02	03 <b>Last Day Term 2</b>
<b>YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK</b>					