



NEWSLETTER

"We would like to acknowledge the Kurnai people, our protectors and guardians of the beautiful bush country surrounding Narracan Primary School. We pay our respects to the elders: past, present and future. And recognize the connection to the environment the indigenous people have."

Friday 24 November 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Narracan Families,

This is our final newsletter for 2023 and we are nearly at the end of 2023! Over the next few weeks, we will be winding down and getting into the Christmas spirit.

We are looking forward to the **Grade 6 Graduation Morning Tea** and the final Fun Day for students on the 15th of December. Congratulations and best wishes to Jai and Chantelle (pictured right) who are moving on to Traf High School.



Thank you again to all our parents that attended our 130 Year Celebration. (photo's overleaf). We were overwhelmed by how many parents, ex-students and teachers attended our afternoon tea party. It was wonderful to see our ex-students, Aiden & Alex, Locksley, Darcy and Hana and our even older students, Bob Shearer being the eldest, enjoy the celebration. Celia and her 'wingman' Jordan worked so hard to make the gardens look beautiful and Hazlina made that delicious cake, thankyou again.

Reports will be going home on Wednesday the 13th of December. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on the following day, Thursday the 14th from 3.30-6pm. You can book a time on Compass. If you cannot make it in, we would be happy to have a phone conversation with you.

Staffing for next year is still being finalised. Congratulations to Emma Moorhouse who has picked up a full-time position at Glengarry Primary School. Emma will therefore not be returning to Narracan in 2024 in her part-time capacity. We wish her great success in her new role. There is a shortage of teachers in Victoria at the moment, so as soon as we know we will inform you.

Take care over the summer holidays and have a wonderful break. See you all back on Tuesday 30 January, 2024.



Monique In der Maur
Acting Principal

CHASING

For our veggie garden, large soft drink bottles

GENTLE REMINDER

All 2023 fees inc bus are to be paid by 20 December

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Our School Values: *Be respectful *Be Persistent *Be a Good Learner

130 year anniversary celebration



2023 students and Mr Bob Shearer who was the oldest student who attended our event (student from 1944—1950).

Thank you again Hazlina for the delicious and beautiful cake!

NARRACAN STATE SCHOOL 1893



Adults – David Weir (Head Teacher): Mrs Weir (Sewina Mistress)

KEY DATES

TERM 4

- **Statewide Transition Day for Preps and Yr 6 students**
Fri 12 Dec
- **School Council**
Wed 13 Dec
(Brief meet & arvo tea)
- **EXCURSION**
End of Year Celebration & Grade 6 Graduation
Fri 15 Dec
- **Last day of Term 4**
Wed 20 Dec
Early finish — 1.30 pm

TERM 1

- **First day of Term 1**
Tue 30 Jan
- **School Photos morning**
Fri 23 Feb
- **Last day of Term 1**
Thu 28 Mar
Early finish — 2.30 pm

NORM COTTRELL MUSIC PROGRAM

Mr Norm Cottrell and his music partners, Lance and James have kindly been sharing Norm's new musical titled *The Creatures* from "My Last Pandemic! with us."

The message of the ten songs, stories and fables is that there is now, a greater than ever, need to improve our connection with the real world. And if we tap into our wild imagination to find that real world, we can start to address the many challenges of post-pandemic life.

A tale of 3 country mice, who were born in a school skip bin and become self-taught musicians. The mice eek a living on the road but when they

get hungry, they break into the house of local music teacher, *Mr Learning-Time*. Despite repeated misbehaviour they unexpectedly win freedom from their human captor. Life back on the road leads to a series of twists and turns where the country mice put themselves at great risk. Their quirkiness and enthusiasm provides inspiration for the creatures that come into their lives, not the least their former mentor and captor *Mr Learning-Time* - who now secretly harbours dreams of becoming their manager, and joining them in their journey. The country mice have one escape after another, encountering an variety of creatures along the way. Their experiences ultimately help the mice decide who and what they can really trust. By the end, we discover whether *Mr Learning-Time's* dreams of managing the country mice are realistic, or whether the creatures' true guardian-spirit resides within themselves. Hopefully, the country mice discover their identity, if not their purpose in life. Welcome to the creatures of my last pandemic.



Family Accounts

Payments can be made by direct deposit into the school account. Please ensure you put your child's name as the reference.
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Our School Vision: To provide a caring and challenging learning environment that equips children with the necessary skills and knowledge to become valued members of the community and lifelong learners, in a supportive rural setting.



Healthy ideas for the festive season

Take a fruit-and-cheese tray up a notch by layering cubes and grapes in a tree shape and adding sprigs of thyme. Or try making these Grinch inspired fruit tasties. Even sandwiches cut in a Christmas themes with healthy fillings like cucumber and cream cheese are a healthy change from all the sugar!



1 large pineapple
 1 bunch green grapes—cut in half or quartered
 1 bunch red grapes—cut in half or quartered
 1 container strawberries—cut in half
 1/4 watermelon
 toothpicks
 cookie cutters

Cut the top off of the pineapple and discard. Then, cut the pineapple into a cone shape like a tree. Use toothpicks to attach the fruit to the pineapple so it looks like a decorated tree. Use cookie cutters to make shapes out of the watermelon.

<http://projectnursery.com/2015/12/fruit-christmas-tree-tutorial/>



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gippslandsoccer.com.au



Lang Lang United



Mirboo North United



Leongatha Knights
Football Club



Phillip Island
Breakers



Korumburra City



Inverloch Stars



Trafalgar Victory



Wonthaggi United



Drouin Dragons
Soccer Club



Express your interest
here for the 2024 season





Holiday Camps

2024

DATES

Malmsbury Camp: Monday 8th - Friday 12th January

City Camp - Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

MALMSBURY

Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria

- High Ropes Activities
- Canoeing & Swimming
- Archery & Orienteering
- Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia

CITY

Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD

- Big Bash & Aus Open
- Pool & Beach
- Melbourne Zoo & Museum
- Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia



TRANSPORT

Malmsbury: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo

City: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Traralgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

COST

Our holiday camps are FREE.

Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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