



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 15th March 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Narracan Families,

Thank you for your continued support this term. Many children have reached their 25 nights of reading certificates in their home reading diary. Keep up the great effort!

Thank you very much for your assistance on our Athletics day. It was a warm and very busy day at the Joe Carmody Athletics track. Family support allowed us to run events, as well as, have students supervised at their individual events or under the marquee. Everyone should be very proud of themselves for their effort and participation on the day.

I loved seeing the encouragement everyone gave to all the participants. Congratulations to our age group winners Sage, Haidi, Keillan, Hadia and Harun.

Students that qualified for the Division event are Arthur, Harun, Keillan and Hadia.



GENTLE REMINDER

All 2024 fees including bus fees are due



Plans are in place for more active play in our school with new basketball rings and structures to be installed. We thank Active Schools for the ability to do this with part of our \$30,000 grant. I have also made a connection with Morwell Kurnai College teachers and hands on learning students, to make them install a Gaga Pit (handball game) at Narracan later in the year.

We have started Naplan testing this week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. We will complete the next two assessments next week.

I will be Acting Principal until Monique returns from Thailand and Vietnam on the 25th of March. Monique has uploaded some of the photos of her trip onto the Narracan Facebook page.

Kind regards,
Mel Peavey
Acting Principal

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

News from the classroom

Arthur proudly displaying his medal for Cricket Under 15 winners of the Grand Final. What a terrific effort as Arthur played in Under 15s when he is actually Under 12s



Sports Day—Athletics

Our students at our athletics day. Well done to everyone.



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

As everyone is aware, we can provide out of school hours care through Their Care at Albert Street Moe Primary School. This is a terrific service and we have been very lucky to receive funding for this. If anyone is interested in using Out of School Hours Care please see Sharon in the office.

We are able to take students from school to Albert Street Moe Primary School. Parents then collect their child from Albert Street Moe PS.

There are subsidies for out of school hours care if you are eligible. Even if you only need care 1 day a week or 1 day a fortnight that is ok too, it does not need to be every day.

If we do not get any students attending this service we will not be able to use the extra funding for a school bus shelter and will lose that funding.

RETURN OF FORMS

Can parents / guardians please return the following completed forms if not already done so:

1. Form 2024—School Bus Users
2. Form 2024— Local Excursion Consent
3. Student Enrolment Information Form
4. Camp forms—please return forms no later than 28 March 2024
5. 2024 Parent Payment Schedule.

Thank you.

KEY DATES

TERM 1

School Council Meeting
27 March via Webex 7 pm

- **NAPLAN** March 13th
for Grade 3 and 5
students
- **Parent/Teacher**
Interviews TBA
- **Last day of Term 1**
Thu 28 Mar
Early finish — 2.30 pm
- **Start of Term 2**
Mon 15 April
- **Sovereign Hill Camp**
Grades 3-4
Mon 29 April—Wed 1
May

Family Statements

Family Statements have gone home. Please note that the Excursion Bus Fee T1 actually covers the cost of excursions for the whole year. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. If anyone has any queries at all, please don't hesitate to pop in to discuss or give me a call.

CSEF

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: • \$150 for primary school students • \$250 for secondary school students **MORE INFORMATION** For more information about CSEF visit: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx> **HOW TO APPLY** New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below. If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred: · new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year. · changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year. Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Family Accounts

Payments can be made by direct deposit into the school account. Please ensure you put your child's name as the reference.

BSB 063 521
Act No 1006 2842



Bus Business

Please call or text our bus driver, Sue Thorp on her mobile **0429 348 322** before 8:15 a.m.

Or text Sue-

a) if your child will not be travelling on the bus OR

b) if you are a casual travelling student and would like to book a seat.

Don't forget to include the family name in the text message.

Please ensure your bus payments are kept up to date \$20 per week per student for the first two children, and \$5 each for the 3rd or more children.

Our School Vision: For students at Narracan Primary School to reach their potential as self-directed and responsible students through positive connections to the local environment and community.

EASTER IDEAS

Make your own healthy hummus and pile into mini plant pots for a cute snack for kids. Children will love it, and they can dunk in carrots and other vegies
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/veg-patch-hummus>



Easter Holidays can be a time for lots of treats - here are a few healthier options that the children will love



Happy Easter
We hope all students and staff have a wonderful Easter Holiday

Create fun creatures with simple and healthy boiled eggs for little children this Easter. They'll love helping you make an edible spring scene and enjoy one of their five a day at the same time
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easter-boiled-eggs>

Everybody loves melted chocolate, and kids will love dunking berries, melon, grapes or any of their favourite fruits into it. You could even melt leftover Easter eggs, if you have them!
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/fruity-fondue>



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Team



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Dive into a world where learning to swim is more than just perfecting strokes – it's about unlocking a lifestyle of safety and fun.



More than Swimming:

- Learn to be safe around the water.
- Make long lasting friendships.
- Enjoy summer to the fullest.
- Become confident with anything the water throws at you.
- Get access to all our aquatic facilities, all the time.



ENROL TODAY

Learn to Swim. Learn to be safe. Learn to have fun.

Latrobe Leisure Churchill

Cnr Northways Rd & McDonald Way, Churchill VIC 3842
P: (03) 5120 3888

Latrobe Leisure Moe/Newborough

Cnr Old Sale Rd & Southwell Ave, Newborough VIC 3825
P: (03) 5135 8580

Latrobe Leisure Morwell

45 McDonald St, Morwell VIC 3840
P: (03) 5128 6144

Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre

49 Breed Street, Traralgon VIC 3844
P: 1300 444 722

Mid V FREE holiday fun!

WEEK ONE

KAISERCRAFT Canvas Painting



Kids can get creative and paint their own canvas art to take home.

Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April
Workshops at 10am, 11am & 12pm each day
Located in Centre Court, near Cotton On

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED.

Parental supervision required. Recommended for Ages 3+.



SCAN THE QR CODE to book or visit: www.midvalleyshoppingcentre.eventbrite.com

WEEK TWO

The Mad Hatter's Magical Tea Party



You're invited to the most outrageous tea party show with illusions by magician Tim Ellis that will drive you mad!

Monday 8th to Friday 12th April
Two Shows at 11am & 1pm each day
Located in Centre Court, near Cotton On
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED.

Parental supervision required.

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SHOPPING CENTRE

Hop into Mid V for Easter fun!

WIN a \$1000 Easter Shopping Spree!

Shop at Mid Valley and scan the QR code in stores to enter.

Meet the Easter Bunny

Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th & Saturday 30th March, 10am-1pm daily
Hop into the Easter Garden near ALDI to meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy FREE Easter activities.

Plus... Snap a fun Easter photo and share your pic on social media #midvalleymorwell for a chance to WIN 1 of 3 Easter prize packs!

Easter Rhyme Time

Wednesday 27th March, 10.30am-11.30am
Easter story time, dancing, music making and more!
Plus... A visit from the Easter Bunny with a special Easter treat! No bookings required.

Easter Market

Thursday 28th March from 9am
Indoor market showcasing local produce, crafts and more!



POT & PAINT FREE WORKSHOPS

Saturday 30th March
Grow your imagination by painting a pot and planting a seed to take home.

Hosted by Latrobe City Libraries.

Sessions: 10am, 10.30am, 11am & 11.30am
LOCATED NEAR RIVERS

No bookings required. 20 participants per session. Ages 5+. Parental supervision required.

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SHOPPING CENTRE

WE'RE OPEN UNTIL 9PM ON EASTER THURSDAY!



15-24 MARCH

FOOD
FOR ALL LATROBE VALLEY

JOIN LATROBE VALLEY

for an immersive experience into the world of permaculture - a week long celebration dedicated to sustainable living, regenerative farming and eco-conscious communities.

Check out what's on over the page!!

WHO IS FOOD FOR ALL LATROBE VALLEY?

Food For All Latrobe Valley aims to strengthen local partnerships and work collaboratively to support local organisations, community groups and community members to deliver effective, place-based solutions to address this complex issue.

Latrobe Health Assembly

Shaping The Valley

