



EDUCATION through COMMUNITY

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We appreciate that we are learning on Noongar Boodja and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

Welcome to a new year brimming full of promise and potential! We are glad to have you here with us.

Welcome to our new kindy kids and families; quite a few siblings in this mob – Sophie, Portia, Phoebe, Neve, Kai, Levi, Achille and Jasper. And four new to the scene – Minnie, Pene, Will and Jayden. Welcome to Oliver and his family into the PP group. We welcome Lola into Cooinda (sibling of Will, new Narooman) and Jasper and his family as he joins the Bunganans. So six families new to SAS.

We welcome Jo back to our teaching team. We are very pleased to have her back with us. One of Jo's roles is in coordinating teaching of and championing maths learning and she will support this in Cooinda, Bakoolba and Bungana. One intention for term one is that Jo will introduce children of years 3 and 5 to the online environment in which NAPLAN will be conducted in 2019. Jo will also take up the role of PE teacher for Cooindans on Thursday afternoons. *see note

Our other support and specialist teachers, Karen and Kerry, continue to share their talents in the roles of supporting learning in Humanities And Social Sciences (HASS) and in the Biological Sciences, coordinating the Garden Class as part of the Kitchen Garden program – Karen - and in learning in the Visual Arts and Design Technology - Kerry.

We celebrate that Josie Murray is now permanently employed at SAS and will continue as the fulltime teacher with our Bunganans. Bec, now also permanently employed at SAS continues to bring her special talents to the Narooman Friday program.

Lorraine, Kristine and Craig continue to facilitate learning in Narooma, Cooinda and Bakoolba. Kristine will also be Acting Principal each Thursday as Denise takes Thursdays to care for her grandsons, Jasper and Louis.

Our fabulous team of Education Assistants support SASsy learning. Continuing to work alongside and with Lorraine in Narooma is Lola, Monday to Wednesday, and Lora Guarino has stepped in to this role on Thursdays. Laura continues working alongside and with Kristine in Cooinda

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and will also continue to delight and impress us as our Kitchen Class Coordinator. We are very pleased that Karen B returns to us too having taken the leave that she needed to to attend to family. She will work with and alongside Craig to support learning in Bakoolba Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We have engaged Lora G for term one to support learning in Bakoolba Mondays and Fridays. Kiran will support learning in Bungana working with and alongside Josie.

Colleen continues to efficiently and effectively manage operations and Lisa supports administration as school officer and in the library.

Ignazio keeps our grounds and gardens environments flourishing and fabulous.

Sara and Marissa clean up after us all!

Thankyou to every single one of them.

I am pleased to continue in my privileged position as Princess Principal of this inspiring team and wonderful learning community.

THANKYOU say Lorraine and Lola to Ben and Laylah, Peta, Eleanor and Grace, Kate and Atticus, Briana and Hunter for being here during the holidays to set up the new shed: completing this project begun with the effort and energy of those who unpacked the shed at the end of last year. Thankyou to all of you! And Lola, THANKYOU, for painting the entry ready for all to be delighted as they found their way into Narooma – place where magic happens - on their first day.

INFORMATION PACKAGES

The forms that came home to you yesterday need a rapid response. PLEASE fill these out and return them by the due date. They contain information necessary for a number of processes to begin and for us to attend to your child/ren's needs with relevant responses.

EARLY Arriving

It was fabulous to welcome so many eager children early to school yesterday. However...after the first day of such excitement...there is a "too early!" To ensure duty of care of your child/ren...

between 8:30 and 8:45 am is ideal. Please try and make it that your child/ren are AT school by 8:45 am – when classes will generally be open – giving them sufficient time to organise themselves for the day and connect with others. Any child/ren arriving earlier than 8:30 are to come onto the admin verandah on arrival and remain there until 8:30 when they may then go and hang up

their bags and move to play at the front of the school until classrooms are open to them or until 8:55 when they will all move into class. There may be an exception such as...

PIRATE UKULELE

Cap'n Hooknose has sent invitation to all Bakoolbans and Bunganans to join his motley crew for Friday mornings. Check the details and respond to him mighty quickly afore ye are made to walk the plank. It is such a hoot – and the kids do learn to play the uke. This year they will lead up to a performance at the SASy **AUTUMN FAIR** Sunday 5th May.

IMSS

Instrumental Music Student Services (I think...those last two are my best guess) that some of our Bunganans attend on Tuesday mornings. 5s start at 8:45 at 'the hub' at Newton PS and 6s 9:15 am. Arrangements for parent accompaniment to be sorted with parents of these kids in consult with Denise.

SURFING...now there's an early start to the days – again for Bunganans - and in term 2.

COLLECTING YOUR KIDS AT THE END OF EACH DAY

Kindy kids are ready to head for home at 12:45 pm each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please be here with ample time prior to that so that they are comfortable and confident of your being here to pick them up. You may wish for them to play around before leaving and we are pleased if you do and that you understand that this is under your supervision and care. Cooinda kids, at the end of each day – 3:10pm Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday and 2:30pm Wednesday – are to be given in to the care of their parent/adult caregiver. Bakoolbans and Bunganans are farewelled at 3:10pm and it is expected that you will be here to greet them and to supervise their play in the grounds if they are to have any. Please do not assume that someone else will care for them unless you have arranged for this. When you are held up for any reason and are unable to be here for 3:10 / 2:30 pm please ring the school so that we may assure your child/ren that someone IS coming for them and that they have not been abandoned. Please...if your child/ren implore you to 'come late and let me play' say that you will be here at 3:10 and while they play.

ATTENDANCE

The school year has started and it is expected that your child/ren will attend school every day that it is open. If for any reason your child/ren will not be attending please provide details as soon as possible. It is a legal requirement both to attend and to provide explanation if not. Please make this easy by communicating readily and immediately. An email is convenient. Please make

the subject heading child's full name and date of absence. And in the body an explanation for this.

Teaching staff are engaging in collaborative **FOCUS MEETINGS** each **TUESDAY** afternoon this year – instead of Wednesday afternoons. Please understand that no teacher will have time for anything more than a brief smile and nod in passing as they hurry to this important part of our professional commitment. Yes, we want to converse and communicate with you and other times will be available to do this. Please be reminded that it is not first thing of any morning as this is when it is imperative that class based staff have the space to organise for the best possible start to each day and to greet and connect with each other and your child/ren. Please be mindful and respectful of this. Class meetings for parents will be arranged over the next few weeks and we look forward to time with you at the following opportunities:

DISCO and **HARMONY GROUP PICNIC** to be held here at school on the eve of next Friday, 15th February. Great fun... a la these pics below from 2018.



And then at Whole School Community Camp – **CAMP KINETIC – 11th – 15th March.**

And then there are other times that we will negotiate and decide together.

WEDNESDAY WHOLE SCHOOL MEETINGS

Each Wednesday will begin with all children gathered together in Kadijini – reporting on and celebrating their learning. Initially this will not include the Naroomans until they are settled into routine and then the PPs will join in. We're usually joined in fourth term by the kindy kids. This is a great place to be informed of exciting learning activity. Please come and participate whenever you can.

TIMETABLES et al

You will learn what each day brings for your child/ren in each of the classes and therefore what specific requirements might be for these.

Every day HAT, SHOES and WATER BOTTLE are required. Lunch except for the days on which your child participates in Kitchen Class. Enough nourishing and sustaining food for the day (all nicely contained in rubbish free style). If you would like information on what constitutes a litter free lunch box please ask at Narooma. They have some good examples. And if you are interested in what constitutes nourishing and sustaining things to put in these also ask. Again, many great examples, that support optimal health and switched on learners.

Wednesdays each class is scheduled for a half hour **YOGA** lesson with Susie and therefore require suitable clothing for this. Fridays this term the kids will have **DANCE** lessons with Jess and similarly, have kids consider their clothing to fully engage in these.

Jo makes this request of Cooinan parents re PE Tuesdays ...

Hi Cooinian parents! I will be teaching physical education in Cooina this year. We will be starting with some old fashioned games this term and connecting some measurement and geometry concepts from the maths curriculum. If you have some good memories of hopscotch, skipping and the like from your childhood, we would love you to join us and share your chants and help to swing a rope. (Check lesson time with me as it might vary week to week depending on weather.) Phys ed day is THURSDAY - please ensure your Cooinan has a drink bottle, hat and sport shoes on THURSDAYS. Thank you. Jo

KITCHEN GARDEN CLASSES

These will begin next week. Bakoolbans and Bunganans will participate on Mondays and Naroomans and Cooinans on Fridays to prepare their lunch and share this together. YOU will be rostered to support this great program and for each child you will probably be scheduled at least twice if not three times during the

year. And, please, you are required to be here to take your turn or have organised a family representative to participate. It is a great experience and your child/ren always thrilled when it is 'their turn' to have family in the garden or kitchen and at the table. Please negotiate amongst yourselves for any changes of dates as necessary. Please be aware that unless it is a parent that is participating in this; and any other school program working with the children; a Volunteer Working With Children Check will need to be organised. Forms are available from the office.

These classes require the kids to wear **closed in footwear** – for safety in both kitchen and garden activity.

BUNGANANS will have **swimming** lessons at the ocean beginning this Wednesday and until the end of next week. They will require at least their bathers and a towel.

BUNGANANS also have an exciting opportunity...to participate in workshops creating material for the Perth Festival's 'orchestrated listening experience' entitled **Five Short Blasts**. "It involves a flotilla of ten small boats taking audiences onto the Swan River and Fremantle Harbour waters. Professional artists from the project will collaborate with students to create 'on-shore' activities to be carried out during each 'show'. Actions will be inspired by their (kids') relationship with water". Next week professional **artist Sandy McKendrick** will collaborate with Bunganans Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9 – 11 am. One of the workshops will take place on site and details will come home as soon as further details are clear.

THANKYOU Eddie for, with Winsome today, taking Josie and Bunganans through the basics of the **Move to Learn** program. It has been helpful for identifying intervention requirements in our younger kids and to have this now for our older kids is so valuable.

CONTRIBUTIONS and CHARGES

Thankyou to those of you we have seen in the office yesterday and today to attend to these as requested. If you have not been in yet we expect to see you tomorrow. I know!!! So much to attend to in these first days.

Thankyou for preparing your children so well for such a smooth, comfortable, joyful start for everyone. Attitudes and mindsets positive! Thanks.

Our school community VISION centres on our children.

We wish for them:

- **to be successful, confident learners**

pursuing their innate desire to learn about themselves, others and the world

- **to have respect for themselves and others**

appreciating that participation in their community and in society at large brings both rights and responsibilities

- **to treasure their environment** natural and constructed
- **to value their own and others' contribution to the world**

knowing that everyone has a place in it and that each is essential to the whole (the world of class, school, community, the wider world)

We maintain these values children and community:

- **Active Citizenship**
- **Agency**
- **Collective Responsibility**
- **Empowerment**
- **Partnership**
- **Shared Learning**

This is made possible through

- sharing multiple points of view
- the contributions and ideas of all participants
- being genuinely open to possibilities
- open and honest communication
- the capacity for warm, caring relationships
- genuine respect for the rights of others
- appreciation for each other as unique individuals
- a capacity to work with each other for the common good

Our SASsy P & C organise some marvellous community events. And our first for 2019 the **DISCO/HARMONY GROUP PICNIC – Friday 15th February**.

The **AUTUMN FAIR** – if you are just joining us you will be informed as to the many ways in which you may be involved so you can determine what suits to raise funds for our project - transforming our current room – The Space – into a fabulous **STEAM** (Science Technology Engineering Arts Maths) Space. Which is what proceeds from the inaugural **COLOUR FUN RUN 2018** did



This was such fun and a real success for Harmony Group leadership. Thanks Eddie for introducing us to this and I know the P & C are thinking to take it up again this year. The kids sure hope so!

P & C meetings are a way in which you can contribute too. Please attend as many of these as you possibly can. It is another space for your voice to be heard, your ideas shared and your hopes, dreams and expectations to become part of the collective consciousness and intention.

Thankyou for your creative contribution to this partnership and to living the ethos of Education through Community: Community through Education.

Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known Carl Sagan

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

An after school program offered by Educated by Nature will be conducted here each Tuesday with a different program for each of the four terms of the school year.

This term, beginning Tuesday 12th February, they offer the **Bush Inventors' Club** with the theme of **Wilderness Games**.



Bush Inventors' Club

Bush Inventors' Club is a space where primary aged children can experiment, create and play with natural resources in a fun after school activity.

Nature Educators and Nature Playworkers lead the clubs. They are passionate about allowing freedom of play. Opportunities are provided to learn new skills such as carpentry and knot tying as well as playing nature connection games.

Term One will focus on nature connection through hut building, Wilderness Awareness Games, tool use and bush skills.



Wilderness Awareness Games

Term 1, 2019
Tuesdays

Spearwood
3:30pm - 5:30pm
8 week series
starting 12th February
Spearwood Alternative School

Details

6-12 Year Olds
\$195/child/term
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