
NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL REPORT.

Hi North families,

Welcome back to Term 2 in this beautiful weather we're having! It's a busy term coming up and lots to share with you.

NAPLAN testing

In two weeks our year 3, 5 and 7 students will be participating in the annual NAPLAN test which were cancelled because of COVID last year. These tests in Reading, Maths and Writing are an important measure for us to tell us how our students are progressing with the results coming back in about October. This year the students will be completing the tests on line on computers and teachers will be providing opportunities for them to practise the test style so they are ready. You can help your child get ready for the tests by encouraging any amount of reading and maths problem solving at home.

Year 6s and 7s to High School- parents and carers' meeting

We are grateful to the High School for sending staff to answer any questions and provide specific information about the transition to High School at the end of the year. The parent meeting to receive this information is this coming Monday 3rd May at 5pm in the school gym. Any interested parents or carers from any year level are welcome.

Murray Bridge North School

Principal- James Parkin

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Upcoming Events

For more events see planner

9th May

Mother's Day

23rd May

Pedal Prix Race

Reading is our School Priority

Every child attending North School is expected to read aloud to an adult every day.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

More important information

External Review Report

Late last term our school had an official and formal external review from Education department review officers. The final report will be on the school website for families to read and available in the school office. In essence the report said:

The school is well-placed to accelerate learning outcomes for students.

The PLGs (Year level teachers' groups) have become more collaborative over the last three years and staff have a genuine commitment to improving teaching practice and student learning outcomes The leadership team have put into place strategic processes and structures to support greater connection to the Site Improvement Plan and an understanding of what the focus looks like for each year level. The school is using the improvement cycle to plan, track how they are going and identify next steps.

School culture has had a significant improvement.

Staff also reported they felt empowered and their voices were being heard through participation on the Management Committee.

The parents expressed their satisfaction with the school and noted there was more structure and higher expectation of learning in some year levels, particularly in reception.

The students were happy and overwhelmingly thought the best thing about their school were the teachers which highlights the connection they have to the school.

The higher achieving students the panel spoke to were extremely articulate and demonstrated a good understanding about their learning.



Notes From North

School Times

Please be reminded that school is unsupervised before 8:30am. We ask that students do not arrive before this time.

Head Lice

Please remember to check your child's hair for headlice and treat them before sending them to school.

UNIFORM

Just a reminder of our school uniform policy. All students need to be in school uniform. Lost property is located in the bins near the library. Please name all items.

School Zones

Reminder It's 25km/h when children are present



We now have three years to implement three Directions from the Review that focus on **1. explicit teaching and learning strategies, 2. making best use of our departmental support staff and new explicit resources** and **3. Continuing to create the best learning conditions we can for our students.**

New Building works...

After starting the process we are slowly working our way towards the building refurbishment we began talking about last year. It is a slow process! At the moment the main task is to make Building 4 where the Reception, Year 1, Special Options and Bridge classes are (behind the canteen) up to 21st century standard. It will be a stunning building afterwards but will require us shifting out of the building for the first six months of 2022 to get there. Building work should also include refurbished toilets and more sheltered areas.

In the meantime our Grounds committee is setting about planning some playground refurbishment.

Student reports

At the end of this term student reports will come home for the first half of the year. Families will notice a more streamlined but comprehensive report on your child's progress with A to E results for Achievement and Effort (except in Reception where no grade is provided for Achievement at that early stage)

Kindy / preschool transition

If you have preschool children this is a note to keep your eye out for pre-registration or enrolment packs appearing about half way through the term at your children's preschool or kindy. If you know families with preschool children please give them a heads up too. More on this as we go through the term.

Kind on Purpose

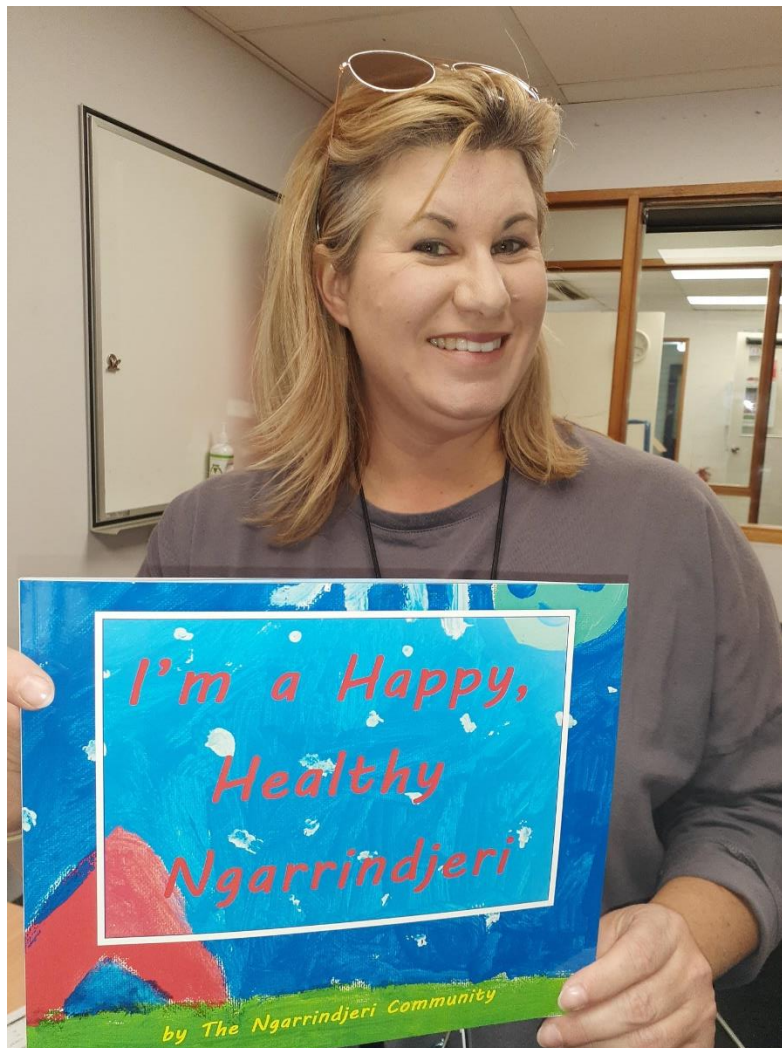
There are some wonderful activities being led by some of older students in our "Kind on Purpose" program for younger students at lunch times: Chess, card and board games, drawing, reading and games are available. Those students will be acknowledged as they work towards a Civics recognition certificate.

James Parkin

Principal

Congratulations to the Ngarrindjeri students of North school who created the "Happy Healthy Ngarrindjeri" book that was launched at Moorundi on Friday. Many of our students work is in the book.

Thanks to AET Lisa Bettcher for choosing the art works.



NAPLAN testing 2021

Information for parents and carers

NAPLAN testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents/carers and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

This year, the NAPLAN Online test window is 11 to 21 May. Most schools in South Australia will undertake testing online, however all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper. There are contingency measures to revert to paper testing if required.

Supporting your child

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. You can reassure your child that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and remind them on the day to simply do their best.

It is not recommended that students use services by coaching providers or excessively prepare for NAPLAN testing.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and provide appropriate support and guidance.

NAPLAN reporting

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale, and a NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year.

Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers, while teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.

Participation in NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in NAPLAN testing. If a child is absent on a testing day, the school may arrange for them to complete the missed test/s another time during the school's test schedule.

If a student has a disability, they may qualify for adjustments to their tests. Students with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate, or students who have recently arrived in Australia with a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.


There are provisions for parents/carers to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing. Schools are familiar with this process and a decision should be made with your child's school. Speak to your principal in the first instance.

More information

For queries about NAPLAN, speak to your child's school. You can also find information about NAPLAN testing at www.nap.edu.au.



MBNS Term 2 Planner

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	26/4 Public Holiday ANZAC DAY	27/4 STUDENT FREE DAY NO SCHOOL	28/4 First Day of Term 2	29/4	30/4	1/5-2/5
2	3/5 Year 6/7 High school information meeting in gym at 5pm	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5-9/5 Mothers Day 
3	10/5	11/5 Governing Council NAPLAN	12/5 NAPLAN	13/5 NAPLAN	14/5 NAPLAN	15/5-16/5
4	17/5 Volunteer Week NAPLAN	18/5 NAPLAN	19/5 NAPLAN	20/5 NAPLAN	21/5 NAPLAN	22/5-23/5 Pedal Prix Race at Taillem Bend
5	24/5	25/5	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5-30/5
6	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6-6/6
7	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6	11/6	12/6-13/6
8	14/6 Public Holiday Queen's Birthday	15/6 Governing Council	16/6	17/6	18/6	19/6-20/6 Pedal Prix Race at Victoria Park
9	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6	25/6	26/6-27/6
10	28/6	29/6	30/6	1/7	2/7 Last Day of Term Early Dismissal 2:10pm	3/7



Before School, After School, Student Free Day or Vacation Care Programs

We offer quality care with fun activities, friendships, games, arts, crafts, great food and special events all in a comfortable home like environment at competitive prices.

Life Coaching With Louis Fuller

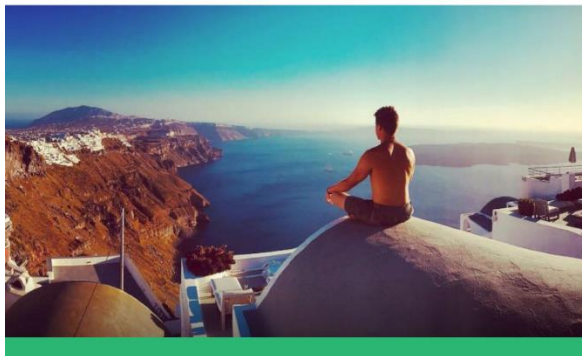
Hosted by Lifestyle Strategist Louis Fuller

Do you want to be the best version of yourself?
Let Louis show you how.



Louis studied at the 'Institute of Integrative Nutrition' based in New York. He is qualified in the areas on relationships, spirituality, mindset, diet and exercise. His passions lie with happiness, relationships and self-worth. Louis has helped many people over the last 4 years and is excited to help you set some healthy habits that you can take into the future.

Wednesday 12th May 2021, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Stay Balanced Pilates and Yoga-12 Seventh St Murray Bridge
Please register via QR code or contact FocusOne Health on
8582 3823. Dinner is provided.
This is a cost-free session



Lunchbox Ideas With Rebecca Niejalke

Are you looking for new, healthy ideas for school lunch boxes?
Interested in knowing how to really understand a food label to
make better informed choices when shopping?



Join Rebecca as she provides an overview of the sugar content in foods, daily added sugar content, how to read labels, portion sizing, food groups as well as many new ideas for lunch boxes.

Bec is a mum of three young children and supports her husband in running the family broadacre farm. Her passions are rural health, fitness and wellness. She is a Registered Nurse and Personal Trainer and is excited to share her knowledge with you.

Thursday 3rd June 2021, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Murray Bridge Community Centre, 18 Beatty Terrace Murray Bridge
Please register via QR code or contact FocusOne Health on
8582 3823. Dinner is provided.
This is a cost-free session.

