

School Council



Please note: The next School Council meeting is planned for Friday the 25th of August at 9.00am.

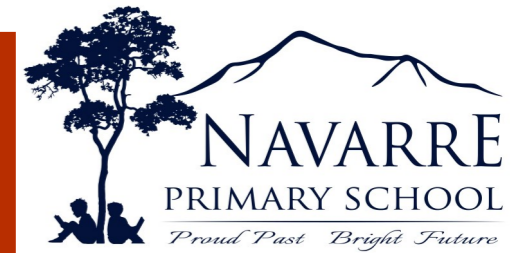
Celebrating Book Week at Full STEAM Ahead—at our next **Full STEAM Ahead cluster day** to be held at Trawalla Primary School on the **21st of August**, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. A parade of costumes will take place at morning assembly.

Just a reminder that we need to leave at **8.45am** on this day to arrive on time. Many thanks to you all for being punctual last week, it was fabulous to have everyone here on time! YAY!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4 MARC Van	5	6
7 Full STEAM Ahead—cluster day at Trawalla	8	9 Miss Ruth	10 Art Therapy Miss Bayne	11 Miss Bayne	12	13
14	15	16 MARC Van Miss Ruth	17 Miss Bayne	18 Pupil Free Day—no school today	19	20 Sarah's birthday
21 Full STEAM Ahead—cluster day at Trawalla	22	23 Miss Ruth	24 Art Therapy Miss Bayne	25 School Council Miss Bayne	26	27
28 Samantha's birthday	29	30 Miss Ruth	31			

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Term 3, a blast!



Wow! What an incredible start we have made to term 3!

The students have been working very hard and making great progress towards achieving their individual learning goals.

During weeks 1 and 2 our literacy focus was poetry. The students have learnt how to write an acrostic poem and a free verse poem. The senior students learnt how to use simile and metaphor in their writing. Their poems were fabulous! Some of our students have entered their poems into the National Tree Day, writing competition, it is wonderful to have authentic audiences for our writing.

On the 24th of July our school hosted the Victorian Launch of the Callister Foundation's—Happy Little Vegemites, schools program. We were delighted to welcome Jamie and Libby to our school. Jamie, the grandson of Cyril Callister, the inventor of vegemite, told us about his grandfather's creation and the struggles he endured, and the persistence he showed, in trying to launch vegemite into the Australian market.

Cyril was born in Chute, a small village between Amphitheatre and Beaufort. Cyril's journey provides us with the important message, that we should never feel defined by our postcode, that all things are possible given persistence and hard work!

Our students had already been experimenting with vegemite as a medium for art during Full STEAM Ahead cluster days, and knew that it could be applied thickly like impasto or thinly like water colour. We were excited to welcome Beaufort artist, Angela Gerard to our classroom. Angela extended the children's learning by teaching them how to create a still life "painting" using vegemite as the medium. The results were beautiful!

We thank the Callister Foundation and Angela Gerrard for their kindness in choosing our school to be the launch pad for such an exciting initiative.

We have been eagerly planning for the development of our school orchard, a beautiful addition to our kitchen garden. Our grateful thanks go to Dave Grinter, for digging the holes for our trees. We so appreciate the support that is shown to us by our families, support is what makes small schools tick!

This week the children have planted a lemon, a nectarine and a peach tree. Next week we will plant some more fruit trees. We have chosen varieties that fruit during school terms, so that we can enjoy harvesting the results of our work together.

Last week the children created a delicious apple and pear jam! This coming week we will enjoy using the jam in our cooking lesson.

In numeracy the children have been learning about fractions, they have worked hard to embed their understanding of this sometimes tricky maths concept. We discussed that fractions are found everywhere in our everyday lives, especially when we are sharing food!

During the next two weeks our literacy focus will be, scripts. The children will enjoy reading and acting out small plays. Stay tuned..... as there maybe an invitation coming your way.

Wishing you all a fabulous week.

Keeping Up To Date

2023, is our school's year of review. Every four years, schools are reviewed. The first part of the process, involves reflecting on the progress the school has made during the past four years towards achieving the goals of the strategic plan. We are currently in the process of preparing for the review. You will all be invited to be a part of the process and we welcome everyone's input.

The staff and school council have been working hard to review and update all of our school policies. School policies, outline the procedures that are in place at the school. Every policy has been updated and is available on our website; navarreprimaryschool@weebly.com We would recommend that you take the time to update yourself with our school policies. If you would like a hard copy of any of the policies, please ask at the reception office.

School Website

The school website: navarreprimaryschool@weebly.com also has an **events page** that we update regularly. By regularly checking this page you will be up to date with all coming events.

Policies are available on the **policy page**.

Facebook Page

Each week, Mr T and I, post a recount of the week's events on our school facebook page. Please follow us on facebook and share all the great things that are happening at our wonderful school with others.

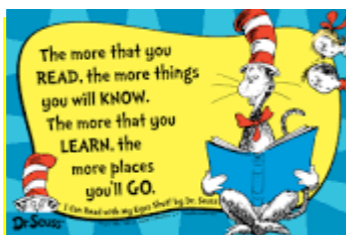
If you have any questions please come and chat to us, we are always at the gate at pick up time, and love the chance to catch up with you.

Conveyance Allowance

The conveyance allowance for Terms 1 and 2 will arrive in your nominated bank accounts from today, the 10th of August. If your allowance does not arrive in your account please come in and let us know.

Pupil Free Day

Please note that **Friday the 18th of August**, has been declared a pupil free day to allow the staff to attend professional development. There will be no school on this day.



Inside this newsletter:

Inside this newsletter you will find:

- Your child's semester 2 report. We would love to chat with you about your child's report at a time mutually convenient to you. If you are concerned about anything to do with your child or their learning, please be sure to come and speak with us at anytime. The students at this school are our priority.
- Dental van forms. The dental van will visit our school in the coming weeks. Please complete the enclosed permission forms and return them to school by the 11th of September if you would like to access this free service.

Me and My Tree by Sarah



My tree is big like a building
and loves when guests come to live in its hollow.
It stayed up late
watching me and my friend push each other on the swing.
In the morning, my tree's leaves
glistened like jewels in the sunlight
and moved around,
ready to greet the noisy cockatoos and kookaburras.
My tree is my sunshine.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents and guardians think of our school. The Parent and Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent and Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Friday the 11th of August to Friday the 8th of September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please speak to Sue or Garran, if you would like more information.



Please note; I will be in touch with you all via email regarding the survey. Many thanks for supporting our small school with this task.

Me and My Tree by Jo

My tree is as tall as a lighthouse and my tree's bark is as crunchy as chips.

My tree is as old as time, its branches are fingers reaching up to the sky.

Beaufort Artist Angela Gerrard
instructing the children in how to prepare a still life using vegemite.

Today you are you,
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
who is Youer than You.

-- Dr. Seuss