



Summit Sun

"Let us Shine"



Events on the Horizon

MARCH

Tuesday 21

Harmony Day
7 – 9pm Governing Council
meeting

Tuesday 28

Parents & Friends Committee
meeting

APRIL

Sunday 2

9am – 12noon Working Bee
Daylight Savings Ends

Monday 3

After School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 7

Good Friday

Monday 10

Easter Monday

Tuesday 11

Pupil Free Day

Friday 14

Term 1 Ends
2.20pm Early Dismissal

17th March 2023

Issue 3

It certainly has been a very busy yet rewarding past few weeks. Our 'Welcome Back' message has certainly been well received by our broader school community through their participation and involvement in a variety of day-to-day activities, such as listening to our student read and major events such as our Parents and Friends Picnic and Sports Day. It's so good to see community events back and, I think with schools, it doesn't matter what size they are, the importance of community connection is exactly the missing element that we've been craving over the past couple of years. This issue of the 'Summit Sun' is a perfect visual reminder of the many exciting and holistic opportunities that our students and families have been privy to.

Sports Day- Congratulations everyone on your efforts in making this year's Sports Day a special one. There has been strong feedback from many of our families and members of the community saying how much they enjoyed the day and how well it flowed. Our Colour Run has raised \$3,300 towards improvements to our school and its programs which is a huge credit to our community generosity. Personally, it was one of my favourites and I think I have finally got the last of the slime out of my ears!

NAPLAN- Congratulations to our year 3 and 5 who are currently undertaking the testing process. The process has run smoothly and allowed us to monitor student wellbeing during the stages of the test. As expected, all students are trying their best and are enjoying using the online platform.

Governing Council, Parents and Friends and OSHC Committees- Many thanks to those who have nominated to join these very important committees. Each play an active role in making sure that our students and the broader community have access to the best learning opportunities as well as the opportunity for members to have an active say in the direction of our school's journey and priorities. All committees welcome and appreciate the services of new and potential members.

Staff Professional Development- Several staff have recently attended a variety of PD aligned to our site priorities and their personal interests, including an emphasis on how to incorporate music with literacy in the Junior Primary, supporting students with anxiety, and the importance of positive mindsets. Our local cluster schools have enjoyed the opportunities for staff to connect, explore and collaborate with one another. Most importantly, our staff have been eager to share their learnings with one another. Our upcoming Pupil Free Day will have a heavy Numeracy focus.

School interviews- Will be held during Weeks 9 and 10. Staff will provide families with a Student Progress Report to drive discussion alongside an academic snap shot of their progress thus far. Parents will receive copies of these as a formal guide of their child/ren's current progress. If those times don't suit a family they are most welcome to arrange a mutually convenient time for them and the class teacher.

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Parents and Friends Picnic

It was a wonderful evening celebrating our Community Picnic on Friday 3rd March. Thank you to our Parents and Friends Committee for their organisation and to the many families who attended. The perfect afternoon weather matched a lovely, relaxed atmosphere.



Clean Up Australia Day

Our school proudly participated in the National Clean Up Australia Event held on site on Friday 3rd March. Our student community worked collaboratively to clean up waste, sweep pathways and remove excess dry leaves and bushes.

The activity was a spectacular reminder that we are doing a wonderful job in minimising our waste and are using the recycling processes well within our school. Our next steps will be to work with KESAB to implement a waste management system in every class and our staff will receive Professional Development in how to 'Wipe out Waste'.



The Courier Wednesday March 8th



Courier Cup Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Hugo, Florence and Lucy for proudly representing our school at the recent SAPSASA Courier Cup Swimming Meet held at Mt. Barker Swimming Centre on Thursday 2nd March.

Each student competed in races across a variety of swimming disciplines and finished second in their heats respectively.



Student Leaders Assembly

Congratulations to following students for being elected as a student leader in 2023. We celebrated their success with a brief Ceremony on Tuesday where they were sworn in to their positions by accepting our Student Leadership Oath, Roles and Responsibilities.

School Leaders: Brocan Brereton and Piper Johanson

Student Leaders: Brocan Brereton, Piper Johanson, Summer B, Lucy Purtle and Kayla Alexandra



Student Representative Council:

Year 4-6 Sophia Rosa and Rory Brereton

Year 2-3 Samuel Keating, Arlo Pember and Mae Geers

Rec.-Year 1 Jacob Micklem and Georgie Cox



Karawatta Café Experience

A group of our Year 4 and 5 students took their turn to volunteer at this month's Karawatta Café held at the Community Centre. The menu included a main serving of Chicken Tagine Pie with roasted vegetables and a Double Choc Brownie with cream for dessert. Our students set up the table placings, served the meals, ate and spoke with their guests and assisted with the clean-up. The feedback from some of the guests is that they love the students' company and hospitality and cannot wait to see them again in April.



Author Visit

In Term 1, Week 5 an author named Tania Ingram came to visit the year 2-6 students at Norton Summit Primary School. She spoke to us about her job, her favourite books and the stories she has written. She was very interesting and we learned a lot about what it takes to be an author.

Sophia

Tania Ingram showed us books about everything and explained that there was a book for everybody. I enjoyed the session because it was pretty fun looking at all the books she made.

Jake

Tania was teaching us about how to be an author and she was funny. She taught us that we had to read a lot, write a lot and have patience and imagination.

Summer

Tania Ingram has made loads of good books that I would like to read and she was very nice to us.

Brocan



Sports Day Wrap Up

On Friday the 10th of March we had our school Sports Day. We were very lucky with the weather as it was such a beautiful day. First up was the Zumba created by Miss Abela who sadly could not make it so our Year Six leaders ran it instead. Then we had the sprints and long-distance run offs that our amazing teachers and student leaders organised. Our parents and little brothers and sisters enjoyed their novelty races also.

After that, we had a series of fun events that Tri Skills Gymnastics brought to our school. We also had an update of the Spirit Cup points throughout the day. All teams sang their chants proudly throughout the day.

All teams competed well but a huge congratulations to Sutton who were the overall winners of Sports Day and to Norton who won the Spirit Cup.

A special thanks to Tanya, staff, student leaders and Parents and Friends for making it such a great day. The Colour Run was amazing fun and we especially enjoyed sliming Mr Barber.

Piper and Brocan



The Courier Wednesday 15th March

Pupil Free Day - Tuesday 11th April

Norton Summit Primary School has a Pupil Free Day on Tuesday the 11th of April, Week 11.

To make OSHC viable 12 or more children need to be book for the day.

We are seeking expressions of interest for those who might require the OSHC service for that day.

If you intend to use OSHC on the Pupil Free Day, you must let the Front Office or OSHC Staff know by Friday Week 9 (31/3/23).

If we have not received 12 expressions of interest by then, OSHC will not run on the Pupil Free Day. The result will be communicated with families on Monday April 3rd.

OSHC Pupil Free Day Rates: \$53.00 for the day (no incursion/excursion)

Open Hours: 8:00am – 6:00pm

Afternoon tea provided. Children bring a packed recess and lunch.



Call for all Busy Bees!

Sunday 2nd April

9am – 12noon

We are hoping to have as many volunteers as possible for a busy bee at school.

We would ask that anyone volunteering could bring along useful items such as wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, paint brushes, rollers, paint trays and pruning equipment.

Any time you can volunteer would be wonderful.

Jobs include:

- Erecting a retaining wall
- Painting OSHC/Art room brick walls
- Cleaning up leaf litter and branches from around playgrounds
- Plant seedling
- Tidying and mulching garden beds

If you are able to lend a hand on the day, please let Tanya know via email or phone as this will help us coordinate worker bees on the day! Remember, many hands make light work

Sports Day 10th March 2023







Easter Egg Hunt

NSPS OSHC FUNDRAISER

Monday April 3rd - Week 10 - Term 1

All children are welcome to hunt!
Children do not need to be booked into OSHC to participate.
Bring a \$5 donation to join in.
Parents must attend for non-OSHC students.

We will all **meet at the gym at 3:45pm** to begin the hunt!

All participants will get a bag of Easter treats to enjoy.
Please RSVP to OSHC Staff or the Front Office in advance.

