



NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal By Gerri Walker



Thank You

I would like to thank the Governing Council members who have completed their 2 year tenure or are resigning due to their children no longer being at our school. Their contributions are valued by the school community.

A big thanks to Belinda Haeft who has been the Governing Council chairperson for the last year – we have really valued her work in this role and as a member of the Building and Grounds committee – her expertise has been strongly informative for this committee.

Successes and Thank You

- Sports Day – this was another very successful day. Deferring the Sports Day to week 7 resulted in us experiencing some great weather that supported increased student participation. Some events got a 'little bit behind' on their schedule due to increased participation rates. Our school is extremely fortunate to have the leadership of Brad West for this day. He is supported by a very committed PE faculty and whole staff team. A huge thanks also to the grounds staff – much work was undertaken by them. Many records were broken. The inclusive nature of the day adds to the richness of the day. Watching a 100m race with 3 students in wheelchairs and one of the Inclusive Education Centre students falling into me as they crossed the finish line in the Parulf Event saying 'I have never run before' was very rewarding.
- Year 12 Celebration Assembly – this was a great celebration – it was good to see the students who were able to return. Lucy Gobell (2023 dux) prepared a video speech – it was sensational – she was so articulate and had very important messages. As I was listening to her, I thought what a great doctor she will be!
- Years 7/8 Splash Day – I was lucky to be at the front of the school as the students returned on Friday afternoon. Both students and teachers shared that it was an enjoyable event.
- Op Flinders Team from 2023 – I was so proud of the team of girls from last year and Trent who won the Pam Murray-White award. Pam Murray-White had a vision – to provide troubled teens with a life changing experience. Pam knew that being "out bush" cleared the head and was good for the soul. So, in 1991 and with the spectacular Flinders Ranges as the backdrop, Operation Flinders was born. The first participants carried their gear in backpacks, slept rough, abseiled, learnt about Indigenous culture, cooked over an open fire and learnt about resilience, courage, team-work and self-confidence - a format unchanged to this day. This award is not given out each year – I am so proud of this team.
- Some great news from the Flexible Learning Centre (FLC) – written by Bruce Hall, Assistant Principal: The FLC team are working tirelessly as usual to get positive results and things are running smoothly:
 - * The level of engagement with so many of our new (and old) students, chipping away at their work to get new tasks done, in pretty chilled and study like environments;
 - * Seeing the students being comfortable with their teachers - having conversations about life and engaging in games and laughs;
 - * The Case Managers (Employment Directions) quickly developing a great rapport with their new students, and continuing the relationships with old ones;
 - * John (a volunteer) having a student on board to continue the FLC ground work.
 - * The continuation of the Wellbeing programme offsite offered by Donna and Doreen (Case Managers)
 - * Certificate Studies (at TAFE and other RTOs) seemed to start well, with our students keen to continue;
 - * A few of our students got their Learner's and new jobs;

Coming Events

28/3 11/12 Art
Excursion
3/4 Splash Day - IEC
29/3 GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL

1/4 EASTER MONDAY
3/4 Yr 7 Camp
4/4 Yr 7 Camp
Mile End Athletics
5/4 Yr 7 Camp
8/4 Yr 11/12 Mock
Accident
10/4 Open Night
5-6:30pm
12/4 Yr 11 Youth Expo

School Finishes 2:15pm

Term Break 13/4 - 28/4

2/5 Staff Flu Vac
7/5 11 OEd Cycling
Day Trip
Finance Mtg
3.30pm
8/5 Yr 12 Sailing
Camp
9/5 Yr 12 Sailing
Camp
Mountain Biking
championships
10/5 Yr 12 Sailing
Camp
13/5 Governing Council
Mtg 7pm
14/5 PARTY Yr 12
Health Day

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- * Receiving the back-to-school vouchers for our students from Foundation Barossa – from K-Mart and Harvey Norman. Foundation Barossa provides our school with amazing support.
- Drama Excursion - the Year 9/10 Drama class are doing a unit of work on Children's Theatre which led to an excursion to the Nuriootpa Community Children's Centre. Initially, many students were anxious about meeting younger children at a kindergarten, yet once they arrived, it became very clear that everyone was there just to play and get to know each other. The students were so positive, energetic and responsible, they were exemplary role models for our school. The teachers at the Centre were blown away by the maturity and level of positive engagement that was clearly taking place before their very eyes. The newly formed relationships were so incredibly authentic, and we could see that everyone was having so much fun. This excursion will help all the students to develop entertaining, appropriate plays for these children as they will be inviting them to the Performance Space later in the term to view the show. One of the students initially struggled to find a child to play with and in the end, her child wanted to take her home to meet her family!!
- Sports Teams Assemblies - I was able to see part of one of these assemblies and was very impressed with the house leaders and the engagement and behaviour of the students. I also heard from several staff how this session was very positive. Congratulations to the house leaders.

Staffing Update

Welcome to Jan Dean who is backfilling Margaret Staude until the end of this term.

Pupil Free Day on Monday 26th February

The day was divided into 3 sessions:

1. Wellbeing – staff had a session to work on their wellbeing
2. Staff broke into Years 7/8, Years 9/10 and Years 11/12 with a focus on safe schools using data and what this means for the Student Development program
3. Adjustments for Students – staff were refreshed on the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) categories and were then given time to update Daymap with the adjustments they are using for their students.

Statewide Leaders Day

There were some interesting messages that were shared by the CE Martin Westwell. These included:

- Optimistic Humanism - he used the Steve Jobs quote of 'Give people the opportunity to change and improve and they will'.
- He also cited Sir Kevan Collins on the topic of improvement:
'If you want to be the best
Don't focus on being the best
Focus on being the best at getting better.'
- He talked about growth indicators as opposed to measures of success and pedagogy and assessment as opposed to curriculum.
- He also talked about data telling our story as opposed to being our story.
I shared more with Governing Council members at our recent meeting.

Statewide Numeracy Day

Andrew Turnbull and I attended this day.

The keynote session was about 'What is the science of math?' This included discussion about learning trajectories. They continually referred to 2 'good questions' we should always ask students/our children:

- How do you know?
- What were you thinking? referring to the thinking process of the student (not a negative connotation!)

One of the other sessions I attended was 'Fostering mathematical reasoning in our classrooms'. This was a great session - the presenter talked about reasoning being the glue that holds everything together. She shared 3 types of listening - evaluative, interpretive and generative. We need to choose our listening and questioning. Her summary statement was that 'Maths is exploration - it is not memorisation.'

Facilities Updates:

- **Renovating Two Sets of Toilets to have Exterior Doors to Individual Cubicles** – with the upgrade of toilets, the school only needs toilets in 2 of the three areas that have been considered. We are looking at the Memorial Hall and Open Space toilets being renovated. The Open Space toilets will consist of 9 individual cubicles (opening towards the Resource Centre) and an Access Toilet for students. The Memorial Hall toilets will consist of 12 individual cubicles for students and an Access Toilet for staff. This will allow us to have the Resource Centre toilets repurposed as a general space. I shared the plans with the Governing Council members to gain their feedback – it was agreed to progress this work.
- **Additional car parking spaces for staff** – discussions are continuing with central office
- **Shade over IEC playground** – will be done during next school holidays.

Meeting with the Pathways Advisor, Schools Support, Student Pathways and Careers

Daniel Quinlivan, Brent Bloffwitch and I met with Michael Scarman, Pathways Advisor. Two points discussed were:

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- Job Skills Program - this involves connections with industries that have the need for employees. Industries must guarantee jobs of at least 10 - 15 hours per week. We will be exploring a Job Skills Program in Food and Beverages.
 - Connections with the Defence Industry - there may be an opportunity for our school to have links with the Defence Industry through the Electrotechnology VET course that is running at our school.
- Both programs are at the discussion phase.

Site Improvement Plan Update

Goal 1 Progress:

Tech: Making adjustments to tasks.

Science: Adding in learning intentions/success criteria to tasks, differentiating tasks and making them multimodal.

HPE: Continuing work on Year 7 tasks.

Maths: Determining if the tasks meet the current achievement standards.

Ag: Re-developing tasks to make them accessible for all students.

IEC: HG Teachers are having One Plan discussions – tasks being personalised.

HASS/Languages: Re-alignment of tasks to achievement standards and Australian Curriculum version 9. Creating a template for task design. Determining assessment of achievement standards.

The Arts: Australian Curriculum version 9, individual task sheet design and differentiation/student agency.

English: Applied Australian Curriculum standards to assessments. Unpacking 3 English strands for assessment and task design. Using the updated template to moderate current tasks.

Goal 2 Progress:

Have met with the SRC to discuss a process for reporting bullying. Step 1: Identify Year Level teams and create posters for student access. Incident report slip (paper) to report incidents to the Year Level Team – keen to start this way.

Pupil Free Day – we looked at the data for each cohort. Year 8 intervention to be implemented. Looking into how this could be implemented across the school.

Looking into Student Development and external support services to support the Student Development program and looking at the concept of safe schools. Rotary to pay for staff training of Love Bites if the school would like some staff trained.

Senior school have designed the next Student Development lesson around safe schools: looking at cyber-bullying.

Career Education resources to be implemented into the Student Development program to include sequential lessons that can be tracked across Year 7-11. Year Level leaders to work through this.

Leaders agreed to begin work on Feedback in term 2 as the next part of the improvement journey. This will commence with surveying all students about their learning and a Design Thinking Day with a cross-section of students. We will use the student feedback to inform our work in this area.

On Monday March 18th, 7 students participated in a Meaning Making workshop - designing student involvement in the Public Education Strategy. The students joined an online workshop to help deepen the department's understanding of wellbeing for learning and engagement. They also brainstormed ways that students can contribute to the National Student Voice Council meetings and helped the department begin to design student voice across the system. There were about 700 participants during the afternoon session.

Brent Bloffwitch and I sat in with the students. Our students elected to focus on the Area of Impact of 'Effective Learners' and came up with some great ideas about what this would look like in the classroom. This work will be able to inform how we could work with all our students to gain feedback from them about their learning.

Governing Council Report

At the AGM on Monday 18th March, the following members were elected/continued for their 2 year tenure:

Parent reps:

Paula Brennand, Gary Pentland, Tina Sayce, Dee Deshong, Katie Taylor, Linda Richardson, Kerrie Fox, Renae Porcelli, Peter Burgemeister, Donna Baumann, Kelly Neldner and Natalie Mudge

Community reps:

Martin McCarthy, Peter Lange and Amy Heinicke

Elected staff reps:

Ann-Marie Ward, Brent Bloffwitch and Nat Noack

SRC reps:

Travis Varcoe and Krystal Steinert

Office Bearers for 2024 are:

CHAIRPERSON - Tina Sayce

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON - Gary Pentland

TREASURER - Peter Lange

SECRETARY - Amy Heinicke

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Governing Council Committee Members:

Canteen Committee - Dee Deshong

Uniform Committee - Tina Sayce

Finance Committee - Peter Lange and Amy Heinicke

Wine Committee - Peter Lange

Building and Grounds Committee - Linda Richardson

Fundraising Committee - Paula Brennand, Ann-Marie Ward, Kelly Neldner

Final Budget for 2024 was approved.

Issues/items discussed at the meeting included:

Traffic on roads adjacent to school:

Fencing around Tanks:

Mental Health Support Worker:

Awaiting response from DIT. Council have continued to follow up

Waiting on fencing to be installed around tanks

J&Ps for the role have been updated

Jobs for all schools without Mental Health Support Workers being advertised in the next week

IEC playground shade:

Upgrade of toilets:

To be done during April school holidays

Agreed to renovate toilets in Open Space and Memorial Hall and re-purpose toilets in Resource Centre

Parents in Education (PIE) Grant:

Application was successful \$5,000

Follow through with quote from Dolly's Dream

Investigate workshops through Carly Ryan Foundation

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

PHONES OFF AND AWAY

If you need to get a message to your student/s please contact Student Support years 7-8 Ext 1 years 9-10 Ext 2 years 11-12 Ext 3, alternatively you can send a Daymap Message through the Parent Portal and we will ensure the message gets to your student/s



EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL

Students must attend school regularly.

Parents or carers can apply for an exemption from school attendance for the following reasons:

- Family travel or holidays
- Medical or health reasons
- Home education
- Full-time employment or
- Disability or behaviour concerns requiring part time exemption from school

Please contact the Front Office for an Exemption Form.



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FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

SCHOOL CARD ASSISTANCE

School Card covers \$379 of the Materials & Services Charge. The additional \$131 of Material & Services charge will be waived if School Card is approved. *Families must apply for School Card annually.*

School Card can be applied for online – please see NHS website under school information, then school finance. Please apply for School Card as early as possible.

If you are unsure of your eligibility and require further assistance please contact the Finance Office. If you are found to be ineligible for School Card then you are liable to pay the full amount of Materials & Services Charge.

We thank the families who have already paid this year's Material and Service charge of \$510 less the \$100 Government Rebate for 2024. To those families who have also contacted us in regards to a payment plan, we also thank you.

The M&S Charge was due to be paid 9th February so if you have not yet paid please arrange to do so as soon as possible.

If you have an arrangement to pay by instalments: - **the first instalment of \$137 was due on Friday 9th February, \$137 due on Friday 8th March and \$136 due Thursday 11th April.**

Payment arrangements can still be made, so please contact the Finance Office on 85622022 or email dl.0788.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

When making payments to NHS bank account for M&S fees or other invoiced amounts please remember to use the invoice number or family code as the reference.

SRC REPORT



Sports Day was a great success! The whole oval was a rainbow painted in all the fabulous house colours. We enjoyed seeing everyone so involved with supporting their team. It was a close battle right to the end, but Light took home the win for the third time in a row. A big thank you to the food vans (Babs Greek Kitchen, Barossa Valley Ice-cream, Chipalicious, Sassy Brews Coffee, Vietnamese-on-the-Go), who catered to all the hungry mouths on Sports Day alongside our own SRC Snag Stall.

We are pleased to announce our recent Week 8 Casual Day to raise funds for World Vision and Nuriootpa High School's sponsored child was also a great success with many students dressed in casual clothes and over \$500 in donations. We have more casual days planned, the next one on Friday Week 4 of Term 2. Thank you to all who donated!

To the Year 7's, welcome to Nuriootpa High School! We are excited to announce that the Year 7 nominations to be a member of the SRC are now open! If you are interested in being involved and improving the school community, growing your leadership skills, developing your public speaking skills, all while having fun, then SRC is the place for you! You can nominate yourself between now and Friday of Week 11. You will find the nomination sheet in the student bulletin on Daymap and on the posters hung around the quad buildings.

Please follow our Instagram page @nurihighsrc for more updates on news and events.

SNOW TRIP 2024

Years 9 - 12

NURI HIGH SNOW TRIP



DEPOSIT DUE APRIL 5TH TO FINANCE OFFICE

FIRST WEEK OF TERM 2 HOLIDAYS

SUNDAY JULY 7TH - FRIDAY JULY 12TH

See Mr West or Ms Mickan for further details

The Nuriootpa High School Snow Trip is back for 2024!

JULY 7 - 12

Year 9 -12 students have the unique opportunity to travel overnight via coach to and from the snow in Falls Creek, Victoria. They can choose to either ski or snowboard for the four days, with a group of experienced staff. There are only 44 spots on this camp and positions are going quickly. Deposits are due to be paid to the finance office by **Friday April 5**. Do not miss this exciting opportunity!

For further details, please see Mr West or Ms Mickan

SPORTS REPORT



On Friday the 15th March, Nuriootpa High School hosted its annual Sports Day for 2024. Once again students and staff embraced the fun and colourful atmosphere the day brings to our Eastern Oval. With an enormous array of events, house marquees, banners, music, food and drink trucks and bright coloured clothing, the day continues to be a highlight for many students. All students were free to enter as many events as they wished, from the official Track and Field events to the fun and exciting Individual Novelty and the House Relay Events. Participation rates were outstanding and it was great to see so many students being active and enjoying the day.

Congratulations to Light (Yellow), who took out the 2024 Sports Day Champions Shield again this year, after winning it in 2023 and 2022.

A big thankyou to the dedicated staff who were out early in the morning to assist with setting up for the day and also to help pack up at the conclusion. Thankyou to the SRC for organising a BBQ and food trucks with Chicalicious, Vietnamese-on-the-go, Bab's Greek BBQ, Barossa Valley Ice-Cream and Sassy Brews Coffee Caravan providing plenty of diverse options for food and drink on the day. Finally, thank you to the entire staff for their efforts both leading up to and on Sports Day, it is greatly appreciated and guaranteed a smooth and fun day out for all.

The Nuriootpa High School Athletics Team has been selected from the Sports Day results and will compete at SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End on Thursday 4th April (Week 10) in the B1 Division. Students involved have been given a consent form and prompt return to the Finance Office is appreciated.

Sports Day Overall Results

Light (Yellow)	- 1,484
Sturt (Blue)	- 1,246
Murray (Green)	- 1,223
Angas (Red)	- 1,143
Coulthard (Pink)	- 1,115

SPORTS DAY CONTINUED



SPORTS DAY



LIGHT 2024 WINNERS!

SPORTS DAY CONTINUED



SPORTS DAY CONTINUED





YEAR 10/11 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

In week 5 students participated in an Aquatics Day at Pt Noarlunga where they participated in a range of activities such as kayaking, surfing / boogie boarding and snorkelling. Our next adrenaline rush took place in week 8 at Vertical Reality in the sport of Rock Climbing, where one's nerve at scaling heights was clearly put to the test! Well done to all participants and a BIG thank you to staff who supported these excursions - Mr Hall, Ms Noack and Miss Pfitzner!!

Peter Welford
Outdoor Ed Teacher



YEAR 10/11 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CONTINUED



YEAR 12 LUTHERAN CARE

In each term this year, the Year 12s will be donating to a different charity, particularly those who do so much to help our local community. This term, we will be donating to Lutheran Care, who are based in Tanunda, and offer much needed support for our Barossa families in need. So far, 164 items have been donated by our Year 12s. We will continue collecting items for the rest of the term. Students are placing their donated items into the coloured buckets in Open Space and will collect a point per item for their House Team.

So far:

Sturt
Murray
Light
Coulthard
Angas

donated 7 items
donated 5 items
donated 61 items
donated 57 items
donated 34 items

A big thank you to the students who have already kindly donated items so far! If you would like to see what items are most needed, feel free to visit their website on:

<https://www.lutherancare.org.au/fill-our-pantry/>

If you have a worthy charity in mind that our students could fundraise items for in Terms 2 or 3, could you please contact year 12 Year Level Manager Asher Hausler via email - asher.hausler705@schools.sa.edu.au



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

STUDENT FREE DAYS

11 June

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

2 September

CASUAL DAYS

24 May
21 June
2 August
30 August
1 November
29 November

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

29 March
1 April
10 June



NHS HONEY FOR SALE

The Beekeeping Club at Nuriootpa High School is an extracurricular club focussed on teaching various aspects of beekeeping, honey production, and basic woodworking skills during Terms 1 and 4 each year.

The School Blue gums have been busy flowering over spring and summer, and the school bees have been hard at work producing a surplus of honey. Beekeeping Club students were excited to be able to extract ~75kg of honey last week, and are now ready to sell it!

Head into the Finance Office if you are keen for some local raw honey, produced right here at Nuriootpa High School.

To improve sustainability and promote a circular economy, students have decided to now sell the honey 1kg jars. Initial price of \$16 per kg, but upon returning a clean honey jar you will receive a \$1 discount on your next honey purchase!



NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT 2024



WE INVITE ALL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

This is an opportunity to...

- Meet our Principal, staff and students
- Learn more about our learning experiences
- Tour our extensive facilities

● WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL

● SCHOOL TOUR AT 5pm

● INFORMATION SESSION AT 6.15pm

● NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

1 Penrice Road, Nuriootpa

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13 - 28 April 2024 School Holiday Program



School Holiday Program

Escape the seas: a pirate escape room

Work together to escape the seas and take home the treasure from our pirate escape room.

13 - 20 April
multiple session times
Nuriootpa Library

Cost: \$10 / group
Ages: 10+ years
Bookings essential



Pop-in paper craft

Relax with paper crafts including Origami, helicopters and chatterboxes.

15 - 20 April
during opening hours
Tanunda Library

Cost: free
Ages: 5+ years
Bookings not required



Library history trail

Journey through the library to discover the past, visit our mini-museum and find someone from your family history.

16 - 20 April
during opening hours
Nuriootpa Library

Cost: free
Ages: all
Bookings not required



Autumn leaf art workshop

Make art from nature using a variety of techniques, including printing, transferring and rubbings.

Friday, 19 April
10.45-11.45am
Mt Pleasant Library

Cost: \$3pp
Ages: 5+ years
Bookings essential



Beginners sewing workshop

Learn some tips and tricks for sewing with felt and make your own jewellery pouch.

Tuesday, 23 April
10.00 - 11.00am
Nuriootpa Library

Cost: \$3pp
Ages: 6+ years
Bookings essential



Kite making

Assemble and decorate a kite, or get creative by designing, making, and testing your own kite.

Wednesday, 24 April
2.30 - 3.30pm
Nuriootpa Library

Cost: \$3pp
Ages: 5+ years
Bookings essential



Exploring my world

Use noticing tools to slow down, focus attention and develop skills in being present with many senses.*

Friday, 26 April
10.00 - 11.00am
Lyndoch Library
*bring a hat and sunscreen

Cost: free
Ages: 3-8 years
Bookings essential



Nature mandala workshop

Create mandalas with natural materials and use your senses to feel and smell to distinguish different leaves.

Friday, 26 April
1.00 - 3.00pm
Barossa Bushgardens

Cost: free
Ages: 10+ years
Bookings essential



13 - 28 April 2024

TANUNDA FOOTBALL CLUB WOMENS PROGRAM



**CALLING ALL GIRLS...
WANT TO GIVE FOOTY A GO?
WE WANT YOU!**

ALL AGES AND
EXPERIENCES ARE
WANTED & WELCOME!!



**Training Location:
Faith Oval**

Register Now!

We'd love to have you!

TRAININGS:

UNDER 10'S:
MONDAYS @ 4:45PM

UNDER 13'S:
WEDNESDAYS @ 4:15PM

UNDER 16'S & WOMENS:
MONDAY + WEDNESDAYS @
5:45PM - 7:00PM

Call Josie Zander for more information or register your interest: **0411 800 070**



Mark Le Messurier

Presenting: The Beauty and Wonder of Neurodiversity.

**A diagnosis of Autism and its impact on
parents and families.**

**Date: Wednesday 3rd April
Time: 10am -12pm
Place: Carers and Disability
Link - 15 Second st
Nuriootpa**

**For carers of children and young
people with learning difficulties
and disability.**

FREE

LIMITED AVAILABILITY (must register attendance)

To register please contact:

andrea.f@cadl.support or ph. 85624000

Mark Le Messurier – PARENT EDUCATION SEMINARS

Title: THE BEAUTY and WONDER of NEURODIVERSITY
Subtitle: A diagnosis of Autism and its impact on parents and families

Organised by: Barossa Carers and Disability Link (Nuriootpa)

Date: Wednesday 3rd April. 10am to about noon

Place: Carers and Disability Link- 15 Second street Nuriootpa



Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, public speaker, and the author of 18 publications. He is the recipient of the prestigious Australia Day Council's 2022 Senior South Australian of the Year award. His generosity and consideration for others was recognised as profound, far reaching, and life changing. This workshop comes from his new book – 'Guiding Kids Through the TOUGH MOMENTS'. It centres around those moments when we must get involved, or call a child out on an unsafe, careless, or selfish action. It dives into the colour and chaos of real life. The technique provides guidance and the grit required, to lead children and teens in the tougher moments. After all, family exists to protect and nourish but the living in it is not always easy. And, when one of us is not doing well, none of us are. This makes family a delicate, dynamic, messy, and endless work in progress. 'Guiding Kids Through the TOUGH MOMENTS' will be available for purchase on the night. \$50. Cash or credit card.

THE BEAUTY and WONDER of NEURODIVERSITY

First up, this is the sort of workshop, if you can, to come along with your child's grandparents, aunts, uncles, and close friends. Let's create a village where we're all on the same fresh page!

Today, science and the neurodiversity movement are revolutionising the way we think about, discuss and offer supports to people on the ever-expanding neurodiverse spectrum - and it's liberating, energizing, healing, respectful and beneficial to all. I want to celebrate this with you!

Being autistic is no longer viewed as a set of symptoms, delays, deficits, and impairments to be fixed. Rather, it's an authentic identity. It highlights that not all brains travel the same developmental pathway, and this is something to be celebrated and supported. We now only use neuroaffirming language because language matters! We use –

- Autistic – never ASD as D stands for disorder and is not neuroaffirming. It's a medical term.
- Co-occurring - never co-morbidity
- Passion or special interest - never obsessional or ritualistic
- We acknowledge barriers and remove them rather than using high and low functioning and rating someone with mild, moderate, and severe labels
- We acknowledge the double empathy problem and never think or say - "Autistics lack social skills" or "Autistics lack empathy" rather it is a concern that we must, honestly and ethically address and share together
- The term supports rather than talking about treatments, fixes, or cures

In this workshop you will learn some facts about Autism, but this isn't my real goal. My goal is personal. It is to introduce you to others who have had a lived experience with Autism, in the hope you will be touched in a way, that facts alone can never touch people. I do have 2 facts for you to take home.

The first is that our neurodivergent kids are not broken, not less, not disordered, and do not need to be fixed up. They walk to the beat of another drum. The second is they always will walk to the beat of that different drum. They will grow up to be adults with Autism. Please, let's value Autism so our kids can grow into it with pride.

If we fail to see our children's potentials, we shouldn't be surprised when they can't find their own. Let's learn together and gain strength, will and resources from each other. This is a practical workshop set in the context of hope, optimism and being real in a world that is rapidly expanding, and embracing, for those who are neurodivergent, disabled or both.

Mark Le Messurier

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Netball Australia's Official Introductory Program

Woolworths NetSetGO Centre:

Gawler & District Netball Association

Session Day & Time:

Saturday's, 9.30am-10.30am starting 5 May 2024

Location:

Riverbanks College B-12, Angle Vale

Contact:

secretary@gawlernetball.com.au or 0438 801 557

Further Information:

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/563660>

Woolworths NetSetGO



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Department for Education

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
TERM 1	Week 5	26/2 Pupil free day	27/2 NAPLAN Nationally Coordinated Practice Test Canteen Meeting 3.30pm	28/2	29/2	1/3 10/11 O/Ed Aquatics Pt Noarlunga	2/3 & 3/3
	Week 6	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3 & 10/3
	Week 7	11/3 Adelaide Cup	12/3 Finance Meeting 3.30pm	13/3 NAPLAN window opens	14/3	15/3 Sports Day	16/3 & 17/3
	Week 8	18/3 Governing Council AGM Mtg 7pm	19/3	20/3 10/11 O/Ed Rock Climbing	21/3 Portfolio Residential	22/3 Casual Day Portfolio Residential	23/3 & 24/3
	Week 9	25/3 NAPLAN window closes	26/3 Yr 9 Zoo Trip for 3 classes	27/3	28/3 11/12 Art Excursion Splash Day - IEC	29/3 Good Friday	30/3 & 31/3
	Week 10	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4	3/4 Year 7 Camp	4/4 Year 7 Camp Mile End Athletics	5/4 Year 7 Camp	6/4 & 7/4
	Week 11	8/4 Year 11/12 Mock Accident	9/4	10/4 17:-00-18:15 Open night	11/4	12/4 Youth Expo (Yr 11 run)	13/4 & 14/4



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

EVERY THURSDAY FROM

8.30 - 11.00AM

1.00 - 3.45PM

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