**Dates to Remember**

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**Great start to term 3!**

Once again it has been a busy start to the term...there is always a lot going on at Nungurner. Many of us had lots to tell about exciting activities over the holidays; ‘Disney on Ice’, visits by family members, movies, journeys to visit family far afield. Staff also had some exciting news.....Congratulations to Tim & Jessie on the announcement of their engagement. Our best wishes from all at Nungurner.

**Principal Conference**

Last Thursday afternoon and Friday I attended the East Gippsland Network Principal conference in Metung. It was a good chance to spend some time with principal colleagues from local schools and to hear from speakers from DEECD in Melbourne and our region. We heard about work being done in other regions, including a project which was focused on developing students curiosity as well as their literacy and numeracy skills.

**Writers Notebooks**

As part of the emphasis we have on writing this year, this week we introduced the students to the idea of ‘Writers Notebooks’. Each student now has a small notebook which they can use to record ideas for writing...drawing & writing about things that happen in their lives that they might develop into a longer piece of writing.

We are just beginning in our use of these, but at some stage they will come home and families can get involved!! This week I am doing some more work on writing with cluster schools which will continue to develop our work on writing.

**Literacy programs**

- National Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Children’s Book Week
- Premiers Reading Challenge

All these initiatives are happening at the moment.

Our **Book Banquet** celebrates and develops reading and children’s literacy, and we can also be a part of these initiatives. We have read one of the shortlisted books already....ask the kids about ‘Lyrebird’.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of EMA you must: be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.
The eligibility criteria must be met as at 15th July, 2013 for the second instalment.
Application forms are available from the office and must be returned to the school by no later than Friday 26th July 2013.
Any parents whose cards expire on or prior to 15th July need to bring in a copy of their new health care card, otherwise they may be ineligible for EMA. Please see Vicki if you require more information.

Donkeys can’t fly on planes
We have recently purchased the book ‘Donkeys can’t fly on planes: Stories of Survival from South Sudanese Refugee Children Living in Australia.’ The stories in the book have been collected from refugee children living in the Latrobe Valley area. The stories are real, as seen through the eyes of the children. They are their thoughts, feelings and experiences and the images that visit when they close their eyes in the night. These are the stories the world needs to hear.

Parents are welcome to either borrow the schools’ copy which will be available to view in the multipurpose room or purchase your own copy for $20 to keep by emailing info@bocap.org.au. All proceeds from the sale of the book go directly to Bor Orphanage & Community Education Project Inc to assist in the construction of an orphanage/school for recovering victims of war in Bor, South Sudan.

Aussie Day
The students from Yaei High School in Japan will be visiting our school on Thursday, the 1st of August. They will be accompanied by their host students from Bairnsdale Secondary College and a number of parents and teachers. We have a great day of activities planned for the students. Parents are welcome to come along and watch or assist. See Lynne for more details. We ask that all students be in correct uniform particularly on this day.

Book Banquet
This year, we are once again having a book banquet to celebrate reading and encourage students to try a variety of genres in literature. As in 2012, children will read through a “menu” of various types of books, selecting something from each “course” and completing a follow-up activity after finishing each book. Children are encouraged to choose mostly “just right” books but are allowed to choose a more challenging book if they really want to read it. If your child requires help with reading a book banquet choice, you are encouraged to read with your child and assist where required with the more difficult parts.

The Book Banquet will conclude with a meal and exhibition of students’ work in relation to the reading they have done. Parents will be welcome to view the exhibition. More details later in the term.

Small Schools Findings
Ways to Thrive
This is the title of an article published in “The Age” last week. It describes how small schools in West Gippsland are working together to provide dynamic learning environments for students. One of the principals interviewed offered this observation “Small rural schools have changed. There is a misconception that they are little backwater schools, but they are very dynamic and now offer an alternative education model”. We agree! The article, along with other information of interest, is displayed on the table just inside the front door or as an attachment via email.
Gippsland Arts Festival Participation

Andrea Court, Arts & Culture Co-Ordinator for East Gippsland Shire, presented Nungurner Primary School with a certificate of participation for our involvement in “The Great Gippsland Gatescape.” The kids were pleased to show off their fish again and receive a “gate” key ring for their efforts.

Humane Society International

The Humane Society International (HSI) is the largest animal protection organisation in the world. It has more programs working around the globe than any other organisation, striving to protect pets and domestic animals as well as wildlife and their environment.

Our program to protect the last of the mountain Gorillas has been funded largely by the recycling of old mobile phones. This is a two coltan, neocesphones Moun-tamn, coltan the less nuded mining.

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If you have an old mobile phone you would like to donate please bring it into school and place it in the Human Society Recycle your Mobile Phone bags on the table in the multipurpose room. Each bag can take up to 4 phones and there is no cost to the school.

Local author—Chris Faille

Collins Bookstore

Thursday the 25th of July at 6.30pm

Chris Faille was born in 1952. From the age of 16 he wanted to be a policeman, but began his career as a Design Draftsman, specialising in large marine installations. In 1978 he joined the Victorian police force, rising to the position of prosecutor and then investigator with the Sex Offences Unit, which he held until 2011. In 2012 he was appointed to help establish the first Family Violence Unit in East Gippsland. He did live in a 100 year old brick Federation house in Bairnsdale which he restored with his wife Jenni. Jeremy is his first book for children, and is based on a true story. He now resides in Cavendish. Bookings Essential RSVP Tuesday 23rd of July Phone: 5152 5181 Cost: $15 per head. Including Light Refreshments.
Working Bee & National Tree Planting Day

Our next working bee will be this Saturday the 27th of July starting from 9am—12pm with a BBQ lunch. This is a combined working bee and tree planting day with the Nungurner Landcare group supplying native trees and assisting with planting and watering.

The jobs we would like to complete on the day include;

- General garden maintenance.
- Weeding the veggie patch
- Erect the noticeboard at the front gate
- Repairs to the playground
- Clean out the gutters/roof
- Tidying the garden shed
- Tree planting with Landcare volunteers.

Please come along and help out with any of the above jobs, plant a few trees and enjoy a BBQ lunch. We are encouraging children to participate on the day especially to help plant some trees for National Tree Planting Day.

Lake Tyers Environmental Art Competition

Are you good at photography, art or creative writing? Do you care for our environment? Then set yourself a challenge, use your talents and enter the Lake Tyers Coast Action Environmental Art Competition. There are 3 categories:

- Photography
- Art, e.g. painting, drawing, sculpture, etc
- Creative writing, e.g. poetry, nature writing essay (up to 500 words)

Entries are open at 4 levels: Prep to grade 3; grade 4 to grade 6; secondary school and post secondary school. Entries close 27th September.

We are looking for entries that best demonstrate the unique and precious environmental qualities of the Lake Tyers area, which can be anywhere from Nowa Nowa to Lake Bunga. It may include photos, artwork or writing about its natural beauty, the plants and the animals that live here, as well as the threats facing this wonderful region. The most important thing is to use your creative imagination! Be adventurous! For further information, terms and conditions email earthcare@satlink.com.au visit www.laketyresbeach.net.au or phone Henk van Leeuwen 5156 5381. Please see the last page of the newsletter for an entry form.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) is run by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. NLNW represents a collaborative approach by all Governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a focus on school-aged children.

NLNW gives schools the opportunity to get involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities. The Week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills. More information and activities are available on the NLNW website www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

Nungurner Primary School—Absence Note

Please be advised that (student name) was absent from school on the (insert date) due to (insert reason). Signed (parent name)
Nungurner Primary School Students will be attending a performance by the Sale College Band on Monday the 29th of July at Metung Primary School. Students will be travelling by school bus, leaving the school at 11am. There is no cost for this excursion and no note required as it is a local excursion.

The 2013 Lake Tyers Coast Action Environmental Art Competition

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- I declare that I am the sole author of each entry and it is my original work
- I have read and agree with the terms and conditions (please tick)

If e-mailing, include ‘Coastcare Competition’ in the subject heading.

*Title and/or Brief Description or Rationale of Entry:*

Closing Date: 27 September 2013