School Councils are critical to the running of school, working with the Principal to ensure quality teaching and learning and continually improve the school. As well as parents who volunteer their time, we are fortunate to have 2 community members on our school council which helps develop links between the school and the Nungurner community. At the East Gippsland Network Awards last night School Council presidents were acknowledged and thanked for their great work. So thanks Rachel....... and to school councillors for the contributions.
Ticket sales for our combined fundraiser with Metung are going very slowly so if you are coming please purchase your tickets or let us know you are coming. A lot of effort has gone into the organisation and it will be a great night with fantastic raffle and auction prizes, great food and music, and of course wonderful company! Please encourage friends and family to join us and make it a success. If you can’t make it on the night you can help out by selling raffle tickets. More books are available at school.

East Gippsland Network Awards

Last night Alistar was recognised at the EGSN student awards. He received his award for Leadership and Sporting achievement which was presented in front of a large audience of parents, principals and students from across the East Gippsland network. Congratulations Alistar!

Alistar is a wonderful leader at Nungurner, both in the classroom and the playground. He lives the school values of working together, respecting self and others, making good choices and ‘sticking at it’ and helps others do so as well. He is a keen member of the Swan Reach junior cricket team and was the team’s best and fairest player in his first year. He has recently started playing football with Lakes Maroon and is a valued team member. Well done Alistar.

Working Bee

On Saturday the 16th of August we will be holding a school working bee. Jobs we need to complete include: repairs to the toilet building which has dropped and is causing problems with opening of doors, completion of the chook house, work in vegetable garden, flagpole, general garden maintenance, repairs done to sports shed. Please come along and bring your gardening tools and any other tools which might be necessary, morning tea and BBQ lunch will be provided.
Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to those families who have returned their Parent Opinion Survey. If you haven’t returned yours yet I need them back by Friday please. If you need another one, or have any questions please ask, but it is important each family completes the survey so we have an accurate picture about the school.

Health Promotion

We have registered to be part of the Vic Health ‘Achievement’ program which supports schools to be Health Promoting environments. This will give us recognition for the things we already do and also help us to extend our health promoting practices. It is run by Gippsland Lakes Community Health who will provide us with practical support and advice. We need a small coordinating group to lead the program in the school. Their job will initially be to audit our current practices in 8 areas of health and wellbeing and then to support and promote the program throughout the school and community. This will require meeting a couple of times per term. If you are interested please see Bron or Rachel.

School Council Vacancy

School council would like to acknowledge Wilhelmina Rijs for her contributions to school council. Thanks Wilhelmina, it was great having you! We now have a parent vacancy on school council which we are keen to fill. If you are interested or want to know more about how council operates please talk to Bron, Rachel or one of our current school councillors.

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**Dress Up Competition & Activity Session**

- **Saturday 23 August**
- **10.00 – 11.30 AM**
- **Bairnsdale Library**
- **Bookings Essential**
- **Ages 5 – 12**

Come dressed up as your favourite book character, listen to stories, and then paint and decorate your own money box. A costume parade will be held, with prizes awarded for the best dressed.

**Big Night Out**

- **August 16th 2014 @ 6.30 pm**
- **Kings Cove Golf Club**
- **Cocktail Style – Whisk & Spoon Catering**
- **Tea & Coffee**
- **Drinks @ Bar prices**
- **Live Music**
- **$30**

**Lucky door prize**
Raffle Auction
Bring Gold Coins for games throughout the night.

**Tickets to be confirmed and paid no later than Friday August 8th**

Buy tickets at:
- **Metung Primary**
  - 51562269 or e-mail metung.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- **Nungurner Primary**
  - 51563232 or e-mail nungurner.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Japanese/Australian Day

What a great day for our school and community! It was very evident that the Japanese students and teachers look forward to their visit to Nungurner each year very much and it is wonderful to have them come and share a day with us. This year we were lucky to have Cassie Leatham Harrap and Alfred Hudson be part of the day and share their indigenous heritage and culture. Alfie did a ‘Welcome to Country’ and taught us all a dance to start off the day and Cassie had art work and artefacts to show us and bush tucker foods to taste. Other activities included origami and Japanese Calligraphy, a footy clinic and some Japanese Apron theatre (Fukuwarai). The best part of the whole day though was the interaction and enjoyment everyone got from learning and sharing aspects of each other’s culture. Some very special and spontaneous moments; one of the Japanese boys teaching William how to play a hand/eye coordination game; the giggles as Cassie brushed the girls hair with a Banksia cone; the surprises at being able to kick the footy and the soccer game at lunchtime.

Days like that don’t just happen without the input and effort of many people so I would like to thank the following people for their terrific contributions.

*Tomomi Okazaki.....for liaising with the Secondary college and organising the calligraphy and origami activities. Tomomi’s work with our children was also obvious in the display of their language skills on the day. Great work Tomomi!

*Adrian Bromage and Ray.....for running the footy clinics.

*Vicki.....who organised the food and the volunteers who prepared morning tea and lunch. Lots of work behind the scenes ; many thanks Vicki.

*Leah, Matt, Tammy, Mal and Rob for food preparation and cooking the BBQ.

*Leah, Ross, Vicki, Matt & Tammy and Rachel for contributing scones and items for morning tea.

*Mal for making sure the place looked spic and span and to Ray van der Velden who mowed the grounds and whipper snipped so everything was ship shape. John Brehaut ...for helping out with ‘Wombat Stew’

......and lastly to the kids who again made us all proud on the day.
Many thanks to Lizzie Hiscock for keeping playgroup running over the past four weeks while Emma has been away. Lizzie has done a great job and we have all enjoyed getting to know her a little better.

We had a wonderful surprise at playgroup this week when some past students of Nungurner visited with their babies. Katherine and Anne Kleinitz and Jacqui Blackley thoroughly enjoyed reacquainting themselves with their old school and it was wonderful for me to catch up with Katherine who was in grade 4 when I last taught here in 1991! Wonderful that Nungurner has provided them with such happy and lasting memories.

A big Nungurner welcome also to Sally, Katie and Charlie who have recently moved into our area from Sydney. Katie will be starting school at Nungurner next year while her little brother Charlie makes some new friends at playgroup.
Our students recently experienced their first taste of Opera when they saw opera Victoria perform Cinderella at the Johnsonville Hall. Although I wasn’t there I have it from reliable sources that they were excellent audience members, and the photos show their rapt attention! Mixed reviews however from the kids for this sometimes difficult art form. Great experience to have at primary school!
Last week we saw a number of examples of our school values at work and the rewards reaped by ‘sticking at it’. These students received Star awards at assembly for their efforts.

‘Stickability Award’
Holly for: Persevering and working out how to solve ‘Guess the Number’ problems.

Phoebe for: Improved reading. Your hard work has paid off Phoebe!

‘Stickability Award’
Alistar for: Persevering and mastering the Japanese tower game.

Ethan for: Improved reading. Your hard work has paid off Ethan!

Lucas for: Improved reading. Your hard work has paid off Lucas!

You’re a Star!!
Holly’s Maths Challenge

I am an odd number with 2 in the 10’s place. I am more than 21 but less than 25. What am I?

Holly—Gymnastics

We would also like to congratulate Holly for her contributions to a team effort in Gymnastics. Holly’s team was 3rd overall in the Junior Gippsland Championships level 1 (out of 9 teams!). 2nd on beam, 3rd on floor & bars. Well done Holly!!

Condolence Book—MH17

Message of Sympathy

For those who lost someone in the plane crash we send you our love.

Students of Nungumer PS

Come Back Wendy we miss you......
I really recommend the article in this newsletter from Michael Grose about resilience in children. This is such an important characteristic for life and learning, and one we work hard to develop at school. Nobody wins all the time (not even Geelong!) so being able to enjoy the game even if you lose is a must for life. Similarly for learning...taking a risk and having a go when you are not sure is the best way to learn. We can all help develop these skills in our children and the article has some great advice. We will continue this important discussion in our next newsletter.

Resilience

Resilience refers to psychological hardiness and a person’s ability to deal with life’s knocks and setbacks, both big and small. Resilient children accept life’s disappointments, bounce back quickly from social rejection, persevere when learning doesn’t come easily and generally have a positive attitude to life.

Resilience is a mixture of attitude, skills and abilities and character. Some children are born with a resilient spirit. They are naturally determined and spirited. But resilience is also fostered by early childhood experiences.

Resilient kids have healthy thinking habits. They tend not to catastrophise when things go wrong. They have a sense of optimism about themselves and the future. Some kids are born optimistic but most pick up their optimism from the significant adults in their environment. It pays for parents to be optimistic rather than negative as children will probably pick up their optimism.

Resilient kids are also independent and good problem-solvers. Parents can develop autonomy and resourcefulness by teaching kids the skills of independence and giving them opportunities to resolve some of their own problems. Over-protection robs children of opportunities to develop resilience. Chores and domestic responsibilities, caring for siblings and looking after their own well-being are some ways children can show their capability as family members.

Social competence is an attribute resilient kids have in common. They are able to mix well with others and link with friends when they experience disappointment or some hardship. Parents can develop socials skills by interacting with their children, providing opportunities for children to interact with others, and teaching and modelling appropriate social behaviours.

Author/ Illustrator at Collins Book Store

Leigh Hobbs will be visiting

Collins Booksellers Bairnsdale

on Saturday 16th August 2014, between

10.00am and 11.00am for a book signing.

Leigh Hobbs, author of

‘Mr Chicken Lands on London’ and

‘Old Tom’

will be in store to personally sign books purchased on the day

Come along and join the fun, we look forward to seeing you
Waste to Wonder!
~ A workshop in fabric collage with stitch artist Jeni Irwin ~

Thursday, August 14, 2014
9am to 4pm
@ Gallery House Nungurner

Using collage techniques and simple stitching, you will discover some principles of colour and design to help you understand how to recycle, retrieve, and redeem those scraps and offcuts heading for the bin. You will create uniquely individual pieces on the day and go home to look upon your box of leftovers with new respect and value.

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Cost: $70 (includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea)
$10 for fabrics and embellishments.

You will need:
* Scissors for paper
* Scissors for fabric
* Sewing pins
* Hand-stitching needles for threads and yarn
* Notebook and pen

For more information or to secure your place, contact Liz at Gallery House on 5156 3375 or email galleryhouse@bigpond.com.au

** Numbers are limited **