The awarding of a Nobel peace Prize to Malala Yousafzai is a timely reminder about the value of education, particularly for those who don’t have access to it as a matter of course. The simplicity and power of her words reminded me of how important the influence of not just teachers but school communities can be. It is hard for us to understand when we are educating 5th and 6th generation Australians, that many many families around the world have yet to see even one generation given access to education. It goes without saying that Malala is truly an inspiration and we should all hope that she is able to continue her struggle and reach her goals. She is also an example of how much can be achieved by passionate young people, and a reminder that we should never underestimate the abilities and the qualities of youth.

(We will be learning a little of Malala’s story in our look at biographies)
As part of our inquiry unit about Nungurner, we will be interviewing some local people to find out what we can about their lives and their place in the Nungurner community. We have also been talking about and reading some biographies. We have started off by interviewing each other, creating ‘Fact Files’ about ourselves and writing short biographies of ourselves. Here is one of them and more will appear in each newsletter this term.

**Fact File....Lara**

My name is Lara. I was born in Bairnsdale in 2006. There are 4 people in my family. I like to sing with Holly. My favourite food is chocolate cake, any sort of chocolate cake. My favourite toys are Anni and Comet. They are special because they were my mum’s when she was little. I like to play the bean bag game.

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**Nexus Arts**

**Poi Poi**

*Get ready...go Holly! Now this way......good, now backwards....good. Now switch....O Oh!* Holly had great fun learning some tricks with the Maori poi poi. Good on you for having a go Holly!

This was a great show by Bernard Mangakahia and we were all very entertained while learning about Polyne-
Unfortunately the Active After School Program, which is a federally funded program, will not continue in 2015. Whilst the major aim of this program was to encourage children to be active after school, it also provided some level of childcare for parents who needed it. As we are aware that families need before and after school childcare options we are currently investigating ways in which we might provide this. Rachel Bell, school council president, will be contacting families to see exactly what their needs are and whether they would use a school based service.

Before and After School Care

This term our students are investigating our local community of Nungurner. We are aiming to help students develop an appreciation of Nungurner’s local community, unique environment and the importance of belonging.

They will investigate the roles and contributions of various individuals and groups within the community and ways that they can contribute to the local community. Students will begin to note the similarities and differences between individuals and groups in the community. They will develop their understandings of civics and citizenship, in the familiar context of their community. We are hoping that students and our Nungurner Primary School families will identify ways that they can contribute and belong to their community. Our students will be given the opportunity to reflect and prepare to take action on local issues such as, caring for the environment, sustainability, fire prevention and water quality.

We are undertaking this unit of work as an inquiry unit. Students will work through different phases of inquiry. As part of our tuning in and finding out phases we will be undertaking a number of local excursions visiting farms, Tallon Glass, Gallery House, CFA, Nyerimilang Homestead and bushland and investigating the role of the Lakes environment by visiting Bury’s slipway and going on a tour of the Lakes through Lonsdale Eco cruise. We will have guest speakers talk about their roles in the community and how they contribute. Once we have found out about our community the children will be asked to further investigate an area of particular interest. We will end our unit with a community celebration, where students will share their learning.

Emma Steele

Following is an outline of upcoming visits. Some still to be confirmed.

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Changes have been made to the way the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will be paid from 2015. Parents will no longer be able to apply for these payments. Money will be allocated to schools on the basis of need, and not all schools will receive funding in 2015. The end of the EMA payments will not effect any other payments, such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which parents may be receiving. Parents need to be aware that the EMA payments they were receiving which were used to help pay school fees will not be available from 2015. If parents would like to set up a system of regular payments to the school for fees, camps & excursions etc, through Centrelink or via direct deposit, please see Vicki or myself. If families are in credit at the end of the year, this money can be refunded to them. Please come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Bronwyn van der Velden

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**EMA 2015**

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**Community Notices**

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**Tiger Orchids in Nungurner**

*(Diuris Sulphurea)*

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Yes, this beautiful specimen of Tiger Orchid, it is sometimes known as the Hornet Orchid in other areas of Victoria, was photographed this week, flowering in our own Jetty Road Reserve.

An Eastern Australian ground orchid, with bright yellow flowers and bold, dark brown markings on the dorsal sepal and labellum (the lip). Growing from 20 – 60cm tall, the two lateral petals protrude from the top of the flower like two ears of a donkey and the two lateral sepals are narrow and point downwards. Flowers are produced in clusters of 6 or 7, usually between in September and December.

Although this orchid was previously abundant a mere 10 years ago and is described in several sources as locally common, today in Nungurner it is a relatively rare find. This is a significant motivation for Landcare members to hand-weed large sections of the roadside reserve to protect this and other scarce plants.

Photograph Taken by Heather Oke
Shy Visitors

Last week we were lucky enough to have our local kangaroo family grazing on the oval at a time when we could see them. They were there on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, although it was hard to get a good photo! Hope they don’t take a liking to the vegie seedlings we have just planted!

Vegie Garden

On Monday afternoon last week and again today, we worked in the vegie garden, removing old plants and planting some seedlings. We were raising some plants from seed but unfortunately we lost some of these when the hothouse blew down over the holidays. Growing in the garden at the moment we have:
- corn
- tomatoes
- beans
- lettuce
- cabbage
- kale
- basil
- coriander
...and a few more things ready to put in.

Monday afternoons will be our regular gardening time so if anyone would like to come and give us a hand you are more than welcome!
(Huge thanks to Wendy who rescued what she could from the hothouse disaster and who keeps things watered!)
We saw some kangaroos on the oval at the back of our school. There was a mummy and a daddy and a joey. There was also another kangaroo which was a grown up joey. They were eating our grass. The next day we also saw some near the vegie garden.
Community Notices

Lions Club Of Metung Inc

Coming Community Events

Everyone is invited to participate in the following events and activities that are sponsored by your local Lions Club in Metung. ENQUIRIES &/OR BOOKINGS please email: metunglions@gmail.com or phone Desma Payne Mob: 0432 188 295

November, 2014
2014 Fun Run Weekend – Metung Primary School
Date: Sunday, 16 November, 2014
Details: http://www.metungfunrun.com.au

December, 2014
Metung Lions Christmas Carols – fundraising raffle for the Metung CFA
Date: Sunday, 14 December, 2014
Time: 5pm to 8.45pm
Place: Village Green, Metung

30th Anniversary Metung Lions Club Celebrations
Date: Wednesday 10 December, 2014
Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm sitting
Place: Metung Yacht Club

Infant Mental Health Seminars- Series 2
2014-2015

Dr. Julie Stone, Child Psychiatrist will be facilitating Series 2: Infant Mental Health Seminars:
All professional seminars will be held at the Lakes Entrance Fishing Club, Bullock Island-Lakes Entrance

1st Seminar: Monday 24 November 2014: 12.30pm-3pm

2nd Seminar: Monday 23 February 2015
Session for professionals
12.30pm-3pm (for professionals)
At Lakes Fishing Club, Lakes Entrance
Community Info Session (professionals welcome)
Monday 23 February 2015
7.00pm-8.30pm @ Good Beginnings Bairnsdale

3rd Seminar: Monday 20 April 2015: 12.30pm-3pm
$30 for the 3 Seminars for professionals, FREE for parents

Dr Julie Stone has many years working in infant and perinatal mental health services. She is passionate about supporting all professionals working with family members during this busy and often stressful time in family life.

Julie will build on the previous Infant Mental Health Seminars, whilst also providing a refresher of the importance of early family relationships for those that haven’t participated in the first series of seminars.

These seminars have been enabled via funding from the Communities for Children Program, facilitated by UnitingCare Gippsland and funded by the Australian Government and support from East Gippsland Shire Council.
METUNG BLOODHOUNDS
SUMMER FASHION PARADE 2014
Thursday 30th October
4:30pm for 5pm start - till 7pm
Kings Cove Golf Club
$25 per head
Raffle Wine and Nibbles
fashion supplied by Noni B of Bairnsdale
Proceeds will support Dragons Abreast Gippsland Waratahs
Support this worthy cause and enjoy a great evening out. For tickets pre show contact the Bloodhounds, through Renata on 51563212
If you wish to know what this group is, this is from their website: Dragons Abreast Australia is a national organisation comprised of breast cancer survivors (and some very special supporters) of various ages from a great variety of backgrounds, athletic abilities and interests. Dragons Abreast members provide a “face” for the breast cancer statistics whilst spreading the message of breast cancer awareness through participation in the wonderful and strenuous sport of dragon boat racing. http://www.dragonsabreast.com.au/about-us/

POSTPONEMENT NOTICE
Nungurner Community & Coast Action Group
AGM & General Meeting
IS to be postponed
This meeting was scheduled to occur on 29th October 2014
And will now be held in November
The committee of the Nungurner Community & Coast Action Group apologises for any inconvenience that this may cause. The committee have agreed to postpone this meeting due to the number of apologies received and an ensuing concern that a correct quorum may not be met as a consequence, in accordance with our constitution.
The new date will be formally decided over the coming week; current thoughts are that this will be Tuesday November 18, or Wednesday 19.
As a result of this I would like to extend my gratitude to those community groups who offered to present a report in the general meeting section, and will be in touch regarding the new schedule. I would like to encourage all local groups to attend this next meeting and ensure your voices are heard.
The NCCAG is a sitting member for the Metung community group, which the council attends. Whilst we are aware that the Primary School and Landcare groups are often represented within these meetings, many of our smaller interest groups rely on the NCCAG to ensure their needs and concerns are heard, and indeed we have been able to support the other groups to ensure their voice is heard if they cannot attend. This is the only real forum we have as a community to ensure the council gets those messages.
To vote in the AGM all members need to be financial. Please ensure you are a paid up member ($5.00) to secure your vote. Many people let this slip so it’s a good idea to check your current status. You can check this through the secretary if you are unsure.
All agenda items for the general meeting that will follow the AGM, to be sent to the Secretary nungurnercg@gmail.com
If you are considering becoming a committee member we would love to hear from you. Phone our president Kylie - 51563008 for information or nomination forms
NCCAG is a community group designed to provide a voice for all community members and we encourage your involvement.
Please help us to get this message out, notices will go up in the notice boards and a follow up letter drop will occur next week. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this should let Jess, or myself know.
Kind Regards
Kylie Greenaway
NCCAG President
0417339498/ 51563008
What's the buzz?

with

Ian Cane, East Gippsland apiarist

* Why are bees so important?

* Why are bees in decline?

* What can you do to help save the bees?

* What's involved in home beekeeping?

7.30 pm, Monday 27 October 2014

Metung Bowls Club, Reserve Road, Metung
(Behind Metung Yacht Club)

A free public event hosted by Nungurner Landcare Group
nungurnerlandcare@gmail.com

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Metung Yacht Club
OPEN DAY

Sunday, 16th November, 2014

After the Metung Fun Run and the awards have been presented -

Join us at the Clubhouse from 11.30am where a delicious light lunch and drinks can be purchased from 12.00noon.

Learn about our sailing activities, including our very popular

Twilight Sailing
(5.30pm every Tuesday during daylight savings)

Weather permitting there will be a number of boats available in the afternoon to take interested 'would be sailors' for a sail around beautiful Bancroft Bay - no experience required.

Please register your interest by calling either
Tom Moore on 0419 018 505
John Mayman on 0419 875 588

Metung Yacht Club, 113 Metung Rd, Metung