Some good news!

After several years of wet carpet and damage to walls etc, from the leaky roof, in the corner of the multi-purpose room, we are now having the whole roof of that building replaced, repairs to that corner of the room and new carpet put down. Last week school council agreed to spending the extra money required to have the new carpet extend throughout the multi-purpose room. Work is due to begin on Dec 1st and is scheduled to be completed by Dec 19th so we may have a little disruption to the last few weeks of school. All worth it!!

In 2015 the East Gippsland Shire mobile Library bus will be stopping at Nungurner PS each week. Everyone in the community will be able to borrow from the bus, providing they are members of the library. The bus will be stopping by next Wednesday at 11:15 to introduce the service to the kids and the community and everyone is welcome to come along. Membership forms will be available for people to sign up to the library if they need to so they can borrow from the service next year.
Fact File....Tahlia

I was born in Bairnsdale hospital. I like to play basketball. My favourite food is Oreos. My special toys are Nene and BB. I have four people in my family. My eyes changed from blue to green.

Fact File....Sarah

My name is Sarah. I was born in Bairnsdale hospital. I like to play with my cat Tambo Whiskers Pete. My favourite food is apple. My special toy is pink horse even though she has lost two legs. I like to play cats and dogs. I have four people in my family. Something interesting about me is I like to collect special things.

Fact File....Jackson

My name is Jackson. I was born in Sale. My favourite foods are hot dogs and cheeseballs. My special toy is Rudolph.
End of year celebration

Everyone is invited to attend our

Nungurner Primary School

End of Year Celebration

At...

Nungurner Primary School

On...

Thursday December 18th, 5pm

BBQ provided

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

See what the kids have been up to!!
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.

We have been undertaking this unit of work as an enquiry unit. Students have been working through different phases of enquiry. As part of our tuning in and finding out phases we have undertaken a number of local excursions visiting farms, Tallon Glass, Gallery House, CFA, Nyerimilang Homestead and bushland. This week we are continuing to investigate the role of the Lakes environment by visiting Bury's slipway following our fantastic boat cruise.

Once we have finished finding out about our community the children will be asked to further investigate an area of particular interest. They will produce a report about an aspect of Nungurner that they are interested in. Where possible throughout the unit of work we have been incorporating different disciplines into our learning. For example, much of our literacy teaching has been focused on developing the skills that students will use as they embark on their own investigations. We have taught research skills, and explored different genres in our reading and writing. The children have developed interviewing skills, written autobiographies and recounts. We have also been encouraging students to develop their thinking skills, drawing on existing knowledge and reflecting upon what they have found out about. The process of ‘pulling it all together’ will begin this week.

We will end our unit with a community celebration, where students will share their learning. This week the children will also be busy making invitations to invite, family, friends and community members to our “end of year” celebration. We hope that you will all be able to attend and see how proud we are of our student's work.
Metung Carols by Candlelight

Once again our students will be performing at the Metung Carols By Candlelight event at the Village Green in Metung on Sunday December the 14th. The event will start at 5pm. Nungurner students will be performing with Metung and also on their own. They have begun rehearsals with Mr Brehaut and will have a practice with Metung before the night. Come along and support your local Carols event and our students.

Community BBQ and CFA fundraiser

The annual Nungurner Community Christmas Celebration will be held down at the jetty on Sunday December 14th at 12pm. This event will again raise funds for the Kalimna West CFA branch and is a great opportunity for everyone in the community to get together and support our wonderful CFA volunteers. Meat will be supplied; bring along a salad or a sweet to share.

If the weather is inclement, the event will be held at the CFA shed on Nungurner Rd.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

Bakers Delight fundraiser

Baker’s Delight in Lakes Entrance have a Christmas promotion to help local schools. By placing an order for Christmas cakes or mince tarts with the school, $1.50 per item of the retail price will go to the school.

Orders need to be placed by Friday Dec 5th and items will be delivered to the school on Wednesday Dec 17th for pick up.

Order Form for Baker’s Delight Products

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Name:___________________________________________________
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

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

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**East Gippsland Gymnastics Club**

Expressions of interest are being taken for all classes for 2015. Current vacancies for Circus Skills run on Tuesday afternoons 5pm – 6.15pm. All welcome to come and have a look and speak with instructors. Located next to Bairnsdale Archery Park, behind the ADRA Op-Shop. You can contact eastgippslandgymnastics@gmail.com for further information.

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**The “Incredible Years”**

Parenting Program for parents of children aged 3-7

“1Y” is a relationship focused program that will help you connect with your child in new ways.

- Help your child with school readiness.
- Help your child to take control of their emotions and “use their words.”
- Learn new ways of dealing with challenging behaviours.

When: Tuesday 10th February 2015, for 7 weeks in Term 1 and 5 weeks in Term 2
From 10-12.30pm – FREE child care provided on site.
Where: Good Beginnings, 38 Pearson Street, Bairnsdale
Contact: Hayley or Jerri from Good Beginnings Australia on 51 53 7500 or email eastgippsland@goodbeginnings.org.au

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**MONDAY 8 DEC**

**PARENTING SUPPORT-CONSULTATION**

Please come and give your feedback about effective parenting program for families facing challenges. What makes a difference for parents you are working with? This feedback will be taken by the Communities for Children Program for future service planning.

RSVP: c416team@ungipps.org.au
I’ve always found fossils very interesting. I also had newts and grass snakes and frogs which I kept when I was a boy. I spent a lot of time in the garden exploring.

Sir David Attenborough (naturalist, author, broadcaster)

What is your child good at? Some children are fantastic at throwing and catching balls. Some are wonderful at relating to babies, adults and other children.

What is your child interested in right now? And what might that lead to?

Does your child talk endlessly about trains or the Wiggles? They may have developed a fascination with brushes of all types (brooms, toothbrushes, hairbrushes – even street sweepers). Your baby might be fascinated by her reflection in the mirror. A five year old might want to talk about death after a family pet dies. These interests might last days or months. Sometimes they’ll seem obvious to you (perhaps you share an interest in football or dance). Sometimes you’ll find the interest unusual (why brushes?).

These strengths and interests are an important way for your child to express their identity. It’s their way of saying ‘this is who I am’ and ‘this is what I can do! In some cases your child’s interest might lead to a life-long passion.

I know all children are different – but I’m concerned about my child’s specific interests

Many young children develop specific or intense interests; this is both natural and normal. Some intense interests are due to your child wanting to use a new skill just because they can (Look at me – I can somersault at home and in the park and in the supermarket!)

But if you are concerned about a long-lasting very intense interest, trust your instincts and speak to your child’s educator, doctor or maternal child health nurse.

You can play an important role by encouraging your child’s strengths and interests. But remember not to take over! David Attenborough’s parents bought him aquariums for his snakes and frogs. But they also gave him ‘a lot of time’ to explore.

Unstructured time is hugely important for children – they need to spend time exploring and experimenting.

Listen carefully to your child and watch them play. Follow your child’s lead. If your child wants to dress up, you might encourage the interest by searching for old clothes in the cupboard or visiting an op shop together.

Keep your child’s educators, family and carers informed of your child’s strengths and interests so they can support them too.

Talk with your child about their strengths and interests and explore them together.

Share your own interests with your child.

There’s no need for intensive instruction or formal lessons to build on your child’s strengths or interests. If you do choose formal lessons, check that they are suited to how your child likes to learn, are age appropriate and that they don’t pressure your child. If the lessons are for babies or toddlers, they should involve you.

You can’t force a child to have an interest. But you can expose them to a range of experiences, activities, objects and relationships. Children who are exposed to varied activities are more likely to develop a wider range of interests. Visiting and exploring your local library, museum, park, art gallery or zoo offers great opportunities to develop curiosity and interests.

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**Sessions times**
6:30 – 7:30pm
Monday in Bairnsdale and Thursday at Nungurner PS Hall.

9:15 – 10:15am
Tambo Upper PS Hall.

$11 per class.

For enquiries please contact Tanya on 0439588157.
You can also contact me to arrange private sessions.