‘Love Our Nungurner’ Exhibition

The kids have been working hard right up to the end putting together all their learning from our inquiry unit into the Nungurner community. It has been a fantastic learning journey with many highlights, from seeing local artist’s work to a close up encounter with dolphins. By far the best thing though has been the involvement with local people who have generously given their time to talk to our students. These connections are invaluable and will stay with kids forever.

Our thanks for their contributions go to:
- Ross Monteith
- Steve and Kim Kleinitz
- Liz Grayson
- Norm Borg
- Clive Bury
- Tony and Melinda Fredericks
- Martin Richardson
- Ian Ashcroft and the Friends of Nyerimilang
The Year that was……

We have come to the end of another busy year, full of many learning opportunities for our students. Our school has grown and the addition of 6 new preps this year has given the school new life and energy.

This year saw the end of an era when Lynne Brehaut left Nungurner. There are many things at Nungurner that continue to remind us of her long association and positive contribution to the school. Emma Steele has been a welcome addition to our school and has brought with her fresh perspectives and experiences that will also enhance the learning of students at Nungurner. Thanks Emma; we’re looking forward to continuing to work with you next year.

We’ve been involved in many engaging activities this year, both in and out of the classroom, and these have given our students meaningful experiences to develop their skills and abilities in many areas. Here’s what we’ve done in 2014, in no particular order.

-Swimming
-Gde 5/6 camp-Coolamatong
-Cross Country
-The Alice Project
-Lakes and High Country Writing project
-Japanese video conferences with Amami PS
-Japan/Australia Cultural Day
-Reconciliation week
-Koorie culture with Darryl Andy
-Nexus Arts Performances
-Wombat Stew
-The Gabo Lighthouse show
-Visit to Kleinitz farm & CFA
-pesticide and gardening
-yoga
-sport at Metung
-Tubbs athletics carnival
-Tour of caves and sleepover with Buchan PS
-Instrumental music
-Visits to Talon Glass and Gallery House
-Playgroup
-Lonsdale Boat Cruise
-Visit to the Slipway
-Easter at Nyerimilang
-Bush walk and viewing old farm buildings at Nyerimilang
-Art project for Patterson Park

In looking back over the year there have been many highlights; Alistar’s East Gippsland Network Student Achievement Award, the work students have completed for the inquiry unit ‘Love Our Nungurner’ and the close encounter we had with a couple of dolphins, are a couple that stand out. But by far the biggest highlight is the progress the kids have made and their continued thirst for learning. We really do look forward to 2015!!

Many many thanks to all those who have helped out this year. It takes contributions from a lot of people for a school to run successfully and we appreciate the support we get from all of you!!

Best Wishes for a safe and Happy Christmas to all Nungurner families and friends. Have a relaxing break and take care of each other.

Bron.
Staffing for 2015
Due to a number of factors, our timetable is yet to be completely finalised. We will run 2 grades (P-1/3-6) for 3 or 4 mornings a week, and 1 grade for the remainder of the week. We will also have a specialist Arts/Music program on one day. MARC van will be every Monday afternoon.

Staff
Bronwyn van der Velden—Grade Prep – 1
Emma Steele—Grade 3 and 6
Helen Nink—Arts/Music
Vicki will continue to work in the office for 3 days per week.

From Emma
My time at Nungurner has got off to a good start and I am really enjoying the kids and the school community. Thanks for making me feel welcome! Have a Happy Christmas everyone!

The children have really enjoyed learning about Nungurner. Their knowledge and appreciation of Nungurner, and its inhabitants has improved enormously. Here are some of their comments.

I liked the subjects. Alistar
A Burrunun dolphin can jump higher and has a white tummy. Trinity

Cool because it was fun. Tahlia

During “Love Our Nungurner” I felt happy and impressed. Lara

During the unit I felt confident because I know about Nungurner. William

A Burrunun dolphin has a shorter nose than other dolphins. Scarlett

The best thing we did was the CFA. Amara
Help your child beat the brain slump these holidays

*Summer holidays are a great time to get your child reading for relaxation.*

Most children are pleased to have a break from the rigours of school work over the summer holidays, but many will not open a book again until the beginning of the next school year. Not only does this make it difficult to get back into the swing of study when the time arises, it also means a valuable opportunity is missed.

And that is the opportunity to discover the joy of reading for pleasure.

Reading for pleasure is a wonderful way for your child to escape and unwind. It's also a great way to keep their brain active.

Studies have shown that children who stop reading over the school holidays experience something American researchers call the "summer slide" - a term used to refer to students' learning losses over the summer break.

Researchers used the analogy of a 'tap' to provide some insight into their findings, saying that while children are at school there is a flow of information, and all children have the same opportunities to learn.

When they are not at school, however, that 'tap' is turned off, unless there is some active engagement with books or other resources. Children whose 'tap' stays on throughout the summer holidays return to school with an advantage over those whose 'tap' may have been turned off for the past two months.

Over time, that advantage accumulates, and becomes a reason why some children are more successful at school than others.

Success aside, there is a world of enjoyment waiting to be discovered inside the pages of picture books and novels. Books are perfect for the sofa, the back lawn and the beach – all the places your child is most likely to be lounging these school holidays.

The Department has even compiled book lists for children of different ages – making it easy to find something for your pre-schooler, Preppy, eight-year-old or teenager.

The book lists, which are refreshed every year by reading experts to include popular new releases, form part of the Premiers' Reading Challenge – an annual event that inspires young people of all ages to read more books.

So while their textbooks may be closed for the summer, their brains certainly shouldn't be. Make sure your children have a ready supply of books that appeal to their age and interests these school holidays, and help them discover the joy of reading for fun.

To download a copy of the Premiers' Reading Challenge booklists, visit:

Express Yourself! Kids on Tour January 2015

Take part in a range of free workshops and discover the creative side of fashion and design.

Come along and join in the fun at East Gippsland Art Gallery
Special hands-on activities for all the family developed by the National Gallery of Victoria exploring the fashion and design exhibitions showing over summer at the NGV

- Drawing activities
- Decorate a fashion accessory
- Make a piece of jewellery
- Create a paper cut-out of an animal
- Story-telling for Kinder kids

Thursday 22 January 2015
10am – 11am Kindergarten children (adult supervision required for this age group)
2pm – 3.30pm Children aged 5, 6 & 7 years

Friday 23 January
10am – 12 noon Children aged 7, 8 & 9 years
2pm – 3.30pm Children aged 10, 11 & 12 years

Cost: Free but registration essential: 5153 1968 or admin@eastgippslandartgallery.org.au
2 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale, 3875

Express Yourself! Kids On Tour is a National Gallery of Victoria initiative celebrating the summer exhibitions Express Yourself! Romance Was Born for Kids and The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk held at the NGV summer 2014-15.

The NGV wishes to acknowledge The Fairfax AG and Gina Fairweather for their generous support of the NGVKids 2014/15 summer program. The NGVKids program is supported by a grant from the Tuffy & Florence Williams Charitable Trust. This grant provides special encouragement to the corporate and philanthropic community to support children’s programming at NGV.
Community Notices

East Gippsland Gymnastics Club

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2015 CLASSES - AGES 2+

Gymnastics is a fun activity that is the foundation for all sports and physical activity. Gymnastics teaches participants how to move, roll, jump, swing and turn upside down. Gymnastics is an exciting activity and sport for its unique contribution to general fitness, coordination, agility, strength, balance and speed. Gymnastics provides a sound foundation in movement for boys and girls of all ages. This allows everyone to develop their whole body which is useful in all other sports and activities.

We are now seeking expressions of interest for all classes next year.

Classes offered include:
- Kinder Gym - Age 2-5 years - Wed 9.15am, 10.15am, 11.15am
- Fun Gym - (Beginners Gymnastics) - Age 5-8 years - Tuesday 4pm
- Circus Gymnastic Principles - Age 8+ years - Tuesday 5pm
- WAG State - Women’s Artistic Gymnastics Age 5+ (contact for timetable)
- MAG National - Men’s Artistic Gymnastics Age 6+ (contact for timetable)

Please either email (eastgippslandgymnastics@gmail.com) or phone 0429 950 819 (leave a message and we will return your call) to find out more information or to book your child’s place for 2015.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT SESSIONS

Join Kaszazz with Charmaine at Twisted Threads Studio

Tuesday 23/12 11.30am – 1.00pm Last Minute Christmas Cards
- Tuesday 30/12 11.30am – 1.00pm Create an Art Journal
- Saturday 10/1 11.30am – 1.00pm Create 3 Cards
- Tuesday 13/1 11.30am – 1.00pm Embossing with the Ezypress
- Thursday 15/1 11.30am – 1.00pm Create a Card & Notepad Holder
- Thursday 22/1 11.30am Create 3 Cards

All sessions $15 per attendee, All supplies included
All Attendee’s must be of school age, or accompanied by a Parent/Guardian at all times.

Bookings are Essential as places are limited.

Twisted Threads Studio
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Johnsonville
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Kaszazz with Charmaine
Phone 0407 504 015
Email cjo10890@bigpond.net.au
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Or like both pages on Facebook
KIDS CARD MAKING CLASSES

Come along and join in the fun of making your very own greeting cards this Christmas School Holidays! I will be running classes in the art room of the old school house building at Metung Primary School (Sirling Road, Metung) each Tuesday of the holidays from 10.30a.m. till 12 noon. Classes start on Tuesday 23rd Dec (Christmas cards) and run up until (and including) Tuesday 27th Jan (Parisian cards). The cost is $12.00 per child and everything you need to make gorgeous cards is supplied.

CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Tues 23rd Dec - Christmas cards
- Tues 30th Dec - Butterfly cards
- Tues 6th Jan - Best Friends Forever cards,
- Tues 13th Jan - Little Birdy cards
- Tues 20th Jan - Princess cards
- Tues 27th Jan - Parisian Themed cards (Eiffel Tower & vintage bike)

It's easy, entertaining, great fun and of course provides an hour and a half of peace and quiet for parents. Bookings are very much appreciated (but not essential) so that I can have everything ready for when you arrive. (Pre cutting each kit can take some time depending on the level of intricacy). I have a current police check and working with children’s card and can be contacted on 0417 148 812 for bookings and to answer any questions you may have.

Enjoy your holidays and hope to see you there  Lisa Davis (Local Mum)