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School Council Members

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From Ms V

Most schools agree that terms 2&3 are the times when the most focused learning takes place. The school’s routines are established and there are often fewer distractions. This has certainly been the case at Nungurner, particularly in the last few weeks. There has been some fantastic learning going on!!

🌟 The preps are using their reading strategies and word knowledge to read read read!!!! and some hard books too.

🌟 The big kids are also reading loads of books (‘eating books’ you could say!) . Some of the most popular at the moment are the ‘Too Cool’ series, Walker books, Geronimo Stilton, the ‘Love our Lakes’ books which are published by local schools and books about dragons.

🌟 Last week we read and then learned how to write, lots of procedural text. We wrote procedures for ‘How to plant herb seeds’ and for the cooking we did. (see examples in this newsletter). There are also several pieces of writing in the process of being published at the moment so stay tuned!

🌟 The preps writing is also taking huge leaps at the moment and they are getting really good at composing a message. There are lots of examples of writing which shows great attempts to represent sounds in words, use of spaces between words and using the high frequency words they know.

🌟 Our topic at the moment is ‘Weather’ and we will be learning to observe the weather and do some more non-fiction writing.

Well done kids!!
Curriculum Day

Next Thursday, September 4th, will be a Pupil Free Day to enable teachers to plan. Students will not be required at school.

Big Night Out

Our combined fundraiser with Metung was a huge success and a great night for all that attended. Good company, good music, good food and substantial money raised for both schools. At last count Nungurner’s share was over $1500, which will go towards maintenance of the bus.

A huge thank you to Rachel Bell and Sarah Caddy who worked so hard for weeks to make the night a success. Their efforts not only raised important finds but also made the night a significant community event. Thank you also to Vicki and Lois for their administrative efforts and to all who attended and contributed to the night.

Thank You

- Tallon Glass
- The Moorings at Metung
- Tambo Estate
- Riviera Nautic
- The Esplanade Resort and Spa
- Amcal Chemist
- East Gippsland Eats
- Metung Yacht Club
- Jill Cross
- Riversleigh
- Nungurner Jetty Retreat
- Victor Boat Hire
- Metung Olives
- La Flame Essence Soy Candles
- Twisted Threads
- Purpose in The Hub
- REAL Garden and Hire
- Dahlsens
- Nicholson River Winery
- Bunnings
- Gippsland Music
- Metung Villas
- Di Hill
- Max Nicholson
- Healthy Living
- Fermino Garden Centre
- Evolution Fitness
- Metung Store
- Lightfoot and Sons Wines
- Metung Spice Rack

School Council

Many thanks to Kylie Greenaway for her contributions to school council over the past 2 1/2 years. Kylie has indicated she is unable to continue on school council due to other commitments. This has created a casual vacancy until the end of 2015 which gives another family the opportunity to be involved. If you are interested please speak to Rachel Bell (School Council President) or Bron.
Welcome back to Wendy and Peter Sormaz who have returned from a cruise around the Mediterranean...great to have you back at school helping us Wendy. Thanks for the postcards! All the best to the Martin family who are about to embark on a family holiday to Italy and France. Sarah and William will no doubt have lots of great stories to tell when they get back after the school holidays. Have a great time...and safe travels.

Welcome to Emma

Emma’s start at Nungurner has gone smoothly and we are all enjoying having her in the classroom. She has gotten to know the kids better very quickly and is slowly learning about everything else. “There’s a lot to learn Bron”, was her comment to me last week, which just goes to show Nungurner may be small but there is a lot going on! Great to have you on board Emma!!

Surprise Visitor

We had a surprise Winter visitor to Nungurner recently. Thanks to the Whitfield family for giving us an interesting day watching the snowman.
Thanks Vicki

Last week was ‘ESS’ (Education Support Staff) week which is an appropriate time for us to say thanks to Vicki for all the work she does for everyone at Nungurner. So much of Vicki’s work is ‘behind the scenes’ but vital to the running of the school, and she does it extremely efficiently. She also contributes in many ways that are not part of her role but make Nungurner a happier place to be.

Thanks you Vicki for...

- heating up our lunches
- making our newsletters fabulous
- bringing the monarch caterpillars and butterflies
- typing our stories
- helping on Aussie/Japanese day
- ordering bookclub
- lending us books
- being on school council
- writing notes
- looking after the office
- helping play group
- showing us fossils
- looking after our school
- looking after the money
- and especially for being super nice!!

Working Bee

There will be a working bee this Saturday, August 30th, at the school. Jobs include:

- General garden maintenance
- Repairs to toilet building
- Completion of chook enclosure, adding shade cloth cover.
- Work in vegie garden
- Erection of second flag pole.

The working bee will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Morning Tea provided.

Bring tools and mossie repellent (Yes, they are out early, don’t they know it is still Winter!)
Our transition to school program for 2015 preps will start this term with a visit for all kindergarten children and parents on Thursday Sept 11th. Children coming to Nungurner next year will then spend some time at school at regular intervals during term four (see dates below).

Transition to school is an important process and helps make starting school a lot smoother and more comfortable for children. If you know of anyone in the community who has children who may be coming to Nungurner please ask them to make contact with the school or let me know so we can make sure they are included and have the information they need.

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**Prep Information Evening**

Thursday September 18th
6-7pm
All Welcome!

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**Transition Program for 2015 Preps**

Sessions will be on Thursday mornings, from 9-11 and will give children a variety of school experiences.

**Term 3**
Thursday Sept 11th: 12-2pm
Open Day for all Kinder children & parents.

**Term 4**
Thurs Oct 16th 9-11am
Thurs Oct 30th 9-11am
Thurs Nov 6th 9-11am
Thurs Nov 20th 9-11am

_There will also be one afternoon in December for children to participate in a session with our MARC (Mobile Library) teacher._

For further information contact Bronwyn Van der Velden: 5156 3232
On Thursday the grade 2s and Alistar made rice paper rolls. William, Ethan, Alistar and Lucas helped Emma to write up the recipe. Maybe you could try making them at home. Delicious!

Ingredients:
- 1 cucumber, sliced into long strips
- 1 cooked and shredded chicken breast
- 1 cos lettuce, washed and dried
- 4 carrots, peeled and grated
- ½ cup of mint leaves
- 12 snow peas, blanched and sliced thinly
- 12 rice paper rounds
- to serve – sweet chilli and soy sauce

Method:
- Prepare the ingredients
- Put the rice paper in warm water, take out.
- Leave rice paper on chopping board for 30 seconds.
- Lay the ingredients on rice paper.
- Fold one side over the ingredients. Fold the top and bottom. Roll the rice paper roll.
- Put on a plate and cover with a damp tea towel until ready to serve.
- Serve with sweet chilli sauce and soy sauce.
Community News

Walk to Cure Diabetes Bairnsdale
Sunday 19th of October
Walk site opens at 8.30am for the walk to start at 10.00am
The 5km Walk will start in Howitt Park, Bairnsdale and follow the Mitchell River Walking Track returning to the Walk Village. The gravel track is pram and wheelchair friendly and dogs on leashes are permitted.
Join us after the Walk for a sausage sizzle, crazy hair, raffle and loads more!
There will be some food options available on the day however we do encourage you to bring a healthy diabete-friendly lunch with you.
REGISTER ONLINE TODAY https://www.jdrf.org.au/walk/register?tab=2#sthash.2ueTG1pn.dpbs
Thank you for your commitment to JDRF and we look forward to you joining in the fun of the Walk to Cure Diabetes!
Contact Jess O'Reilly
0416 581 034

Achievement Program

Nungurner has registered to be part of the Achievement Program, run by Vic Health and GLCHC. We are looking for parents to be involved. If interested please speak to Rachel or myself.

Achievement Program
Healthy students learn better
The primary school environment can influence children and young people's health and wellbeing, which has an impact on learning and development, including numeracy and literacy outcomes.
The Achievement Program provides a framework and supporting resources to help coordinate existing and new activities using a whole-school approach to promote the health and wellbeing of students.

It's not just for students; it also supports the health and wellbeing of staff, and engages families and the wider community too.
You may be asking what is health and wellbeing?
“Health and wellbeing incorporates the integration of physical, social, emotional, cognitive and spiritual aspects of development. Wellbeing includes good physical health, feelings of happiness, satisfaction and successful social functioning.”
So we are inviting parents and community members to be on our Health and Wellbeing team. Health promoting schools begin well if the workload is shared and all key groups are involved in the decision making and implementing, so if you are interested please contact Rachel or Bron.

Children’s Health

Good to see kids back at school after bouts of illness. Even though it is a long way away, there has been an outbreak of measles in Melbourne so it pays to keep an eye out for symptoms. As the weather gets warmer it is also important that children have plenty to drink. Please ensure children have a water bottle which they can use during the day. These are always at hand in the classroom so children can access them at any time.
It has been fantastic to have both new and familiar families joining us at Playgroup this term. Thanks to Lizzy for organising and running playgroup whilst Tom, Ollie and I were away on holiday earlier this term. We love the very hungry caterpillars!

At the end of last term we took advantage of Cheap as Chips closing down sale. We used some of our playgroup funds to top up our craft supplies and buy a new table for use during playgroup sessions.

This week at Playgroup we put our imaginations to work. We read the story ‘Not a box’. It shows a little rabbit imagining a box to be a racing car, rocket, robot etc. After reading the story we asked our playgroup kids to think of something they’d like to make from a box. With some help our playgroup kids made some incredible creations. They were so engaged!

We are hoping to get outside into the veggie patch as we move closer to spring. Come and join us and spread the news of our Nungurner Playgroup to friends with young children.

Wednesday 10am to midday - just bring a piece of fruit and a gold coin donation!