Nungurner Primary School

“Nungurner the Small School with a Big Heart.”

**Dates to Remember**

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**School Council Members**

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**Nungurner Primary School Values:**

Work together. Stick at it! Make good choices.

Respect yourself, others and the environment

**Books Light up Our World**

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Bookweek yesterday by becoming one of their favourite book characters, and some creative and interesting characters they were too!

Andy Griffiths was there, along with:

The Wicked Witch of the West, Tom Morgan (pirate from Treasure Island), Aerial the mermaid, Alina (Beast Quest), Elsa, The Little Princess, Amy (main character in “The Chocolate Dog”), a vampire, Aleisha the acrobat Fairy, Hayley the Rain Fairy, Princess Aurora and......a Conquistador!. Wally of “Where’s Wally’ fame also made an appearance and we had a visit from a dragon hunter! We managed to stop the Grand High Witch from turning any children into mice and Ms Plump (Emily Eyefinger) even attempted some opera!

A little bit of fun is always a good thing when it comes to learning so thanks to parents for their support!
Each year the East Gippsland Schools Network recognises the achievements of our students with an awards night and dinner in Bairnsdale. Students from every school in East Gippsland are nominated by their school for recognition. This is a fabulous initiative which shines a light on the excellent efforts of students in the areas of leadership, academic growth and service to their community. We are very proud of Lara who received the award for Nungurner this year.

**Achievement Award**: In recognition of her leadership capabilities and positive contributions to our school community.

Lara is an outstanding grade 3 student. She approaches all aspects of her school life with a positive ‘can do attitude’. She has achieved excellent academic results and is a kind, thoughtful and considerate member of the school. Lara is always ready to offer assistance, encouragement, praise and recognition to her schoolmates.

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**The Nungurner News**

Read all about it!!

Attached to this newsletter is the first edition of the ‘Nungurner News’, with articles written by our grade 3 reporters. Read what the kids have to say about their learning experiences.

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**Boite Choir**
Transition to school
Starting school is an exciting time for children and families. Our transition program is aimed at welcoming new families and children to Nungurner and ensuring that everyone has the information they need to feel familiar and comfortable about coming to school.

To begin this process we are having an information night for parents of 2015 and 2016 preps to talk about school programs and how families can support their child’s learning in the very important first years at school. Then in term 4 new preps will be invited to spend a session in the classroom once a fortnight. They will also be invited to any special events we have at school so they can start to feel part of the Nungurner school community.

Transition program for 2016 Preps.

**Term 3**
Information Night for parents of both 2015 & 2016 preps: Wednesday September 2nd, 6-7pm

**Term 4**
2016 prep transition sessions in the classroom. These will be on the following Wednesday mornings, 9-11am.
Wed Oct 14th
Wed Oct 28th
Wed Nov 25th
Wed Dec 9th

**Karoonda Camp Transport**

Our grade 3 students are travelling to Gelantipy to attend the Karoonda Camp from Wednesday the 9th of September to Friday the 11th September. We need some parent assistance to help transport students and luggage on Day 1 - Wednesday the 9th of September. If you are able to assist please speak to Ms V. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Working Bee**

We would really appreciate your support in making our school look better than ever. The working bee will run from 9am -12pm with morning tea provided. Some of the jobs we would like to get done include:

- Tree guards for fruit trees
- Chook house roof
- Cleaning the gutters
- Demolition of old cubby and of old playground equipment
- General weeding and pruning
- Remove old vegetable beds (in preparation for new ones)

Tools required; gardening tools, gloves, rakes, wheel barrows, shovels, saws, secateurs, hammers, buckets. We would love some star pickets donated (second hand is fine).

Please come along and help out.
Sports Shed Clean Up

We are always proud and encouraged when we see examples of our school values in action. A case in point happened last week when the grade 3 students volunteered to clean up the Sports shed. By the end of recess they had emptied all the equipment out of the shed, and we weren’t sure if they would get it all back in before hometime, but they persisted, worked together and spent the whole of their lunchtime completing the task. It was their idea and they worked together to make decisions about how to organise equipment, how to organise the task and they stuck at it!! Well done and thank you to William, Holly, Ethan, Phoebe and Lara.

Book Week - Dress Up Day

Some of our future students enjoying bookweek activities.

Stop Press….Exciting News!!

Our ‘Love Our Lakes' Book has been published!! It will be launched at Assembly on Monday by Peter Coleman from Enviro stories publishing.
The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.

All parents want to be successful and raise kids to be happy and contributing members of our community. Good intentions are not enough. Often there is no difference between one parent and another in terms of skills, knowledge and understanding of kids. However, the biggest difference can be found in parents’ mindsets, rather than their parenting skills and understandings.

Here are 10 mindsets for parenting success:

1. **Believe in your child**
   This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind too. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. **Look for the best**
   What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance than you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you’ll invariably get more of those.

3. **Think long term**
   If you want your child to become independent then don’t do everything for him or her; you need to teach them some skills so they can become self-sufficient. 
   **Awareness, teaching and opportunity** are the main requirements for kids to pick up these skills. They need to be aware of what can be done. They need to acquire the skills- some take more teaching than others. They also need the opportunity to put things into practice.

4. **Be brave**
   Parents of large families invariably give their later born children more freedom than they gave their first-born. We are always stricter with our first-born than later born as by the time you have 4 or 5 kids you’ve worked out what’s worth worrying about. So if you are parent of one or two kids give them more freedom and responsibility; you need to be brave!

5. **Think family**
   Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting ‘the gang’ rather than individual children. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it’s a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what’s best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

6. **Accept challenges**
   There are always challenges raising kids. It’s important to embrace these challenges whether they are behavioural, or a child has struggles at school, or he is moving into puberty. It’s these challenges that will make you a better parent.

7. **Build your community**
   Parents don’t raise kids well in isolation yet there is often a reluctance to share the parenting with others. Successful parents know they haven’t all the answers so they build a community of support and expertise around them.

8. **Trust the process**
   Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It’s best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.

9. **Adversity builds character**
   It’s natural to want life to be easy for our children, but sometimes in an effort to ensure their well-being we smooth things over for them. It is through the small hardships that kids experience that they build the persistence and resilience necessary for continued success.

10. **This too shall pass**
    The hardest part of parenting is supporting kids when life doesn’t go their way. There is plenty of research that suggests that kids benefit from having parents who have a positive parenting style that gets the balance right between protecting, teaching and nurturing kids when life gets hard. This starts with the belief that “This hardship too shall pass.”
East Gippsland Waterdragons Swim Club is holding a

**Fun Session & Race Night**

**New Swimmers welcome!**

Friday August 28th @ Bairnsdale Aquatic & Recreation Centre (BARC)
(Pool Entry is free at Bairnsdale on Fridays)
4:30pm for New Members and Mini Swimmers
5.30pm for Race Session with All Squad swimmers

Fun Night/Race enquires: Bec Seignior Mobile: 0448030844
New member enquiries: Mary Strini 0438 521 252 or Margo Cuthbertson 0427 518 443

East Gippsland Waterdragons Swim Club is a fun and enjoyable swimming club that caters for swimmers of all ages and abilities. Club members come from all over East Gippsland, train with professional coaches at either Bairnsdale or Lakes Entrance, and compete in various local events.

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**Roadwhyz Victoria**

Young Drivers Awareness Program
FREE BBQ start @ 5pm Program start 6pm.

Roadwhyz Victoria is returning to Lakes Entrance Secondary College to present a real life insight into road trauma and what the consequences are of risk taking behaviour behind the wheel.

We want our young drivers to experience our program so they can understand and gain vital skills and knowledge that could save them or someone else out on the road! Parents are also welcome to come!

[https://www.facebook.com/events/194818313807948/](https://www.facebook.com/events/194818313807948/)
Community Notices

JOBS on FARMS

This short course will help people who are interested in working on a farm.

- What type of farm jobs are in Gippsland?
- What skills and/or training are needed?
- How can I connect to local employers?

The course will include hands-on activities

Ph: 51560214
Email: paynevillenc@gmail.com

Where: Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale
When: Wed. 9th Sept
Time: 9am to 12.00
Cost: $20 for 6 weeks (not in school holidays)

PAYNESVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Forge Theatre and Arts Hub presents

TRIVIA NIGHT
28 AUGUST 2015
7PM

WHERE?
PPS SCHOOL HALL
31 - 47 ASHLEY STREET
PAYNESVILLE
ADULTS ONLY EVENT
BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

COST?
TABLE OF 10: $100
SINGLE TICKET: $10 EACH
BOOK: 5156 6334

LOTS OF FUN!
- $100 DOOR PRIZE
- RAFFLE: 1st PRIZE
SCENIC TOUR OVER THE LAKES VALUED OVER $200
- MYSTERY BALLOONS
- SURPRISE BOTTLE AUCTION
- BRING GOLD COINS FOR GAMES
Community Notices

2015 VCE Students Concert

Crashendo! Bairnsdale Youth Development Orchestra presents the 2015 VCE Students Concert on Sunday, September 13th at 2:30 pm at the Uniting Church, Lucknow. The concert has been designed to enhance student’s preparation for their final VCE recital.

Local VCE students will be performing either one or two pieces from their final exam repertoire. Crashendo! Bairnsdale Youth Development Orchestra will also be performing at the concert.

VCE students will perform on a Clarinet, French Horn, Trumpet, Violin, Trombone and Vocals. They will be accompanied by Julie Lockhart on piano when required. The VCE students and Crashendo! Bairnsdale Youth Development Orchestra will join together for the final piece.

Crashendo! Bairnsdale Youth Development Orchestra began in 2013 to provide an opportunity for East Gippsland children and families to work together whilst learning an orchestral instrument. Musical excellence, performance and fun are at the forefront of the program.

The concert is supported by the RM Ansett Trust, managed by Equity Trustees as part of the Principle Children and Youth Grants program, the East Gippsland Shire Arts and Heritage Alliance Grant and REG.FM. A gold coin donation when attending the concert will further support the program.

Burt’s Free Range Eggs
$5.00 a dozen
Either buy them at the farm gate (Kalimna West Rd) or see Burt at school at morning drop off or af-

Kings Cove Golf Club
SNAG
(Starting New At Golf)
Monday 21 September 2015
Ready to start at 4.30

Golf Clinic for Junior Golfers with professional Tamara Hyett
20 places available – first come first served.

Contact Angie Dudderidge:
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