“Nungurner the Small School with a Big Heart.”

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Nungurner Primary School Values:

Work together. Stick at it!
Make good choices.
Respect yourself, others and the environment

From Ms V

There has been a fair bit happening recently and a very pleasing sense of ‘community’ and involvement around our school. Student learning is at the heart of what we do, but that is certainly enhanced when there is involvement from a wide range of people and we all feel we are contributing to the health of our community, and also the children! There have been many times when this community feel has been to the forefront at our school, the grade 3 camp to Karoonda, ducklings hatching and the working bee being most recent examples that caused me to reflect on just how valuable this is....for all of us. Everyone does what they can and this creates a sense of belonging and connection which contributes to the richness of all our lives.

We have also had some satisfying recognition recently from people outside our immediate school community for the efforts of our students: a lovely email singing the praises of the first edition of ‘The Nungurner News’ and a phone call praising our ‘What’s that Living Under Our Jetty’ book.

Thank you to everyone for their contributions, big or small, to our school and community.
Before and After School Care

Our before and after school care program has been a great success this year and we are happy we can offer this assistance to families. Audrey Stephenson runs the program for us under the auspices of Uniting Care, and she does a wonderful job! Here’s a bit about Audrey and the great program she runs. Audrey:

- Long time Nungurner resident whose children all went to Nungurner PS
- Qualified child care worker and Integration Aide
- Currently works at Swan Reach PS
- Great at craft and knows lots of old games like Pick up sticks, Trouble and card games.

The kids in the program all love spending time with Audrey as their comments show.
- Audrey is kind and caring
- She gives us delicious food
- Thank you for taking care of us
- We like playing Trouble, War and Old Maid
- Thank you for making us toast
- Thank you for taking care of us when we are hurt
- Audrey always makes sure we are ok.
- She is the best after and before school person ever!
Another great term of learning!

Our Inquiry Unit this term has been “ch...ch...Changes: Our Changing Planet.” We have learned about Night & Day, the Weather and Seasons and the grade 3’s have explored the relationship between the Sun, Moon and Earth. Our learning has included some science investigations into shadows, manmade and natural objects and how things grow and change. We have also explored how information is represented in tables, bar graphs, flow charts, pictographs etc and made some of our own. Darryl Andy, Koorie Educator from Lakes Entrance Secondary College, came to talk to us about how Aboriginal people in East Gippsland responded to seasonal changes and we have also read, listened to and watched some dreamtime stories about the stars and the moon.

Emma and I have both been very pleased with the progress our students have made with their learning this term. Learning is always a gradual thing and some of the most important gains and changes are the ones that are hardest to measure. In particular Emma and I have seen:

- improvement in spelling, and care and attention given to correct spelling when publishing
- greater understanding and use of text structures when writing
- development of great ideas for writing, often influenced by their reading
- good use of number strategies when working on mental arithmetic
- enjoyment of sharing good literature together. (Grade 3 kids loved reading “Don’t Pat the Wombat” before heading off to camp.

- Fantastic growth in the preps reading and writing. They are now making connections between letters and the sounds they make in words and using this knowledge in their writing.
- Use of writer’s notebooks and enthusiasm for writing by the grade 1s. Their word knowledge has also gone ahead in leaps and bounds!

....and much much more!

We are also pleased with the way our students approach their learning and have seen improvement in their willingness to persist, to challenge themselves to do better and their ability to reflect on their efforts. The have also worked well as a group and are accepting of their differences, (not all the time...but most of the time!)

Thanks to parents for supporting your child’s learning and our efforts. We can’t believe that the final term of the year is almost upon us but we look forward to continued growth and enjoyment of learning.
Dear Families,

I just wanted to write a quick note to tell you all how proud I am of the Grade 3 Nungurner kids and how they participated, behaved and managed themselves at camp.

I returned from camp thrilled at the way our kids interacted with students from the TUBBS cluster. All of our students had a go at every camp activity and they displayed exceptional manners.

They were a delight, even if they were a bit smelly and muddy on their return.

Congratulations on a great camp kids.

Emma
Earn and Learn

Thank you to all who have collected stickers for us, and thanks to those who have helped out with compiling them ready to be sent off. We look forward to being able to get some great new equipment for our school. (Scary to think of how much we all spend on groceries though!)

Pupil Free Day

Don’t forget...first Friday of term 4 (Oct 9th) is a Pupil Free Day.

Walk to School

October is ‘Walk to School’ month. This is a Vic Health initiative aimed at encouraging school children to get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day. It is also a great opportunity for us to enjoy the beautiful environment surrounding our school. This initiative is supported by the shire and staff from Lakes Entrance Aquatic and Recreation Centre are available to help out. We would like our students to walk to school as a group each Wednesday during October. We are asking that parents drop children off at the bus shelter on Nungurner Rd, opposite the Kalimna West turnoff - exactly 1 km from the school. We will then walk along the bike track to school. Those children who are in before school care on a Wednesday will be driven up to the starting point of the walk by Ms V in the school bus. Ms V and a shire staff member will then walk with students back to school. Emma will be at school in case anyone is late or unable to take part for any reason. Parents are welcome to join us!!

Student Absences

It has been a busy term with families having unwell children. Thank you to parents for keeping sick children at home, where they will recover more quickly. Please continue to notify the school by phone as soon as you decide to keep your child at home and send along an absence note (as below) with your child when they return to school. Thank you again for your support.

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Nungurner Primary School—Absence Note
Please be advised that (student name)_________________________________
was absent from school on the (insert date) ___________________________
due to (insert reason)______________________________________________
signed (parent name)______________________________________________
How to raise a child to be a giver - Michael Grose

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. “I want…” “Give me…” “It's mine!” and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means it's something they grow out of...or they're supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children maybe self-centred by temperament I’m not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child’s propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children’s personal competencies tend to be higher on most parents’ wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centered and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material.

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids’ can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents’ greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. **Expect kids to help**
   With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. **Think ‘gang’**
   It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because ‘it’s boring!’ ‘We put ourselves out for each other’ is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3. **Don’t let them get away with meanness**
   Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

4. **Develop a sense of other**
   Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. “What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?” is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5. **Encourage giving**
   During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. He found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven’t changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I’m sure they’d say they’d hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!
**LAKES ENTRANCE TENNIS CLUB**

**3 DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC**

- Monday 28th September to Wednesday 30th September 2015
- Improve skills, fitness, and match play tactics
- 4 – 7 yr olds (Hot Shots) from 9.00am to 10.00am - $30 per player
- 8 yr olds and over from 10.00am to 12noon - $50 per player

Nigel Carr
Tennis Australia Qualified Club Professional Coach

Bookings Essential - Mobile : 0400 003270

**Vacation Care**

*September / October School Holidays*

GLCH Children’s Centre offers vacation care for your family, and provides a SUPER EXCITING two week program featuring daily excursions around East Gippsland.

Contact us now on 5155 3946 or childrenscentre@glch.org.au for more information and bookings.

Limited Places are available!!

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**KIDS CARD MAKING CLASSES**

Come along and join in the fun of making your very own greeting cards this School Holidays! We will be running classes in the art room of the old school house building at Nexing Primary School (Queens Road, Nexing) on Wednesday of the holidays from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is $12.00 per child and everything your child needs to make gorgeous cards is supplied.

**CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- Wed 23rd Sept  -  Bella Ams Wishes & Cute Gecko cards
- Wed 30th Sept  -  Beautiful Butterfly cards

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**NYERIMILANG HERITAGE PARK**

Kalimna West Rd, Lakes Entrance

**PIONEER SKILLS & COLONIAL CRAFTS DAY**

Step back in time to a bygone era

Sausage sizzle
Billy Tea & Damper
Pioneer skills & old time craft demonstrations
Blacksmiths, spinning, blade shearing, draught horses, farm animals, music & more

Join in the fun with ‘old time’ games for the children
### Community Notices

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**OPEN DAY 10am-4pm**

for the historic Pearl Lugger

"PAM"

Gippsland’s very own tall ship

**THE LAST OF HER KIND**

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2015

at the METUNG WHARF

"Pearl Lugger Cruises" are having an open day display to view Gippsland Lakes newest tourist venture. The “PAM” has undergone an extensive refit. There will be a display of all the diving apparatus that was used in the pearl industry over 100 years ago.

**We would like to welcome you aboard!**

Gold Coin Donations go to Heart Foundation

For further details contact Dan and Wendy

Mobile 0427 924 450 or Email: info@pearlluggercruises.com.au
BAIRNSDALE & DISTRICT AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

T: (03) 5153 1638 E: bdaba@gmail.com

Registration nights.
Basketball Summer season to commence on Tuesday the 6th of October for juniors. There has been a few changes with the recent increase of teams, weekly draws will be as follows Mondays - U16 boys, A Men, C Men and A Women, Tuesdays – Mini-ball 5yr -10yr old, Under 12 Boys and Girls & Under 14 mixed, Wednesdays – U16 Girls, B Men, C women & B Women. Please note all players (Seniors & Juniors) must pay the annual Affiliation fee of $40.00 Junior Registration nights - will be held at the BARC on Tuesday the 1st and 8th of September between 5 – 7pm. Fees set for next season for juniors are Registration $0.00 and $5.00 door entry per week. We will be reducing the registration fee by $5.00 for every additional child when more than one child in family is playing. Also for junior players (Under 18 yrs old) who are wanting to play in both the junior and senior competitions the fee will be $40.00 per season which will cover registration in both junior and senior comps. For any queries for Juniors please contact Bec on 0403838781
FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

- Do you have a spare bedroom?
- Are you able to provide a safe, stable and loving environment to a child?
- Are you willing to attend training & work as part of a team?

UnitingCare Gippsland is seeking foster carers to meet the needs of local children unable to live with their birth families.

For more information please visit www.ucgipps.org.au or Call Megan & Cassandra from the Home Based Care team on (03) 51 447 777
# Kids in Motion 2015

**Timetable**

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**Activities**

- Set up
- Community Arrival at Park
- Boys Surf Session
- Community Pool Entry
- Aqua Run
- Lunch Between 12:30 & 1pm
- Girls Surf Session
- Finish/Pack up
- Bus leaves to come home
- Home by 5pm

**Project Partners:**

- Djilay Ngalu “Healthy Together”
- Physical Activity & Wellbeing Projects
- Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust – Canoe Equipment
- Indigenous Surfing Program – Surfing Victoria
- East Gippsland Shire Council – Aquadome

**September School Holidays...**

Not much happening?

Come join the fun with Family and Friends this school holidays...

- Apex Park and Canoeing 22nd of September 2015
- Cape Conran Surf Day 25th of September 2015
  - Bus Provided limited seats. Book your seat
- Aqua Run / Aquadome 30th of September 2015

*All sessions are free

* Lunch provided

* Elders, Parents, Family & Friends Welcome

Parent or Guardians must complete a consent form at each activity. If you are bringing participants UNDER 16yrs, they must be supervised by an Adult Parent or Guardian. Staff will not be responsible for behaviour or supervision. Transport Provided on Request.

For more info, call Sarah on 5155 8365

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Please see timetable for scheduled events.