Nungurner: Aboriginal word, meaning pleasant place.

Nungurner Primary School Values:

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

From Ms V

Well it has been another busy term. The children have been involved in lots of fun activities throughout the term; Camp Coolamatong, cooking, Life Ed van, prep transition, Do More with Less environmental conference, Choir, and Walk to School. We still have the Prep extended day, Metung Carols, the last Prep Transition Day and our End of Year Celebration to go.

It is a busy time of the year for everyone, make sure you take the time to reflect on all the achievements and positive developments your child has made throughout the year. Acknowledge the effort they have made to reach those achievements, it will encourage them to persevere when they face their next challenge in life.
The end of the year is always a time when we reflect on achievements and growth over the last 12 months. Lately we have seen some wonderful examples of growth in our students, not only in their learning but most importantly also in how they conduct themselves and get on with each other. So.....

**Well done** to the grade ones for the way they conducted themselves at camp. They all had a go at all activities, were kind and courteous and had fun!!

**Well done** to William for organising lunch time sports ‘coaching clinics’ for other students. Your good sportsmanship, patience and encouragement of others is a pleasure to see!

**Well done** to all the grade 3’s for the great work on their book about camp. They have persevered and it is looking wonderful! Fantastic effort Phoebe ...can’t wait to read your 14 page story!!

**Well done** to the grade 3 shopkeepers for helping the preps learn about money and practising their counting on to give change.

**Well done** to the grade 3’s for becoming great independent workers. (Amara noticed!)
Help from Parents

Ticket sales for our raffle seem to be bubbling along. If anyone would like more tickets please see Vicki, Emma or Ms V. If you are able to help sell or write out tickets at the next Metung Market on the 12th of December please let Rachel know.

We are very grateful to those businesses who have generously donated prizes and hope you will support them in return!! Country House Retreat- Nungurner, West Cape Cabins-Cape Conran, Café Culture, Metung Pub, Metafit Lakes Entrance, Funky Monkey, Body Balance, Peels Cruisers, Michael Strambi Salon-Lakes Entrance, Bancroft Bites-Metung, Albert & Co Kalimna West, Fermio Garden Supplies-Johnsonville, Bang on the Beach-Lakes Entrance, Safeway-Bairnsdale

Metung Christmas Carols

We hope all families will be able to attend the Metung Carols event where our students will be performing. Nungurner students will sing one song with Metung Primary School and one by ourselves. Come along and enjoy the family atmosphere, support the children and sing along. Saturday the 12th of December. BBQ from 5pm, carols start at 6pm.

Reports

Parents who would like some general information about reports are welcome to meet with Emma and Ms V on Monday 7th December at 3:30pm. Individual reports will be sent home on Monday the 14th of December.

Welcome

We welcome Blair and his mum Charlene to the Nungurner school community. Blair, who will start in grade 5 at Nungurner next year, will be joining us for some transition days in the last weeks of school. Please say hi and make them feel at home!

Transition for 2016 Preps

The last transition session for 2016 preps will be next Wednesday the 9th of December, 9-11. I would like to meet with parents briefly at 10:45 to ensure a smooth start for preps next year.

Egg cartons please

Our chickens are laying and we have run out of egg cartons. Could families please send along their eggs cartons to school, so we can fill them with our lovely fresh chicken eggs.
Camp Coolamatong

The grade ones from Nungurner went to Camp Coolamatong last Thursday and Friday. The grade prep, ones and twos from Metung primary came too.

We did activities. They were fun. We did low ropes, farming, a treasure hunt and bush cooking. For bush cooking we made pocket pizzas; we wrapped them up in silver foil and cooked them on the fire. All the grade ones from Nungurner liked low ropes. Low ropes is an obstacle course with lots of ropes, wood and tyres.

We enjoyed being with the Metung kids at Camp Coolamatong.

Amara  Scarlett  Sarah  Tahlia
Last week the children cooked two delicious cakes for the Nungurner Community Group meeting. The rhubarb, beetroot and eggs were from our garden and chooks. The children really enjoyed cooking together. Everyone agreed they were scrumptious. We have received many requests for the recipes. We hope you enjoy making them as much as we did.

**Beetroot and Chocolate Cupcakes**

- Canola oil spray
- 3 (about 375g) beetroot bulbs, peeled
- 265g (1 3/4 cups) self-raising flour
- 30g (1/4 cup) cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 200g (1 cup, firmly packed) dark brown sugar
- 3 eggs, at room temperature
- 180g butter, melted
- 150g dark chocolate, melted, cooled
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Betty Crocker Creamy Deluxe Rich Chocolate Fudge Frosting, to decorate

**Method**

1. **Step 1**
   - Preheat oven to 180°C. Spray fifteen 80ml (1/3-cup) capacity muffin pans with oil. Finely grate the beetroot into a bowl.

2. **Step 2**
   - Sift the flour, cocoa powder and mixed spice into a bowl. Stir in sugar. Stir in the beetroot, eggs and butter. Add chocolate and vanilla extract. Stir until just combined. Spoon among the prepared pans. Smooth the surfaces. Bake for 25 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centres comes out clean. Set aside to cool completely.

3. **Step 3**
   - Spread the icing over the muffins.

**Rhubarb Cake**

- 60g butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups (300g) brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup (150g) plain flour
- 1 cup (150g) self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 300g carton sour cream
- 350g trimmed rhubarb, cut into 2cm lengths
- 1/4 cup (55g) brown sugar, extra
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon, extra

Custard or cream, to serve

**Step 1**
- Preheat oven to 160°C. Lightly grease a 24cm springform pan. Line base and sides with paper, extending paper 3cm above top of pan.

**Step 2**
- Beat butter, sugar, vanilla and zest with an electric mixer until well combined. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold in sifted dry ingredients and cream in two batches. Fold in rhubarb. Spread mixture into prepared pan and sprinkle evenly with combined extra sugar and cinnamon.

**Step 3**
- Cook for about 1 hour 15 minutes, or until cooked when tested with a skewer. Cover top with foil if sugar starts to over brown.

**Step 4**
- Remove cake from pan and cool on wire rack. Cake is delicious served warm or cold with custard or cream.
Nungurner Primary School Raffle

$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for $5

We are raising funds to purchase a much needed ride on lawn mower for our school grounds, to keep the mossies at bay and a safe environment for kids to play.
So far we have raised $800 against our target of $5000.

Prizes include:
- 1st prize: 2 nights accommodation at ‘Country House Retreat’ Nungurner valued at $500
- 2nd Prize: 1 nights accommodation at West Cape cabins, Cape Conran valued at $200
- 3rd Prize: Double Pass to Café Culture valued at $160
  Additional Prizes
- Metung Pub Voucher dinner for 2 people.
- Voucher from Metafit Lakes Entrance valued at $100
- Breakfast Voucher from Funky Monkey
- Voucher for Body Balance (yoga)
- Family Pass for Peels Cruisers  1 trip for 2 adults and 3 children
- Hamper from Michael Strambi Salon Lakes Entrance
- Voucher from Bancroft Bites Metung
- Breakfast voucher from Albert & Co Kalimna West
- Voucher from Fermio Garden Supplies Hamper - Valued at $85
- Coffee Vouchers from Bang on the Beach
- Safeway Voucher $30

Tickets will be sold at the Community Day on Sunday, at school and in a variety of locations. Prizes will be drawn at our end of year school celebration in December. **All tickets and money to be returned by Friday December 11th.**

Thank you for supporting our school and thank you to our sponsors who have generously donated the prizes.
Tickets need to have the buyers name and phone number. **Both tickets to be sold separately.** Please return tickets and money when you have sold the booklets. More booklets are available from Ms V or Vicki.

Car Battery Recycling Drive!

Got old car batteries at home or work you need to get rid of?
Nungurner Primary School is running a Car Battery Recycling drive to....
...help the environment and raise much needed funds for a ride-on lawn mower for the upkeep of the school oval....
Help keep the grass cut so the kids can PLAY!!

**Where?** Drop your batteries at the marked spot at **Nungurner Primary School** from Monday 9 November until Sunday 20 December 2015

Any questions- please phone 51563232
Please HELP our School and HELP the environment!
Thanks for supporting Nungurner Primary School
www.nungurnersps.vic.edu.au
**Fundraising Thank you**

Many thanks to members of the fundraising group on school council who have sourced great prizes and organised a fantastic raffle to raise funds for the school. Ticket sales are going well and will continue until the last week of school. If you are able to help sell tickets at the next Metung market on Dec 12th please let Rachel know.

We are very grateful to those businesses who have generously donated prizes and hope you will support them in return!!

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**Harmony in Motion**

A blend of Tai chi, Yoga, Pilates, Deep Muscle work and Meditation.

Designed to leave you feeling clam, rejuvenated and increase your range of motion, strength and improve your posture.

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Bookings essential contact

Tanya on 0439588157.

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**Community Notices**

**Bairnsdale Community Christmas Carols**

**NEW VENUE**

20th December @ 7pm  
Tulaba Reserve  
Next to Lucknow Primary School  
Howitt Avenue Eastwood  
(In the school hall if wet)

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**Quantum Support Services inc.**

Is currently seeking people who would be interested in becoming foster carers for children & adolescents.  
If this sounds like it may be you, or you would like more information.  
Please call- Karin Thomsen on 5120 2000

Supporting Gippslanders in Need
It’s a (Christmas) wrap! – Michael Grose

It’s that time of year again!

The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

“Where did the last twelve months go?” That’s the adult viewpoint.

Kids think, “What took so long?” Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That’s only natural.

But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you’ll round out the year, and bring it to a close.

If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. **Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year**: Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year’s end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. **Celebrate improvement and success**: Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It’s important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. **Show appreciation**: Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. **Look forward**: It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. **Now relax**: It’s time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it’s a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year!