Welcome back!

We’ve had a great start to the term, albeit a cold and wet one, and the children are all straight back into their learning. Sounds like everyone enjoyed some fun activities in a variety of places over the holidays. Holidays are important; they give us the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, things we often don’t have time to do during our busy terms, so it’s good to hear that families have made the most of the break.

Some things coming up this term:

- Athletic sports
- Opera Australia performance
- East Gippsland Student Awards
- Boite Choir performance
- Grade 3/4 camp to Gelantipy

NBN Meeting

If you are interested in learning about the roll out of the National Broadband Network in the Nungurner area, keep Wed Aug 12th 3:30 - 6:30 free. There will be a meeting at the school to provide people in the community with information and to answer your questions. More information to follow in the next newsletter.
Pupil Free Day

Next Friday, July 24th is a pupil free day. Teachers will be at school planning curriculum and beginning to work on our new strategic plan. Students are not required at school on this day.

Playgroup - Change of Day

Many thanks to Mel Newcomen for co-ordinating playgroup last term. Jo Van Dam will be coordinating playgroup activities for the remainder of the year. It seems that Thursday is a better day for most people so from next week Playgroup will move back to Thursday mornings 9.00 - 11.

Come to Nungurner Playgroup

Thursday mornings 9.00 - 11

Where? Nungurner Primary School
455 Nungurner Rd, Nungurner.
Contact the school: 5156 3232

Nungurner Playgroup is coordinated by Jo van Dam.

Please bring a gold coin donation and fruit to share.

Athletics

The TUBBS Athletic Sports will be held on Wednesday August 5th at Howitt Park. Our grade 3 students will participate in the 9 year old age group. We will begin practising next week and Athletics skills will be a focus of our sports sessions with Metung Primary School this term.

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)______________________________________________
Student Work

This week we have written postcards about our holidays.

I went to the zoo. I saw every animal at the zoo. I went with Lara and Dad. I LOVE the zoo. It was awesome.

From Tahlia

Earn and Learn - Woolworths

Nungurner Primary School is once again participating in the Earn and Learn Program. If you shop at Woolworths please collect the Earn and Learn Stickers and either place them in the box for Nungurner Primary School, bring them along to school or if you are driving past simply put them in our letterbox. Please encourage family, friends, neighbours and community members to collect the stickers for Nungurner Primary. We have until the 8th of September to collect as many as possible. We will use the points accumulated towards purchasing educational resources.

Japanese/Australian Cultural Day

Japanese students from Yaei High School will be visiting Nungurner on Friday July 31st. We have an interesting day planned, most of which will take place at Nyerimilang Park. Everyone is invited to join us on the day. We need helpers for morning tea and lunch; please return the attached slip if you can help. This is always a great day for Nungurner and all students involved but we do need help to make it a success.

Japanese/Australian Cultural Day at Nyerimilang

Friday 31st July

I am able to assist with morning tea and/or lunch for the Japanese/Aussie Day.

Name:________________________________________
By Michael Grose

My mum used to tell me, “There’s a time and place for everything Michael, and this is not the time and place to behave like that!”

My mum’s words came back to me as I watched three kids (tweens and early teens) try to out-wrestle and out-shout each other while they waited in an airport queue with their parents. Their noise and wrestling quite obviously disturbed and interfered with fellow travellers, but their parents made no attempt to rein in their behaviour.

I couldn’t help thinking that there is a time and place for this type of behaviour and THIS WAS NEITHER OF THOSE!

**Time and place** is a brilliant socialisation lesson for children of any age or era to absorb.

It starts by asking yourself as a parent: “What does this social situation reasonably require of my children at their age and stage of development?”

In the above case it’s reasonable to expect tweens and teens to be able to stand in a queue without disturbing others for the ten minutes that it took to get service. It’s should be easy for that age group to show some self-control and consideraton for others.

That timeframe maybe a stretch for under fives, but some parental attention to distract them from being bored may do the trick. The principle is the same regardless of age or a child’s developmental stage, but the application varies.

**Socialising kids**

It’s a parent’s job to socialise your kids. That is, it’s your job to develop a sense of OTHER so that they become aware of how their behaviour impacts on others. Many kids have L Plates when it comes to behaving in public so they need your assistance to behave according to the requirements of the situation – or according to the time and place. You do this by:

1. **Giving your kids social scripts**
   There are times when kids don’t know what to say or how to act in different social situations. “Here’s what you can say when you meet Mrs Smith...” is the type of pre-emptive social scripting that benefits most boys, kids on the autism spectrum as well as kids who need extra help to get on with others.

2. **Regular behaviour rehearsal**
   Practise appropriate social behaviours at home so kids know how to behave around others. For example, you can role-play a restaurant situation by serving your kids’ meals at the dinner table and expecting them to use their manners.

3. **Just-in-time prompts**
   It helps to remind in positive terms how kids should speak and act around others before entering a social situation or a special place such as a church, airport or restaurant. “In church most people...”

4. **Teaching good manners**
   Manners are social guidelines that teach kids how to behave around others. While some conventions change over time, basic good manners such as saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ never change. They are the basis of a civil society. Kids are never too young to start learning manners.

5. **Respectful use of consequences**
   While the best discipline happens before an event (through behaviour rehearsal, prompts and teaching manners) there are times when the only way to get a message across about time and place is to DO something if the kids’ behaviour thoughtlessly or deliberately impinges on the rights of others. And the best action may be WITHDRAWAL from the place or activity that they are doing. That may mean that the kids (and you) miss out on an activity or being in a special place but such lessons are rarely forgotten and reinforce your important messages.

**Time and place** is a great parenting message for kids to learn. It’s about consideration for others; it’s about self-control and above all else, it’s about fitting into different social situations.
NYERIMILANG HERITAGE PARK
Kalimna West Road, Lakes Entrance

GARDEN DAY

Sunday, 26th July—10.00am to 3.00pm

FREE Rose cuttings - Plants for sale
Native Plant display & advice
Refreshments in the Homestead
Sausage sizzle
Activities for Everyone

Children FREE

Adults $4

Friends of Nyerimilang Heritage Park thank Radio REC FM for their support