**A Great Start!**

We have had a very smooth start to the year with all children, and teachers, enjoying their first few days at school for 2016. Our preps all started the year happily and calmly and are already learning the ropes and the school routines. Each week will bring new experiences for them with such a lot of learning to do! They are already all an important part of ‘the Nungurner team’ and we are so glad to have them on the journey with us.

Thank you to all parents for supporting their children so well for the start of a new school year. It was great to see so many of you at the afternoon tea on Friday to kick off the year. 2016 will no doubt be another busy and exciting year!!

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**Thank You!!!**

As I am sure you will agree, our school grounds look fantastic thanks to the very generous efforts of lots of people. All of our chooks and ducks survived the holidays and our vegies and new plantings around the oval were watered and cared for.

**Thanks to:**
Ross Monteith, Jill & Robert Morpeth, Rachel & Glenn Bury, Steve & Kim Kleinitz, Bert & Kate Thorn, Louise Avery, Shari Eastley ....and a special thanks to Craig Risely for being on hand to solve the plumbing problems!! (Please forgive me if I have left anyone out...our thanks go to you too!)

**A Very Big Thank You** to Craig, Brenda and David Tincknell who spent several hours on the day before the kids returned mowing, blowing away leaves, sweeping and raking. Brenda even cleaned the outside sinks!! Thanks so much for your time and effort; it was lovely for the kids to return to such a tidy school.

Thanks also to Ninky & Emma who also put in a lot of work cleaning out the shed behind the toilets (now the Art storage shed), getting classrooms ready and even doing some planning! Vicki and Rose were also in during the holidays archiving files and getting various tasks complete so we could get a fresh start.

All these efforts are above and beyond but help to make our school the great place it is. Thanks everyone!!

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**Dates to Remember**

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**Happy Birthday!**

Rusty (13 Jan)  
Sarah (22 Jan)  
Osgar (5 Feb)
### What's happening when?

This basic timetable lets you know what your child’s week looks like. It may change slightly as we make adjustments for various reasons, but the major components of the week will stay the same. If you would like to know more or have any questions don’t hesitate to ask!

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### Some changes from last year.

- **Hot Lunch Day will be on Friday,** starting this week, when Rose is available to help. Children are welcome to bring food to be heated in the oven or microwave. (pies, pizza etc)
- **P.E /Sport is now on Thursday.**
- At the moment we do not have a Japanese teacher....we are working on it!
- Vicki will again be at Nungurner on **Tuesday and Wednesday,** and Rose on **Friday.**

### Music

We are working with the ‘Crashendo’ group to provide music education for our students this year.

Donrita Reefman will begin this week, with basic music lessons of 45mins for both classes and this will extend to instrumental music in term 2.

John Brehaut is still available for private music tuition for students in gdes 1-5, which can take place during school hours. Please see Ms V if you are interested.
Communication between school and families is vital so we all know what is happening and get to share in children’s learning. Emma and I are both available before and after school, but it is best to book a time with us if you want a longer chat. I am happy for parents to contact me on my mobile, which I check fairly regularly or on my home phone number. We are now able to send text messages to parents so will use this for reminders, but ask parents to still keep up with things via the usual means. There is a weekly bulletin on the noticeboard at the front gate which tells you what is happening that week, the newsletter and the website to keep you informed. We will do our best to make sure everyone has the information they need, but if you have a question just ask!

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What happens in an emergency?

We all hope it never happens, but emergencies do occur and everyone needs to be assured that we have procedures to deal with them.

Every school in Victoria has an emergency management plan that details how emergencies will be dealt with. Our most likely threat is bushfire and we would probably know about the threat well in advance. We are in the highest risk category for bushfire and therefore the school would close on code red days. (see attached information about what would happen in this situation)

For other emergencies we have evacuation and lockdown procedures which we will practice each term with the kids so we all know what to do. In basic terms this is what would happen.

- Get everyone to a safe place either inside or outside the building depending on the emergency
- Contact emergency services and act on their advice
- Contact parents if necessary.

It is absolutely vital we have current and reliable contact details for parents and emergency contacts. Please make sure your emergency contacts are local and likely to be available if you are not. If you have trouble nominating someone come and see us.

If you have any concerns or would like more information about how we would deal with emergencies please come and talk to us.

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)_____________________________________________________


Grade 2-5 News:

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year. The kids have made a great start to the year and we are looking forward to a great time together at school. We have begun developing some new routines in class.

A routine that I would like to encourage all students to undertake daily is reading at home. Our grade 2 students have levelled books to read each night. It would be great if parents could listen to their child read each night and record the text that they have read in their reader folder. Our grade 4 and 5 students are expected to read each night. They may choose to read a book from home or school. Please let me know if I need to encourage your child to develop this routine. They will be responsible for completing their reading log in class.

Some students will also have weekly spelling words to practice each night. These words will be recorded on a sheet in their reader folder. It would be great if parents could help their child to practice each word daily by completing a Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check. We have practiced this in class and the children know the routine. It would also be beneficial to play some games like memory or snap with their spelling words. They could also have a go at making their words on computer or with craft materials.

Occasionally we will send students home with a homework task. These will usually be linked to our units of work. This term we will undertake a unit of work titled ‘You, Me and Us’. It will explore emotions and feelings, working together, safety, and social relationships.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for special events.

Please remember to see me if ever have any concerns about your child.

Yours truly,

Emma

Swimming Trials

TUBBS schools (Tambo Upper, Swan Reach, Bruthen, Buchan, Metung, Nowa Nowa & us) will be holding trials at the Bairnsdale outdoor pool on Tuesday the 9th February at 4:30pm. The purpose of the trials is to choose a team to compete in the district swimming carnival in Orbost on Wednesday the 17th of February.

All children in grade 3-6 are able to compete in the trials as long as they can swim 50m. They will compete in their age group which is the age they will turn this year. Both Emma and I will be attending the trials and can transport children if needed. Parents are welcome to attend. This is voluntary, children do not have to participate. If they are selected for the TUBBS team they will compete in the district swimming carnival in Orbost on Wednesday February 17th.
A permission slip is attached to this newsletter.
Monday to Thursday we are operating 2 grades each morning but for the afternoons all of our students will be working together. This provides a great opportunity for children to acquire a variety of skills and to learn from each other. Students have their ‘buddy’ for a term before being paired with someone else so they have the chance to get to know each other.

Our first ‘buddy’ activity involved the older students talking to their buddy about the year ahead at school and helping them answer the question, ‘What are you looking forward to this year?’

**Ethan & Osgar**

Osgar is looking forward to learning and having fun.

**Tahlia and Amber**

Amber is looking forward to Art with Ninky.

**William, Luke and Rusty**

Luke is looking forward to Maths; his favourite part is learning numbers and his favourite number is 7.

Rusty is looking forward to reading.

Her favourite book is ‘The Scared Bunny Rabbit’ and her favourite part is when she went in the door to the circus.
Sarah and Katie
We like learning and playing and doing jobs. We are looking forward to Art with Ninky. Emma and Ms V are the best teachers ever!

Editors note: No bribery involved in the production of this statement!

Phoebe and Juliet
Juliet is looking forward to playing in the playground. She is also looking forward to cooking and gardening and learning.

Lara, Jack and Bonnie
Jack is looking forward to gardening. Bonnie is looking forward to maths and writing. She likes playing on the playground and she is also looking forward to gardening.

Trinity and Jordan
Jordan is looking forward to writing..
Wish list for gardening programme:
Jars of any size, with or without lids
Plastic lids 8-12 cms
Polystyrene boxes
Terracotta pots, any size
Plastic pots, any size
Seeds
Straw/hay
Pillow case, hat, gloves, any condition
Long bamboo stakes
Empty tines, any size, non-sharp lip
Old gumboots, shoes, boots, preferably adult size
Twisted willow
Egg shells
Coffee grounds

It would be a good idea if children could bring an old shirt for gardening!

Garden Groaners (from Ninky)
What do you call a grumpy, short tempered gardener?
A Snapdragon!

What kind of flowers do you give to King Tut?
Chrysanthemummies!