### Dates to Remember

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### School Council Members

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<td>Emma Steele</td>
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We are off to a great start!! Children have picked up old routines and are adapting to some changes very well. Learning is underway and we are confident we will have another fantastic year at Nungurner.
What is happening?

Who is here when?

- Vicki is working 2 full days per week (Wed & Thurs)
- Emma is working 3 days per week but spreading this over four days; she will not be here on Thursdays. She will start teaching at 10am Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri, and may sometimes work a shorter day on a Fri.
- Ninky is working half a day per week, starting at 12:30 on a Thursday.
- Monique is here for Music on Thursday as per last year. (10:15-12:15)
- Audrey Stephenson will be here for before and after school care.
- Our MARC van sessions will happen fortnightly, with one session on Mon and another on Fri.

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We have also made a slight change to our day; the first 2 sessions of the day will be 2 hours long and the last 1 hour. This will make lunch a little later, but each session will have a short fruit break and the children will have access to their water bottles at all times as they normally do.

Before and After School Care:

We are very lucky to once again have Audrey Stephenson to run before and after school care. In order to ensure numbers so this program can continue, this year we have combined with Swan Reach PS. Audrey has done a great job organising this and I must say it has been very difficult, with families pulling out at the last minute so a BIG thank you to the Nungurner families who have committed to specific days and sessions. There are still spaces available so speak to Audrey or Ms V if you would like to make a booking for this service.

Classroom Helpers

There is always plenty to do in a small school! Parents and family are always welcome in our school, but we have a number of programs which would greatly benefit from some extra hands. If you or anyone you know would like to help out with any of the following please talk to Bron or Emma.

Reading: 9-9:30 Mon-Thurs. You just cannot overestimate the benefit children get from reading with an adult!

Cooking/ Gardening: Tuesday 2:15-3:15 We have these groups running simultaneously so help with either would be great.

Art: Thursday 2:15-3:15 An extra pair of hands here is always welcomed by Ninky!
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Note: The schedule is for the week of two weeks. The activities include a mix of literary, cooking, gardening, and math subjects. The days are labeled as Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
School Council

School Council Elections

Each year there is an opportunity for new people to join school council. Nominations are currently open for 2 parent vacancies and one DEECD (Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development) member. If you are interested in the vital work that school council does and would like to be involved please see Bron or Vicki for a nomination form. Nomination forms are also available on the information rack in the multi-purpose room.

If you would like more information about the role of school council and what it entails myself or any of the other school council members would be happy to chat to you. Nominations close on Monday 20th February.

School Council meets 8 times each year and our first meeting for 2017 will be held on Monday March 13th at 3:30pm.

Yoga

Rachel Bell has offered to do Yoga with our students on a Friday morning again this year. This is a very beneficial activity which contributes to kids health and well-being and also teaches cooperation and respect for others. Thanks Rachel for giving your time so generously for our children’s benefit!!
Swimming

Last Wednesday Lara, William and Ethan competed in the TUBBS cluster swimming trials for the chance to be part of the TUBBS team which will compete in the East Gippsland District swimming carnival on Wednesday the 15th of February. They all did a fantastic job in their events and all made it into the team, even though they were not all expecting to! Amazing what happens when you give things a go!! We wish them all well in their events on Wednesday this week in Orbost and are all very proud of the way they have participated and represented their school.

Stick Insects

We have some very keen young entomologists at our school who are constantly on the lookout for interesting insects and small creatures in our school ground, (although they are not so keen on the big huntsman who has moved into the multi-purpose room at the moment!). Last week they found a couple of Praying Mantis and were keen to share their discovery with Vicki who always encourages their curiosity and helps them to learn more. As a result of this interest Vicki has very kindly lent us her stick insects for a while. ....Amber, Jack and Cohen are in heaven! At the moment we have 3 Acrophylla titans or Titan stick insects happily munching gum leaves in their aquarium.

Thanks Vicki for encouraging young curiosity!!
Moving beyond asking, “What did you do at school?”

By Michael Grose

Ever found yourself asking your child the same bland question about school?

“So, how was your day? What did you do at school today? What did you learn?”

If these are your default questions the chances are that you’ll get a one or two word reply along the lines, “Fine!” “Good!” “Okay” “Nothing much.”

These answers don’t really tell you a lot. On the other hand, these types of questions don’t ask a great deal.

So how can you move beyond the mundane when you talk with kids about their school days?

Set the atmosphere

It helps to create the right atmosphere for conversations. A quick “How was your day?” as you pick a child up from school is a rapport-builder or mood checker, but little more.

If you drive you may learn a bit on the trip home, particularly if you keep the radio off and are able to keep some distance between kids and mobile devices. Alternatively, walking home together may loosen up your child’s tongue and put them in the mood for talking.

Give kids a chance

Most kids need some time and space to unwind before expecting them to talk about their day, particularly if you are going to ask them questions. This makes sense as most adults would feel annoyed if they were assaulted as soon as they walked in the door about their day, “How was your day? What did you do? Who did you see?” Ahh! Stop!

Create conversations rather than ask questions

The dinner table makes a great place to talk, if all televisions are off, mobile devices are left behind and you take the time to make it more than a pit stop. One way to kick off a conversation is to ask kids if they’d like to hear about your day. From my experience kids are often interested in the most mundane things that go on in an adult’s day so don’t think you have to make it sounder grander than what it is. This gives kids permission to talk about their own days; your story can stimulate conversations which provides openings for kids to ask questions and share a little or in some cases a lot about their own day at school.
Interesting questions lead to interesting conversations

The questions you ask to prompt a conversation will often say a great deal about you and what you value. If you focus only on academic or learning questions, then it indicates that’s what you value. It helps to take conversations and your questions in different directions to get a multi-faceted window into your child’s school life but also an indication of your child’s interests, social skills and welfare. Here are some examples of question starters that may prompt different responses from kids about their time at school:

Tell me what made you laugh today?
Who did you play with at recess today?
Did you do anything that was brave?
If I spoke to your teacher, what would she tell me about you?
What did your teacher talk about today?
Is there anyone in your class who needs to be in time out?
Where’s the best place to hang out/play at school?
Tell me one good thing that happened to you today?
Who were you nice/kind/friendly to today?
Did anyone push your buttons today?

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Welcome back Phoebe!

Much excitement in the classroom yesterday when Phoebe returned to school. She and her mum have been in Queensland with a family member who was very ill. We are all very glad to see you back Phoebe and glad your aunty is recovering.

All the best to Fi, Phoebe and family.

Farewell

It has been a pleasure to have Sarah & Phil around for the past year and to get to know them a little. Ethan and Luke’s Aunty and her partner are on their way home to England today. While they were here they helped out with a number of events and activities at school and Phil’s assistance in making our movie at the end of last year was fantastic.

Thanks Sarah and Phil...we hope to see you again some day.

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Sharing Time

Kids love to share their treasures and news about special events with their friends. The P/1/2 children will have their sharing time on a Monday and then we will use this to stimulate writing.

It would be best if we kept toys etc at home for the rest of the week as they can become a distraction (to say the least!).

We would also ask that parents are aware of what their child is bringing to school so damage/loss is kept to a minimum.

Thanks

Bron & Emma
LAKES ENTRANCE AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Registration nights - 2017 season 1
13th of February 5-6pm & 20th of February 5-6pm
Please note it will be compulsory for all players to register on line.
Assistance will be available on registration nights for anyone who needs help.
Registrations are now open on line @ lakes entrance sports tg.com
Closing date for all registrations is the 24th of February.
Women's and Juniors - $130.00
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Any questions please call Penny on 0407 400 527

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PAYNESVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

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Term 1, 2017

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Computer Skills for Beginners (8wks)
Computer Skills Intermediate (8wks)
Excel for Beginners (8wks)
Internet Research Skills/Ancestry (6wks)
Job Application/Resume Skills (6wks)
Botanical Drawing (8wks)

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Register now for junior tennis coaching for Term 1, 2017

- Mondays or Wednesdays after school for all standards of players
- Emphasis on skills, fair play, fun and fitness

Contact Tennis Australia Qualified Club Professional Coach

**Nigel Carr – Mobile 0400 003 270**

Free ‘Wilson’ Junior Tennis Racquet for each new enrolment

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**Lego Club**

*FREE AGES 3-12 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL*

Junior Lego enthusiasts are invited to attend our after school Lego Club sessions

- The supervised sessions are held in Meeting Room 1 at Bairnsdale Library, and incorporate freestyle creativity and themed construction activities.
- Donations welcome
- The library will gladly accept donations of old or new Lego brand pieces for our Lego Club collection.
- Bookings for each session open the day of the previous session. Phone 5159 4225 or book in person at the library for these FREE sessions.

- Bairnsdale library
  - Tuesday 14 February 2017
  - Tuesday 14 March 2017
  - Tuesday 11 April 2017
  - Tuesday 9 May 2017
  - Tuesday 13 June 2017

- Children aged six and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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**Family Connect**

Do you like spending time with families and young children?

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week?

**You could be a Family Connect Volunteer!**

Volunteer Family Connect provides free training and ongoing supervision to volunteers who visit families in their homes providing social and emotional support to parents or carers of pre-school children.

The training will provide you with an opportunity to share and expand your current skills and interests and broaden you social and professional networks. A variety of training options are available, for more information or to register you interest please contact Leila at Save the Children Australia on 0407 872 256 or leila.wheib@savethechildren.org.au