Welcome back to all of the families at Nathalia Primary School. I’m sure this will be a rewarding and enjoyable school year for everyone in our school community.

Family and Staff Welcome BBQ

Each year we offer the opportunity for everyone (staff, students and parents) to get together early in the year. It is a great way to meet your child's classroom teacher and other staff and parents, or have a catch up with friends over a sausage. This will take place at the school on Wednesday, February 10th from 5.30pm. We are really looking forward to seeing lots of people there.

School Fees

Information regarding the school fees is attached to this newsletter. The school makes every effort to keep the fee for families as reasonable as possible and an itemised list of where your fee is allocated in the school is included.

School Uniform

The children look fantastic today in their new school uniform and the change has been widely embraced by the school community. All items of uniform are on sale at Casual Step, Blake St Nathalia.

Preps

Parents are reminded that Prep children do not attend school on Wednesdays in February. Miss Brown may make arrangements with parents to bring their prep children in for individual assessment task on Wednesdays.

Swimming Program

The school swimming program will begin on Monday the 8th of February and runs for ten one hour sessions. We need parents to help out with the program by taking a group of children at the pool for lessons. If you are interested in helping out with the swimming program, please contact Chris and training will be provided.

Computers

The school has changed its approach to the provision of information technology in 2016. We have leased netbook computers for student use and children in grades 4, 5 and 6 will be allocated a netbook to use in class time. The children in the other grades will also have access to school netbook computers in their classrooms. The children are no longer required to bring devices from home. This change of practice will assist us in providing equal access to technology for all students for educational purposes.
Professional Development

Teachers began the school year on Monday with a whole day first aid training session held at the school. Jacqui Brinsdon from the Nathalia and District Hospital worked through the course which included training in asthma, anaphylaxis, CPR, cuts, burns, bites and bruises. This course is accredited through Swinburne Institute of Technology and was extremely relevant to the work we do at the school.

The teachers will be attending a professional development activity in Shepparton on February 9th entitled “The Big Write.” The school has a focus on improving literacy outcomes for all students and this program aims to further develop our skills in this area. This is a pupil free day and children are not required at school on this day.

Sunsmart

Parents are reminded that all children must wear a school wide brimmed hat during all outside activities in term one. School hats are on sale at Casual Step in Blake St Nathalia and are not available from the office.

Dates to Remember:

February: No Preps on Wednesdays
February 8th - Swimming begins (10 session program)
February 9th - Pupil Free Day
February 10th - Family / Staff Barbecue