Nathalia Primary School
Newsletter – November 2nd, 2016

Nathalia Kids Are Friendly Kids. This Week: “Rights”

Acting Principal
Remember hats must be at school everyday during this term.

Indigenous Celebration Day
Students and staff enjoyed a fabulous day last Thursday, check the photos on Page 3. The ‘Individual Spirit Dancers’ kicked off proceedings with a traditional dance and some Hip Hop. They later provided dance workshops with several groups. Students also enjoyed decorating didgeridoos, boomerang throwing and traditional games hosted by ASHE. It was great to see some of our families join us during the day. Thank you to Travis Morgan, our Koorie Engagement Support Officer, for organising and running the day.

Dungala Kaiela Writing Award
Congratulations to Oceanlee Bradley and Daniel Baksh who were went to Rumbalara Elders Facility on Friday night to collect awards. We look forward to receiving the booklet where their written pieces will be published.

Zoo Excursion
Grade 3 and 4 students will be heading to the Melbourne Zoo next Tuesday 8th November. The bus will leave school at 8:00am so we would like students to arrive by soon after 7:30am to ensure the bus leaves on time. They will return to school at 6:00pm. We need to confirm numbers and ask all families to finalise any outstanding payments. Call Ruth in the Office if you have any queries regarding payment or you need further information.

Milo Cricket Competition
Grade 5 and 6 students will participate in this competition with other schools at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve. We again remind everyone to have hats, sunscreen and insect repellant to ensure they have a safe and enjoyable day. Students will also need to have their lunch and drink bottles on the day.

2017 Prep Transition Program
The 2017 Preps will begin their school visits next Wednesday 9th November. An information session will be held for parents on, Wednesday 16th November, when Chris McCallum returns from leave. Please make sure you have all enrolment forms in to the office. If you know of families who haven't yet enrolled, please encourage them to give the school a call.

Students of the Week
Tyson, Tyler, Oscar, Caitlin and Kaleb

We were focusing on consequences during the week. These students recognise that hard work and good behaviour choices bring positive consequences.

Good Sports
Daniel & Bailey

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The Passing of Father Chris Reay
Our sincere condolences to the Staff, Students and Families of St Mary of the Angels College and St Francis School on the passing of Fr Chris.
Requiem Mass for Fr Chris will be held at St Mary’s Church Nathalia at 1.00 pm on Friday 3th November.

Visiting Arts Performance
Next Monday the children will attend a visiting arts performance by Valanga Khoza called ‘Out of Africa’. Valanga is a singer, instrumentalist and story teller and so we can look forward to an interesting and engaging show.
Karen King-Jones

Zooper Dooper Tucker Day
Monday 7th November
No need to pre-order
Zooper Doopers will cost 50 cents each
Limit of two per student.

Milo T20 Blast Cricket
Grades 5 & 6 will be taking part in the Milo T20 Blast Cricket Competition this Friday November 4th. The competition begins at 10.00am at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve. A canteen will operate selling drinks and ice-creams.

Nathalia Primary School Parent’s Club Fundraiser
Our hard working team from Parents Club have been filling these jars with ingredients for Anzac and Chocolate chips biscuits. The jars look great and we know the biscuits won’t disappoint. The jars sell for $10 each and a gluten free option is available for the chocolate chip biscuit mix and will cost $12.
The second collection date is this Friday 28th October.
The photo is an example of what the chocolate chip mixture looks like. Once the biscuits are baked you will then have the perfect jar to store them in - not that they will last long!
If you missed putting in your order and are interested in supporting this fundraiser, there are some extra jars available. Call in to the office to make a purchase.
Thank you—Parents Club
Some of the Great Activities on Indigenous Celebration Day

Didgeroo painting, Artifacts, Boomerang Throwing, Dance Workshop, Indigenous Games.
Dungala-Kaiela Writing Awards

A total of thirteen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Nathalia Primary School and Nathalia Secondary School entered the 2016 competition, with the awards night held at Rumbalara Elders Facility in Shepparton on Friday evening, 28th October.

A good crowd of about 90 people attended to fill the hall. It was great to see parents and grandparents and, joining the mix of families and Elders, two Principals, John Sciacca, Principal at Nathalia Secondary College last year, now Principal at Cobram Secondary College, and Helen Ginnivan, Acting Principal at Nathalia Secondary School.

Congratulations to all the participants - a great effort was put in by all students – they should all be proud of their achievement. Their work has been published in two books containing all the entries sent in for this year. Through their participation, they receive an individual Participation Certificate and also provide their respective schools with a complimentary copy of the relevant book. Photos of the Writing Workshop held in July this year are an added feature page in the Junior Book. What a wonderful resource book for the two schools! Well done to all!

An excellent light supper preceded the announcements of awards. Nathalia did very well, with six students receiving awards: Nathalia Primary School - Daniel Baksh – winner of the Junior Poem/Lyric/Rap category, with Oceanlee Bradley receiving a Commended Award. Nathalia Secondary School: Jakara Wise – winner of the Youth Stories in Aboriginal Languages of this region category; Markiah Wise – winner of the Youth Poem/Lyric/Rap category with Wally King receiving a Commended Award; Shakur Stone – Commended Award in the Youth Story/Yarn/Article/Play.

The Dungala Kaiela Writing Awards Committee (Co-ordinator, Sharon Charles), the Judges and all the Sponsors and volunteers provide this excellent competition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Goulburn Valley region to write and Express Yourself. Watch out for it in 2017.

Daniel reading his poem ‘Ridley’s Track’ to the audience.

Oceanlee with her grandparents.

Save the Children Australia
Play2 Learn Supported Playgroup

Thursdays during Term 4 2016
9.30—11.30

Nathalia Primary School
Everyone is Welcome

Save the Children playgroups are free, fun and have lots of activities for kids from 0—5 years.

The playgroups are fun by fully qualified Early Childhood professionals.