It’s back on deck for me for term four after six weeks of long service leave. I appreciate the warm welcome back I received on Monday and have enjoyed hearing about all the activities the children have experienced so far this term. Big thanks to Lynley Eadie who was the Acting Principal during my leave. Mrs Eadie really enjoyed her time here at Nathalia Primary School but seems to have happily stepped back into retirement this week.

The school’s transition program continues this week and our numbers are very healthy for 2017. We are currently finalising the classroom structure for 2017 and the allocation of teachers for each class. The outcome of this process will be reported to parents as soon as possible.

I’m really looking forward to the next five weeks of term as we head towards Christmas. This is a really exciting time for our school.

Chris McCallum—Principal

2017 Prep Transition Program

The Prep transition program continues for the next three weeks. The transition day on December 6th coincides with the statewide transition day where the grade six children move onto their 2017 secondary colleges. During the transition day the new prep children will work in their 2017 classroom with their teacher and other class members from 9.00—11.00am.

Remembrance Day Service

The children from Nathalia Primary School attended the Remembrance Day service at the memorial gardens in Nathalia. This service forms an important part of the school’s program, reinforcing the concept of respect for members of the wider community both past and present. Once again the children represented the school in a dignified manner at the service.

Dates to Remember:

November
17—School Council Meeting
23—Prep Transition
25—Hot Dog Tucker Day
30—Prep Transition

December
6—Prep Transition 9.00—11.30
14—Whole School Activity Day
15—Grade 6 Graduation Night

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Potential health hazards from mosquitoes

Recent heavy rainfall across the state has led to ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Current and predicted weather conditions, particularly in the northern part of the state, suggest that high numbers of mosquitoes will continue well into the summer months. Schools have been advised of important protection measures to prevent spread of diseases.

While the overall risk is considered low, some mosquitoes carry viruses, so an increase in mosquitoes may increase the risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

Most mosquitoes found in Victoria do not carry diseases, but are more of a nuisance.

Diseases that can be spread by mosquitoes in Victoria include Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus, or very rarely Murray Valley encephalitis virus. Ross River and Barmah Forest viruses can cause joint inflammation, pain and rash in about a third of those infected. The majority will show no symptoms. Murray Valley encephalitis virus (MVE) is a brain infection that in rare cases, can cause the brain to swell, leading to brain damage or death. The last known case in humans was reported in Victoria in 1974.

There are simple steps students can do to help protect from mosquito-borne diseases.

- Wear loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Cover up as much as possible.
- Use mosquito repellent that contains picaridin or DEET.

If you have concerns you are encouraged to contact your Doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 606 024.
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.

Thankyou—
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