Dear Families and School Community,

Unfortunately Ms McManus has had to take more sick leave. At this stage she will be away for the next three weeks and I will again be the acting principal. We wish her a speedy recovery.

**Parent teacher interviews.**

Notes have gone home this week with your parent interview times. Remember if you require more than the 10 minute interview time, another interview can be arranged. If you did not return your interview preference, we have allocated an interview time for you. It is important for you to take the opportunity to meet regularly with the classroom teachers as a child’s education is a shared partnership between home and school.

If you would like to meet with me, I will be available both afternoons or another time can be arranged.

**Cyber bullying.**

Last week we met with Sam from ACMA. She gave the students, staff and parents lots of information about being safe on the internet. In the next few weeks we will put information in the newsletter to assist you. You can also find information on the website www.cybersmart.gov.au An information brochure and a magnet were sent home with year 4, 5 and 6 students. Please take the time to read it with your child and to visit the website.

**Tips to be safe on the internet.**

Have your location switched off on the photos you take. Once posted on the internet, photos can then be grouped by the location markers and your address can be sourced by unsavoury people including burglars. Social media apps such as Kik should not be used. They cannot have contacts restricted and are a source for adults to make contact with children. Your children should never have friends they do not know personally on any website or app. Some student reports of the day are included on page 4.

**Father’s Day breakfast.**

Please put Friday 5th in your diary for the Father’s Day breakfast. Come to school for a egg and bacon roll, toast or cereal. If you can help with donations of eggs or assist in cooking please let us know. To assist in catering, please return the note letting us know you are coming.

**School Concert 11th September**

Please put this date in your diary. Tickets will be on sale at the office or on the night.
Pastries for the kids

On Tuesday afternoon we had a visit from The Shepparton Soup Kitchen. They are trying to set up a soup kitchen on a Wednesday in Nathalia. They donated tubs of pastries and bread for us to give out to the children. They were enjoyed at recess on Wednesday by all the children and some children were lucky enough to take a loaf of bread home to toast.

Curriculum Day

Friday, 12th September has been set as a curriculum day. We will be visiting schools in the morning and listening to Dr Eastaugh speak in the afternoon.

Head Lice

There have been reports, over this week, of head lice infestations in the lower school grades.

To assist with the control of head lice we ask that all parents please be vigilant and check their child’s hair on a regular basis.

2015 Enrolments

Enrolments are now being taken for Foundation students for the year 2015.

To enable planning for grade structures for 2015 we request that parents return their completed enrolment forms, along with a copy of your child’s Birth Certificate and Immunisation status, as soon as possible.

If you are aware of a family intending to enrol, at our school, please let them know that enrolments are now being taken. Enrolment forms and school information can be collected from the school office.

Debbie Inglis,
Acting Principal.

Footy Colours Day

On Friday, September 5th there will be an out of uniform day for all students.

Wear your Footy Colours & support children and teens fighting cancer.

Bring along a gold coin donation.

Alana Zammit

Parents’ Club News

Next month is the school concert. Hamper requests (1 or 2 pantry/laundry items) and raffle tickets have been sent home with students last week.

All donated items may be dropped off at the school prior to Tuesday, September 9th. Monies raised will go towards playroom equipment and Sports Shed shelving.

Father’s Day Breakfast

Friday, September 5th
7.30am - 9.00am

For fathers, grandfathers, special friends and primary school students.

Invitations have been sent out with students last week.

WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF EGGS for the breakfast as well as volunteers to assist on the morning.

Thank you,
Parents’ Club

STAR OF THE WEEK
Week ending 22.08.2014

Ethan
“For always being ready to learn in the classroom and setting a good example.”

CONGRATULATIONS
School Fair
Friday, November 14th
1.30pm - 6.00pm

Entertainment:
- Stalls
- Pony Rides
- Arts & Crafts
- Face painting
- Cakes & Sweets
- Showbags
- Jumping Castle
- Miniature Train Rides
- Entertainment
- And much, much more.

As the planning continues we are asking for donations of any unwanted items for our various stalls:
- Books and Toys in good condition
- Baby clothes
- Plants or cuttings
- Empty potting containers

Please contact the school

Do you have any unwanted Lego or Duplo at home? We need Lego or Duplo in good condition, to be used in our developmental activities in the Playroom. Any donations will be gratefully received.

NATHALIA & DISTRICT PRE SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
Monday, September 15th
2.30pm onwards

Nathalia & District Pre School
Melbourne Op-Shop Tour
Saturday, September 20th, 2014
$25.00/person includes Seat, Morning Tea & Lunch

Contact Nicole on 0458 972 416
On Wednesday 20th August the Grade 4, 5, 6 went down to the community centre to listen to a talk about Cyber Safety.

**What is Cyber Safety?**

Cyber Safety is about how to stay safe on the internet or social media. It’s where you can get bullied.

**Things I learnt:**

- The Kik is dangerous
- That Facebook isn’t safe for kids under the age of 13.
- That you can make your social media accounts private
- That on all social media you can block people.
- That it’s not safe to have photos of your school Logo on Social Media
- That Kik’s age is 17
- It’s good to have a long password with numbers, upper case and lower case letters
- That qwerty is one of the top used passwords
- Skype is one of the best apps for kids our age
- How dangerous some apps are
- What criminals try to find out about some people
- What to do if people ask you some personal questions
- About the age of apps
- Snapchat is terrible
- There are criminals on Kik
- How to secure my IPod/ IPad
- You can change your password on the internet
- You can check to see how secure your password is on the internet and how secure your password is.
- Don’t give people your details
- Don’t give them a photo
- That Kik is the worst app you can get
- Be careful of age restrictions
- Kik is for adults

**Things I have changed:**

- My passwords
- Deleted all photos of me in my school clothes
- Turned my Facebook account to private
- Block all the bad people on Kik
- Changed my password
- No apps for 17 year olds
- Private Setting is on
- My picture on Skype
- My password for games

*By 4/5/6 R students.*
# 2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

## School Leaders - 2014

- [Image of School Leaders]

## Keep This Date Free:

### School Fair
- **Friday, November 14th**
- **1.30pm - 6.00pm**

## SEPTEMBER

- **5th** - Father’s Day Breakfast
- **SRC - Footy Colours Day**
- **8th** - Life Ed
- **9th** - Life Ed
- **11th** - School Concert
- **12th** - Curriculum Day - Pupil Free
- **16th** - School Council meeting
  - Fair Committee Meeting (6.00pm)
  - Parents’ Club Meeting
- **19th** - School Athletic Sports
  - Term Three concludes

## OCTOBER

- **6th** - Term Four commences
- **10th** - Inter-school Athletic Sports
- **13th** - Division Athletics Carnival
  (Shepparton)
- **17th** - Region Athletic Championship
  (Shepparton)
- **21st** - School Council Meeting
  - Parents’ Club Meeting
- **23rd** - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (10.00am - 11.00am)
- **27th** - State Athletics Championships

## NOVEMBER

- **4th** - Melbourne Cup Day
- **6th** - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (10.00am - 12.30pm)
- **7th** - Region Basketball & Softball
  (Shepp)
- **11th** - Remembrance Day
- **13th** - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (10.00am - 1.30pm)
- **17th** - Region Golf Championships
  (Benalla)
- **18th** - School Council meeting
  - Parents’ Club meeting
- **20th** - 23rd - RACV Energy Breakthrough
  - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (10.00am - 1.30pm)
- **27th** - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (9.15am - 1.30pm)

## DECEMBER

- **4th** - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (9.15am - 2.20pm)
- **9th** - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (8.50am - 3.20pm)
- **16th** - School Council Meeting
  - Parents’ Club Meeting
- **19th** - Term Four concludes

## JANUARY 2015

- **January 28th** - Staff
- **January 29th** - Students
**TIPS FOR YOUR KIDS & TEENS**

- It’s still public. Even if your profile is private, you can’t control what your friends do with the information you post. It’s important to guard your privacy—don’t post information or photos that you wouldn’t want everyone to see.
- Only share your login and password details with your parents or another trusted adult.
- Check with your parents if you do decide to give out personal information or communicate with someone you don’t know in real life.
- Tell a trusted adult—someone is sending you unwanted or bullying messages, tell your parents or another adult that you trust.
- Don’t respond to the sender of these messages and block the person who is behaving badly. Report them to your Internet Service Provider.
- Stand up and speak out if you see or know about cyberbullying happening to a friend. It’s important to support them and report the bullying.
- Be considerate—treat others as you would like to be treated. Don’t forward messages or photos that may hurt or upset someone.
- If you need help, contact the Cybersmart Online Helpline on the Cybersmart website or call Kids Helpline direct on 1800 55 1800.
- If there is a threat to your safety the police will help. In a life-threatening and time critical situation, call Triple Zero (000).

**STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT!!**

Cyberbullying occurs when the internet, email or mobile phones are used to deliberately and repeatedly engage in hostile behaviour to harm someone.

It is sometimes used as an extension of other forms of bullying and can result in the child or young person experiencing social, psychological and academic difficulties.

Cyberbullying can include harassment or behaviour that threatens, humiliates or intimidates someone, such as sending abusive texts or emails, excluding others from online chats or communication or posting unkind messages or inappropriate images on social networking sites.

Cyberbullying can happen to anyone, not just vulnerable children and young people. Cyberbullying is more likely to happen to children who are also bullied offline.

A change in behaviour could indicate that your child, or someone you know, is being cyberbullied. This could include a decline in physical health, changes in mood, changes in sleep patterns, avoiding school or having less to do with friends.

Not all of these signs relate to cyberbullying. Some may also indicate more general social or mental health issues or could reflect common teen behaviours as they seek to establish their identity and push boundaries.

If you would like to talk to us in your own language, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450.

**Italiano**

Se desiderate parare con noi in italiano, siete pregati di chiamare il servizio d’interpretazione telefonico (Telephone Interpreter Service) al numero 131 450 coro cintattate amvo per voi.

**Vietnamese Tiếng Việt**

Nếu quý vị muốn nói chuyện với chúng tôi bằng tiếng Việt, xin điện thoại đến Dịch vụ Thông dịch qua điện thoại (TIS) ở số 131 450 và họ sẽ giúp quý vị liên lạc với chúng tôi.

**Greek Ελληνικά**

Αν θέλετε να μας μιλήσετε στη γλώσσα σας, παρακαλούμε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην Τηλεφωνική Υπηρεσία Διαμεταφοράς στο 131 450 και να γράψετε να επικοινωνήσουν μαζί μας εν μέρος σας.

**Arabic العربية**

إذا كنت تود التحدث باللغة العربية فإنك يمكنك التواصل باللغة العربية على الرقم 131 450 حيث يقوم متصرف باللغة العربية بالتحدث للإنسان.

**Traditional Chinese 繁體中文**

如果您希望使用您的语言与我们联络，请致电131 450 高峰小时服务。如需使用电话翻译服务，您会受到我们的帮助。

For more information contact:
Australian Communications and Media Authority
Cybersmart program
Cybersafety Contact Centre
Telephone 1800 880 179
Email: cybersafety@acma.gov.au
www.cybersmart.gov.au

If you think your child is being cyberbullied:
- **Discuss** any changes in mood or behaviour with them. If you are concerned, help your child to stay connected to friends and family that they trust.
- **Notify** the police immediately if you have serious concerns for your child’s safety.
- **Work** with your child to save evidence of cyberbullying behaviour—it may need to be followed up by the child’s school, Internet Service Provider (ISP), mobile phone carrier or the police.
- **If** you need to involve your child’s school, ask them to thoroughly explain their processes so that you can work towards achieving a positive outcome.

**Cyberbullying won’t stop if it’s ignored**—you can help by listening to your child and working with them to take control of the situation.

**TIPS FOR PARENTS**

- **Talk** to your child about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address cyberbullying that you are both comfortable with, so your child knows what to expect if they do report their concerns to you.
- **Establish** one or two other trusted adults your child is comfortable to approach about their concerns.
- **Be aware** of what your child is doing online and explore it with them.
- **Keep the lines of communication open** so your child will be comfortable to talk to you if something is worrying them. Help your child to develop the skills they need to interact safely and respectfully online. Guide their online activities and help them learn to communicate appropriately with friends and family.
- **Try to locate** the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
- **Discuss** the kinds of sites that are okay to explore and those that are not, and have clear rules about online activities.
- **Help your child** to block anyone who sends offensive content. Most social networking services allow users to block and report someone who is behaving badly.