Dear Families and School Community,

**School Review**

We have had the reviewer, Leon Kildea, in the school for 4 days this week. A big thank you to the parents who attended a meeting with Leon. Leon was very impressed with the students he met with. He visited classrooms and spoke with the staff. He has analysed our data and we look forward to his suggestions on how we can improve our teaching and student learning. His report should be available to the school next month.

**School Concert**

The concert practice is coming along nicely. All the students are practising hard in their music lessons. There will be a raffle drawn on the night and raffle tickets were sent home this week.

**Parent teacher interviews**

We changed the format to the return note for parent teacher interviews to half hour time slots to put your 10 minute interview time into. We hope that this improves the allocation of times as we found the old way very difficult to give parents their preferred times. We will try to allocate your interview time somewhere in that half hour time slot. We would appreciate your feedback on the changes. Parent teacher interviews are important for parents to let the teachers know what is happening at home and the teachers the opportunity to tell you about your child's progress. The education of a child is a partnership between home and school. If you can't come on either of the two days please ask for an alternative day to meet with your child’s teacher.

**Questacon**

We will be having a visit from Questacon on Monday 27th October. They will be presenting two science shows. The cost is included in the school fees. There will be a charge of $5 for students who have not paid their fees.

**Cyber bullying**

The students from years 4/5/6 attended a cyber safety session on Wednesday. The staff also attended a professional development meeting after school around cyber safety to support our professional practice. We hope that the parents who attended the evening session found it useful and informative and encourage you to talk to your children following these sessions.

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week Ending 15.08.2014**

P/W         Dylan  
BUT        Kiana  
HIL          Zoe  
JOH          Jaz  
RIN          Nic  

Congratulations
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,

It is Great to be back!
I would like to thank everyone for the amazing job they have all done whilst I have been away. It has been lovely catching up with all of our students and hearing about what has been happening and the wonderful achievements during this time.
   At this stage Debbie Inglis and myself will job share as I return to work, so please feel free to contact either of us as we will be working closely during this time.
   I must extend a very genuine and warm thank you to Deb who has stepped in on very short notice and done an amazing job in a (sometimes) difficult and demanding role. Knowing the school was in such capable hands made it far easier for me to focus on my health and get better. I am really looking forward to catching up with many of you over the coming weeks and learning all the news.

Vicki McManus
Principal

Footycoloursday
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 will be sent home with students this 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
For fathers, grandfathers, special friends and primary school students.

Invitations have been sent out with students this week
BRONZE: Jack, Adam, Zoe, Damian, Joel, Mason, Vanessa, Melody, Derryn, Ethan, Amber, Kyle, Tianey & Shanaie.

SILVER: Natasha

Wood For Sale
1m Wood @ $80.00 /m
Contact the school on 5866 2677

Nathalia Secondary College
WOODWORK SESSIONS

Any interested parents are invited to participate in woodwork sessions, at Nathalia Secondary College!
MONDAY EVENINGS
5:00pm - 7:30pm.
Casual attendance is fine.
Pay $5:00 per week for consumables, plus for the timber you use.
ALL WELCOME.
Please call if you would like to attend 58662331

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
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Please contact the school
Here is some more information about building resilience.

Taken from ‘Raising Confident Happy Children – 40 ways to help your child succeed’.

Hopefully some of this information will be helpful and you can have a go at implementing it. Good luck.

Learning through repetition comes naturally to children. They unconsciously know that mastering any new task requires repetition. However, as adults we seem to lose sight of this vital ingredient for success. As a result, many adults will only try something new once. If the adult fails to master the task on the first go, their motivation to try again is gone and they reason that they are not good at that particular task. Allow your child to be a child and to keep trying to master a task. Allow your child to be a child and to keep trying to master a task, no matter how much they struggle. If a child doesn’t want to do something, they will let you know. Just make sure you aren’t the one to plant the seed in their mind that they can’t do it, robbing them of the motivation to continue.

How can you help your child develop mastery motivation? The golden rule is to pause that little bit longer before giving your child help. Here is a short list of potential ways to help your child develop mastery motivation, which may give you ideas for other areas:

- Count to five before telling your child the correct pronunciation of the word they are having trouble reading.
- Have your child cut a difficult shape out of paper with scissors.
- Have your child write their name or catch a tennis ball with their non-dominant hand.
- If you are checking their homework, before telling them what the mistakes are, point to their incorrect answer and see if they can work out for themselves where the mistake is and what the correct answer should be.
- Let them help you cook something in the kitchen, and don’t intervene with their set tasks unless they ask for help. Note: If your child’s safety is being threatened by flames, knives or electricity, then you should of course intervene.

With any of these tasks it’s important to pause before helping your child. Generally if they really heed yelp they will ask. However, if your child is inclined to always ask for help without even really trying themselves, your aim is to help build self-efficacy or confidence in their own ability.

Do this by first simplifying the task, for example, catching the ball with both hands instead of just one. Then show that you believe in your child’s ability to complete the task by being encouraging, supportive and patient. When a child understands that their parent believes in their ability to complete a task, the child becomes motivated to prove their parent right.

Summing up

By standing back and watching your child struggle with everyday situations that aren’t threatening or dangerous, you are inadvertently teaching them mastery motivation and developing their brain. Be encouraging or your child’s efforts, and be slow to do things for them that they could do themselves. What is something physically awkward you can encourage your child to do?

Glenda Harding, Primary Welfare Officer.
The ungraded day on Friday, August 15th was a huge success. The students worked on different activities throughout the day from dot painting, playing traditional games, dreamtime stories and identifying footprints and tracks.

I was very impressed with the number of students who tried the kangaroo sausages and some even came back for seconds!!! Thank you to all involved on such a fun learning day.

Naomi Amos
Koorie Engagement Support Officer
# 2014 School Calendar - Events

## School Leaders - 2014

Keep This Date Free:
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Friday, November 14th
1.30pm - 6.00pm

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