**REMINDERS**

**Whole School Pool Day** - Thursday, December 18th  
- Final Assembly and  
- Reports handed out at 3.00pm

**Friday, December 19th** - Cleaning Day,  
- Town students will be released at 1.00pm  
- Buses will depart at 1.00pm

**Term 1, 2015 - Teachers commence** -  
**Wednesday, January 28th**  
**Students commence** -  
**Thursday, January 29th**

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**Principal Report**

The year is nearly finished and I look forward to celebrating with the students at the pool day on Thursday and at the final assembly on Thursday. This assembly will celebrate students success, hand out of grade 6 T-shirts and their reports.

At the assembly we will farewell Ms Ringin and Ms Brown. On behalf of the school I would like to thank them for their individuals efforts Ms Ringin for taking on the grade 4,5,6 class and Ms Brown who has taken on a number of roles in the school this year. In this term she has taken responsibility for the choir.

Mrs Hill is taking long service leave for the year and we hope she enjoys this opportunity to rest, relax and recharge the batteries. I am sure she will be dreaming of push carts and we might be able to get her back to organise the 2015 team.

Mrs King –Jones will be returning. She has had a restful and relaxing break this term. She will be taking Art and Music in 2015. She will also be spending a day in the grade 1/2 class.

We have appointed a new staff member Ms Hannah Routledge. Hannah has spent the last few years travelling overseas and prior to that had taught in Cobram. She will be our grade 6 teacher. She has been in the school Tuesday & Wednesday meeting the students and staff.

Students spent 30 mins with their new teachers on Wednesday. The grades will be as follows  
Grade Foundation/1 - Ms White  
Grade 1/2 - Ms Butler & Mrs King-Jones  
Grade 3/4 – Mr Johnson  
Grade 4/5 – Ms Inglis  
Grade 6 – Ms Routledge

I expect to be teaching numeracy, most likely, in the grade 3/4 class and Mr Johnson will take PE in a number of classes across the school.
School leaders

It was pleasure to announce to the school community at assembly the school leaders for 2015.

Archie Congues  who wants to set up leadership around stopping bullying, improving our respect for sports equipment and getting some fun things happening in the school like bad hair days. I look forward to hearing Archie’s ideas for term 1.

Charli Dorrity  wants her leadership to be around listening and responding to others, getting more activities happening and she also wants to make sure that students are happy in the yard and share her love and passion for the school – I look forward to discussing these ideas with Charli.

Jaz Truman- wants to build his leadership around helping out – making sure team games can happen by being a participant, being a friendly ear available for a chat, he is passionate about getting more things happening around the school like clubs- drama, art, chess. I look forward to working with Jaz to decide what clubs the students want and helping him set one up.

Tully Butler wants to build her leadership around having students participate in social justice particular fundraising- Give me 5 for kids, in bringing experts/ community members to help with program, be a team player particular in sport which she loves – I look forward to working with Tully on these projects particular fundraising for others.

Leadership is about action and by the look of this list we will be having plenty of action next year.

Swimming program

The year Prep, 1,2,and 3 took to the pool on Thursday and Friday last week. We had a terrific program that was co-ordinated by Kylie Botterill from the pool. I enjoyed the time teaching swimming but need to get used to the fact that little kids cannot always stand up in the shallow end of the pool.

Friday

Clean up and Classes and Buses will finish at 1pm.

I have enjoyed working with the school community at Nathalia Primary School this term. I wish all families a safe relaxing break. Best wishes for the festive season and New Year.

Helen Ginnivan,
Acting Principal.

2015  Term Dates
January 2015 -
Term One commences -
Wednesday, January 28th -
Staff commence
Thursday, January 29th -
All Students

Term One concludes -
Friday, March 27th
Yalca North Tennis Club
will be conducting a Tennis Hot Shots Community Play program over the summer holidays.

It is a program designed for kids aged 5 years and older to learn tennis skills using modified equipment.

The program will be run over 4 weeks every Wednesday afternoon at 5.30pm to 6.30pm at the Yalca North Recreation Reserve, beginning on the 7th of January.

To register or for further information, please contact Pam Smith on 0400762230.
Merry Christmas to all our families and school community

We wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas

From all the staff at Nathalia Primary School.