REMINDERS
2015 Foundation Transition - Thursday, November 27th
- 9.15am - 1.30pm
- Thursday, December 4th
- 9.15am - 2.20pm

NO LUNCH ORDERS - Friday, November 28th

Grade 2 Sleepover - Thursday, December 5th

Grade Prep - 3 - Environment Day - Friday, December 6th

Grade 6 Graduation - Monday, December 15th

School News
- Well done to all who organised, helped and came along to the fete. It was enjoyed by all.
- Thanks to the parents club who provide hot chocolates for the students on Monday. I know I enjoyed the marshmallows.
- Good luck to our RACV team. Thanks to Mrs Hill and Mrs Zammit, parents and students involved in getting the team to Maryborough. At Monday’s assembly we presented the students with their shirts. We wish the Purple Punks well.
- On Friday I watched our students play T20 cricket they performed very well and the girls came second while the boys came third, a sensational effort.
- I listened to the choir they have magnificent voices and performed at the hospital on Monday.

Student Relaxation Sessions
On Tuesday Nicole Reynolds has been in to do some relaxation work with the grade 4, 5 and 6. We are extending this program into the infant grades next week.

Parent Opinion Survey
This been my forth week I have had a chance to read the data from the parent opinion survey. A number of good points have been raised. The staff and I have addressed the grade 4,5,6 combination of classes and we believe this has resulted in more settled senior classes.

November 20th, 2014

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Week Ending 14.11.2014

P/W  Bailey
BUT  Rory
HIL  Joel
ING  Rohan
JOH  Archie
RIN  Shawn

CANTEEN NEWS
PLEASE NOTE:
There will be no lunch orders available on Friday, November 28th

We have a Facebook page! Visit www.facebook.com/nathaliaprimaryschool or search for Nathalia Primary School while logged in to facebook and Like our page.
Keep up to date and see some of the work your children are working on and learning throughout the week.
**Student Wellbeing**

I have addressed the students at various times and stressed the importance of valuing themselves as learners and respecting the learning environment. I have set high expectation in terms of participation and quality of work. Over the next few weeks every student will be showing me a piece of their work.

I believe all our students are stars and the staff have taken this on board and we are using this language in our classroom. We challenge students - Is their star shining brightly? If not, why not? What can they do to change this? How can I assist them with this?

It has been a pleasure to work with a group of boys whose stars were only twinkling. When they made some changes to this made them feel good about themselves and helped with their learning.

**Facebook Page**

We have introduced a Facebook page that highlights what each class is learning. This should help with introducing discussions at home about the work done at school.

**Homework**

There is a concern around homework. At home parents can assist their child by reading, then ask then to retell you the story, ask about the characters. Was there a moral to the story? What is it?

Maths is my passion and I would like every student to leave primary school knowing their tables, parents can get students to practice these at home. A little game you can play in the car is the last two numbers on a number plate who can multiply the fastest. Not only multiplication but addition and subtraction can be practiced in practical situations.

For more hints on useful homework try googling Ian Lillico and have a look at his suggestions.

**Student Support Services**

We have had a number of visitors to the school and they will be doing some work with our students over the coming weeks with regards to getting along and building resilience.

**Water Awareness Program**

In December we will be running a water awareness program for all students. We will celebrate the end of the year with a day at the pool on 18th December.

**Reports**

Reports will be handed out on this day. If you have concerns about your child progress make sure that you are in contact with their teacher/s.

**IPADS**

At School Council on Tuesday night, our ICT policy was reviewed and it was decided to continue to implement the ipad policy for 2015 grade 5 and 6 classes. These students are to have an ipad for class in 2015.

Helen Ginnivan, Acting Principal.

**Parents’ Club**

Tucker Day, Monday, December 1st
Bulla Ice cream @ $1.00

Orders have been sent home with students this week and need to be returned by Friday, November 28th.
Nathalia Primary School Fair 2014 Report.

Under cloudy skies and windy conditions Nathalia Primary hosted the 2014 Fair. The school was a hive of activity from 8.00 in the morning until the final clean up at 8.00 in the evening. The Fair was a great success - proceeds from the Fair will go towards the cost of new shade sails to replace our badly storm damaged ones.

WINNERS OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE RAFFLE are as follows:-

1st - $500 Madison Spa Resort Voucher - Stacey Thorpe, partly donated by Madison Spa.
2nd - Riverlinks Show Double Pass - valued at approximately $74.00 - Kevin ???, donated by Riverlinks
3rd - Air Hockey Table - Value $70.00 - Jenny Sherer, donated by Dove Motors
4th - 4 x Paramount Cinema Passes - value $70.00 - Cheryl McKenzie, donated by Echuca Paramount Cinemas
5th - Family Paddlesteamer Cruise - Value $65.00 - Sinead Hatton, donated by Murray River Paddlesteamers.
6th - Big 4 Membership - Valued at $50.00 - Damian Kerr, donated by Big 4 Parks.
7th & 8th - 2 x Paramount Cinema Passes - valued at $35.00 - Ashia Guthrie & Eula Moroney, donated by Echuca Paramount Cinemas
9th - $25.00 SPC Voucher - Helen Okey, donated by SPC Factory Sales.

Congratulations to all our winners and a huge thank you to the businesses who sponsored prizes for our raffle.
### 2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

**NOVEMBER**
- 20th - 23rd - RACV Energy Breakthrough
  - 2015 Foundation Transition
    (10:00am - 1.30pm)
- 27th - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (9:15am - 1.30pm)
- 28th - No Lunch Orders available

**DECEMBER**
- 1st - Tucker Day
  - Swimming - 4/5/6 -
    2.00pm - 3.00pm
- 2nd - Swimming - 4/5/6 -
  2.00pm - 3.00pm
- 4th - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (9:15am - 2.20pm)
  - Grade 2 Sleepover
- 5th - Environment Activity Day ,
  Grades P - 3
- 9th - 2015 Foundation Transition
  (8.50am - 3.20pm)
- 10th - Grade 6 Graduation
- 11th - Swimming - P1/2/3
  2.00pm - 3.00pm
- 12th - Swimming - P1/2/3
  2.00pm - 3.00pm
- 16th - School Council Meeting
  - Parents' Club Meeting
- 18th - Pool Day
- 19th - Term Four concludes

January 2015 -
**Term One commences -**
- January 28th - Staff
- January 29th -
  Students Grades 1 - 6
- January 30th - Foundation students

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**NATHALIA LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

**JUNIOR TENNIS**

Junior Tennis and Hotshots will go ahead this Saturday Nov 22nd. All groups will be running as normal. Please let your group leader know if you are unable to attend this week.

Training will run each Tuesday from 3:45 - 4:45.
For more details contact Di Bell. 0447 766142 or Rose Nihill 0438 662149

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“Free Yoga classes in Nathalia”

**Thursday evenings 7:00 to 8:00**

**at the Senior Citizens Club rooms.**

**Everybody welcome!**

**A U3A activity.**

Classes started at the beginning of the 4th school term and will continue until term ends. While they have been well supported there may be other people interested as well.

Contact: Rod James
0419 133 441

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There are still two fully funded places available for this camp.
The Portsea Camp is on again in January 2015. Children aged 9 to 12 years of age are eligible to attend the camp.

It is a 7 day camp and will be held from Monday 19th to Sunday 25th January 2015 at a cost of $321.

If you are at all interested in this wonderful experience for your child, application forms are available at the school office. A $50.00 deposit is required A.S.A.P.

If you would like more information regarding the camp, please contact Glenda Harding on 0468908842 or in the evening on 58691273. You can also visit the camp website [www.theportseacamp.com.au](http://www.theportseacamp.com.au)
Your child is unique

Every child is different

Most children enjoy play, but each child plays differently. Some bounce from one activity to another while others stick to a task until it's done.

Some children enjoy their own company and some prefer to play with others. Some children jump right in to a game while others stand on the sidelines, getting a feel for what's happening before joining in.

Some children love a routine and find it hard to adapt when things are out of order. Others are never hungry at dinner time, nor tired at bedtime (which adults find challenging).

Learning to walk is not a competitive sport

Because your child is a unique individual, they will learn in their own time and in their own way.

Some children walk at 10 months; others much later. It's not a race to be first; nor is it a test to finish on time.

Most children learn skills like talking and walking in a predictable order: sit, crawl, walk, run. But they don’t learn them to pre-set timelines. And that's good news because it means you don’t need to worry if your child is not doing something.

There is, however, a broad time period in which most children acquire certain skills.

If you are concerned about your child’s learning or development, always talk to your maternal and child health nurse, your family doctor or your child’s educator.

What does this mean?

- Value what is unique about your child and accept your child for who they are right now. This is an important way to help your child have a strong sense of identity.
- Try not to compare your child with other children. Each child learns in their own time.
- Be aware of your child’s temperament and work with it instead of fighting it. If your child dislikes rough and tumble play, don’t force them to wrestle with you! Find gentler ways to relate physically.
- Watch how your child likes to learn. Do they hold back, watch and then try? Then let them observe first, before encouraging them to join in. Do they need to try it for themselves?
- Be aware of your own uniqueness. How does your temperament affect the way you interact with your child? Does your child ‘press your buttons’? How does this affect your family? What does your child learn from your reactions?
- Offer your child rich learning and play experiences. Encourage and support their interests, but don’t push or pressure them to reach milestones before they are ready.

Related links

See Kids Matter:
- Growing together in relationships

See also Raising Children:
- Newborn behaviour: in a nutshell

You may also like to read

You may also like to read other titles in this series:
- How do you see your child?
- Your child’s most important teacher
- Helping your child to have a strong sense of identity.

Other related newsletters can be found at: www.education.vic.gov.au
Playgolf Week
17 - 23 November, 2014

Free Clinic
Putting, chipping and driving advice
BBQ Lunch
Activities for children

Nathalia Golf Club

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Nathalia District Hospital
Open Day - Tuesday 25th November 2014
To celebrate 5 years in our new hospital we are holding an open day for Nathalia and District Community

The format for Tuesday 25th November
• 10:00 to 12:00 – Guided Tours at Nathalia District Hospital and Barwo Homestead
• 12:00 - BBQ Lunch
• 1:30 – Presentation on Financial Requirements for entering NDH & Barwo
• 2:00 – Presentation on Wills & Powers of Attorney – What are they? Are they Relevant to me? (Booking required) 58669 444
• 2:30 to 4:00 – Guided Tours at NDH and Barwo / Advanced Care Planning Information
• 7:00– Presentation on Wills & Powers of Attorney – What are they? Are they Relevant to me? (Booking required) 58669 444 & Advanced Care Planning information – Supper Supplied.

If you don’t have a will and would like to know how to go about making one, come along. If you do not know when you might need a Power of Attorney or what the different Powers are, come and find out. You don’t need to be old to need to appoint someone to manage your finances – you may just want someone to manage your affairs while you are away for a period of time. There will be two sessions: one at 2 pm and one at 7.00 pm.

If you have elderly relatives who may need to consider residential care in the future, we urge you to come and listen to the presentation on what financial requirements will be needed for your loved one to receive the care they need. There are new financial requirements which were implemented on the 1st July 2014.

Come & Try Day
Sunday, November 23rd, 2014
Commencing at 9.30am

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Please wear covered flat soled shoes

Bookings preferred to Sue Lowe (5866 2204)
Or
Kevin Pell (5866 2348) or simply turn up.