

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 13th No

preps at school.

Thursday 14th

Drought assistance forms to be returned to school. **Monday 18th**

MARC van

Please remember to return books

Friday 22nd

Emergency contact information to be returned

Wednesday 20th No

preps at school.

School Council

Meeting 5pm.

Wednesday 27th No

preps at school.

Thursday 28th

Welcome BBQ

MARCH

Monday 4th

MARC Van

Please remember to return books

The start of a school year is a very busy time as we resettle into the routine of school life. In the first few weeks the focus of all classrooms has been on building relationships, learning, exploring and implementing routines and expectations of our workshop model and the role of both students and teachers in learning. Exploring and understanding Learner Qualities are an important component of this work. Learner Qualities are those behaviours that enhance the student's ability to learn. Learner Qualities are life skills that are essential for success at school and in everyday life.

At Nicholson Primary School we focus on the 6 Learner Qualities – *Self-Aware, Resourceful, Persist, Use Feedback, Reflect and Connect.*

We have attached a Learner Qualities booklet that students will use at school for your information and to use as a discussion resource for you to use at home with your children.

Welcome BBQ

On Thursday 28th February, we are holding our welcome BBQ at school. The BBQ begins at 6pm, it is a great night for our new families to meet our school community. The school will supply the sausages and bread, please feel free to bring along anything else your family needs for dinner. Please advise the school if you are attending and number of family members for catering purposes. We hope to see as many people as possible attend the evening.

Kind regards,

Sue Clague

Principal

Administration Forms

A number of forms have been sent home today. It is important to take the time to check and complete the forms and return them to school to ensure that we have accurate, up to date records at school. This is particularly relevant for contact details and emergency contact information.

Please return by Friday 22nd February including highlighted amendments.

The newsletter is an important communication between school and home. It comes out every Wednesday. It includes important dates, upcoming events and activities along with what's happening in the classrooms and around the school and we strongly encouraged everyone to read it. If for some reason, you don't receive a newsletter please let your classroom teacher know or we have spare copies available in the office.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be beginning this week, running on a Tuesday and Thursday morning each week, from 8:30am until 9am. Breakfast Club provides opportunities for students to develop social skills over a second or third breakfast. If you are interested in volunteering for Breakfast Club, come and talk to Mr Hunt or Mandy Morton. If you are interested in coming to have a look, stop on by the hall on a Tuesday or Thursday morning between 8:30am and 9am.

Sporting Schools

Sporting schools will be commencing on Thursday the 21st February, from 3:20pm to 4:30pm. The sport for Term 1 will be Tee-ball. Interested students must have a signed permission form returned.

Book Club

This is the first Book Club catalogue for the year. This is a great way to encourage your child to read and also help the school to accrue bonus points to buy new books for the school. Our school orders once per term. If you would like to place an order please return form back to school by, Tuesday 26th February. The orders usually take 7 -10 days and if you would like the items as a gift please advise us and we will contact you once the order has arrived.

Drought Relief Package and CSEF Drought Assistance

Last week information was sent home on the Drought Response Package from State Schools Relief and the CSEF Drought Assistance. These two packages are available to all students in the East Gippsland Shire.

Drought Response Package has 3 options to choose from:-

Package 1 Uniform only

Package 2 Reduced uniform items and \$100 towards your child's school fees (Text Books)

Package 3 Limited uniform items and \$200 towards your child/s school fees (Text Books)

Please note that the school claims the (Text Book) allowance directly through State Schools Relief and we will credit this directly to your account which will be allocated to your 2019 fees.

The CSEF Drought Assistance payment of \$375 is a one-off amount to students who live in drought affected areas and is only available for 2019. This amount will be contributed to camps, sports and excursions.

CSEF (Means Tested) applications

CSEF is a means tested amount of \$125.00 to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school camps, sporting events and excursions. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to CSEF. This allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, sports and excursions.

New eligible applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you have previously applied for CSEF please bring in your valid card to allow us to photocopy so it can be kept on file.

Applications will need to be completed for new students enrolments at this school for 2019 or, if there has been a change in circumstances. Please check with Sharon or Sally if you have any questions.

Conveyancing Allowance

A conveyance (transport) allowance is available for families to assist in transporting their children to the nearest appropriate school. The main eligibility criteria is if families reside 4.8km or more by the shortest direct route from the closest government school. If any families believe they might be eligible for this assistance, please call into the office to collect an application form. If you received the Conveyancing Allowance in 2018 and your circumstances have not changed, then you do not need to complete another application for 2019. **Applications must be returned by 28th February 2019.**

Classroom News

Class News Prep-1 (Lyn Gamble)

The first weeks of school involve setting expectations and learning routines. We have been practising different aspects of the workshop model which we will use during Reading, Writing and Numeracy workshops.

Reading

Our reading focus is learning strategies for Getting Knowledge Ready before reading. Making connections with a text before reading increases comprehension. The children have been practising Getting Knowledge Ready with their take home books, practising their self-talk with a partner.

Spelling

Prep students have been introduced to a Soundwaves chant and action for the following sounds, b, k, d, f, h and g. Once all the initial sounds have been introduced there will be a weekly focus on one sound and the letter or letters used to write each sound. Students are learning the chant and action and practicing saying the sound correctly.

Effective Learning Qualities

Children have made their own suggestions of what they think each Learner Quality relates to. In future weeks we will focus on one Quality a week and investigate how this strategy can help them become successful learners.

Thank you to the parents for making a big effort with home reading and coping with tired children!

Class News 2-3 (Jacob Hunt)

Over the past 2 weeks in the Grade 2/3 classroom, we have been adjusting to the new routines of the workshop model for reading and writing. This has included learning about our work book expectations and learning a new model for our lessons to follow.

Reading

We have been setting up the classroom library, exploring the different texts and practicing independent and partner reading.

Spelling

In spelling, we have been looking at making spelling choices by using the sound box as a resource.

Effective Learner Qualities

Since the beginning of week 2, our class has been exposed to the different qualities it takes to become an effective learner. We are excited to move into learning about each of these qualities in more depth over the rest of the term.

Numeracy

In Numeracy over the past couple of weeks, the grade 2/3's have been settling back into the routines of the classroom. We have been learning about how to incorporate the workshop model into our maths sessions and have begun looking at place value.

Class News 3-4 (Sue Clague)

Learner Qualities – We have spent time having a brief look at all 6 Learner Qualities and discussing what we think they are on preparation or unpacking each one more deeply over the coming weeks.

Reading

Revising, Getting Knowledge Ready has been a focus as well as becoming more familiar with the Reader's Workshop, learning how to learn.

Spelling

Listening and identifying sounds in words, identifying and counting syllables and reconnecting with sound boxes as a resource to help with spelling choices.

Numeracy

What does Place Value mean? Why is it important? Reading and recognising numbers up to 10,000's.

Growth

Honesty & Trust

Respect

Connectedness

Inclusiveness

Fun

Class News Grade 5/6

(Carrie Dullard/Raina Strecker)

This week in the senior room, we are working hard on establishing our classroom culture by reviewing our school values, practising our workshop routines and learning our roles and responsibilities within this model.

- **Reading-** Our focus this week is revising 'Getting Knowledge Ready' strategies before reading. We have also started to share and discuss authors Michael Morpurgo and Shaun Tan.
- **Writing/Spelling-** We are investigating how words work, how 44 speech sounds make up the English language and how different letters make these sounds, depending on the word they're in. Phonemes, as they are called, are important to hear when we say words in order to spell accurately.
- **Numeracy-** We are investigating 6-7 digit numbers and the way they are used and represented. We are looking at population in our local area to illustrate this.
We are also revising and developing quick/automatic recall of multiplication facts up to 10 x 10 (times tables) and practising problem solving collaboratively.
- In addition, the students have been introduced to the 6 'Effective Learner Qualities' that students can develop to become independent learners. We will explore these in more depth across the coming weeks.



Finn and Charlotte made patterns in Maths. Finn's pattern is dinosaur, cheetah, dinosaur, cheetah....
Charlotte made a size pattern-big, small, big, small...
Both patterns are repeating patterns.

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WANTED! PLASTIC BAGS!

Donations of plastic bags would be appreciated. Children need them for wet clothes and to take produce from the garden home (and for other uses!)

Dynamite Dance

Coming to Nicholson Hall –

Dynamite Dance! Hip Hop & Funk style dance taught by an American trained teacher with over 20+ years in the industry. A caring environment with a strict anti-bullying policy, classes are for fun and fitness. Ages 6 & up for both boys and girls.

Begins: Wednesday 13th February 4pm.

Places are limited so call Principal of Dynamite Dance, Jodie Shaw, for more information on 0400 857 342 before the 12th February.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Suncorp NET SET GO Bairnsdale Netball

Bairnsdale Netball Association NetSetGO: BNA will be running a 10-week NetSetGO program in Terms 1 & 2 (with a break in the school holidays and ANZAC Day). The program will commence on Thursday 28/2/19 from 4.00-4.45pm. NetSetGo is an introduction to netball where children participate in skills activities, minor games and generally have a good time whilst learning valuable skills. The program is open to boys and girls who are turning 8 years old in 2019 and up to turning 11 years of age in 2019. Parents are most welcome to help out, too, however please note all helpers must have a WWCC.

Cost of the Program is \$90 and includes a Participant Member Pack, Netball Victoria Membership/Insurance and Registration for our Season 2 Competition.

TO REGISTER: 1. Download the MyNetball app, click on the Search icon, click on NetSetGO finder, type in Bairnsdale and follow the prompts. OR

2. Register Online www.netsetgo.asn.au, click on Find a Centre, type in Bairnsdale, and click on the pinned 1, Click Register and follow the prompts.

Please email Narelle Gibbons at bdale.n.a@hotmail.com if you require any further information or assistance.

East Gippsland United Football Club

JUNIOR SOCCER TRYOUT DATES

BOYS 14th 15th Feb Howitt Park

U12 Register 5pm, trials from 5.30

GIRLS 12th 14th Feb West Bairnsdale oval

U13 Register 4.45 Trials from 5.00pm