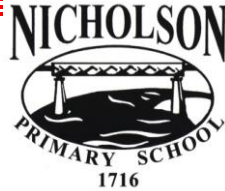


Newsletter



February 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

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### Dates To Remember

#### **FEBRUARY**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** No preps at school **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** No preps at school. **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** Drought assistance forms to be returned to school. **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** **MARC Van** Please remember to return books **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** No preps at school. School Council Meeting 5pm. **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** No preps at school.

### Welcome to 2019!

It was fantastic to see all the happy faces come through the gate last Wednesday as we began another school year. The school was buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm as everyone reconnected with their friends, met some new people and settled into their new classrooms.

On behalf of the Nicholson Primary School Community, we extend a warm welcome our Preps; Finn, Lucas, Imogen, Zachary, Charlotte (Charlie) and Dominic who are all beginning school for the first time. We also extend a very warm welcome to Emileah, Noah, Xander, Tyler, Nate, Bryleigh and their families who are joining our school this year. Also, welcome back to all of our returning students and their families.

A big thank you to the Laurie, Nate and Dominic Johns family for diligently watering and caring for our veggie garden over the holidays. It looks spectacular!

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff for the work they did over the summer break to make sure that the school was ready and that the classrooms in particular reflected a very positive and engaging environment for the students to begin their school year. This has taken an extra effort this year as we deconstructed the library to make a new classroom for our Grade 5/6.

To recap on staffing structures for this year:

F-1 Ms Gamble & Bevan

Gr 2/3 Mr Hunt, Sally & Sue Mc.

Gr 3/4 Mrs Clague & Michelle

Gr 5/6 Mrs Dullard (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) Miss Strecker (Thursday & Friday)

Specialist areas- Music & Performing Arts- Mr Vague. Art and Science- Miss Strecker. Digital technologies- Mr. Hunt  
PE- Ms Gamble.

Office- Sharon & Sally

This year Sharon will be working in the office Monday and Thursday. Sally will be available in the office every other day up until 9.30am. If you need to contact or leave a message please use the landline number (5156 8220). The phone is checked at recess and lunchtimes and we endeavour to return calls as soon as we are able. If it is urgent or in the case of emergencies please use the mobile (0447 1243 744).

Looking forward to another very busy and rewarding year,

Kind regards,

*Sue Clague*

Principal

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## Attendance

Being at school is the most important thing a young person needs to do for their future.

School is not just about Maths and English but also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems. Being at school every day also means that students are becoming more independent as learners by interacting with friends and teachers.

Young people who attend school more frequently have better life outcomes after school. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier.

So being at school really does make a difference!

As from 2018 it is a mandated requirement from the Department that schools need to follow up student absences on a daily basis. If your child is absent from school and we have not had notification by 9.30am we are required to ring seeking an explanation. Please, make sure you contact the school on the day of your child's absence or if you know in advance they will be away (appointment, family holiday) please let us know.

In the near future we will have an App that you can access to help make this process a little simpler. For now please advise the school by either ringing 5156 8220 or texting the school mobile 0447 123 744, alternatively a written note can be written or by completing a purple absence form which are located in the office.

## 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.

## Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders from the Black Stump General Store in Johnsonville be on Thursdays, starting 7<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure the orders are in a sealed envelope or snap lock bag with the money and lunch order inside and their name clearly on the outside. The orders need to be back by Wednesday and place in the Lunch order box in the office. Otherwise they can be taken directly to the Black Stump General Store. The yellow lunch order forms are located in the office.

## Administration Forms

Over the next week, a number of forms will be sent home. 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. If you are unsure about anything, please do not hesitate to ask a staff member for assistance.

The newsletter is an important communication between school and home. And 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.

## 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.

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## 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**



School Captains  
Tyla, Ollie and Emily

## Excited Preps

Zachary, Lucas, Imogen,  
Dominic, Charlie and Finn



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## **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 13<sup>th</sup> February 4pm.

Places are limited so call Principal of Dynamite Dance, Jodie Shaw, for more information on 0400 857 342 before the 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:bdale.n.a@hotmail.com) if you require any further information or assistance.

### **East Gippsland United Football Club**

#### **JUNIOR SOCCER TRYOUT DATES**

BOYS 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Howitt Park

U12 Register 5pm, trials from 5.30

GIRLS 12<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Feb West Bairnsdale oval

U13 Register 4.45 Trials from 5.00pm