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Newsletter
March 11th 2020

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Dates to Remember

MARCH

Thursday 12th

Cricket Clinics from 11am
Minister Merlino visit from 2pm

Parent/Teacher
catch-ups from 3.30pm

Friday 13th

School Council nominations close-4pm

Monday 16th

MARC Van
Please return books

Tuesday 17th

State School
Spectacular rehearsal at
Lucknow PS

Wednesday 18th

Art Gallery Workshop 4/6
Nagle Open Night
School Council AGM
5.15pm

Friday 20th

Final payment for SHREK
due

Monday 23rd

MARC Van
Please return books

Tuesday 24th

Cross Country@
Nicholson PS

Friday 27th

Wheelbarrow Grand Prix
Final day of Term 1
2.20 finish

TERM 2

Tuesday 14th April

Term 2 begins

Wednesday 15th

SHREK the Musical
Her Majesty's Theatre
Melbourne

Over the past weeks we have been very fortunate to be inundated with generous donations from businesses, organisations, schools and individuals from far and wide. We are very humbled and appreciative of all the support our students have received and continue to receive. It has been overwhelming at times!

We recently received a very large donation of books from the staff at Caulfield Grammar in Wheelers Hill. We are looking for anyone who is able to volunteer some time to help in the covering of these books so that we can get them into classrooms and have the students use them. If you are able to help please contact myself or the office.

School Council

Nominations for school council elections close this Friday 13th March at 4pm. If you are thinking of joining School Council you will need to have your nomination form into the school by this date. Self-nomination forms are available from the office.

Minister's Visit

Tomorrow, Thursday 12th March, Minister for Education, James Merlino will be visiting the school. The Minister will be arriving around 2pm to meet our students and have a tour of the school. He is also keen to meet parents to have a chat over afternoon tea in the hall around 2.15pm. We would love to see as many of our parents come along and spend some time talking with the Minister.

Play Group

We have been offered the opportunity to have a supported Playgroup operate in our school one morning a week if the interest is there from the community. If you, or anyone you know have children between the ages of 0-5yrs and would utilise this service please complete the attached form and return to school by Tuesday 17th March. We would be hoping to start the program the beginning of Term 2.

Corona Virus

Today the Premier, Minister for Health and Victorian Chief Health Officer announced that preparations are well underway to manage the growing risk of an emerging COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in Victoria. Victoria is well-prepared to deal with an outbreak, and the Department of Education and Training is working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to plan for and respond to the likely impact on our schools. School closures will be made on the recommendation of Victoria's Chief Health Officer. Once this occurs, DHHS will inform the Department of Education and Training.

At Nicholson we have plans in place to support your child's learning if and/or when such a closure occurs.

Everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Here are some tips that everyone can follow:

- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
 - Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
- Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating.

Kind Regards,

Sue Blague

Principal



*At Nicholson Primary School we acknowledge the Gunai-Kurnai people ,
the traditional owners of the land our school is built on.*

*We pay respects to the elders past, present and emerging
and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people*



Classroom News

Prep -1

Reading groups have been running well, the older students have reset and begun to practise their reading goals. We have been continuing to work on Getting Knowledge Ready before reading and using these predictions to help work out what the story is about. New readers have been practising pointing at each word as they read.

In maths we have been practising counting forwards and backwards, knowing the number before and after a given number and learning to write the digits correctly.

2/3

It has been a busy few weeks in the 2-3 classroom with a few new introductions to our everyday learning. Our newsletter is slightly longer this week and I appreciate families taking the time to read it. I am looking forward to meeting and chatting with families this week during parent teacher chats. Times for parent teacher chats were sent home last Thursday. If you haven't received your time, or if you would like to make a time, please contact myself or the office to arrange a time.

In maths we have been finishing up our place value unit. Over the last 2 weeks, we have been exploring renaming numbers up to 5 digits and showing 10 more, 10 less, 100 more, 100 less, extending into 1000 more and 1000 less. Next week, we will be moving into addition and subtraction for the remainder of the term.

In reading we have been learning how to make before, during and after reading predictions, using clues/evidence from the text to support our reasoning. Students have been practising partner reading and sharing our love for reading. Students will begin bringing home a 'My Literacy Goals' book in their red reading bags. In this book you will find your child's individual reading goal and how they can practise this goal. These goals can be practised at home as well as at school. Please feel welcome to write notes or feedback about how your child is going with practising their reading goal at home. It has been fantastic to see students bringing their red reader bags to school every day. Just a friendly reminder that students are expected to be reading every day at home for a minimum of 10 minutes. Thank you to those who are encouraging reading every day at home. It is important in building strong home-school connections. It is preferred that parents write in their child's reading diary, however it is acceptable for 2-3 students to record their own reading if needed.

In writing we have been exploring different settings of narratives. We have been brainstorming words to describe a setting, then students are developing their own sentences and settings. We have been focusing on where and when the story is set and describing the setting to the reader using the 5 senses. You may have noticed that your child is now bringing home a spelling book in their red reader bag. Each week students receive 5 words that were incorrect on their oxford spelling test. Everyday students will do a 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' on each word, followed by a spelling activity where they can practise putting their words into sentences and writing their words repeatedly for multiple exposures. At the end of the week students will do a one on one spelling test, where they will be given new words or re-given any words that were incorrect on their test. This individual spelling program is tailored to each students' point of need and strengthened in teaching soundwaves and targeting vocab in reading and writing.

3/4

During reading the 3/4s have been working on making predictions before and during reading, providing evidence for their predictions. They have worked with a partner to make predictions about a picture book. During independent reading they have been encouraged to make predictions as well as working on their individual reading goals.

The 3/4s have continued to develop their knowledge of setting during writing. They have drawn pictures of settings from what they visualised when being read to. They have brainstormed describing words that they could use to describe a setting picture prompt using their five senses.

In maths the 3/4s have practised writing numbers in words, which was quite a challenge! They also used their knowledge of place value to ask yes/no questions to work out the number they had on a sticky note on their back. They have also practised representing numbers on an abacus.

5/6

In reading we have been using clues from the text to make predictions while we read. We are now focussing on the inferences we make while reading.

In writing we are creating narratives. We are studying great author examples and experimenting with interesting vocabulary to create settings and characters.

In maths we are investigating addition strategies and using different methods to solve problems.

Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



1 Wet your hands.

Put soap on your hands.



2



3 Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.

Rinse your hands under running water.



4



5 Dry your hands thoroughly with disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

Stay germ free and healthy

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Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



1 **COVER** your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Put your used tissue in the rubbish **BIN**.



2



3 If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, **NOT YOUR HANDS**.

WASH your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel or hand dryer.



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Essendon Football Club



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MINIROOS KICK-OFF PROGRAMS!

Bairnsdale Soccer Club will be hosting Aldi MiniRoos programs in BAIRNSDALE, LAKES ENTRANCE and ORBOST!

BAIRNSDALE: Saturdays 9.15am onwards (BARC) 4-9 year olds (commencing Saturday 14th March)

LAKES ENTRANCE: Wednesdays 4pm onwards (St Brendan's Primary School Hall) 4-9 year olds (commencing Wednesday 18th March)

ORBOST: Thursdays 4.45pm onwards (Orbost Secondary College) 4-9 year olds (commencing Thursday 19th March)

FEES - \$100 for an 8 week program

New participants will receive a soccer ball, a drink bottle, shin guards and a carry pack.

To Register: Go to www.miniroos.com.au, click on Where Can I Play? Select Aldi MiniRoos Kick-off, Search by Postcode, Select Bairnsdale Soccer Club, View Available Programs, then Register.

For more information contact the club via email bairnsdalesoccer@hotmail.com or phone Trish 0407 099 064.

Aldi MiniRoos Kick-Off is:

- A fun, safe sport taught in a friendly environment for children aged between 4 and 9.
- Weekly 45 minute sessions that build skills through games and simple drills delivered in an engaging and inclusive environment.
- Every player gets plenty of time on the ball and the prime aim of each session is for children to build fundamental motor skills.

What are the benefits of signing up your children for a Kick-Off program?

- Make new friends and develop social skills.
- Develop values of teamwork, co-operation, fair play, and respect for others.
- Develop a child's ability to make quick decisions and improve reaction time.
- Keep healthy by getting active.

Thanking you.

Kind regards,



Trish Prigel

Secretary

Bairnsdale Soccer Club

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM

Monday 30 March – Friday 3 April 2020

One week program. One group lesson each day.

Incentives for swimming in this program are:

- Having a lesson each day for a week enhances confidence and ability in swimming.
- Lessons will be same time each day.
- Child / children will be grouped into age / level ability.
- During swimming lessons, teachers work on numerous safety skills alongside general technique of strokes.
- Program is Swim and Survive program



B A R C Bairnsdale
Aquatic and Recreation Centre

80 McKean Street | P 5152 5710

eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/recreationcentres ■ EastGippsShire

NAGLE COLLEGE
FOUNDED 1854
BAIRNSDALE

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 18 March
4 – 7 PM

EXPERIENCE NAGLE COLLEGE

- Information sessions
- Student-led school tours
- Engaging hands-on activities
- Sausage sizzle
- Performances, and more!

Register online: www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/open-day

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Events



Discovery Programs - East Gippsland District

When/Where	Details
Buchan Caves Reserve March 31 st 11.00am April 4 th 11.00am	Community Walk – Post fire regeneration Join a Parks Victoria Ranger on a guided walk in the Buchan Caves Reserve. See how the bush recovers after fire. Learn some of the unique adaptations our plants and animals have to respond to fire.
Buchan Caves Reserve March 21 st 9.00am to 3.00pm	Volunteer - Working Bee Work hand in hand with Parks Victoria staff to help clean up debris from the recent bushfires. This working bee is an opportunity for the community to be involved in helping to further reopen the park to the community
Cape Conran East Cape Day Visitor area April 2 nd 10.00am April 11 th 10.00am April 12 th 2.00pm	Community Walk – Post fire regeneration Join a Parks Victoria Ranger on a guided walk in the Buchan Caves Reserve. See how the bush recovers after fire. Learn some of the unique adaptations our plants and animals have to respond to fire.
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All community activities are free, and are suitable for all ages.
Please visit www.parks.vic.gov.au
All volunteer working bee information can be found at www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/Volunteer/



EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES FREE AGES 5 - 12 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

School Holiday Movie Screening Frozen 2

PG Parental Guidance Suggested
Some scenes may scare very young children



Join us for the screening of Frozen 2
Elsa the Snow Queen has an extraordinary gift – the power to create ice and snow.
After hearing a mysterious voice call out to her, Elsa travels to the enchanted forests and dark seas beyond her kingdom.

Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.

Lakes Entrance Service Centre Thursday 2 April 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm	Orbost Service Centre Tuesday 7 April 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm
Cann River Community Centre Thursday 2 April 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm	Bairnsdale Library Wednesday 8 April 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm
Paynesville Service Centre Friday 3 April 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm	Omeo Service Centre Wednesday 8 April 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

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EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES FREE FOR FAMILIES BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Outdoor Family Movie Screening Maleficent: Mistress of Evil

PG Parental Guidance Suggested
Some scenes may scare young children



Join us for the screening of the fantasy/action movie Maleficent: Mistress of Evil

Maleficent travels to a grand old castle to celebrate young Aurora's upcoming wedding to Prince Phillip. While there, she meets Aurora's future mother-in-law – a conniving queen who hatches a devious plot to destroy the land's fairies.

Hoping to stop her, Maleficent joins forces with a seasoned warrior and a group of outcasts to battle the queen and her powerful army.

Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.

Bairnsdale Library
Friday 3 April
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
RSVP by 2 April

Bring a blanket in case it gets cold. If the weather is poor, the movie will still be screened inside the library.

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EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES FREE AGES 5 - 12 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Wooden Dog and Coaster Set School Holiday Activity Session



Assemble and decorate your very own Wooden Dog and Coaster Set

Here's another of the library's popular school holiday activity sessions for you to enjoy.

Listen to stories, play games, win prizes and assemble and decorate your very own Wooden Dog and Coaster Set which you can keep and use at home!

Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this free event.

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Omeo Service Centre Wednesday 1 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Bairnsdale Library Friday 3 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Lakes Entrance Service Centre Monday 6 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Orbost Service Centre Wednesday 8 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Mallacoota Service Centre Wednesday 8 April 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Cann River Community Centre Thursday 9 April 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm
Paynesville Service Centre Thursday 9 April 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	

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