

SCHOOL NEWLETTER

April 28th 2021



Growth.
Respect.
Inclusiveness.
Fun.

UPCOMING DATES:

APRIL

Wed 28th

School Photos

Sporting Schools Program
with Bevan 3.20-4.20pm

Thur 29th

School Council meeting
6pm

MAY

Wed 5th

Senior students Winter
Sports @ Paynesville

Tues 11th

NAPLAN Writing &
language Conventions

Wed 12th

NAPLAN Reading

Thur 13th

NAPLAN Numeracy



From The Principal

Tutor Learning Initiative

A number of families received a brief letter in regards to the tutoring program which was initiated by the Department. At Nicholson, the tutoring will be led by Carrie Dullard based on specific goals which have been developed by classroom teachers. Carrie will work in classrooms supporting the work of teachers and working with small groups of students. If you have any queries in regards to this initiative please speak with myself or your child's teacher.

A small amount of additional funds has been provided by the Department to implement this initiative, which is much appreciated by the school. The success of our students is not gained through these initiatives, but through the daily work of teachers and support staff based on informed, explicit, differentiated teaching.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular classroom activities. As such, excessive preparation or coaching is not required. You can help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. A NAPLAN report will be available and distributed in Term 3.

Permission Forms

We are still waiting on the return of general permission forms from some families. New forms were sent home yesterday. Please complete the forms and return to school ASAP.

Breakfast Club

We are looking for volunteer/s to help in breakfast club for the next few weeks as Kathy is recovering from surgery. If you can help please see either myself or Stevie Gamble. We wish Kathy a very speedy recovery and look forward to having her back as soon as she is able.

Kind regards,

Sue Clague

Principal

We acknowledge the Gunai-Kurnai people the traditional owners for the land our school is built on. We pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



RECURRING EVENTS:

Breakfast Club:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 – 9:00am

After School Care:

Monday 3:20 – 5:00pm

Sporting Schools Program:

Tuesday & Wednesday, 3:20 – 4:20pm

Lunch Orders:

Lunch orders are currently unavailable

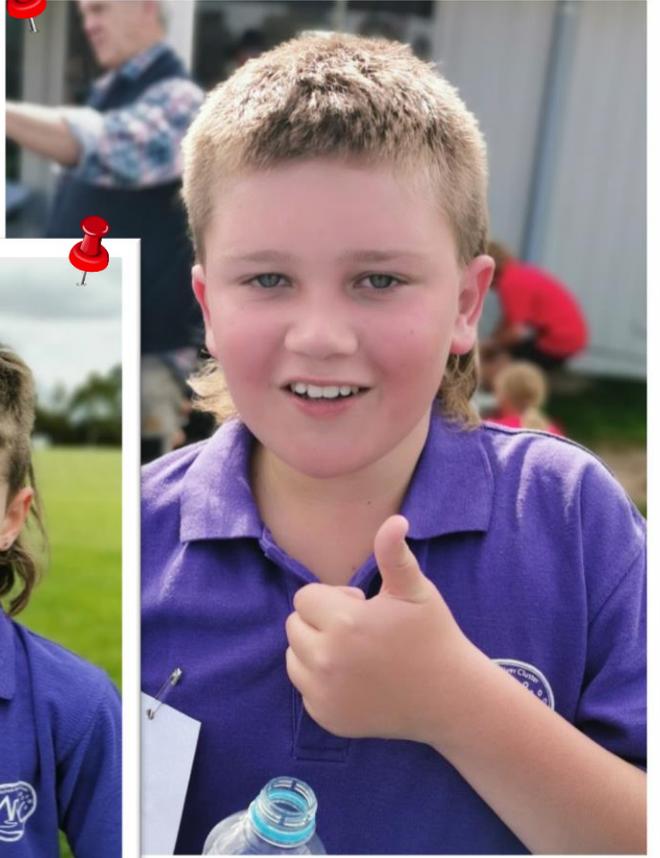
ANZAC Ceremony

Thank you to Mrs Merante and the student leadership team for a very respectful ANZAC ceremony last Friday. Also thank you to Lincoln's grandad and mum for coming along with their horses and talking to us about the Light Horse Brigade and the role the horses played in the war.



Division Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our division cross country competitors who took on the challenge of the course and completed it to the best of your individual abilities. You should be very proud of yourselves, just getting to that level of competition is an achievement. Well done!





Reading Awards



Potato & Bacon Slice

- 1 sweet potato, shredded
- 1 zucchini, shredded
- 4 bacon rashers, shredded
- 1 onion, diced
- 4 eggs
- 1 C SR flour
- 1 C cheese, grated
- 1 tsp garlic
- 1 tab chives

1. Mix all ingredients well.
2. Place into non-stick slice tray.
3. Bake at 180C fan forced for 40-45 mins.



MARC Van

This week's MARC Van theme was Castles and Dragons. I have been linking books to this year's Book Week theme of 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. The junior students listened to the book 'Puff the Magic Dragon'. Peter Robinson



School Council News

Our major fundraiser for the year will be a raffle with some fantastic prizes on offer!

1st Prize: 2 metres of firewood

2nd Prize: 1 night's accommodation at "Lakeview" down to earth farm retreat

3rd Prize: \$50 dinner voucher for the Nicholson Hotel.

Raffle tickets will be sent home to all families next week. Money raised will go towards the purchase of new maths equipment.

The raffle will be drawn at a morning tea on the 27th of May to celebrate the grand opening of our new playground. More information regarding both will be sent home in the coming weeks.



Mother's Day Stall

A Mother's day stall will be held on Friday 7th May. All gifts are \$5.00

News From The Specialists

ART

In Art we are exploring Colour Theory. This week we are mixing primary colours to create secondary and tertiary colours. The junior group have used paint, pastel, crayon and pencils to mix secondary colours and this week will be working on their Icy Pole Art. The middle group are using paint to create a colour wheel umbrellas and the seniors are making colour wheel eyes using paints and ink.

SCIENCE

Prep/1: This term we are looking at the difference between living and non-living things, what the difference is, and how living things need oxygen and water to survive, as well as that they can reproduce.

Grade 1/2: This term we are looking at how things change, in particular the lifecycle of plants. Over the next couple of weeks we will be planting seeds and watching the changes the seeds go through as they become plants.

Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6: This term we are exploring space and the concept that Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting

around the sun. We have begun the unit by looking at how the solar system was formed.

P.E.

We have started the term off with a focus on playing soccer throughout the whole school. Students will work together in teams and learn/strengthen a variety of ball skills. The students were very excited when they heard we were playing soccer this term and I look forward to watching them progress throughout the unit.



MUSIC

To get the musical ball rolling, the senior students improvised their own compositions by using a combination of four notes that sound good together. After working on simple melodies they combined with their peers to form three or four piece bands. They also used their bodies to create a vehicle that could take them to the 'centre of the Earth.'

The 3/4 class started learning an instrumental version of that old classic song - 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor?' They also participated in a superpowers challenge involving friendly battles with their peers to reach the top level of 'Super-Hero' status.

Both junior classes composed original rhythm pieces based around one beat notes, one beat rests and two 1/2 count notes. They used rocks and apples to represent their rhythms. Students were then challenged to play their pieces to various songs. We also revised songs such as, 'Little Flick,' and 'My Puppy has a Potty.'

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Skoolbag

Do you have the Skoolbag app yet? This free app allows our school community, teachers and parents, to stay in touch. You'll find all the newsletters in the app, as well as handy forms. You can even let the school know if your child is absent. It's free, from both the Google Play Store and the App Store.

Guinea Piggies for Sale

We have three gorgeous sisters, 1 week old, who will be looking for their forever homes in 3 weeks' time.

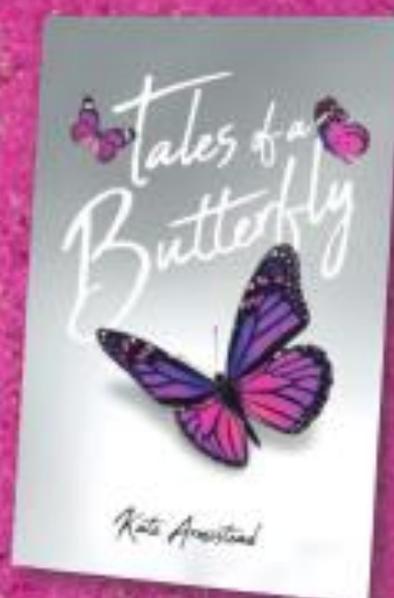
One girl is black all over, one is black, white and tan, and the other young lady is tan. Their mother and father are our own pets at home.

The piggies will be ready to leave Mum on 16th May 2021. It would be good to either keep the girls together, or have them go into a family with other piggies, as piggies do best with companionship. They are \$10 each, or all three for \$25. They are not vaccinated or de-sexed. Please contact Kylie on 0488776800 for enquiries.



Tales of a Butterfly

Kate Armistead – Book Launch



Join local author Kate Armistead at the launch of her book *Tales of a Butterfly*

In Kate's words, "*Tales of a Butterfly is my reflection of being a firsttime mother and discovering my child has deafness, the journey we made as a family and the new perspective we now have on life.*"

Kate grew up in Bruthen, attended Bruthen Primary School and Inagle College before going on to study early childhood education, achieving a bachelor's degree in teaching.

This event will be interpreted in Auslan by Eve Cash.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

Thursday 29 April
Bairnsdale Library
4.00 pm

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



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HIPPY

Home Interaction Program for Parents & Youngsters

Families together on a learning journey

HIPPY is a free two-year, home based early learning program.

HIPPY helps parents understand how their child learns.

HIPPY helps children make a successful transition to school and beyond.

HIPPY builds self confidence.

HIPPY helps link families with their community.

HIPPY families have fun learning together.

In the first year of HIPPY, the year before school begins, families learn skills to get their child ready for school.

In the second year, parents learn more about supporting their child's learning and development at school and at home.

A trained HIPPY Tutor meets weekly in the first year and fortnightly in the second year with the parent/carer to practice HIPPY activities. Families spend 10 to 15 minutes a day doing educational activities with their child.



Who's invited

Parents/Carers of a child age 4 years (in the year before they start school)

Cost

Free

Day and Time

A regular weekly time, usually on Tuesday or Thursday

Place

Usually at your home (or at Uniting office or another suitable community location)

What's Provided

Educational activity packs
Story Books
HIPPY Box & Stationery resources

For further information

Contact HIPPY at Uniting Gippsland on 5152 9600 or at hippyeastgippsland@vt.uniting.org

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