



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

Growth.  
Respect.  
Inclusiveness.  
Fun.

### UPCOMING DATES:

March

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> – School Cross Country

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Playground construction begins

April

Thu 1<sup>st</sup> – Wheelbarrow Grand Prix, End of Term – 2:20pm finish

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Term 2 commences

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Smile Squad Dentist visit

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Sporting Schools – Drama with Tiffany

### From The Principal

Thank you to all those that supported our recent Book Fair. The school receives a percentage of all sales which we will use to purchase books for the classroom libraries.

#### Cross Country

Depending on the weather, we will hold our cross country event tomorrow beginning around 11am. If the inclement weather is still with us, we will move to this Friday. Otherwise our next back up date is the first week back of Term 2.

#### ANZAC Day Appeal

Once again Nicholson PS will be supporting the Bairnsdale RSL with their ANZAC appeal. Badges and other small merchandise is for sale ranging from \$2 to \$10.

A photo of items is attached later in the newsletter.

#### Lunch Orders

Lunch order forms are now available to print from our Skoolbag app. You will find them under the events tab. Hard copies are also still available from the office.

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:**

After School Program:  
 Monday - Thursday,  
 3:20 - 5:00pm

Breakfast Club:  
 Tuesday, Wed & Thurs,  
 8:30 - 9:00am

Lunch Order Day:  
 Thursdays

# Happy Birthday!



What do you do on a rainy day? Play dress ups of course!



## 2021 Easter Egg Hunt & Sausage Sizzle

Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate Easter at GEGAC.  
 There will be fun games, face painting, a sausage sizzle and an easter egg hunt.

Wednesday 31st March  
 5.30pm to 7.00pm  
 GEGAC, Dalmahoy Street, Bairnsdale.



# News From The Class

## Foundation/One

### Maths

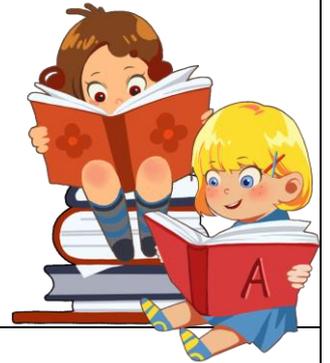
In math we have continued our work reading, saying, finding and writing numbers to 100 on a number line. We have started looking at numbers to 100 on a hundred chart, filling in missing numbers and exploring patterns. Preps have been learning to read, write, make, order and match numbers to 10 and have begun exploring ordinal numbers.

### Reading

In reading we have continued our focus on getting knowledge ready, delving deeper into making predictions about what we think will happen in the story, using what we already know and what we can see as evidence. Well done to everyone who is reading every night and writing in your child's diary. Your child has also brought home their individual reading goal book and a set of high frequency words. Please ensure that these stay in your child's red reader bag as we will be using them at school every day.

### Writing

In writing we have continued writing recounts, planning and writing. Preps are telling their recount orally and drawing pictures to support their recount. You may have also heard about our visitor in the prep-1 room. We have taken this opportunity to include some free writing into our literacy block. The students brainstormed rich language then wrote a story or a recount about 'There's a mouse in our house.' In spelling, Preps are still busy learning a new sound a day while grade ones are deepening their understanding of one sound per week and are learning about blends.



## Grade 1/2

### Reading

In reading we have continued developing our ability to make logical predictions using evidence from the text and our own connections. We have also thoroughly enjoyed practicing reading and writing our high frequency words in shaving cream. It was even fun to clean up!

### Writing

This week we have written recounts about Bug Blitz. We brainstormed together all of the activities that we did, made a plan with three of the activities and then wrote about them. The sound we have focused on this week is 'Five fat fish- f'. We got a little confused with the sound 'thick thongs, thin thongs- th'.

### Maths

We have continued to develop our knowledge of numbers. We used our knowledge of numbers to help us put together puzzles made out of 100 charts. We discussed the strategies people used, like starting from the lowest number and working our way up. Surprisingly no one put their puzzles together using the shape of the pieces!

## Grade 3/4

### Reading

In reading we have been finding key words in our texts and then using clues from the words around them and the context of the story to predict their meaning.

### Writing

In writing we have practised 'Exploding a Moment' in our Bug Blitz recount and have begun a list of interesting characters that could be in narrative stories.

### Maths

In maths our focus is on using the jump strategy to solve addition problems. Students enjoyed learning and playing the Gnarly Number game which involves a number of strategies including probability, rounding and addition.

## Grade 5/6

### Reading

In reading we finished predicting with our mentor text "Rosy Dock" and were rather disappointed with the cliff hanger ending! We are now working on making connections to what we read using the mentor text "Ziba Came On A Boat".

### Writing

In writing we are making our writing more interesting by zooming in on one moment and using the five senses to make the reader feel like they are in our stories.

### Maths

In maths we are using efficient addition strategies including splitting and rounding. We are also designing the track for the Wheelbarrow Grand Prix and will be practising skills in map drawing, locations and scale.



## ANZAC Merchandise To Purchase

ANZAC merchandise will be available to purchase from the school office from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Items include pens, wrist ties, pins and bag tags. Prices range from \$2 to \$10.



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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 Apple App Store.



