

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 6th, 2025



Growth.
Respect.
Inclusiveness.
Fun.

AUGUST

Monday 11th

District Athletics

Tuesday 12th

School Council Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 13th

Swimming F-2

Thursday 14th

Swimming Grades 3-6

Monday 18th

Book Week Parade- 9am

Wednesday 20th

Final Swimming session F-2

Thursday 21st

Final Swimming session

Grades 3-6

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1st

School Review

Tuesday 2nd

School Review

Friday 5th

School Review

Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 10th

School Council meeting 6pm

Friday 19th

End of Term 2:20pm finish

The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school.

Dear Nicholson Primary School families,

The Smile Squad team from BRHS are coming to our school. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

Consent is required before the service can be provided. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by close of business **Thursday 28th August 2025**. Only students who have a returned consent form will be able to access the service.

Book Week Parade

Our book character parade is fast approaching. The theme for this year is "Book an Adventure". Students are asked to dress in their favourite book or adventure character and join in the fun!



2026 Enrolments

It's hard to believe that we have already come to the time in the year when we begin to think about the following year! If you have a child who will be starting school in 2026, we ask that you contact the school and enrol your child. If you know of anyone considering Nicholson PS for next year, we ask that you encourage them to contact the school.

Kind regards

Sue Clague

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:

Monday to Friday 8:30 – 9:00am

Lunch Orders:

Orders and payment into school by Thursday morning.
Friday is lunch order day

Water Safety

As summer approaches it is important that all aspects of water safety are covered. In PE the F-1 and 1-2 classes looked at safety around dams and rivers but there is a lot more to learn. The Royal Life Saving Society have online Swim and Survive tasks where kids can learn all about water safety to keep themselves safer when in and around water. Just follow this free link: <https://learn.swimandsurvive.com.au/>



Lyn Gamble

Happy Birthday!

Harriet, Will & Drina!



Reading Awards



Classroom News

Foundation/One

What a fantastic return we have had! Swimming, 100 days of school and athletics day! We have been super busy, and I am sure everyone is very tired. I am very proud of our F-1 students. They have been a pleasure to take out and about. Not only are they amazing role models and leaders in the community, they have been resilient, brave and persistent in all activities, both in and out of the school.

In maths we have been revisiting place value. This time, we are learning how to bundle, making groups of 100's, 10's and ones. We are learning to make, read, write and count collections up to 3 digits.

In reading we are continuing to practise decoding skills and fluency.

In phonics we have started adding some new sounds to our collections. We have found out about digraph sounds sh, ch and aw for some of our grade 1's. We have also been learning about syllables and how we can use syllables to help us to spell and read words.

In writing we have started some new books. Most students are now working with dotted thirds. This means our focus has been mostly on handwriting, learning how to form letters so that they sit correctly in each third.

Grade 1/2

The third week of term remains as busy as ever. It was great to see most of our students at the Athletic Sports yesterday, enjoying a morning full of activities and the beautiful weather. Back at school we are continuing to work in the 'ure' phoneme box, lure, cure, pure. It's one of the more complex ones, so we're taking our time before revisiting the 'hair, square' phoneme box. We are learning to write our own fairy stories. We have also incorporated half an hour at the end of the day for independent writing. This becomes writing of their own choice. Many are writing letters, some are creating narratives, others are writing recounts. In maths we are continuing to work through subtraction with a focus on the term 'difference'. (The difference between 18 and 16 is 2). As we near the halfway mark of our swimming lessons, it has been really pleasing to see our students grow and improve their swimming abilities.

Grade 3/4

What a whirlwind fortnight it has been! The 3/4s have been great to take to swimming, listening to instructions from our school staff as well as their swimming teachers. It is wonderful to watch them progress with their swimming. Athletics was another busy day and from all accounts the 3/4s again showed that they can meet our expectations outside of school, being great sports who were persistent, respectful and kind.

In maths we have been refreshing our knowledge of arrays in multiplication, which is beginning to help us explore how we can partition larger numbers to make them easier to multiply. For example, $16 \times 4 = 10 \times 4 + 6 \times 4 = 64$.

We have also been thoroughly enjoying reading fairy tales, some of which we have never come across before! We have been looking for some common themes among the stories surrounding the types of characters, settings and problems encountered. We are also improving at recognising the message, like to not underestimate something just because it may be small like the mouse in The Enormous Turnip or Tom Thumb.

Grade 5/ 6

In literacy we have immersed ourselves in the folktale genre, exploring different fairy tales and fables. We are identifying the characters, setting, problem and message of these stories to gain a deeper understanding of the roles they play in society. In writing we are taking a deeper look into morphology, the study of word structure and the smaller units of meaning in words. This week our focus was on the morpheme "anti" meaning opposite or against. We are also building on simple sentences to form elaborations by using conjunctions and extra details to make sentences more informative.

In maths we have begun our unit on multiplication. Our initial focus is to work with factors and multiples to gain a better understanding of the patterns in multiplication. Then we will move into working with more efficient ways to multiply larger numbers.

CLUSTER ATHLETICS DAY 2025

Congratulations to all our athletes who participated in the Cluster Athletics Day last Monday. Everyone had a fantastic day competing, participating and hopefully making new connections with students from other schools.

We have 10 students qualify to represent the cluster at next Mondays district athletics. Well done and best of luck to them all!

A huge thank you to Ms Gamble for all of her coordinating in the lead up to the day and to all the staff for their assistance on the day.





**We are 100
days smarter!!**



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