

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026



**Growth.  
Respect.  
Inclusiveness.  
Fun.**

## APRIL

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

ANZAC Ceremony 10am

\Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

ANZAC Day

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Swimming Program F-Yr2

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Swimming Program Yr3-6

Thursday

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Smile Squad visit

## MAY

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Division Cross Country @

Nagle College

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mother's Day Stall

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

District Winter Sports

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Reconciliation Week

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

National Sorry Day

Welcome back to Term 2!

I hope everyone had time to refresh and enjoy the break.

### **Welcome**

This term we welcome our new Education Support member, Andrew Ratten to our staff. Andrew is a welcome addition to our school and will be providing additional support our grade 3/4 classroom.

### **Carparking**

Thank you to all families for patience and cooperation as we become used to the new drop off and pickup procedures now in place and will remain in place for the remainder of the year. Careful consideration was applied when planning the most effective and safest use of the area with student safety foremost in all considerations.

A reminder that when exiting the drop-off/pick-up space, that all cars need to veer left along the service road at the front of the school before entering the highway.

### **Whole School Swimming Program**

Our whole school swimming program commences next week at the Lakes Aquadome. Over the course of 5 weeks, students will participate in intensive swimming lessons, each session consisting of 2 back-to-back lessons. Last week we requested confirmation of your child's participation in the program. If you have not already, please return these forms ASAP. Thank you to those families who have already done so.

### **2027 Enrolments**

Foundation (Prep) Enrolments for 2026 are now open. If you or anyone you know has a child starting primary school in 2026, it's time to enrol. It is important to follow the statewide timeline as it allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures that all children have the best start to 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 or Nicholson General Store by Thursday morning. Friday is lunch order day

### Early Learning and Childcare Centre Update

- [Early Learning Victoria](#) is establishing a new early learning and childcare centre next to Nicholson Primary School, opening in early 2027.
- Early Learning Victoria centres are government-run and provide high-quality early childhood education and care for young children.
- Waitlist applications for the new centre are now open: [Early Learning Victoria Nicholson and District \(interim name\) | earlylearning.vic.gov.au](#)
- You can contact Early Learning Victoria on [elv@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:elv@education.vic.gov.au) or 03 9057 4444 if you have any questions about the new centre or the enrolment process.

### ANZAC Appeal

Nicholson PS will once again be supporting the ANZAC Appeal. Our student leadership team will be selling merchandise every day for the remainder of this term. Items range from \$2 to \$10. All money collected goes directly to supporting families of Legacy.



## Reading Awards

## Happy Birthday!

## Classroom News

### Foundation

Welcome back everyone! It was so lovely to see everyone's smiling faces back at school yesterday. We have kicked off into learning straight away.

In Phonics we are learning Set 2 sounds- Mm, Dd and Gg this week. We are building on what we already know to read, write and make new words with our new sounds.

In Writing we are learning how to build and write sentences using nouns and verbs, knowing when to use capital letters and full stops. We are also looking at some indigenous texts, dreamtime stories and an informative text study, *'Somebody's Land, Welcome to our Country'*.

In Maths we are learning about 'teen' numbers. We are learning that teen means ten and some more and how the teen numbers are the trickiest numbers. This week are learning about 11, 12 and 13.

### Grade 1/2

Welcome back to a new term. It has been fantastic to see how quickly the students have settled back into their routines and to hear about all the terrific things everyone did over the holiday break. A great conversation was had yesterday about 'The Faraway Tree' movie and how it compared to the books that we have read. It was obvious just how much the students had noticed, appreciated and understood about the characters and plot of the story!

In Maths we are focussing on carrying out simple additions and subtractions to 20. We are using modelling to solve practical problems and learn strategies like counting on, partitioning and doubling. We will be exploring the connection between addition and subtraction.

In Writing we are publishing our 'Free Write' stories from last term, focussing on capital letters and full stops in our sentences. In handwriting, we are concentrating on the correct formation of our letters, that is where we start the letters and what direction we follow to complete each one.

### Grade 3/4

It has been wonderful to be back at school after the holidays and to reconnect with everyone. In literacy, we have enjoyed discussing and writing about a superpower we would like to have and how we would use it. It has been fantastic to see that many students are choosing to use their superpowers to help others. We have also been focusing on using capital letters correctly, including for the word 'I', and remembering to finish our sentences with full stops.

In maths, we have enjoyed getting back into our learning through card games to refresh our understanding of doubles and near doubles. We also reviewed our pre-test results to identify the areas of addition we feel confident in, as well as the areas we will be focusing on over the coming weeks.

### Grade 5/6



We have made a great start to term two with a new English unit of work on the book, "Black Cockatoo" and delving into addition strategies in Maths. In the last week of term, we completed our Easter Art masterpieces with our buddies by applying a variety of different techniques to produce some truly beautiful pieces of work. We were so proud!

This week we harvested our "Painted Mountain" corn from the vegie patch. The seed for this heirloom corn was kindly donated by Willow's family during kinder transition last year and planted by Ms Callow's class. We were amazed by all the different colours of the rainbow.



### SCHOOL CONTACTS:

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### uEducateUs



Do you have the uEducateUs app yet? This free app allows our school community, teachers, and parents, to stay in touch. You will 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.

**LOCAL GIVE BACK**  
SCHOOL EDITION

We're proud to be giving back **\$6,000** in grants to support our local community

**VOTING**  
OPEN: Mon, 9th Mar  
CLOSE: Thu, 30th Apr

Scan the QR code to vote and for a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards\*  
\*Terms and conditions apply.

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**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**5.00 pm to 7.00 pm**

Bairnsdale Secondary College invite students, parents, and carers to our Information Evening for 2027 Year 7 students.

Time	Item	Location
5.00 pm to 6.00 pm	McKean Street Campus open to tour and chat with staff and students from Key Learning Areas including English, Maths, Science and PE.	Year 7 Hub, Science Centre and Inclusion Hub
6.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Information Session - Presentation from current Year 7 students and student leaders.	Malgobila Building

For further enquiries please contact us on 5150 4800 or at [bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

The enrolment process begins in early Term 2 .

Information will be distributed initially via your Primary Schools.

For Government Primary Schools

Your Primary Schools will distribute an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2

For Non-Government Primary Schools

Your Primary School may provide an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2 , if you do not receive one please contact the College directly.

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East Gippsland Shire Council

# KINDERGARTEN CENTRAL REGISTRATION SERVICE

Is your child attending a funded  
3- or 4-year-old kindergarten in 2027?

From April 2026, families can register  
for 3- or 4-year-old kindergarten through  
Council's Central Registration Service



Contact the Early Years Team:

[earlyyears@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@egipps.vic.gov.au)

03) 5153 9500

Scan the QR Code



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The Central Registration Service ensures the process of registration and enrolment is simple, consistent, inclusive and equitable.

It provides a single point for families to register for multiple kindergarten services.

To allocate kindergarten places in line with the Department of Education's Priority of Access criteria.

First round offers open 1 April 2026 & close 30 June 2026. You can complete a pre-registration form at any time.

Scan the QR code or visit our website to complete an online registration form.

Register for kindergarten in 4 easy steps:

1. **Register**- Family completes an online form
2. **Allocate** - Council carefully reviews all registrations and allocates kindergarten places
3. **Confirm**- Families receive a kindergarten offer
4. **Enrol**- Families complete the child's enrolment directly with the kindergarten.



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