

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 3rd 2026

NICHOLSON
PRIMARY SCHOOL
1716

Growth.
Respect.
Inclusiveness
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Fun.

JUNE

Monday 8th

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th

Pupil Free Day-
Mid-year reports preparation

Thursday 11th

Auskick Clinic @ school

Monday 15th

School Council meeting
5:30pm

Wednesday 24th

Black Snake Productions
Incursion

Paret/Teacher Interviews
TBA

Thursday 25th

Parent/Teacher interviews
TBA

Friday 26th

End of Term 2:20pm
finish

JULY

Monday 13th

Term 3 commences

Tuesday 28th

Cluster Athletics @ Howitt
Park Bairnsdale

Across all classrooms over the past week, there has been a focus on Reconciliation and what that means for all of us here at Nicholson. Students have been exploring the meaning of Reconciliation and what our collective role is in making Reconciliation stronger.

The week was launched by Frankie Jobling using a student friendly video to explain to us all what the idea is behind Reconciliation and then, using this year's theme "All IN", asked us to take particular care of our playground and the land around us to ensure that the local wildlife can thrive and grow.



Basketball Court

The development of the Early Learning Centre is well underway. As part of the process, our existing basketball court will be demolished and removed. A new basketball court will be reinstated and repositioned to allow for new carparking spaces which will be developed later in the build process. Further information is included later in the newsletter.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that next Tuesday 9th June is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be using the day for mid-year report preparation. TheirCare will be operating their service on the day. All bookings and enquiries are to be made directly to TheirCare.

150th Celebrations

Nicholson Primary School turns 150 this year! We are looking to form a sub-committee to plan how we celebrate this important milestone in our school's history later this year. If you or someone you now is interested in joining the committee, please contact the office.

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

Milo Club

Milo is available every day during Breakfast
Club for \$1.00 per cup.

All money raised goes to the Kmart Wishing
Tree at the end of the year.



Construction Update



PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

May 2026

Dear school community,

As you know the Victorian Government is building a new early learning and childcare centre next to our school.

The centre will open in 2027 and will offer kindergarten and long day care for up to 102 local children each day.

It's one of 50 government-owned and operated early learning centres being set up across Victoria as part of the Best Start, Best Life reforms. It will be run by **Early Learning Victoria**.

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is managing all building works for the project.

We're mindful of any impact construction might have on our community, and we're working with the VSBA to minimise this.

Project Update – basketball court upgrade

A builder has now been appointed, and works have begun.

As part of the project, we are upgrading our basketball courts.

This means the existing basketball courts will be unavailable for approximately six weeks, starting 28th May 2026.

There will be minimal impact to the way you move around the school however, we ask you to be mindful of the construction works taking place.

More information

If you have any questions about the build of Early Learning Victoria Nicholson & District (interim name) you can contact the VSBA by phone at **1800 896 950**, email vsba@education.vic.gov.au or visit <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/early-learning-victoria-nicholson-district-interim-name>

If you have any questions about Early Learning Victoria Nicholson & District (interim name) operations, including enrolments and recruitment, you can contact Early Learning Victoria by phone at **03 9057 4444**, email elv@education.vic.gov.au, or visit <https://www.earlylearning.vic.gov.au/>.

Thank you for your patience,

Kind regards

Sue Clague

Reading Awards

Happy Birthday!



Oakley, Archer, Emelia,

Annabelle, Aubree & Pippah



Classroom News

Foundation

In Phonics this week, we have been reviewing set 2 sounds, practising blending and segmenting set 1 and 2 sounds and building our fluency.

In Maths we have started looking at doubles. We know that doubles are 2 of the same number. Some students are learning about near doubles, exploring the concept that if I know that $8 + 8 = 16$, then $8 + 9$ is 16 and 1 more. Some students are exploring doubles as multiplication, knowing that $8 + 8 = 16$ but also 2 groups of 8 is 16. In Writing we have been exploring family dynamics of indigenous cultures. We are comparing Indigenous families and roles to our own families and the role that people play in our own family.

Grade 1/2

We have been reading the first in the series of 'Treehouse Books' by Andy Griffiths as our class serial. We chose these books to follow on from the Faraway Tree series, because Andy Griffiths loved the Faraway Tree books when he was young and wrote the Treehouse series based on the memory from his childhood. It has been lovely to have the students take turns sitting on the teacher's chair reading aloud, while the other students follow along with their shared copies of the book. We have been exploring doubles and near doubles in our maths work and learning about the relationship between addition and subtraction. Thanks to the parents who have been signing student reading logs at home consistently, it is lovely to see more and more signed every day!

Grade 3/4

In Literacy, we have enjoyed writing stories using picture prompts. We begin by discussing what we can see in the picture and what might be happening. As we write, and during editing, we think about whether our story will make sense to others and if we have left out any important details. We have also been making sure we use full stops and capital letters in the correct places.

In Maths, we have been learning about line symmetry. We have used shapes printed on paper to help us find their lines of symmetry by folding them to check whether both halves match. Some shapes have multiple lines of symmetry, while others have one or none!

Grade 5/6

In our class, assessments are in full swing for reporting. It's exciting to see the progress our students have made. In maths we are developing efficient strategies when subtracting, calculating change and trading when an equation involves internal zeros. In reading we continue our work on summarising and finding the deeper message within a text and making personal connections to these. In writing we are fine tuning punctuation when including dialogue and our Jindabyne stories are coming along nicely. In buddies we have been taking the lead, with Grade 5/6 buddies developing activities to help develop their younger buddies skills in taking turns, sharing, negotiating and resilience when trying something new and challenging.

Walk to School Day

We all had an enjoyable stroll up the hill in the sunshine on our Walk to School Day.

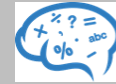


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Do you have the uEducateUs app yet? This app allows our school community, teachers, and parents, to stay in touch. You will find all the newsletters in the app, as well as handy forms. You can even let the school know if your child is absent. It's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

East Gippsland Aquatic Strategy



Help shape the future of aquatic facilities in East Gippsland

We're creating a new **Aquatic Strategy** and want to hear from you.

The strategy will consider:

- . Current aquatic community needs and perspectives.
- . Area growth and projected populations.
- . Current condition of existing facilities.
- . Costs of the service and facilities over the next 10 years.
- . Infrastructure renewal, service improvement and strategic investment.
- . Alignment with the Council Plan and sports facility planning priorities.

Community survey now open

Please scan the QR code to complete the survey and learn more or visit any of our recreation or service centres. Survey closes 29 May 2026.



<https://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/east-gippsland-aquatic-strategy>

Questions about the engagement and survey can be directed to @leisure Planners via email to info@atleisure.com.au



East Gippsland Shire Council

Phone 5153 9500

Email feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au

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NEW! 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 ☎ 03) 5153 9500

Scan the QR Code




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KINDERGARTEN CENTRAL REGISTRATION SERVICE

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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East Gippsland

HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS

FREE PROGRAM

Are you living in the East Gippsland area & caring for a child who is turning three on or before the 30th of April 2026

for more information please contact
Nikki 0403 692 639




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MONDAY NIGHT D&D

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YOUR CHILDS
SWIMMING
ABILITY!

Monday 6 - Friday 10 July 2026

Cost \$65.00 for ages 3 and up

On confirmation of booking a
\$20 deposit will be required to
secure your child's spot.

**Enrolments due
Friday 26 June**

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OR SCAN THE
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DAILY
30 MINUTE
LESSONS OVER
5 DAYS!



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