

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 20th, 2026



Growth.
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MAY

Thursday 21st

F-2 Forge Theatre Excursion

Friday 22nd

Walk to School Day

Open Morning 9:30-11:00am

Monday 25th

Reconciliation Week commences.

Tuesday 26th

National Sorry Day

Junior school swimming

Wednesday 27th

Grade 3-6 swimming

Thursday 28th

Sue attending Principal's Conference Melbourne

Friday 29th

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JUNE

Monday 8th

King's Birthday public holiday

Tuesday 9th

Pupil Free Day-

Mid-year reports preparation

Thursday 11th

Auskick Clinic @ school

Friday 26th

End of Term 2:20pm finish

Education Support Staff (ES)

Last Friday was the official ES appreciation day. We appreciate our fantastic Education Support team every day!

On behalf of the entire teaching staff and all the students, I would like to acknowledge how fortunate we all are to have a team of outstanding ES staff at Nicholson Primary School. Our ES staff are the "quiet drivers" behind so much of our school's success, providing the support that keeps the school running smoothly and allows teaching and learning to thrive. Their care, flexibility, hard work and willingness to support students, staff and families in so many ways is greatly appreciated by our whole school community.

Bevan, Michelle, Andrew, Donna, Jodie, Zoe and Sally, we cannot thank you enough!!

Bus Travellers

To support our end of day procedures, we have introduced an additional end-of-day school bell specifically for bus travellers. This change will allow students catching the bus to depart a little earlier, meaning they will arrive at their destinations sooner than in the past.

Mid-Year Student Reports

As families may be aware, current industrial action involving the Australian Education Union (AEU) continues across Victorian government schools. As part of this action, teachers will not be providing written comments in mid-year student reports for Term 2, 2026.

While reports of an in-principal agreement have begun to appear in the media, the Department of Education has advised schools that Semester One reports will include curriculum achievement and progress indicators only ("progress dots"), without teacher comments.

Families will still receive reports at the end of Semester One, and parent-teacher interviews will continue to provide valuable opportunities to discuss student learning, progress and next steps with classroom teachers.

Open Day

Our school will be open this coming Friday from 9:30-11:00am to all interested families looking to enrol their child in 2027. Please pass the word around!

Staff Leave

Mr Beha is on leave for the next three weeks.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Mia Douglas, who will be teaching his classes while he is away.

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



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

Our wonderful ES staff!!



Walk to School Day

Meet at the carpark next to the Nicholson General Store at
8:30am



Milo Club is Back!

As from next Monday 25th May, students will be able to purchase a cup of Milo during Breakfast Club. The cost is \$1.00 per cup and all money raised goes to the Kmart Wishing Tree at the end of the year.



Reading Awards



Happy Birthday!

Flinn, Audrey & Holly



Classroom News

Foundation

In phonics we have just finished learning our set two sounds (m/d/g/o/c/k/ck/e/u/r). We have been learning about the consonant digraph ck. We are learning that a digraph is two letters making 1 sound. We will now be delving into the review stage, transferring our new learning into our long-term memory.

In Reading, we are learning to decode set 2 books with our newly learnt sounds.

In writing we are still working on building sentences with set 1 and 2 sounds, who/doing/what? Dan/digs/sand. We are practising using finger spaces and full stops as well as capital letters for names and the start of sentences.

In Maths, we are finishing our unit on place value- learning teen numbers. We know that teen means ten and some more. We have been learning about the value of tens and ones, as well as exploring number bonds, eg. 16 is made up of 10 and 6 or 1 ten and 6 ones.

Here are some happy snaps from our Teenage Teddy Bears' Picnic!



Grade 1/2

Another busy week has begun! Students have been developing their skills publishing their own 'Free Write' stories on the laptops. They have been so proud of their own abilities and learned to navigate their way around the keyboard increasingly more each day!

We have been exploring the Decodable Readers Australia website and doing our daily reviews of phonemes each day. We have also utilised the individual logins to have each student spend time working on their focus phonemes or revision phonemes as well.

During our reading of the 'Folk of the Faraway Tree', we have finally found out the real name of Mr Watzisname and it is... 'Kollamoolitoomarellipawkyrollo'! No wonder he was never able to remember his name!!

In Maths we are working on the strategies of counting on and doubling in our addition work this week. We are also using the daily reviews on Ochre to assist students to embed these skills into long term memory. All the students did a brilliant job at the Lakes Entrance Aquadome for their first double lesson last week, it was great to see their confidence grow across the two sessions.

Grade 3/4

In Literacy, we have been learning that the letter c can make a /s/ sound (as in city), and g can make a /j/ sound (as in gem). We now understand that these softer sounds usually occur when the letters are followed by e, i, or y. We also discovered that there are some exceptions, such as girl and get, where g still makes its hard sound. Students have enjoyed spotting these patterns in their reading, especially when they find words that show both sounds, like circus!

We have also been working on recognising simple sentences. Students are learning to identify when a sentence is incomplete, discuss what is missing (such as a subject or a verb), and then turn sentence fragments into complete sentences.

In Maths, we have been putting our knowledge of “friends of ten” to good use by using it to help us bridge to ten when adding numbers. For example, $57 + 15$ can be solved as $57 + 3 + 12 = 72$.

Grade 5/6

In Literacy we have begun our unit on Scar Town by Tristan Bancks. Our focus is on answering comprehension using evidence from the text, using full sentences and learning new vocabulary from the book. Our Morphology focus is the suffixes “ic” and “al” to change words to adjectives and nouns. In writing we are writing stories about Old Jindabyne in connection with our novel. In Numeracy we are developing our strategies in subtraction.

Oaky in Foundation was the perfect landing pad for this butterfly during play time last week.



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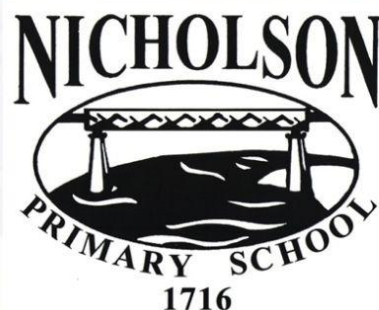
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Do you have the uEducateUs app yet? This free app allows our school community, teachers, and parents, to stay in touch. You will find all the newsletters in the app, as well as handy forms. You can even let the school know if your child is absent.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



OPEN DAY VISIT, TALK AND TOUR


Nicholson Primary School invites you to our open day for 2027 enrolments. Come and visit our school, talk to teachers and students and see what our little school has to offer. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

THE DETAILS:

- Friday 22nd May 2026, 9:30am until 11:00am
- Children Welcome
- No booking necessary however, if you cannot make the date, feel free to book an alternate tour with us.

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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



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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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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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