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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 18th, 2026

Growth.
Respect.
Inclusiveness
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NOVEMBER

Friday 20th
Kinder-2027 Foundation Transition Program
9- 2:30pm

Saturday 21st
150th School Celebration
10am-1pm

Friday 27th
Junior School Excursion & Grade 2 Sleepover

DECEMBER

Friday 4th
Grade 6 Big Day Out @ Lakes Entrance.

Monday 7th
Art Show (all week)

Tuesday 8th
Statewide Transition for Year 6 students
Internal Transition

Thursday 10th
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

Friday 11th
Grade 6 Shopping Trip

Saturday 12th
Bairnsdale Christmas Parade

It is hard to believe we are already racing towards December! There is certainly plenty happening around the school over the coming weeks, with a particularly busy and exciting time ahead for our Grade 6 students as they prepare for their final weeks of primary school. There will be lots of opportunities to celebrate their achievements, reflect on their time at Nicholson and enjoy some special end-of-year activities.

Welcoming Our Pre-service Teachers

We are delighted to welcome two pre-service teachers, Gabbi and Zoe to Nicholson Primary School.

Gabbi and Zoe are participating in a program supported by Country Education and Monash University, which provides pre-service teachers with the opportunity to experience rural school settings and gain valuable insight into teaching and learning within a rural community.

We are excited to have them join our school, share in our learning experiences, and become part of the Nicholson community. We hope they enjoy their time with us and make the most of this wonderful opportunity to experience rural education.

Student Funding Update

I would like to take a moment to address some recent media reports regarding potential funding cuts for students requiring additional learning support. I understand that these reports may cause some concern for families. I want to reassure our school community that there will be no impact on the additional learning support currently provided to our students in 2027. We remain committed to ensuring that all students receive the support they need to access learning, participate fully, and achieve their potential.

150th School Celebration

As part of our 150th Celebration this Saturday 21st November, we are hoping to provide some morning tea refreshments for our visitors.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of morning tea supplies, such as cakes, slices, biscuits, muffins, or other suitable treats.

Any contributions would be very much appreciated and can be dropped off at the office this Friday. Thankyou

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

Congratulations Holly – Junior Rotary Award

Congratulations to Grade 6 student and School Captain, Holly Krejzlik, who was formally presented with her Junior Rotary Award at a special ceremony last Monday evening.
The award recognises Holly's year-long commitment to developing new skills, volunteering her time, and giving back to the community. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the dedication, initiative, and community spirit she has demonstrated throughout the year.
We are enormously proud of Holly and congratulate her on this well-deserved award.



Happy Birthday!

Hamish, Sally, Remi & Hendrix



Reading Awards





Classroom News

Foundation
It has been a busy few weeks in the foundation classroom. In phonics we have finished learning our level 4 sounds and have moved into the review phase. We have learned about schwas in words and how syllables can help us to identify vowels sounds, particularly schwa sounds.
In maths we have finished our unit on money and have started our unit on division. We know that division means to divide or share. We are learning how to share fairly between two and how to record division in a number sentence.
In writing, we are continuing to work on sentence structures. We are deepening our understanding of adjectives and how to use them to describe a noun in a sentence.

Grade 1/2
In the Grade 1/2 room we are continuing to enjoy the reading of the Treehouse-Storey books and are currently on number 91! This makes it our seventh book in the series and our 10th book that we have read as a class this year-we may just squeeze in one more!! In our spelling, students are continuing to focus on the vowel digraphs at their decodable level, building their vocabulary, as well as adding suffixes, prefixes, and plurals.
In our writing, it has been so good to see students punctuating their own work more consistently. We are currently being illustrators to completed stories and editors to draft pieces. Students read their work aloud to themselves or to a classmate and make changes based on whether the story makes sense or where the punctuation marks should go throughout. Students have produced such a pleasing array of work this year that we need to source bigger published work folders, for them to take home at the end of the year!! We are continuing to explore Living Things and students have been creating their own project posters of a particular animal they were interested in finding more about. We have another Ecolinc this week on Wednesday about 'Creatures and their Features,' which sounds fabulous.
In our maths, we are looking into the different ways we measure things and what we use to measure them. Students have been fascinated to learn about the old imperial measurement system and how it compares to the metric system. Students are also excited about the Prep-2 Excursion next Friday 27th November and the Grade 2 Sleepover on the same day.

Grade 3/4
Currently enjoying themselves on camp!

Grade 5/6
This time of year, is a time of celebration and reflection in grade 5/6. As students' complete assessment tasks, it is obvious how much they have learnt and grown in their time at school. When summarising our class novel, we are blown away with how concise and well-constructed our chapter summaries are. We have just completed one of our major pieces of writing for term 4. Students have investigated the use and effects of AI in the classroom and then written opinion pieces on their chosen argument. These have demonstrated just how far they have come in their sentence construction and awareness of their audience. We are currently working on our own adaptations of Clement C. Moore's, "The Night Before Christmas". We are exploring the vocabulary of his work, and the final published books will be gifted to our buddies in Foundation. In maths we continue our work on fractions, decimals and percentages.

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Nicholson Primary School

150th Celebration

Saturday 21st November
10am – 1pm

Historical Photo Display



Bairnsdale Brass Band
between 11:30 and 12:30

Tea & Coffee & Snacks Supplied

NICHOLSON
PRIMARY SCHOOL
1716

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS

Calling on our school families to please assist our fundraising by donating Christmas treats.



Donations are welcome at school pick up!

Please feel free to drop off your donations to the teachers at school pick up, by **10th of December.**

We appreciate your support!

Examples: Chocolates, puddings, chips, Christmas biscuits, preserves, sauces, lollies etc.

Nicholson Primary School

Bairnsdale Christmas Parade

2026

Registration Now Open!



Scan the QR Code to Register!

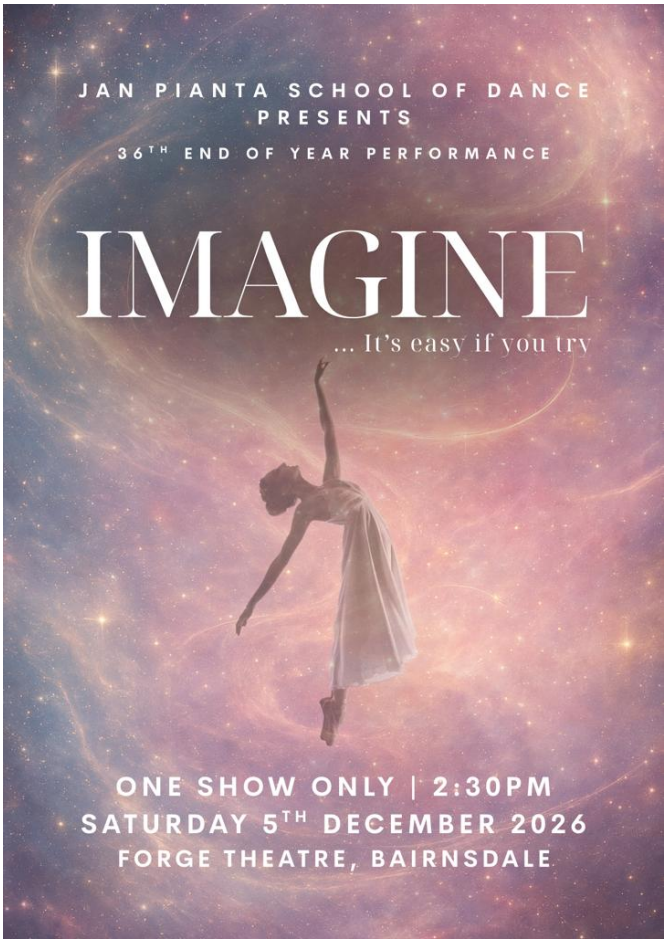


Saturday
12 December 2026

Arrival: 10:30 am
Parade starts: 11:00 am

Please complete the registration and parent/guardian consent form online.

We look forward to seeing you on parade day!


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PRESENTS
36TH END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE
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Monday 21st December
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Venue: Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve.
1 Rowe Street Lakes Entrance.
Cost $50
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