

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 21st, 2026



**Growth.
Respect.
Inclusiveness
Fun.**

OCTOBER

Friday 23rd

Kinder-2027 Foundation
Transition Program 9-
11am

Friday 30th

World Teacher's Day
Kinder-2027 Foundation
Transition Program 9-
1:30pm

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 3rd

Melbourne Cup Public
Holiday.

Friday 6th

Kinder-2027 Foundation
Transition Program 9-
11am
Remembrance Day

Monday 16th

Grade 3/4 depart for
Camp Coolamatong

We are very excited to welcome our 2027 Foundation students this coming Friday for their first transition session. It is always a special time as our youngest learners begin to get to know our school, meet their future classmates and teachers, and start feeling comfortable in their new learning environment. We look forward to getting to know each of our new families as we prepare for the exciting journey ahead!

We wish Donna all the very best for her upcoming surgery. We will be thinking of you, Donna, and wishing you a smooth procedure and a speedy recovery. You will certainly be missed while you are away, and we look forward to having you back with us when you are ready.

A warm welcome to our new education support staff members, Lizzie Greenwood and Tim Downard, who will join us to help cover staff absences. Lizzie will be working in our Grade 1/2 classroom, and Tim will be in Grade 3/4. We are delighted to have them join the Nicholson PS team and appreciate their support in keeping things running smoothly for our students.

After a very long wait, our new basketball court is finally very close to being handed over! We are so excited to see this project nearing completion. It is an impressive addition to Nicholson Primary School and a fantastic upgrade from our previous court. We look forward to seeing our students enjoying this wonderful new space for many years to come!

Our wonderful School Council Fundraising Committee is once again organising our Christmas Raffle! They will be seeking donations in the coming weeks, and they appreciate the generosity and support of our school community in helping make this a success. Thank you to everyone who contributes and helps make these fundraising activities possible. More details will be posted via our UEducateUs app soon.

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 to Edie and Flynn on competing at the Regional Athletics Carnival! What a fantastic achievement to represent Nicholson Primary School at this level. We are very proud of you both for your efforts, determination and sportsmanship. Well done, Edie and Flynn!



We are so proud of Chelsea and Levii, who have each been awarded an academic scholarship through Cottage by the Sea. What a wonderful achievement! It is lovely to see their hard work and efforts recognised, and we hope this opportunity opens the door to some exciting experiences. Congratulations to you both — you should be very proud of yourselves!

Happy Birthday!

Reading Awards

Penny & Tylah!



Classroom News

Foundation

In phonics we have started learning some new consonant digraph sounds. We now know; sh, ch, th (unvoiced) th (voiced), ng and wh. We are continuing to consolidate our previous sound knowledge alongside our new learning.

In maths we have started our unit on money. We are learning the features and values of coins and how to add and use coins to make purchases.

In writing we are learning about adjectives and how to use these in our sentence building. We know that an adjective is a describing word and is used to describe a noun.

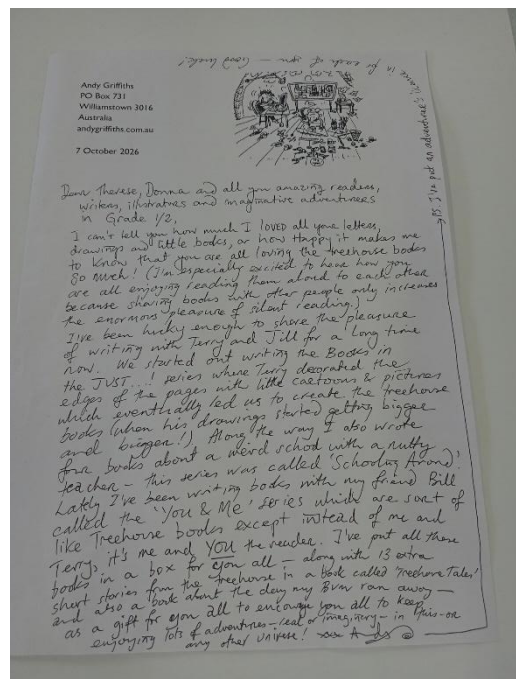
As part of our science unit (biology), we have been lucky to have been part of two Ecolinc incursions. We have had the opportunity to learn about bugs and frogs. Our next Ecolinc is about pollinators!



Grade 1/2

Our Grade 1/2 class has had a phenomenal start to the term, in relation to all the work we have been doing on the Treehouse series of books. On the first Friday back after the holidays, we received a reply from Andy Griffiths!! This reply was a handwritten letter sitting on top of 22 new books, all signed by Andy. To say we were thrilled, is an understatement! We were totally blown away by the generosity of Andy to donate so many books to our grade for us to keep!! I am sure that this memory will stay with the students for a very long time and even inspire them to have a lifetime love of reading!

In our Inquiry work, we have participated in two Ecolinc lessons online that have given us the opportunity to learn about Bugs and Frogs. We have another one this week on Bees. In maths, our work on Fractions has involved working on the vocabulary of whole, equal parts, halves and quarters. We have linked our knowledge to clocks and the nature of half-past and quarter past, and also to recipes in the kitchen requiring half a cup of flour, etc.



Grade 3/4

In maths we have continued to hone our division skills, learning how to rename tens into ones when they can't be shared equally. We have also learnt how to record anything left over as a remainder. We have discussed how, with some objects, we may be able to cut them into pieces when sharing, which can be represented as fractions or decimals, such as when sharing a pizza. However, we certainly wouldn't be cutting up toy cars to share them fairly!

Through videos, songs and reading texts, we have been learning about the history surrounding the Aboriginal Flag. We are using this information to write factual recounts, which has also led us to dig deeper into the structure of this type of text. We have been learning that sentences can have different purposes. For example, the first sentence in each of our body paragraphs is called a topic sentence, and it tells the reader what the paragraph will be about. We have been working together as a grade to plan each paragraph before recording our drafts, as this topic and text type are really stretching our knowledge and encouraging us to think carefully about how we organise and communicate information.

Grade 5/6

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Grade 5/6 with lots of variation in our program due to staff training, professional development and illness. I am pleased to hear the students have worked so well with different teachers working within our room and they deserve a pat on the back for working respectfully and applying themselves to their learning. In Literacy we have been focusing on Latin roots "mit and mis" meaning sent, and "rect" meaning right, rule or guide. We continue to review rules in grammar through sentence expansion as well as developing our editing and revision skills through narratives. Our Grade 6s attending Bairnsdale Secondary College next year had their school tour last week which was exciting, and this week we developed our knowledge of the states of matter and chemical reactions in our Ecolinc science lesson making slime!

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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.



150 YEARS OF LEARNING,
MEMORIES & COMMUNITY

Nicholson Primary School

150th

CELEBRATION



CALLING ALL PAST TEACHERS, STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

We invite past and present students, teachers, families and community members to join us as we celebrate 150 years of our wonderful school and community.

HELP US BRING OUR HISTORY TO LIFE!

We are seeking photographs, school memorabilia, stories, newspaper clippings, uniforms, artwork or anything else that captures the memories and history of Nicholson Primary School.



We would love to hear from past students, teachers, staff and families who have wonderful memories of their time at Nicholson Primary School.

*Share your memories.
Be part of our story.*



TO SHARE MEMORABILIA OR FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL:



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Thank you for helping us celebrate 150 years of learning, friendships and community at Nicholson Primary School.

ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:

Do you have a primary school-aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?

Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents manage childhood anxiety in children aged 6-11 years.

Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Cost

\$20 per session/assessment.

Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us

Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:

Telephone: 03 9214 8653

Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au

OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kxjje5YcM>



East Gippsland Children's Expo 2026

Friday 23rd October • 2pm – 6pm • Bairnsdale Squash & Table Tennis Centre

64 Great Alpine Road, Lucknow

**Free Entry, Activities & BBQ
plus Giveaways & Prizes!**

- Welcome to Country
- Cultural Connect Dance Group
- Jumping Castles & Soft Play Area
- Face Painting
- Designated Quiet Space
- Stalls & Entertainment
- Coffee Van (\$)
- Games & Activities
- Dance & Gymnastics
- Library - Reading for Kids



Children have the right to use their own language,
celebrate their culture, and practise their religion



**Ages
0-12**

**Meet & Greet with Bluey
& Fireman Sam!**
2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm



For more information contact
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