

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 11th, 2026

NICHOLSON
PRIMARY SCHOOL
1716

Growth.
Respect.
Inclusiveness.
Fun.

MARCH

Thursday 12th

NAPLAN Reading Grades 3 & 5

Friday 13th

NAPLAN Language & Conventions Grades 3 & 5

Monday 16th

NAPLAN Numeracy Grades 3&5

Tuesday 17th

School Photos

Monday 23rd

School Council AGM
5.30pm

APRIL

Friday 2nd

End of term. 2.20pm finish
Out of Uniform Day

Monday 20th

Student Free day TBC

Tuesday 28th

Swimming Program F-Yr2

Wednesday 29th

Swimming Program Yr3-6

Last week I had the privilege and pleasure of attending the grade 5/6 camp at Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff. It was wonderful to see our students embracing the experience with such enthusiasm. Throughout the camp, students showed great resilience as they stepped outside their comfort zones and challenged themselves with new activities. They demonstrated excellent cooperation, supporting and encouraging one another along the way. It was also clear that the shared experience helped to strengthen friendships and build a deeper sense of respect and understanding between them and their teachers.

Camps like this provide valuable opportunities for students to grow in confidence, independence and teamwork, and it was fantastic to see these qualities on display. Thank you to Kelly & Bevan for the time, care and energy they put into making this experience possible.

School Photos

Next Tuesday, Classic Studio will be onsite to take school photos. To order please click on the link and follow the prompts ensuring you have selected the correct package. www.classicstudiosvic.com/school-photo-orders Pre orders can be taken from now and up until a couple of weeks after the photo date.

Local Give Back – School Edition at Eastwood Village Shopping Centre.

Nicholson Primary School are a finalist in this year's program, with the opportunity to receive a \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 grant.

Voting is **now open** until 11:59pm Thursday 30th March. To vote, please visit www.eastwoodvillageshoppingcentre.com.au/local-give-back-poll and select 1 (one) school preference along with completing the entry details form and submitting. Customers who spend \$20 or more in-centre during the promotional period will also have the chance to win 1 of 5 \$100 Ritchies IGA gift cards when they upload a receipt with their vote.

**Voting is limited to once per person.*

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

Congratulations once again to Milla Krejzlick, who recently swam her way to the Division Swimming Carnival after an outstanding performance at the district level. We are incredibly proud of Milla's effort, determination and sportsmanship, and we wish her the very best as she represents our school at the next level.



Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who ran at our Cluster Cross Country yesterday! It was a spectacular day and spirits were high! Well done to our Foundation students who ran their first ever Cross Country and a special thank-you to our older students who helped by running with the junior students!





Happy Birthday!

We have not forgotten!

Due to missed assemblies, we will celebrate all missed birthdays in the next newsletter

Classroom News

Foundation

In maths we have been learning more about numbers to 10, reading, writing, making and ordering numbers to 10. We are also learning to subitise (count without counting) irregular collections.

In reading we are continuing to decode SATPIN words. We have learnt about plurals, adding s to the end of words to show more than one.

In writing we are continuing to form SATPIN letters. We have learnt about nouns (people/places/things/animals) and how nouns work in a sentence.

Grade 1/2

In our handwriting sessions, we have been focussing on the sizing, spacing and formation of the lower-case letters of the alphabet. We have utilised Pangrams (sentences that use all the 26 letters), to practise these developing skills. We are exploring the phoneme 'ea-as in beach' in our spelling and discovering the various grapheme choices that can be used to spell this sound in words. In our maths, we are reading, making, writing, and ordering numbers up to 3 digits and beyond. In our writing, we are working on using planners for our Recounts that allow for the development of sequencing events in an order, before beginning to write those ideas down in sentences. A countdown is now on for the screening of 'The Faraway Tree' movie at the Bairnsdale Cinema at the end of this month.... Just a little bit exciting!

Grade 3/4

In maths we have been strengthening our understanding of place value. One of our favourite activities was the Tower of Terror task, where we built towers using MAB blocks and then recorded the number in expanded form (for example, $134 = 100 + 30 + 4$). We also practised writing some of our numbers in words.

In literacy we have been using old NAPLAN writing prompts to practise writing within a set timeframe. We enjoyed discussing the prompts and seeing the many different directions our writing could take from the same idea. We have also explored the NAPLAN practice site to see what the tests look like and learn how to navigate the page layouts. It was great fun working with a partner as we explored this space together.

Grade 5/6

It has been a busy couple of weeks with our class being away on camp for 5 days. In the classroom we have been powering through our class novel "Kensuke's Kingdom", learning new vocabulary from the book and working on independent and dependent clauses in our writing. In maths we have continued our work on place value and number patterns. We had an amazing time at Cottage by the Sea, where we were the very first school to stay in their new accommodation, "Riptide." We spent most of our time on and near the water and new friendships blossomed and confidence grew.



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

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Local
give back

Eastwood village
SHOPPING CENTRE

SNAAP

SPECIAL NEEDS AQUATIC AWARENESS PROGRAM

SLSLE is running our second SNAAP session! A water safety program ran for people of any age or ability.

Surf Life Saving Lakes Entrance, March 22nd 11am-1pm

Come on down to learn about key water safety messages, and get hands on experience in and around the water.

Sign up now!



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CAMP COOLAMATONG HOLIDAY PROGRAM

REGISTER NOW



GRADES PREP-6
13th -17th APRIL
8:30am-5:15pm
CAMP COOLAMATONG
FARM CAMP
15 MINUTES FROM
BAIRSNDALE!

<https://su.org.au/events/camp-coolamatong-holiday-program>

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