



NUNGURNER

—PRIMARY SCHOOL—

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Principal's message

Hooray!!!! Today is the first official day of having all of our students return for onsite learning. We are looking forward to re-establishing our routines and getting stuck into some fun learning as we head towards the end of the school year.

The return to school is a step towards COVID normal, however we are still bound by Department regulations and are awaiting more information as to when and how we can run excursions, camps and transition programs. As information comes to hand I will be sure to let you know via email.

Last week we were lucky to have all of our students onsite on Thursday and were able to hold our annual Book Week dress up. Well done to all involved it was lots of fun! Great job!

Miss Wust is currently on three weeks leave. Thank you to Mrs Scott who covered for her this week. Next week Mrs Scott will be unavailable and the only CRT that we could find is the ever reliable and supportive Mr Smith. Mr Smith is a fantastic CRT but much prefers working with senior grades. Kat has kindly offered to take our P-2 class while Mr Smith has our grade 3-6 students. We felt that this was a great strategy to ensure continuity of learning for our students.

There is a Pupil Free Day on Monday 1st November, followed by the Public Holiday on 2nd November.

Diary of Events:

Term 3

26th October	STORIES IN THE WALL GRADE 5/6
27th October	MUSIC –SWAP DAYS— WEDNESDAY BRING INSTRUMENTS
1st November	PUPIL FREE DAY
2nd November	MELBOURNE CUP DAY
9th November	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

School Council Members

Emma Steele	Executive Officer
Rachel Bell	Parent Member
Eagle Edwards	Parent Member
Miranda Hoarebury	Parent Member
Ross Monteith	Community Rep.
Kim Kleinitz	President
Jo Van Dam	Parent Member
Katherine Sharpley	DET Member

COVID guidelines

To keep our school safe, we have introduced some important operational changes. This includes:

If you need to come into our school buildings please ensure that you sign in using the QR code on each door. **Please avoid entering school buildings unless it is for an essential reason.** Parents picking up children from school are able to come onto the school grounds but are asked to not enter school building unless signed in via the QR code. **Please remember to socially distance and wear a face mask at all times.**

Face masks:

Children in grades 3-6 must wear face masks indoors

It is strongly recommended for children in P-2 to wear facemasks when indoors.

If your child is unwell:

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Please seek medical attention and get COVID tested when advised.

Hand Wash and Sanitise:

Our students are encouraged to hand sanitise at regular intervals throughout the day, particularly before eating and when moving from outdoors to indoors.

Outside Learning:

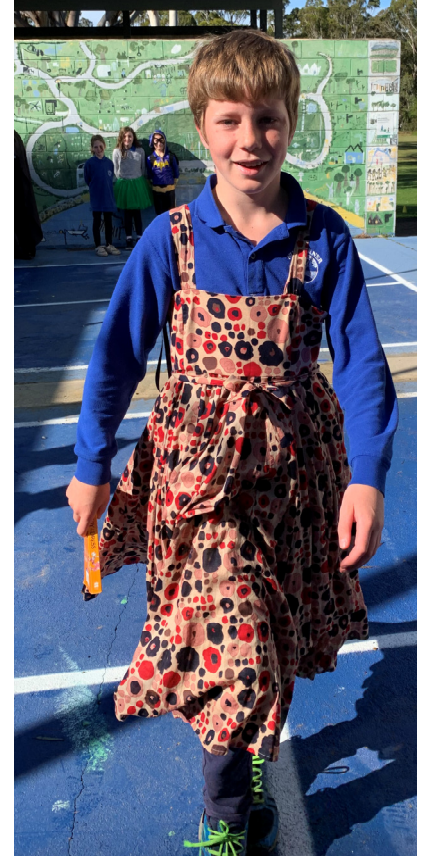
Where possible we are undertaking learning outside throughout the day. Whilst we sit in the shade we also ask children to remember their hat for term 4!



Bookweek 2021



‘Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds’ - Book Week 2021



Book Week 2021





So many amazing costumes—they didn't all make it to the newsletter! Well done all!



Camps

We are continuing to explore other options to ensure that our students are able to access a camp / outdoor education experience in 2021. Currently no schools are allowed to attend camps. We have put our name down on a waiting list with a number of local camp operators but getting a place will be dependent on whether Melbourne schools who are already booked in can attend. We have discussed with operators the prospect of doing extended daily activities at camps if there is not adequate accommodation and this is also a possibility.

Early in 2022 our grade 3-6 students are booked to attend a fully funded camp at Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff from the 7th March—11th March. This will be a great additional opportunity for our students.

Check out their website:

[www.cottageby the sea.com.au](http://www.cottagebythesea.com.au)

The camp looks fantastic and feedback from local schools was that it is amazing!!!!

Scarecrow Building

As part of our Wellbeing afternoons we would still love to make scarecrows for our school garden. If you have any old clothes to donate please send some our way!



Stories in the Wall

Next week our grade 5 & 6 students will begin our Stories in the Wall project. The first session the children will participate in is a Drama therapy workshop. It will give our students an opportunity to share their experiences and reflect on their resilience as they explore their experiences of bushfires and COVID.

They will develop a storyboard to explore the ideas of heroes, resilience and repair.

This session will be followed by workshops with scriptwriters from Arts Centre Melbourne who will work with students to develop their own story which will then be recorded professionally by the students and developed into amazing recorded stories.

I encourage everyone to google Stories in the Wall / Arts Centre Melbourne and explore some of our previous work. Our grade 5/6 students participated in 2019 so you may like to listen to some of their stories.



Has your primary aged child had any difficulties with making, keeping or resolving difficulties with friends? **You are not alone!**

Learn more about how to support your child with friendships and peer issues
at a FREE ONLINE SEMINAR

When: Wednesday October 27th 2021

Time: 7pm till 8pm (AEST)

Learn about:

- Why friendships matter for children
- What friendship challenges are "normal" for boys/girls of different ages
- How to help children increase their confidence in making friends
- How to help children develop kind "being a good friend" skills
- How to help children kindly and assertively resolve conflict
- When and how to step in when difficulties with friendships occur.
- How to work together with other adults/organisations (including schools) to support children to manage peer difficulties.



Presented by clinical child psychologist Kirrilie Smout. Kirrilie has had 25 years experience working with children and families, is the author of two books about children's mental health and regularly consults with national bodies about child mental health. She is the director of Calm Kid Central, an online program to help children manage emotional health challenges. www.calmkidcentral.com (Free for Gippsland families and professionals using FIRSTYEAR coupon code).

How to Join the Meeting:

Option 1: Open zoom (www.zoom.us) and click JOIN meeting.
Use Meeting ID: 850 6461 1927 and Passcode: 495500

Option 2: Click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85064611927?pwd=OXd0NUY0Q1FqbmxlemRTakNEaWtRQT09>

Are you a PROFESIONAL WORKING WITH CHILDREN?

You are warmly invited to attend the 7-8pm parent session and then to stay online for a specific "professionals only" one hour Q and A with Kirrilie. Bring your questions about mental health and friendship challenges in primary aged children and how we can support them in a professional setting.

Presented by Calm Kid Central.

Supported by Gippsland Primary Health Network (GPHN)

Any questions please contact Sandra on: sandra@developingminds.net.au



Hip Hip Hooray! Children's Week commences this Saturday!