



Nathalia Primary School

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'Learning for Life'

Holders of Nathalia's educational history since 1878

March 26th, 2015

REMINDERS

Term One concludes - Friday, March 27th, 2.30pm.

Term Two commences - Monday, April 13th

Visiting Performance - Tuesday, April 14th

Grade 3/4 Camp - April 21st to 23rd



STUDENT OF THE WEEK
For the week ending
20.03.2015

Dear Families,

Principal Appointment

Today, Monday, I spent the morning with Chris McCallum and Marian Lawless as we discussed the change over of principals.

I am excited for our school community and as I listened to Chris speak I sensed his passion for education and that his knowledge and understanding of primary education is extensive.

Shining Stars

Every student is unique and has his or her own talents and my message to your children is make sure they are a shining star in the classroom and in the yard, Invest in yourself and take responsibility for the choices you make. I hope this is the mark I leave with you.

F/1W

Nate

1/2B

Andrew (Absent)

3/4J

Zali

4/5I

Tash

6R

Shawn (Absent)

Thank you to Nathalia Secondary College

On behalf of the primary school I would like to thank the secondary college, in particular John Sciacca, for allowing me the opportunity to lead your school over the last six months.

This act of kindness is possible because the Nathalia Learning Community has the belief, that we all need to invest in the education of your children. Children are at the centre of the decisions we make.

Dance for Cancer Initiative

Last week we had Zoe Germon organize a Choc Wedge day to raise money for DCI (Dance for Cancer Initiative) to aid cancer research. Last Friday Zoe went to Melbourne and participated in a dance performance which has been recorded and will be available for distribution. She would like to thank all students who bought Ice creams. The total raised was \$72.00.on that day.

Junior School Council

The Junior School Council of Archie Congues, Tully Butler, Charlie Dorrity, Jaz Truman, Ewan Congues, Melody Alexander, Kaleb Kopsidas and Emily Bell met with Cameron Lancaster, Alana Zammit and myself on Thursday for lunch.

At this meeting the students discussed what it means to be part of the student leadership team, how meetings are run and the meeting schedule for next term. The students have had input into deciding how crazy hair day was to be run and also the activities for the final day for term One this Friday.

Crazy Hair Day

Last Friday we had crazy hair day. This was well supported by the students and they raised \$114.55 for cancer - "Shave for a Cure".

The student leaders judged the competition and handed out the prizes. The student body enjoyed the parade with many high fives as students paraded their hairstyles.

Thanks to the parents who helped style and colour hair also to Alana Zammit who assisted many staff with some hair colours. Well done to all students.

Visiting Author at St Francis

If this was not enough, the grade 3 - 6 students afternoon was spent visiting St Francis and hearing the author Andy Jones perform.

All reports were that this was fantastic and the students engaged with Andy. Some staff were asked to get up and dance. Reports are that Sam Page and Aaron Johnson have some interesting dance moves.

Water Fun Day

The F-2 enjoyed a water activity day with St Francis junior students. This was held on our oval and despite the cooler weather it was fun filled with laughter and wet kids.

**Nathalia District Community Association
Student Mentor Program**

I have been attending meetings with Sue Maloney from the Community House where she is organising a mentor program for young students. This year 2 programs will run. Each program will have 6 of our students and 6 from St Francis. Students have been asked to complete a interest questionnaire and from this they will be assigned mentors that will work with each students. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students.

Farewell to staff

Sam Page is an aide in a variety of classrooms but most parents will have seen him out in the yard playing cricket. As the cricket season has ended he has taken to umpiring Aussie Rules, this could be a challenge for a Scotsman.

We thank Sam for all his efforts and wish him well as he travels around Australia.

We would also like to thank Jess Kaye who has worked with students in the library. We wish her well with her future in teaching.

**STAR OF THE WEEK
Week Ending
20.03.2015**

*Congratulations
Brandon*

*"You have been setting a good example
in the yard with positive behaviour"*

Easter Activities this Friday, March 27th

On Friday we are again having casual dress day. Come dressed in your "House" team colours RED, PINK, GOLD or BLUE.

The morning will be business as usual. The activities will be in houses and will commence at 12.00 and run till 1.15pm. Lunch will follow till 2.00pm.

At 2.00pm students will go into a final assembly where the Easter raffle will be drawn and we will farewell Sam Page.

Parents' Club

The parents Club again have put in an amazing effort this term with Zooper Doopers, hot cross buns and the Easter raffle.

First prize is an amazing ginger bread house filled with Easter eggs made by Marg Richards, Eliza and Kaleb's grandmother.

A big thank you to Julie Lindsay who has put effort into organising this raffle.

Thank You to staff, school councillors, students and their families I have enjoyed working with you all and remember my message to you INVEST IN YOURSELF and make sure your star is always shining.

**Helen Ginnivan,
Principal.**



Infant Water Fun Day

Last Friday afternoon students from preps to grade 2 from Nathalia Primary and St Francis Primary participated in fun water activities on our school oval.

The children had a lot of fun. Some of the activities included water pistols, water bomb and spoon race, fill the bucket, sponge race. Some of the children were a little cold due to the strong wind. Overall they had a fantastic time. Mrs Ginnivan loved squirting the kids with the water pistols.

Parents' Club Thanks

Thank you to all those students who participated in our Hot X Bun Tucker Day fundraiser on Tuesday.

We made a handy profit of just over \$200.00.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Alana Zammit

Crazy Hair Day



Author Visit

The students from years 3 to 6 went across to St Francis last Friday to see author Andy Jones. He had the students laughing, singing and dancing.

Mr Johnson, Mr Page and Miss Inglis were called to the front to show their dance moves. Mr. Page was the star.

Many of our students performed - telling jokes, singing and dancing.

Congratulations to Jaz, Cody, Caleb, Cooper and Charli for being stars and bravely showing off their talents.

We all had a great time and thank you to St Francis for the opportunity to participate in the day.



Debbie Inglis





Smoking to be banned at learning environments and certain building entrances

From **13 April 2015**, smoking will be banned:

- within the grounds of, and at and within four metres of an entrance to, all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens (or preschools) and primary and secondary schools
- at and within four metres of an entrance to children's indoor play centres and Victoria public premises. Victoria public premises are all public hospitals and registered community health centres and certain Victorian Government buildings.



Smoking Ban where children play

From Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 smoking was banned within 10metres of playgrounds and skate parks, sporting venues during under 18's events and within public swimming pool grounds

2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

**Nathalia Secondary College
Community Woodwork Sessions
Monday's
4.30pm - 7.00pm
Please contact Jack Tynan at the
secondary school on 5866 2331**

MARCH

27th - Term One concludes

APRIL

3rd - Good Friday
4th - 6th Easter
13th - Term Two Commences
14th - "Dangerous Australians"
Visiting performance
15th - State Swimming Championships
21st - 23rd - 3/4 Camp (Billabong Ranch)
27th - Division Netball Trials
28th - Division Football Trials
- Division Soccer Trials

TBC - School Cross Country

MAY

1st - Division Basketball Trials
4th - Region Soccer Trials (Shepparton)
5th - Region Netball Trials (Benalla)
6th - Interschool Cross Country
8th - Winter Sport V 's Katunga/Kat. St (Home)
10th - Mothers Day
11th - Region Football Trials (Benalla)
12th - School Council meeting
- Parents ' Club meeting
12th - 15th - NAPLAN Tests
22nd - Division Cross Country
- Winter Sport V 's St Josephs at Numurkah
27th - School Photographs

JUNE

5th - Winter Sport - V 's St. Francis
8th - Queens Birthday Public Holiday
9th - School Council Meeting
- Parents ' Club Meeting
12th - Report Writing Day
17th - Region Cross Country - (Broadford)
18th - Visiting Arts Performance (Hercules)
19th - Winter Sport V 's Strathmerton (Home)
24th - Reports & Learning Journals sent home
26th - Term Two concludes

JULY

13th - Term Three commences
14th - School Council Meeting
- Parents ' Club Meeting
16th - State Cross Country
24th - Division Football/Netball/Soccer/ Teeball
Championships
- Winter Sport V 's Numurkah
(Numurkah)
31st - Lightning Premiership (Yarrowonga)

AUGUST

7th - Regional Football/Netball/ Soccer/Teeball
Championships
11th - School Council meeting
- Parents ' Club meeting
TBC - Lightning Premiership (Numurkah)

SEPTEMBER

6th - Fathers Day
8th - School Council meeting
- Parents ' Club Meeting
10th - School Concert
14th - Division Golf Championship
18th - Term Three concludes
TBC - Parent/Teacher Interviews

OCTOBER

5th - Term Four commences
9th - Inter-School Athletic Sports
12th - Division Athletics Carnival - (Shepp)
16th - Region Athletic Championship
(Shepp)
23rd - State Athletics Championships
TBC - School Council Meeting
- Parents ' Club Meeting

NOVEMBER

2nd - Pupil Free Day
3rd - Melbourne Cup Day
6th - Region Basketball & Softball (Shepp)
10th - School Council meeting
- Parents ' Club meeting
11th - Remembrance Day
16th - Region Golf Championships (Benalla)
18th - Division Hot Shots (Shepparton)
26th - Region Hot Shots (Wangaratta)

DECEMBER

8th - School Council Meeting
- Parents ' Club Meeting
18th - Term Four concludes
TBA - Grade Six Graduation
- Water Safety Program
- Pool Day
- Infant Camp & Activity Day

January 2016

January 26th - Staff Resume

January 28th - Term One commences



NADDCO EASTER MARKET & BUSHMAN'S BASH

Easter Saturday 2015

4th April, 9am - 1.30pm

Main Street, Nathalia, Plantation Area

Bardi Gras Street Parade 11.15am - 12noon

THEME: BIRDS OF PREY



- 9.00am** *Street Stalls * Face Painting
 Aboriginal Storyteller
 *Didgeridoo playing
 *Music & Entertainment
 *Food & Drinks *Jumping Castle
10.00am *Gopher Show & Shine
10.30am *Pet Parade



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