

Nathalia Primary School Newsletter

February 17th, 2021

Remote Learning

I've just been looking at last week's newsletter and there wasn't any indication of moving into lockdown and remote learning. Circumstances can change very quickly!

The Premier Mr Andrews has just announced that school will move back to on-site learning tomorrow. This is great news for our school community and the state overall.

The school buses will be running and it is an expectation that all students and staff will be present at school and ready to go.

The swimming program will continue tomorrow and conclude on Friday. We will be using these days to teach the swimming program and, at this stage, there will not be a sports day. We are very keen to get the kids back into a regular teaching and learning routine back at school.

I thank all families for their support during this period of remote learning. I recognise how difficult this is for families and the interruption to the school year this presents for the children.

Access to Technology

The latest lockdown was rushed upon us so quickly that we did not have time to distribute computers to families that don't already have access to this technology. This is an equity issue and all families should be able to access the technology required for remote learning.

If you require a computer and dongle at home for your child, please contact the school and we will provide one for every primary student in the house. This should be done straight away so please don't wait until another lockdown. There is no cost to families for the computer.

Swimming

The school swimming program will operate on February 18 and 19.

Children who are in level one will swim from 1.00—1.30pm and levels two and above will swim from 1.30—2.00pm. The children will get changed at school and walk to and from the pool for their sessions.

The swimming program is a compulsory part of the curriculum and establishes life long skills for the children. If, on any day, your child is not well enough to participate in swimming, they need to be kept home from school.

Forthcoming Events:

Monday February 18—19 — The School Swimming Program continues.

Wednesday February 25th — No school for prep students in February

Tuesday February the 23rd — School Council Meeting (on-site and socially distanced)

Thursday March 4th — Hunchback of Notre Dame Pantomime for all students

Monday March 8th — Labour Day Public Holiday



Remote Learning in the Lynch house. Well done Rylen and Kadan.

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THE BEST SEAT IN THE
HOUSE

COME & TRY DAY

KIALLA REC RESERVE

**THURSDAY 25TH
FEBRUARY 2021
6PM**

GOULBURN VALLEY
FOOTBALL UMPIRES
ASSOCIATION

Contact:
Regional Director of Umpiring
Sam Wood - 0498 989 820
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Waaia Football Netball Club

A junior information night will run Wednesday 24th February. This night will include a training session, meet & chat with coaches as well as finding out information for the season ahead. Training will commence at 5.30pm with a BBQ provided at the conclusion of training.

If you're looking to play football or netball in a fun and welcoming environment then the Waaia Football Netball Club is the place for you.

For any queries contact;

Netball - 0437 912 018

Football - 0437 893 257



Playground Developments

People may be aware of the excavation on the school oval. Through the Sporting Schools funding initiative we are putting in a cricket pitch complete with artificial grass. The pitch was boxed up on the weekend and the concrete pour will happen on Friday morning. This will be a fantastic area for the school and free up a new area for the kids to play. There has been no work on the new playground so far this week but hopefully now that lock down is over we will see some movement shortly. There is also a new covered barbecue area being constructed at the north end of the playground. This is substantially funded using a state government grant with the addition of locally raised funds. The construction of this facility should happen towards the end of first term.

School Council Elections

Information is attached to this newsletter regarding the forthcoming School Council elections. Nomination forms are available at the office and need to be lodged at the school in the next fortnight.

The following people have finished their term on School Council and are eligible for re-election:

Philippa Schapper, Dianna Baxter, Kath Caldwell, Leanne Halden, Paul Broughan and Shelley Patone.

These people have not completed their two-year term and will remain on Council:

Kaye Bernhardt, Rachel Russell, Amy Carey, Nicky Pyszkowski, Lisa-Ann Moor and Jennifer McKillop.

These members have served on Council but are no longer eligible for re-election in their current status:

Cindy Sheahan and Margot Craig.

This leaves the following number of vacancies: Parent – 5, DET – 2, Community – 1

School Council is a vital component in the structure of the school and is the school's governing body. I urge all parents to please give strong consideration to the prospect of nominating for School Council.

The Parent Nomination Form can be obtained by the school and needs to be returned to the office by 01/03/2021.

Chris McCallum—principal

Students of the Week—My Classroom Community

The Students of the Week are Riley Daniel, Linsey Hansford, Abbie Daniel, Alexis Paton, Peyton Quinn, Ruby Davis and Kayla Anderson. The sports award winners are Declan Adamson, Haylee Brereton, Jayden Newman and Blake Stringer. Congratulations to all of our Students of the Week!