

# Nathalia Primary School Newsletter

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Staffing for 2020

I'm pleased to announce that the projected Nathalia Primary School enrolment in 2020 is 131 students. This is fantastic for our school, with enrolments growing by about 10% every year for the past five years. In 2020 we will have 21 prep students and several other new students across the other grades. With a growing school population we have had to set up another classroom and we will have seven classes operating next year.

The new classroom is in the eastern wing of the school and plenty of work has taken place to bring this area up to an acceptable standard. The 22 timber-framed windows along this area have been replaced with new aluminium windows and they look fantastic. The new classroom has been re-painted and has new carpet and white boards installed. Yesterday a new air conditioner was installed and the classroom is now as good as new.

The grade structure for 2020 is as follows:

Prep—1	Prep—1	Grade 2—3	Grade 2—3	Grade 4	Grade 5—6	Grade 5—6
20 students	21 students	18 students	19 students	20 students	16 students	17 students
Ms Willcock	Ms Lindsay	Ms Brown—3 days / Ms Inglis—2 days	Ms Craig	Mrs Russell—4 days / Mr McCallum—1 day	Mr Johnson	Ms McKillop

Mrs King—Jones will continue to teach Music and Art / Craft across all grades. Mrs Zammit, Mrs Duncalf, Mrs Begley and Mrs Jenner will continue to provide education support for the students. Mr Lancaster is the Chaplain, Mrs Hughes is the Primary Welfare Officer and Mrs Halden is the Business Manager.

This is a very exciting time for our school as we continue to grow and number and provide educational opportunities for the children of the Nathalia community.

## Nathalia Kids are Friendly Kids

### “Supporting One Another”

**Students of the Week:** Ella, Harry, Mason, Jasmine, Chloe and River

**Sports Awards:** Isabella, Jordan and Fynn



**There will be no lunch orders next Wednesday and Thursday.**

### Dates to Remember

December 13<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Carols (Choir)  
December 17<sup>th</sup>—Grade 6 Graduation  
December 18<sup>th</sup>—Whole School Swimming day  
December 18<sup>th</sup>—Reports distributed  
December 19<sup>th</sup>—Final day of term for students  
2.20pm dismissal)  
January 28<sup>th</sup>—Teachers return to school  
January 29<sup>th</sup>—All students return to school

## Teachers Leaving the School

### Leanne Butler

Mrs Butler has been an iconic member of the staff at Nathalia Primary School for around 25 years. She began here as a member of staff in 1993 before short stints teaching at Numurkah and Waaia-Yalca South Primary Schools. Leanne has taught in all grades across the school and has been the classroom teacher of many of the current parents at the school. Leanne's joy of teaching and love of kids always shines through in her classroom work. She is a highly skilled teacher who has given a great deal to the Nathalia Primary School community. I wish her well in her retirement.



### Makayla O'Callaghan

Miss O, as she is affectionately known by the children at the school, is leaving Nathalia Primary School after teaching here for two years. Makayla is loved by the children in her grade and respected by the parents for the kindness and love she shows to the children. Since childhood, Makayla has always wanted to be a teacher and her enthusiasm for her vocation is evident in her classroom practice. She is a highly skilled and professional teacher who should look forward to a long and successful career. On behalf of the Nathalia Primary School community I thank Makayla for her service and wish her every success at her new school in Numurkah.

## School Captains and Sports Captains

After an extensive campaigning and election process, the School Captains and Sports Captains for 2020 have been decided. The new School Captains are Brandon Hatton, Lucy Daniel, Katelyn Halden and Abbey Sheahan. The Sports Captains for 2020 are River Freeman and Dylan Dohnt. Congratulations to these students for being elected by their peers to positions of responsibility in the school.

Well done to the other students who nominated for these positions. Although the election result did not go in their favour, they displayed courage and leadership to put their names forward. All of 2020 grade 6 students will be expected to lead by example next year and I know they have the capacity and drive to be successful.



## Swimming

The children will be swimming at the Nathalia Pool next Wednesday the 18th of December from 11.30am through until 2.00pm. The children must be wearing a broad-brimmed hat to walk to and from the pool. There are no lunch orders on this day.



## Meals on Wheels

Grade 6 students at Nathalia Primary School deliver Meals on Wheels to members of the community every month. During the week the students were presented with a certificate of thanks recognising that the school has been involved in Meals on Wheels for over ten years. This is a great achievement by the school and we look forward to providing this service for many years to come.

## Swimming

The children will be swimming at the Nathalia Pool next Wednesday the 18th of December from 11.30am through until 2.00pm. The children must be wearing a broad-brimmed hat to walk to and from the pool. There are no lunch orders on this day.

Please ensure your child is prepared for a day in the sun and has a rash vest and sunscreen. The school will have sunscreen at the pool but a shirt is the best method of preventing sunburn.



**Everyone is welcome  
to join us at....  
YALCA NORTH  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
& COMMUNITY BBQ  
Thurs. 19th December**

**Time: 6.30pm**

**Stan Brown Pavilion  
Yalca North Rec Reserve.**

***Games for kids, Raffles and a  
visit from Santa!***

➤ *BYO Chair and Drinks,  
bring a towel and change of  
clothes for kids.*

**Contact Pam: ☎ 0400 762 230**



*\* Please bring a Gift up  
to \$10 per child.*



## Choir at the Carols

The Nathalia Primary School choir will be performing at Carols by Candlelight on St Mary's oval on Friday the 13th of December.

The children are asked to be in their school uniforms and assemble at 6.50pm for a 7.00pm start.

This is a lovely community event and I thank the school's creative and performing arts coordinator Mrs King—Jones for organising our school's involvement.

## Parking at the School

I urge parents who are dropping off or collecting their children from school to park legally.

In particular, there is no parking in the bus zones during these times. The bus drivers are having difficulty getting around the Gifford Street corner when cars stop at the front gates of the school. The police have been patrolling and I'm told fines will be issued.

Student safety is always a priority and I urge all parents to park legally when in the vicinity of the school.

## Free Bikes

I have two bikes that have been donated to the school that will be given away for free. They would fit a child between 6—12 years and they are in reasonable condition.