

# Nathalia Primary School Newsletter

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

## Good Afternoon Prep - Year 6 Families

I hope you are all going well today and enjoying the first burst of beautiful spring weather.

As mentioned yesterday during press releases, all schools in Victoria are continuing with remote and flexible learning for the remainder of term 3.

Students who have previously been deemed eligible to attend the school on-site can continue to do so through until the end of the term.

There may be some alterations to COVID restrictions in regional areas that will be announced on Tuesday but I have not been notified of anything changing regarding schools reopening.

We are having high levels of engagement with students working on-line from home with their classroom teachers which is fantastic to see. Students from prep through to grade 6 are able to log on daily to see their teachers and friends and to follow the curriculum that has been mapped out for them. The teachers are working very hard to engage the children and a great deal of planning goes into each lesson.

We have received our Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN data for 2021 and our school has done very well across the board. The trend data for the school continues to rise and there are several areas such as Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation where the outcomes are excellent. Significantly, NAPLAN indicates year 5 reading to be above both State and National benchmarks. This is a fantastic achievement for our school!

Parents, students and teachers should take a great deal of pride in these results. We have endured significant interruptions to the normal running of the school because of the COVID restrictions and have still been able to achieve excellent outcomes in NAPLAN. NAPLAN reports have been mailed to families. Congratulations and well done to everyone.

I understand the difficulties some families are having during lockdown and appreciate the work you are doing to keep a positive outlook during this time. Vaccinations are slowly becoming more available to the community and the take up rate is encouraging. Every vaccination gets us a step closer to opening up having our lives back to normal.

Thank you and I wish everyone in our school community good health.

Chris McCallum—Principal

## The School Playground

The playground is open to children up to the age of 12 and they must be accompanied by an adult who has to wear a mask. We have QR Codes at the playground and parents are asked to check in using their phones.

This is a temporary government requirement.

### Forthcoming Events:

Friday the 17th of September—Last day of term 3

Monday the 4th of October—First day of term 4

Monday the 11th of October—Division Athletics

Thursday the 9th of December—School Concert

