



"Learning for Life"

Nathalia Primary School

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Holders of Nathalia's educational history since 1878

REMINDERS

**Winter Sport Round 1 - Friday, May 1st,
- Nathalia V's Katunga/ Katunga South
School Cross Country - Monday, May 4th
Interschool Cross Country - Wednesday, May 6th
Mother's Day Morning Tea & Stall - Friday, May 8th
School Photographs - Wednesday, May 27th**

Nathalia Kids Are Friendly Kids

The school is currently working through a program called School Wide Positive Behaviours where the staff meets weekly to discuss whole school values and expectations. We have adapted a behaviour program for our school's needs and it is based on the values of Courtesy, Respect, Cooperation and Responsibility. One of these values will be the focus for the term and an aspect of this principle will be reinforced weekly throughout the school. As I said, the program has been adapted to our needs and is called "Nathalia Kids are Friendly Kids".

The program is based on evidence-based research that has demonstrated that the most effective and socially valid method of teaching social skills is to directly teach them (as opposed to using discussion only) and provide naturalistic opportunities to practice them and receive positive feedback whilst doing so.

This term we are focussing on Respect and the theme for this week is "Using Appropriate Language". The students of the week will receive certificates at assembly recognising their efforts in this area.

Each week there will be a discussion at assembly and in the classrooms about the forthcoming focus and what behaviour is expected across the school. This will be reinforced during the week and a common set of terms will be established across the whole school throughout the year.

If people would like further information about the program please come and talk to me or follow the reference I have attached.

I'm looking forward to the school community implementing this program and building positive behaviours across the school. Nathalia Kids Are Friendly Kids and that should be celebrated. Chris McCallum- Principal

Ref: Barger, T. (2006). The 'Willy Kids Are Friendly Kids' Program: One school's whole-school approach. In H. McGrath & T. Noble, (Eds.), *Bullying Solutions: Evidence-based Approaches for Australian Schools*. Sydney, Australia: Pearson Education.

April 29th, 2015

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Week Ending
24.04.2015**



F/1	Linsey
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ROU	Jakara

Congratulations

Choir News

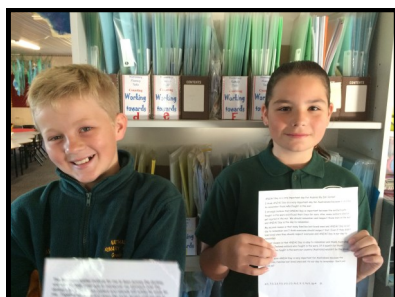
Our school choir are busy in May with a number of performances at school and community events.

The children will sing at the Mother's Day morning tea on the 8th, the Nathalia Volunteer's luncheon on the 15th and the Bendigo Bank birthday celebrations on the 19th.

Karen King-Jones



At our Monday Assembly students were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from the G.R.A.I.N. Store for their community work. Aiden, Archie, Jason (absent) and Desy (absent).



ANZAC Memorial Service

On Friday, April 24th our Grade 5 & 6 Students attended an ANZAC Memorial Service at Nathalia Secondary College. Students prepared writings on "What ANZAC means to me". Two of our students wrote outstanding pieces and were selected to read their pieces during the service.

Zali was the Grade 5 winner and Archie was the Grade 6 winner of the "Angelica Rosa Memorial Award".

Zali's work was published in last week's Newsletter and we have included Archie's article on page 3 of this newsletter.

They are pictured above with the winners from Nathalia Secondary College - Maggie & Zoe.

Congratulations to both students on their excellent presentations.

STAR OF THE WEEK Week ending 24.04.2015



CONGRATULATIONS

Kyle

"For being a good listener and being persistent on camp."

STAR OF THE TERM

Parents' Club Notes Up Coming Events

Tucker Day - Monday, May 4th
- Hot Dog & Prima

Mother's Day Stall , Morning Tea
& Raffle
- Friday, May 8th

There will be a raffle run on this day, tickets will be sent home this week.

There are some great prizes to be won.

We are seeking donations of wrapping paper.

Could these please be delivered to the school office.

Numurkah Singers Inc.
presents

OKLAHOMA !

Numurkah Town Hall
Knox Street Numurkah

Saturday, May 2nd @ 2.00pm and 8.00pm

Tickets available at The Common Thread
(Melville Street)

Adults \$20

Concession \$15

Children \$10

Family \$50

GRADE 5/6R ANZAC DAY WRITING

Hi my name is Archie and here is my story on the ANZACS.



"Join the army, sign up right here",

on the list I saw many Aboriginals. I did not know what a gun was I had always used a spear to hunt fish. As you would guess I am a part of the Bunurong region. I have a brother he will stay and help feed the family. I have just seen my first gun. It was a rifle. Tomorrow I will board the ship and in 3 months I will be at Gallipoli.

We arrive on the coast of Turkey where we are anchored 100 meters off shore. The coastline looks like it is rocky terrain and steep. There is not much beach. I am on the Queen just about to get on a little boat and row in to get to shore. We are going to sneak up on the Turkish.

Bang, Bang the Turkish are firing at us. I start running up the mountain and through the thorns. I see many men drop. Inside, I am traumatized by the scene that unfolds as men drop like flies. As these emotions consume my mind a bullet lands right before me. I am scared I don't really know how to shoot the gun. I try to load it .it fires and I hit a Turkish soldier. Before I know it, it is me who is down. I scream in agony and look down to see where the pain is coming from. It is then that I realize that I have been hit in the leg. I fall to the ground. Then all around me, there is silence. The Turks have stopped firing. I can't believe my luck. Then, in front of me appears a man wearing an Australian army uniform. He is leading a donkey. He asks me if I am alright. "No" I say weakly, and point to my wound.

The Australian soldier motions for me to lean across the donkey, and with his help, I manage to manoeuvre my stomach over the donkey's back. He is very patient and stands still whilst he waits for me. Together we go up and down the rocky terrain until we get to the trenchers. When I arrive a nurse takes care of me. First, she extracts the bullet from my leg. She says to me "this will hurt a bit; we have nothing to stop the pain because of shortages of supplies. Here, bite down on this" she says and hands me a wooden spoon. When she is finished she tells me that I will need a week's rest. I am exhausted. I lay down on the stretcher. The gunfire has started up again and all around me the sound of guns pinged a heard.

My sleep is interrupted by the constant bombs and bullets, and sometimes by the arrival of a new patient as Simpson and his donkey bring in more injured soldiers. There are so many of us now that I cannot count them. It is the end of another day's fighting and even after just one day I know that I cannot stay here and lay around whilst innocent people are dying. Even though I knew that most Australians did not respect me or my culture that did not mean that I would not fight for my country.

I do not stay in my sick bed for the recommended time, and within a day I am back on the battlefield. It is tiring and I am hungry and thirsty. I don't know what day of the week it is. I have a night off. I will write a letter to my family. "Dear Mum, Jo and Dave" I write "it is ok over here but we are having a hard time we don't seem to be making any progress. I have seen some horrible things but I pray that this campaign will be over soon and I will be back home. I love you, bye". I wrote. I folded my letter ready to send off in the morning.

Lest we forget.

Back to the Earth Initiative



On Tuesday the 28th of April the year 5-6 students went to the Victoria Lake Park, Shepparton, for an excursion .

They went to see Dr Karl Kruszelnicki.

He talked about plants and the earth and recycling.

Then the students did some activities around recycling and sustainability. One of the activities was putting the right rubbish in the right bins. Another activity involved the putting of dirt, dog poo, grass clippings, paint and soapy water in a jar to see what happens to our waterways, this causes pollution.

Some students got to plant trees near the lake.

I learnt a lot of things including:

- Compost has more power than the sun.
- The basis of all food is sometimes worm poo and urine.
- That things like polystyrene and plastic bags cannot be recycled.

It was a really fun experience for the Nathalia 5/6's.

Daniel Thorn

2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

	<p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> <p>1st - Winter Sport V 's Katunga/Kat. St (Home) - Division Basketball Trials</p> <p>4th - School Cross Country - Region Soccer Trials (Shepparton)</p> <p>5th - Region Netball Trials (Benalla)</p> <p>6th - Interschool Cross Country</p> <p>8th - Mothers Day Stall & Morning Tea</p> <p>11th - Region Football Trials (Benalla)</p> <p>12th - 15th - NAPLAN Tests</p> <p>18th - Parents ' Club meeting (9.30am)</p> <p>19th - School Council meeting</p> <p>22nd - Division Cross Country - Winter Sport V 's St Josephs at Numurkah</p> <p>27th - School Photographs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>5th - Winter Sport - V 's St. Francis</p> <p>8th - Queens Birthday Public Holiday</p> <p>12th - Report Writing Day</p> <p>15th - Parents ' Club Meeting</p> <p>16th- School Council Meeting</p> <p>17th - Region Cross Country - (Broadford)</p> <p>18th - Visiting Arts Performance (Hercules)</p> <p>19th - Winter Sport V 's Strathmerton (Home)</p> <p>24th - Reports & Learning Journals sent home</p> <p>26th- Term Two concludes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>13th - Term Three commences</p> <p>16th - State Cross Country</p> <p>20th - Parents ' Club Meeting</p> <p>21st - School Council Meeting</p> <p>24th - Division Football/Netball/Soccer/ Teeball Championships - Winter Sport V 's Numurkah (Numurkah)</p> <p>31st - Lightning Premiership (Yarrawonga)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p> <p>7th - Regional Football/Netball/ Soccer/Teeball Championships</p> <p>17th - Parents ' Club meeting</p> <p>18th - School Council meeting</p> <p>TBC - Lightning Premiership (Numurkah)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER</p> <p>6th - Fathers Day</p> <p>10th - School Concert</p> <p>14th - Division Golf Championship</p> <p>18th - Term Three concludes</p> <p>TBC - Parent/Teacher Interviews</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</p> <p>5th - Term Four commences</p> <p>9th - Inter-School Athletic Sports</p> <p>12th - Division Athletics Carnival - (Shepp)</p> <p>16th - Region Athletic Championship (Shepp)</p> <p>23rd - State Athletics Championships</p> <p>19th - Parents ' Club Meeting</p> <p>20th- School Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</p> <p>2nd - Pupil Free Day</p> <p>3rd - Melbourne Cup Day</p> <p>6th -Region Basketball & Softball (Shepp)</p> <p>11th - Remembrance Day</p> <p>16th - Region Golf Championships (Benalla)</p> <p>16th - Parents ' Club meeting</p> <p>17th - School Council meeting</p> <p>18th - Division Hot Shots (Shepparton)</p> <p>26th - Region Hot Shots (Wangaratta)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</p> <p>8th - School Council Meeting - Parents ' Club Meeting</p> <p>18th- Term Four concludes</p> <p>TBA - Grade Six Graduation - Water Safety Program - Pool Day - Infant Camp & Activity Day</p> <p>January 2016 January 26th - Staff Resume January 28th -Term One commences</p>

Open Day

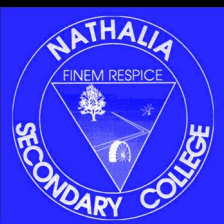


'Come say hello' on Wednesday 6th May. There will be 3 opportunities to visit: 8.00am, 9.30am & 3.45pm. Come have a cuppa and tour of the school with the Principal and school leaders.

Bookings for any of the three sessions need to be made by phoning the college on 5866 2331

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