

# Nathalia Primary School Newsletter

June 26th, 2019

## Student Progress Reports

Half year reports will be distributed to families today. Parents are welcome to contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report. Please note that student attendance is calculated until last Friday.



School uniform Winter beanies are on sale now at Casual Step.

Sale price is only \$16!!

Get in and get your beanie while stocks last!

## Nathalia Kids are Friendly Kids and Sports Awards and Champions!



## Dates to Remember

June 28th - Out of Uniform Day

End of Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal

July 15th - Term 3 begins

July 17th to 19th - Grade 4/5/6 Camp

August 5th - Parent's Club Meeting 2.30pm

August 16th - Lightning Premiership at Cobram

## School Attendance Awards

Certificates were presented at assembly to the children who displayed exemplary attendance over the course of first semester. The children pictured below recorded between three days off (Bronze Award) and zero days off (Platinum Award) for the half year. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection to their dedication to attend school on every possible day. Not only that, they were fortunate enough to be healthy and well for the whole time.



## School Camp

The grade 4—6 school camp is on the first week back in term 3. The school requests payment for the camp prior to the first Tuesday back in term 3 as the children leave the following day. If you cannot meet this timeline, please contact the school office.

## Jacqui Brinsdon is Leaving

I would like to use this as an opportunity to let you all know that I will be leaving my role at Nathalia Primary School at the end of term.

What a pleasure it has been getting to know and care for the children here for the past two years. A big special thankyou to the amazing team of staff here at Nathalia Primary School who I will miss very much.

Ciao for now—Jacqui





**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**  
**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**  
**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRASIER**  
**COLOURED HAIR SPRAY \$1.00**  
**NAIL POLISH 50c per hand**



92% of young people are playing video games, yet we don't fully understand the impact they have.

In this engaging seminar we focus on practical strategies that can be used to keep video games fun, safe and healthy.

We'll discuss:

- why video games are so captivating (dopamine, brain development, rewards schedules);
- whether playing violent video games leads to increased aggression in real life;
- how video games fit in today's youth culture (compared to when we were young);
- opportunities and benefits associated with gaming;

- cyber-safety tips that will keep kids safe from harm whilst playing video games;
- Gaming disorder, now a recognised mental health disorder.

Our parent seminar focuses on relevant advice for parents and answering the questions every parent has: "How long should I let my child play? How do I know which games are good for my child? When should I allow my children to play video games?"

Parents will be able to distinguish between problematic gaming and normal, adolescent behavior and walk away with new strategies to keep gaming safe and balanced for their children.

Where possible we also provide parents in need with information on how and where to seek local support.

PARENT SEMINAR

Location: Primary Care Connect  
399 Wyndham Street VIC 3632  
Time: 7pm - 8:45 pm  
Date: 14 August 2019, Wednesday

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=513327&>  
Enquires about the session: [jtrotter@primarycareconnect.com.au](mailto:jtrotter@primarycareconnect.com.au)  
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The Institute of Games works to keep children safe and healthy whilst playing video games. We have delivered over 100 presentations in schools and over 200,000 people have used our resources. For more information or bookings, email [jtrotter@primarycareconnect.com.au](mailto:jtrotter@primarycareconnect.com.au) or call (03) 5823 3200.





Above left: Grass Heads made in Science.

Above and left: Sweet potatoes from the garden.



Below: Hunting dinosaurs.

Below left: Alpha Tours pantomime.

