



Nathalia Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th September, 2025

Principal's Message - Mr Troy Woolley

BUSHWAHZEE

Last night we held our school event called "Bushwahzee". This year we wanted to try something new and something interactive. On the night I was so pleased to see so many of our students and parents come along in "Country Attire". Everyone looked the part and the highlight for me was watching parents getting involved and dancing with their kids all the way from Prep to Grade 6. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and got involved to make the evening so enjoyable.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

This morning, we held our annual Father's Day breakfast. We had an amazing turnout of significant people in our students lives. It is wonderful to see our community get together and have a chat over coffee and breakfast. To all our dads and people who fill the father figure roles in our students lives have a great Father's Day on Sunday.



SCHOOL DOG

This week there has been a lot of excitement about having a new puppy at school. Although this is only at the idea stage and we have lots of consulting and paperwork to do, we have started to trial the introduction of a possible therapy dog.

Talking with other principals that have introduced either wellbeing support dogs or fully trained therapy dogs the overwhelming messages is that these dogs add enormous value to schools that a human staff member cannot achieve in the same space.

You may hear your children talk about "Ozzy", he is a black labrador and is 8 weeks old at this point. So far, he has been very relaxed around so many children and is showing some of the key attributes that could make him a successful school dog. To help him through this process, lots of rules need to be put in place for him and the students.

The main key feature at this point is our lead system. If Ozzy has a red lead on, we ask students and visitors not to approach him as he is having a break or on a job, if he is wearing a green lead he is on down time and can be approached. We are asking all people not to encourage him to mouth hands or chew on their clothing and to be gentle around his head. We are saying to people "how would you react to having 200+ people touch your own head in a day" which is a reality for a puppy in a school.

We hope you welcome Ozzy into our school and that his time with us adds value to children's school and life experience.

WELL DONE TO OUR AWARD WINNERS!



TERM 3: SCHOOL VALUE KINDNESS

In Term 3, we're highlighting the school value of **KINDNESS**.

This includes being respectful and caring towards others, using kind words, offering help when needed, including everyone, and showing empathy. We encourage all students to embrace a positive attitude toward building a caring and supportive school community.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 8th September: School Council Meeting, Staffroom, 6pm

Friday 19th September: Last Day of Term 3 - students depart at 2.20pm [buses get to their stops an hour earlier than usual]

Monday 6th October: Last Day of Term 3

Wednesday 5th November: First Day of Prep Transition for our 2026 Prep students

Bushwahzee Bush Dance

On Thursday evening, 4th September, our students took part in the *Bushwahzee Bush Dance*.

Throughout the day, they learned a lively dance and a song, which they proudly performed that night for their families and friends. Parents were then invited to join their children on the dance floor, making it a wonderful evening of fun, music, and community spirit.





Bushwahzees 2025

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

We were delighted to see such a wonderful turnout of students and their dads, uncles, grandparents, and friends at our school's special breakfast. A big thank you goes to the Nathalia Fishing Club for cooking up a delicious bacon and egg breakfast, and to the Coffee Van for keeping everyone fuelled with hot drinks.



REMINDER: NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

A reminder to families that in 2024 we made the decision to make Nathalia Primary School a **nut free** school. This decision was made in the interest of safety for staff and students who have nut allergies.

In the past, we tried to manage this at an individual class level, however, we had instances where this was not successful.

We understand that this may be frustrating for some families, although, the safety of everyone at school is something we take seriously.





KINDNESS LEARNING RESPECT

2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Nathalia Primary School values family engagement, fosters community connection and nurtures children to thrive, learn and grow creating the foundation for lifelong learning and future success!

Please either drop in or call the school on 5866 2677
to arrange an enrolment pack and tour of our school

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NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT'S CLUB



FUNDRAISER

Please return any fundraising monies as soon as you can!

Thank you

Please note, the school accepts cash, card or direct credits into our bank account.
NEW bank account details - BSB: 063093 (Commonwealth Bank)
Account number: 1000 4192 Account name: Nathalia Primary School Council

Kindness

I offer help to my peers who may be struggling

I use kind words and encourage others

I can empathise and understand different perspectives

I help friends who are feeling upset or feeling left out

I listen carefully and show interest in others' thoughts and feelings

I include others in games and conversations

I can show patience and understanding in difficult situations

I am willing to stand up for friends and classmates in need

I can share and take turns during activities

I am welcoming to new students and adults

I apologise sincerely when needed

I am kind

