



# Nathalia Primary School Newsletter

Friday 31st January, 2025

## Mr Woolley's Principal Message

### WELCOME BACK FOR 2025

We have had an amazing start to the 2025 school year.

I am pleased to announce that we currently have 165 students enrolled at Nathalia Primary School and the school is humming with the excitement of so many students. We as a school would like to welcome our new Foundation students, we hope that you have a great start to your school careers and enjoy being part of Nathalia PS. We would also like to welcome all of our other new students many of whom are new to the Nathalia community.

We have a number of new staff, Rosemary Foster (5/6 Teacher), Taylah Trimby (1/2 and 5/6 teacher), Ebony Charleston (Mathematics Leader) and Breanne Walpole (PE and Tutoring) we are so lucky to have you all as part of our staff this year. Welcome to our Nathalia PS team.

It was so great to see so many families attend our first assembly. Each year it seems to get bigger and better. Parents who would like to participate in Parents Club are welcome to attend with the first meeting taking place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9:30am after assembly.

A great way to keep up to date with the daily things that we are doing at school is to join our Nathalia Primary School Facebook page, join your child's Dojo classroom through the app and subscribe to Compass for notes, calendar dates, and to log absences etc. If you need any assistance with any of these platforms please see Leanne in the office, or talk with your child's teacher.

### SCHOOL GOALS FOR 2025

This year at Nathalia PS we have developed some goals that we are going to put as our main focus for the year. Our first goal is to significantly increase student achievement data in the areas of Reading and Numeracy with a range of strategies being developed to help students achieve in these areas.

Our Foundation – Grade 2 students will have a strong focus with 25 minutes daily dedicated to Phonics understanding. All year levels will be explicitly taught reading and comprehension strategies to increase their knowledge from text. We have 2 specialist Numeracy teachers that will be working with all teachers across the school to uplevel teachers understanding around best practice when teaching Mathematics.

Our final big goal is to continue to create our School Community. This includes how our students develop their sense of belonging, feeling a valued part of our school and wider community, being excited and curious about their learning and wanting to come to school. This will be greatly assisted by student attendance, our wellbeing team will be monitoring attendance daily and making contact with families who have not provided a valid reason for being absent. Research shows us that when children attend school regularly and consecutively they have higher rates of positive mental health, develop positive relationships with peers and teachers, access educational content which supports continual growth. We understand that sometimes days off can not be avoided. Every day at school counts and every day is important.

We hope that everyone has a great year with us at Nathalia Primary School, we are here to help and support, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

# First Day of Prep 2025

The first day of school for the 2025 Prep students in **Ms. Willcock's** and **Mrs. Zammit's** classes was filled with excitement, smiles, and a few nervous butterflies! As the children arrived, they eagerly explored their new classrooms, met their teachers, and made new friends.

The day was filled with fun activities, storytelling, and hands-on learning experiences to help them feel comfortable and confident in their new environment.

Ms. Willcock and Mrs. Zammit ensured that every child felt welcomed and supported, setting the stage for a fantastic year of learning and growth.



*Ms Willcock's Prep class - PW*



*Mrs Zammit's Prep class - PZ*

## 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.



# CANTEEN PRICE LIST

EFFECTIVE TERM 1 2025

## FILLING

	<u>S/WICH</u>	<u>ROLL/WRAP</u>
Ham or Chicken	\$4.00	\$4.50
Ham or Chicken w cheese	\$4.50	\$5.00
Ham or Chicken w Salad	\$6.00	\$6.50
Salad Only	\$5.00	\$5.50
Vegemite	\$2.50	\$3.00
Vegemite and Cheese	\$3.00	\$3.50

*Mayo, Mustard Pickles & Aioli Optional*

## CONTAINERS

Ham or Chicken w Salad	\$6.50
Salad Only	\$5.50

*Balsamic Glaze Optional*

## HOT FOOD

Chicken Schnitzel Roll w Lett & mayo	\$6.00
w Gravy only	\$5.50
w Gravy & Cheese	\$6.00
w Parmigiana	\$6.50
Cheeseburger (w Bacon +\$1.00)	\$5.50
Hamburger w Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese	\$6.50
Toasted Ham or Chicken w Cheese Wrap	\$5.50
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$4.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.00
Pasta Bolognaise	\$5.00
Lasagne	\$5.00
Meat Pie	\$4.70
Vegetable Roll	\$5.00
Large Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Small Pie or Sausage Roll	\$1.10
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.10
Steamed Vegetable Dim Sim	\$1.30
Cheese Toasty	\$4.00
Ham or Chicken & Cheese Toasty	\$4.50
Fish Bite (Oven Baked)	\$1.00 or 3 for \$2.80
Country Chicken Strips	\$1.00
Chicken Nugget (Oven Baked)	\$1.00 or 3 for \$2.80
Tomato, BBQ, Gravy, Aioli, Soy or Tartare	.30c

## DRINKS

Water	\$1.50	
Juice Apple, Orange or Apple/Blackcurrant (ABC)	\$3.50	
Prima	\$1.50	
Small Milk	Chocolate Strawberry Honeycomb	\$2.50
Large Milk	Chocolate Strawberry Honeycomb	\$4.50

## SNACKS & SWEETS

Honey Soy Chips	\$1.50
JJ's Snacks - Chicken	\$1.50
Blueberry Muffin	\$2.50
Fresh Yoghurt w Granola & Berries	\$3.50
Fruit Salad Tub	\$3.00

## FROM THE FREEZER

Calippo	\$1.50	
Icy Twist Lemonade	\$1.50	
Paddle Pop	Chocolate Rainbow	\$2.00
Ice-cream Cup	Chocolate Strawberry Vanilla	\$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt	Choc/Banana Strawberry/Vanilla Chocolate/Vanilla	\$2.50

**PLEASE** write your name and classroom at top of bag.

Write your order neatly in dark pen/pencil and place money in bag.

Please **DO NOT** use staples in compliance with food safety laws.

Although all care will be taken all products will not always be available.

Available to discuss any dietary requirements or requests.

*Thank you*

# SCHOOL SAVING BONUS UPDATE

## PARENT AND CARER SCHOOL SAVING BONUS CODE DISTRIBUTION

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days.

Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [School Saving Bonus](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus) | vic.gov.au.

A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au)

**Save \$400**

**on school uniforms,  
textbooks and  
activities**

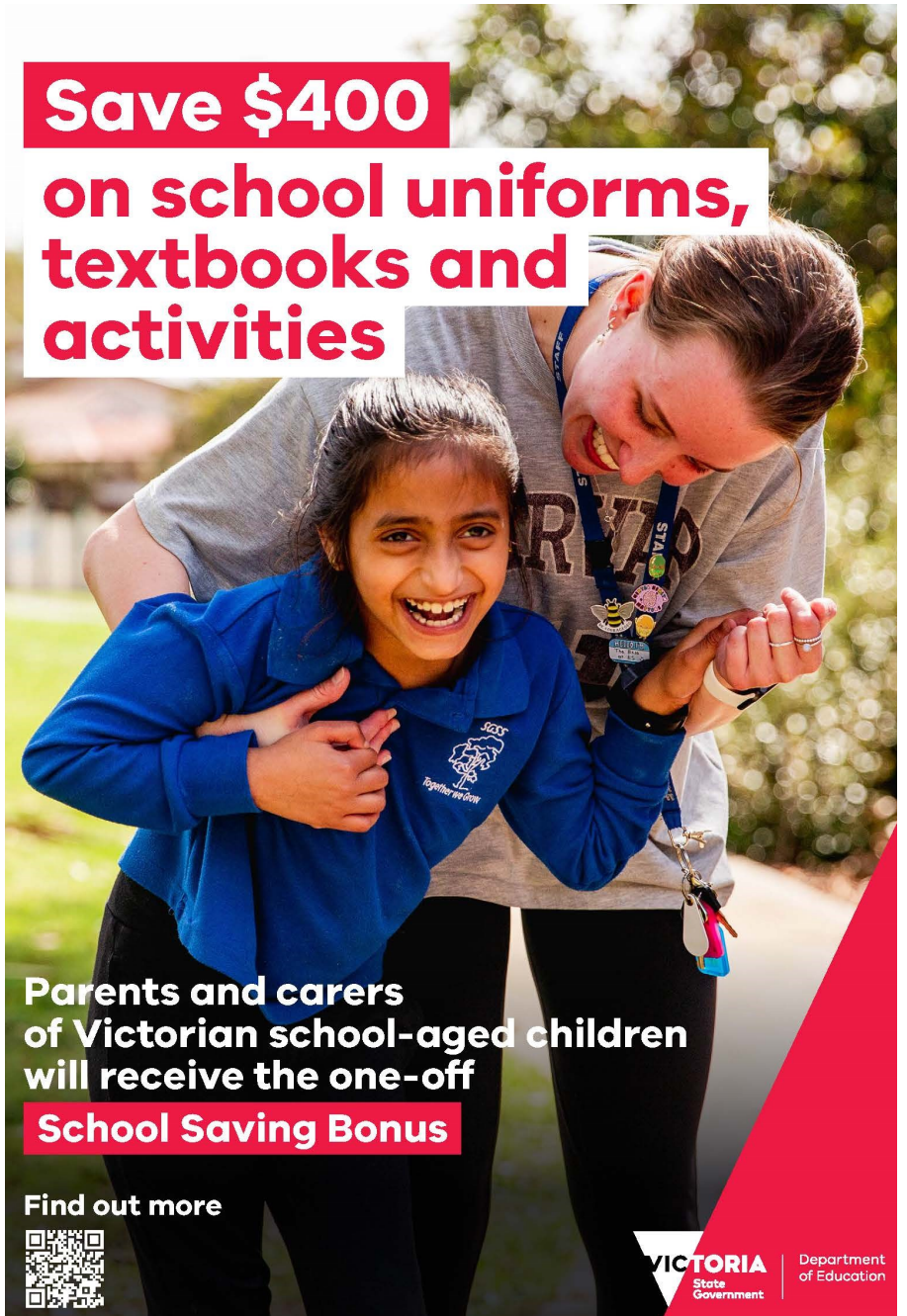
**Parents and carers  
of Victorian school-aged children  
will receive the one-off  
School Saving Bonus**

Find out more



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State  
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Department  
of Education



Coming  
Soon!



after the  
**BELL**  
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

**NEW PROVIDER**

## **NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WELCOMES**  
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE  
AFTER SCHOOL CARE &  
VACATION CARE PROGRAM



**Art & Craft**



**Nutritional Foods**



**Fun Activities**

### **OPERATING HOURS:**

- ✓ Before School Care- 7.00am till 8.45am
- ✓ After School Care- 3.20pm till 6.00pm
- ✓ Vacation Care- 7.30am till 6.00pm

**Commencing**

**10th February 2025**

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**Enrolments Open**



Dear Nathalia Primary School families,

After The Bell Aus are honoured to be chosen as the New OSHC Service Provider for Nathalia Primary School OSHC program with the support of the School Representatives.

After The Bell Aus will be providing Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care to the school community. **The commencement date of our service will be the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.**

#### How To Enrol

We understand that filling in forms is not the highlight of everyone's day, but as a licensed Child Care Provider, we require all guardian's child(ren) accessing our services to complete the mandatory enrolment form prior to their child attending the service.

This enrolment form is a legal requirement for After The Bell Aus to accept children into our care and gives After The Bell Aus Educators all the necessary information so we can provide the best care for each child entering our doors. Enrolling your child(ren) before the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 is vital when accessing our service and Child Care Subsidy to support the cost of the care to you.

#### When to Enrol

Families are required to enrol online or via using the link below. If you are having trouble in accessing the link please call us on 9758 6744 or email [bookings@afterthebell.com.au](mailto:bookings@afterthebell.com.au).

We ask families to not wait to the last minute to enrol. As the first stage of the enrolment process can take up to 5 business days to process. Once this step had been actioned by the guardian After The Bell Aus can approve your child's enrolment form and booking into care can commence for 2025. Any enrolment that required more consideration such as medical conditions, requires additional processing time.

**Enrolment Link-** [https://parent-portal.kidsoft.com.au/enrolment-form?UBI\\_Code=AfterTheBellAus](https://parent-portal.kidsoft.com.au/enrolment-form?UBI_Code=AfterTheBellAus)

#### Program Delivery

After The Bell Aus believes every child has a curious growing mind that should be nurtured and empowered. Through our programs we aspire to provide opportunities for children to be part of an exciting, fun and engaging care program environment. Our cultivated team harnesses all our personal and educational experience so that every child that walks through our doors enters a safe "home away from home" care environment.

#### Nutrition

We value the importance of children's healthy eating choices. At After The Bell Aus children are provided with healthy afternoon options each session, that is packed with variety and substance. The children will experience our Cooking Club program once a fortnight as well. Children have input into the program menu, whilst learning the value of good healthy choices.

#### Educators

Each day is an adventure and creating new memories. This is led by our dedicated, trained, qualified Educators that have the skills and abilities to ensure your child's time at the program is rewarding as well as memorable, but foremost making sure your child is always having a fun time. After The Bell Aus will be retaining any current OSHC staff that would like to join us, as well as we will be commencing our recruitment process to support the staffing needs and continuity of the service.

We look forward to meeting you and being a part of the Nathalia Primary School community in 2025.

Kind Regards

After The Bell Aus  
Véronique Rayeroux-Flack  
Management Team

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## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Hello families & wider school community,

The Parent Payment Arrangements for 2025 have been sent to the school community providing families with information on financial contributions they can make towards to support their child's learning journey here at Nathalia Primary School.

Parent contributions are set based on the actual cost the school incurs for items used in classrooms, for activities and educational outcomes and opportunities to learn not just reading, writing and mathematics. But to promote social, emotional, physical and wellbeing programs within the school.

We endeavour to keep the cost per student, per year, affordable for families - at \$160 per child in Grades Prep - Grade 4 and \$180 in Grades 5 & 6.

As one school community member said to me - it's \$12 a week for my 3 kids to attend. And next year \$16.50 for 4 children "that's less than the cup of coffee I buy per day!". Which, when you break it down like that, illustrates that the benefits to your child's educational journey, can be considered in that social, real-life context. And, contributions to school can be paid weekly, if that is what suits your budget. The school is grateful for all financial contributions made towards the learning of our amazing students.

Any, and all, contributions are invaluable to the school - there can't be a fixed number placed on how much they help out our student cohort. The amounts listed on the Parent Payment Letter provide monies to simply recoup the costs of paper, pencils and online programs that the children use here at school.

Any monies received to cover these expenses means that the school is able to put these funds toward improving other areas for our students, be it landscaping, upgrading technology, literacy or numeracy resources, or, being able to implement additional specialist programs to help students further with their learning journey here at Nathalia Primary School.

An alternative is considering donating part of your School Saving Bonus ('SSB') to the school. By making this donation, you are able to financially contribute to the school, improve student outcomes and know that you are supporting other students to attend activities and access uniform supplies. To do this, families need to log in to their SSB portal and allocate an amount to school activities and advise the school in writing that it is a 'donation'. It will then be held, and used, to support students at the school.

Please, consider contributing to the school to assist with continuing to improve educational outcomes for your child and the success of all students now and into the future.

Thanks for your time.

*Leanne Halden*

Business Manager  
Nathalia Primary School





"Learning For Life"

## Nathalia Primary School Parent Payment Arrangements 2025

Nathalia Primary School is looking forward to another wonderful year of teaching and learning in 2025 and would like to notify you of the school's voluntary financial contribution arrangements for the year to come.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all financial contributions made are used only to benefit the students. The ongoing support from our families ensures that Nathalia Primary School can offer the best possible education programs and assistance for all of our students.

We want to thank families for their support, either through payment of financial contributions or the volunteering of time. Your continued support of the school has made a huge difference to our classrooms and the specialist programs we can offer all students here at Nathalia Primary.

Our school has been able to provide programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist with the purchase of Art, Music, STEM and Physical Education equipment and resources which supports these classes to be exemplary programs, together with our exceptional classroom teaching of subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths.

The School Council makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. A charge is set per student for the school year, 2025 School contributions are detailed below:

	Grade P/1/2/3/4	5/6
<b>Curriculum/Classroom Consumables</b>		
<i>Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</i>		
Student Classroom Stationery & Equipment	100.00	120.00
Online Learning Platforms & ICT Devices	40.00	40.00
Classroom Activities (Art, PE & STEM)	20.00	20.00
<b>Total Curriculum/Classroom Consumables</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>180.00</b>

### **Extra-Curricular Items, Excursions & Activities**

*Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students*

These items will be invoiced separately according to the activities being offered.

*In the past, students have had the opportunity to participate in:*

- Visiting Performances (approximately \$8 per performance)
- Winter Sport (Grades 4-6) (\$30 for whole program)
- Lightning Premiership Sports Carnival (\$15)
- Inter-School Athletics Sports (\$6)
- Melbourne Aquarium (\$30 per student)

### **School Camp**

*Estimated Fee for 2025*

*\*\*families will be invoiced separately for the School Camp when arrangements have been finalised.*

350.00

**Fees can be paid online from 1 January 2025, or, in person during school hours. Payment options are as follows:**

1. One yearly payment per student
2. Monthly/Fortnightly/Weekly payments – please contact the office to arrange this payment option

Accepted payment methods are cash, EFTPOS, direct credit and CompassPay (*NEW*).

***Nathalia Primary School understands that some families may experience difficulty in paying the contribution to classroom consumables, please contact the Principal for a confidential discussion and assistance with financial supports available to families.***

Parents are asked to please review the above financial contributions table for an indication of the amount suggested for your family and complete the Parent Payment Slip attached to calculate contributions payable. For assistance, or to make payments, please contact the school.

For further information on the [Department's Parent Payments Policy](#) please see a one-page overview attached.

### **Extra-Curricular Items & Activities**

As noted above, school contributions have been determined without including a set amount to cover the expenses related to Visiting Performances, Winter Sports Programs, Interschool Athletics and Classroom Excursions. When these activities are to take place, parents will be advised of the cost on the student consent form – with payment required for these activities prior to attending them. Payment will be made through the CSEF program monies or payment direct to the school (methods noted earlier).

School camps are also included in this user pays arrangement.

The school will present families with information and costs associated with student attendance at camp, providing adequate time and notice to accept the place at camp and provide an initial deposit for the fees associated with attendance. The school will make sure families have the time necessary, to create payment arrangements that suit their household budget, once the camp has confirmed numbers attending.

### **Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund – (CSEF)**

If you receive CSEF funding your child's Extra-Curricular Items & Activities will be paid using the CSEF funds received by the school. The CSEF amount for 2025 remains at \$150 per eligible student. CSEF funds will be automatically applied to the cost of any excursion that the student may be participating in. Should there be monies remaining after these excursions have been paid, the funds will remain available to reduce, or pay for, school camp (if applicable) in the future. CSEF funds remaining at the end of the year, will rollover to use in 2026.

CSEF funding is available to those families who hold a Commonwealth Health Care Card, or are in receipt of an approved Centrelink benefit, at the beginning of Term 1 2025 (29<sup>th</sup> January 2025). CSEF application forms for 2025 will be sent home with students at the commencement of the 2025 school year.

If you have previously applied for CSEF and your circumstances have not changed, you will not need to apply again as applications roll over from year to year. If you believe you may be eligible for the funding, please complete the form (when available) and your application will be processed and you will be advised of the outcome.

If you have any questions in regards to any of the Parent Payment Arrangements for 2025, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, or the Principal, Troy Woolley, here at school on (03) 5866 2677.

Thank you,



Leanne Halden  
Business Manager

# NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Parent Payment Arrangements 2025



Family Name .....

	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Child 1 - Name .....	.....
Child 2 - Name .....	.....
Child 3 - Name .....	.....
Child 4 - Name .....	.....
<b>TOTAL FEE PAYABLE</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Payment has been made by:**

- Cash                       Credit Card
- Direct Deposit     Date of deposit .....
- Direct Deposit to:    *BSB: 633 000*  
                                   *Account No: 110 101 565*  
                                   *Account Name: Nathalia Primary School*

Description "your name" and tag 'fees'

**EFTPOS payments can be made in person at the office**

Credit Card Payments:

- Mastercard       Visa Card

Charge to:                     

Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Should families wish to pay via Credit Card with details noted above the office will telephone them to obtain further information to complete processing.

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

#### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.