



# Nathalia Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th, March 2026

## Principal's Message - Mr Troy Woolley

### SCHOOL REVIEW

Over the next 2 weeks we have our 4 yearly school review. Reviews allow schools to get feedback on performance and ideas for improvement. During the review all stakeholders have a chance to be involved to put their points of view forward. We have 2 student groups which will consist of student leaders and a randomly selected group of other students, a parents forum which will be held in the STEM (old art room) at 2:45pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, as well as all staff members. We look forward to the feedback we will receive.

### NAPLAN

This week we started our NAPLAN testing period. There was a nation-wide outage on the Wednesday however, our students were not impacted by this glitch in the system. We try to keep NAPLAN as normal as possible and just part of the yearly routine of school. We encourage our students to do their best and show what they know on the day. Our students have been preparing leading up to the test and we hope to be complete by the end of next week. Good luck years 3 and 5 students.

### STUDENT SPORTING CELEBRATION

Last week Aidee Shepard competed in the State Series BMX competitions held in Mildura.

(Text written by Aidee) On Friday we drove 6 hours to Mildura to race on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday I can third over on my 20-inch bike. On Sunday, I came second overall on my 20-inch bike and first on my cruiser bike. The best part of the weekend was swimming with my bestie Macena she also rides BMX and we got slushies.

Well, done Aidee we are very proud of your achievements.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

So far this year our school attendance has been excellent, and our data is up on the previous 3 years. We would like to continue this trend and remind families how important it is to come to school regularly. Our programs that are run in classrooms are sequential and the work that happens on the previous day often influences the learning that takes place the next day. Student success and understanding relies on being at school every day. EVERY DAY COUNTS.



# WELL DONE TO OUR AWARD WINNERS!

TERM 1: SCHOOL VALUE:

## RESPECT

Respect is one of the school values. At our school, we show respect by caring for others' personal space, using resources responsibly, listening and learning without disruption, following safety rules, and keeping our environment clean.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: School Review Parent forum 2.45pm – STEM Room*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Harmony Day – wear a splash of orange to celebrate diversity*

*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March: School Council EGM & General Meeting 6pm Staffroom*

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Last Day of School Term One (school ends at 2.20pm – buses will arrive at their stop an hour earlier than usual)*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: First Day of Term Two - 9am Assembly*

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April: ANZAC Day*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Interschool Athletics Sports (tentative date)*

NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

# Harmony Day

Wear a splash of orange with  
your uniform



Celebrating Cultural Diversity in our School Community

# Kids in Print

The students from 5/6Z visited the local library, where they had the opportunity to learn and play with SPHERO BOLT balls. Using a program on iPads, they were able to control the movement and speed of the spheres. First, they played a game of tag in teams, competing to see who could catch each other. Afterward, they enjoyed a game of soccer using the robot balls, putting their new skills to the test.

Zack D - It was really fun and interactive using the Sphero balls. We had to learn how to control the ball. It's a great way to interact with other people.



Tyler N - The games were fun and enjoyable. We played in teams to win Tiggy and Soccer. I liked the design of the Sphero ball and how we could change the colour.



# Kids in Print



Fishing with Mr Woolley  
Kayden saw the rod moving and reeled in the fish. Laura didn't want to hold it. So, I grab the fish, and Kayden took it off the hook. I held it for the photo. Ryan Coghlan



Heath S - it was nice and cold in the water at the pool. It fun to find all the corks in the pool. The hotdogs and juice boxes were yummy for lunch.



# Kids in Print

**Buddy time** - Prep Willcock and 5/6Zammit classes came together on Wednesday afternoon for Buddy time. It's was a chance for the 5/6s to introduce themselves to the preps and get to know each other. The grade 5/6 students read picture books to the preps and shared stories. Then they came together and created drawings about the books they read and listened too. It was a great chance for everyone to get to know each other.



**REMINDER:**

**NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A**



**NUT  
FREE**



**SCHOOL**

Happy  
Easter

NATHALIA PS PARENTS CLUB

# EASTER RAFFLE

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR  
RAFFLE PRIZES: EASTER EGGS,  
LOLLIES, CRAFTS, GIFT CARDS  
OR GIFTWARE

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE  
SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS  
NEXT WEEK

RAFFLE DRAWN :  
THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2026



Thank you all for your support!

# THE ROVING REPORTERS

The Roving Reporters are students who have joined a weekly social club which aims to report on school events, activities and people allowing our them to lead the discussion and talk about issues that they would like to raise at school.

The reporters first assignment is to help introduce our 2026 student school leaders to the community by interviewing all school and sports captains.

This week we introduce you to Mia and Elke two of our School Captains for 2026.

## MIA

**How did you feel when you found out you were one of our 2026 School Captains?**

Surprised, very surprised

**What is your middle name?**

Ivy

**How did you feel when hosting your first school assembly?**

It was nerve wracking, but exciting at the same time

**How many people are in your family?**

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**Do you have any animals?**

Yes, Missy our dog and a calf called Fatso

**When is your Birthday?**

May 25

**What is your favourite Ice Cream flavour?**

Raspberry Sorbet

**What is your favourite colour?**

Pastel Yellow & Pastel Pink

## ELKE

Yes, I was surprised, very surprised to be School Captain this year.

Cait

I had many butterflies in my stomach, I didn't want to make a mistake, but excited too

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I have dogs Tessa, Dusty & Gus. And, a sheep named George

February 26

Chocolate Ice Cream

Baby Pink

# THE ROVING REPORTERS

## MIA

**What would you like to achieve when you grow up?**

To become a professional netballer is my dream. I am still deciding on my career path and what I am going to do for work.

**What is it like, so far, being in Grade 6?**

It is fun and adventurous.

**What would you like students to learn from you as a captain?**

I'd like to gain confidence and help others to gain confidence. I would also like to show students that you can do anything when you put your mind to it.

## ELKE

I'd like to be a professional netballer as well. But for work I would like to be a doctor and or a surgeon and a midwife. I'd like to help families with their babies and children.

I'd rather be back in Prep!

I would like to show everyone what it means to be kind, spreading it over the school and make it a great place to be for all students.



*Thank you Mia & Elke for introducing yourselves to the School Community!*

*Wishing you both a year of adventure and growth as you finish your Primary Schooling at Nathalia Primary School*

*From the Roving Reporters 😊*

# NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL'S VALUES

## Respect

- I consider people's personal space
  - I use equipment and resources appropriately
  - I allow teachers to teach and students to learn
  - I raise my hand when I wish to speak
  - I move safely and responsibly around the school
  - I wear my school hat when I'm supposed to
  - I play and interact in a physically appropriate and safe manner
  - I sit to eat in the eating areas
  - I put rubbish in the bin
- I am respectful**



## 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**



## Learning

- I am on time, organised and ready to be taught
  - I am in the right place at the right time
  - I try my best and have a go
  - I take pride in my achievements and celebrate progress
  - I bring the materials I need and have a positive attitude
  - I listen carefully and follow instructions
  - I stay focused and avoid distractions
  - I take responsibility for my belongings and schoolwork
  - I ask questions and stay curious
  - I work well with others and share my ideas
  - I learn from my mistakes and keep improving
  - I ask for help
- I am attentive to learning**



## TERM 1

# RESPECT

