Our swimming program is off to a great start!! We have 3 groups at different levels and on Monday the instructors assessed student’s skills and shuffled groups around a little. Thanks to those parents who came along to watch...we could see the growth in confidence in just one session!! We were also impressed with how quickly the kids got dressed after the session and how well they looked after their belongings.

*Please note: If you would like to take photos, please get permission from pool staff first, and be careful just to capture Nungurner kids.*

(Emma apologises for the fuzzy photos.....the hazards of trying to catch kids moving in a swimming pool!)

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**Swimming**

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Monday 25th July**: Swimming
- **Tuesday 26th July**: Swimming
- **Wed 27th July**: Netball
- **Thursday 28th July**: Athletics - Senior Grade
- **Friday 29th July**: Japanese Day
- **Sunday 31st July**: Working Bee
- **Monday 1st August**: Swimming
- **Tuesday 2nd August**: Swimming
- **Friday 5th August**: Swimming
- **Tuesday 9th August**: Author - Leigh Hobbs
Farewell to the Walker family
At the end of last term we said a fond farewell to the Walker family. We will certainly miss Harrison and his happy grin, but wish him all the best at St Brendan’s. Many thanks to Jacqui for her help with reading and the cooking program, and to the whole family for their support of Nungurner. All the best at St Brendan’s….we hope to see you around.

Safe to School Program
Nungurner, along with Nicholson, Metung and Lindenow primary schools, is involved in the Vic roads “Safe to School” program, coordinated by the East Gippsland Shire. This program is aimed at making travel to and from school as safe as possible for students and focuses on everything that happens around the school to do with student travel safety including the safety of drop off and pick up zones, driver behaviour, procedures the school has in place and local road conditions. An officer from the Shire will audit what happens at Nungurner and make recommendations about possible changes. This may include recommendations to Vic Roads about possible changes to local road conditions such as intersections, speed restrictions etc. Victoria police are also involved and are working to ensure drivers comply with speed limits around school zones etc. Several drivers have lost their licences for not observing speed restriction signs at Nicholson recently, and this is a timely reminder that Nungurner has a 60km speed limit either side of the school entrance from 8am-4pm each day.
As part of the program students will also be involved in road safety lessons, together with our participation in the “Walk to School” program.

Sport/Netball/Athletics/Gymnastics
It is certainly a busy sporting time this term as you can see from the calendar! This week and next week we have the final 2 of our netball sessions and next Thursday the grade 4/5 students will take part in the TUBBS athletics carnival. Swimming will continue over the next 3 weeks and then we will start a gymnastics program at the gymnastics club in Bairnsdale for 4 Thursday afternoons, starting on August 25th. The aim of our sports program is primarily to involve students in healthy activity but also to give them experience of a variety of sports and the chance to develop some fundamental knowledge and skills. This is made possible by a grant we received from the ‘Sporting schools’ program which is federally funded. It is a great pleasure for us to see our student’s enthusiasm and great participation in these activities.
**Let us know what you think!!**

As you will have heard me say before, we are always keen to get feedback from parents about how they think the school is operating and whether we are meeting the needs of your child/ren. Each year the Education Department also conducts a survey of parents and the results become part of the information the school uses to plan improvement and future directions. We ask that all families complete this to make the information we receive more valid. The surveys will be sent home with this newsletter and are to be returned by next Friday, July 29th.

Please remember though, we have an ‘open door’ policy at Nungurner. We work hard to maintain good relationships with our students and their families, and we truly value what parents have to say. We welcome your feedback ANYTIME and would encourage you to come and see us if you have concerns. The sooner issues are dealt with the better!! (We are also happy to accept ‘bouquets’ as well as ‘brick bats’!)

Parents can also speak to school councillors if they wish to raise issues, ask questions or simply make comments. Members of our school council are published on the front of each newsletter.

Ms V

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**Working Bee**

School Council has set Sunday July 31st as a working bee. The major jobs to be done are:

- Complete removal of old playground
- Repairs to flywire screens in the multi-purpose room
- Removal of rotten timbers around playground at front of school
- General gardening & work in veggie garden
- Repair to floor in MP room

Jo Van Dam is coordinating the working bee so please see her with any questions.

We will start at 9:30 and have a BBQ lunch.

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**Where is Ms V??**

From time to time my principal role demands I am away from the school for a variety of reasons such as:

- Training in managing aspects of the school such as school finances
- Meetings with other principals/ regional staff
- Learning new skills as a teacher

I am aware that this can be disruptive but I always make sure our students are well cared for and their learning continues. We are very lucky that Emma and Helen are both willing to take on the extra responsibility of running the school when I am away, and I thank them enormously!

This week we had a new teacher work with our students; Ms Anna Whelan whom I have worked with previously, and she worked with our students very successfully.

Over the coming weeks I have a number of commitments that will take me out of the school but the learning of the Prep/One students will continue as I have planned. Please speak to me if you have any concerns.
Each year Bairnsdale Secondary College host a group of Japanese students from Yaei High school in Japan, and one of their activities is to visit Nungurner for the day; a highlight of their trip!! They will be here next Friday, July 29th. The program for the day is:

Nungurner students will come to school as normal and then we will travel up to Nyerimilang to meet the visitors at 10:00am

- 10:00-11:00 Our older students will guide the visitors around Nyerimilang, showing them the house, the old farm buildings, the view of the Lakes, the nature walk and the museum.
- 11:00-11:30 Morning tea
- 11:30-12:45 Indigenous Art and Culture with Cassie Leatham
- 1:00-1:45 BBQ Lunch at Nungurner PS
- 1:45-2:30 Japanese activities

This is always a great day for our students and our school. Everyone is welcome to join in and enjoy the day. We also need some parent assistance to help with morning tea, lunch and transporting students up to Nyerimilang & back to school. If you are able to help please let Bron know.

The cost of our swimming program ($100), is included in school fees. For those families who are eligible to receive support from the government’s camps and excursions fund, the cost of their child/ren’s swimming program will be deducted from this fund unless it has already been paid for.

Terry Leaford, our school cleaner, is retiring!! Terry has worked at Nungurner for 9 years and has given us fantastic service. Schools are always difficult places to clean (all that glitter!!), but Terry has always done it impeccably. We really appreciate his thoughtfulness, and I am particularly grateful for the way he always makes sure he doesn’t lock my keys in the classroom! Many, many thanks Terry for the way you have looked after us. It has been a pleasure to work with such a kind and generous person. We wish you many happy years of retirement.

Emma arrived on Thursday to see one of our ducks on the roof!! We have seen them out of the chookhouse before and up on the tank, but this was a surprise!! She was safely back home before too long, no doubt resting up for more adventures.
Dental Screenings at Nungurner PS

Dental Screenings for all grades at Nungurner Primary School on 6th September 2016

Dear Parents and Children,

If you’ve ever experienced a family member with a toothache or had one yourself, you’d know first hand how uncomfortable and how disruptive they may be to the entire household.

Did you know that the majority of tooth decay is preventable and early detection with a few ‘tricks and tips’ on diet and mouth cleaning, may help keep your child pain free and avoid the trauma of dental needles and drills?

Andrea Bradley from Oral Health Outreach has teamed up with the Bairnsdale Regional Health Service, to provide free oral health (dental) screenings and where required, fluoride treatments for all children attending the Nungurner Primary School.

Andrea will attend your school on 6th September 2016. If you’d like your child to participate in this free early identification and prevention program, please complete and return the consent form provided, no later than Monday 5th September.

Parents will receive a letter as well as free and timely access to the Bairnsdale Regional Health Services for prevention and/or treatment. Andrea will also be available to discuss, the screening results with you.

More information is available at www.oralhealthoutreach.com.au

Community Notices

Great to see Bianca on the mend. I’m sure many people will continue to support her recovery.

Aislin was a student at Lakes Entrance Primary School, and I’m pretty sure Emma taught her. She is a wonderful young woman and no doubt will represent our country superbly!! All the best Aislin!!
Community Notices

Thank You and Metung Pub - 5th August

Thank you to Ethan and Jordan for selling the raffle tickets at the Metung Pub. We raised $300.

On Friday 5th August we will, again, be at the Metung Pub and would greatly appreciate your support by coming along and buying some raffle tickets. Great prizes to be won.
Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child’s success

*Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.*

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

**Schools are diverse places**

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

**Intolerance breeds bullying**

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are ‘different’. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

**Tolerance starts at home**

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait.

Here’s how:

- **Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued.** When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.
- **Model acceptance.** Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.
- **Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views.** Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruelest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.
- **Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully.** Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- **Respect individual differences within your own family.** Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.