On Tuesday our students took great delight from attending the Leigh Hobbs workshop at Bruthen Primary School. We have adored his stories and it was fantastic to meet a real life author and illustrator. The workshop focused mainly on Leigh’s work illustrating his stories and he demonstrated how he creates different characters and how he gives each character a different personality, just by adding a few extra lines. The children had the opportunity to create their own version of “Old Tom”, Horrible Harriet and Mr Chicken. It was amazing to watch Leigh Hobbs work with a truly captivated audience. Leigh demonstrated to the children that we can all draw. Our drawings are different and that’s a good thing.
Grade 2 - 5 News

Schools are certainly busy places and we have been particularly busy this term with lots of learning and quite a few additional activities for our students to participate in. Just some of the things we have been involved in this term include:

- Swimming
- Netball Clinics
- Athletics sports – grade 4/5
- Visit from Tomomi – 2015 Japanese Teacher
- Japanese Day
- Boite choir rehearsal
- Naidoc week celebration at L.E.P.S. (due to cancellation term 2)
- Leigh Hobbs - Author/Illustrator

In amongst all of these extra curricular activities the students in grades 2-5 have been exceptionally busy in the classroom. We have dedicated quality time to focus on our reading, writing and maths skills. In maths our grade 4/5 students have been exploring fractions and decimals whilst our grade 2s have begun to expand their understandings of place value into the hundreds. In writing we have explored the use of adjectives and our students have been busy researching Rube Goldberg and producing a PowerPoint presentation to present at our ‘Science Week’ Expo (which will actually be held on the 23rd August – see details in the newsletter). Our Grade 2s have revisited how to write a recount and have let us know exactly what went on at Japanese Day. You can see some of their work published in this newsletter.

One of the most exciting things to happen this term as part of our unit of work ‘What is it made of? How does it work?’ is our building of Rube Goldberg machines. Our students have been set the challenge to make a machine that will do a simple task, eg. Pop a balloon, crack an egg, ring a bell etc. If you walked into the multipurpose room you may at first think it was a bit chaotic, but it has been amazing to witness our children at work. They have tackled the challenge with great enthusiasm, and even though they have experienced some frustration they are all persevering and are learning that if something doesn’t work the first time they can make modifications and try again. There has been some incredible thinking going on as students select appropriate materials, apply their understandings of forces and find solutions to the problems that they are experiencing. We can’t wait for the Science Expo!

We are currently in the process of finalising information for the Grade 4/5 camp at Allambee from 7-9th September. We will provide you with more information on this A.S.A.P.

On a final note congratulations to all of the Grade 4/5 students for their participation in the TUBBS Athletics carnival. All students tried their best and their behaviour was exemplary! Congratulations to William and Lara for their results in the 100m. Lara was the clear winner of her 100m heat and placed 4th in the final and William placed third in his heat and fifth in the final. Great results (Especially when you see the heights of some of the other students they were competing against!) Well done to Phoebe for her results in discuss, she just missed out on third place by 1cm!!!!

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day

Last Thursday Nungurner grade 2-5 students attended N.A.T.S.I. Children’s Day at Lakes Entrance Primary School. The theme for this years day was “My Country, Our Country - We All Belong”. This children’s Day is a time for A&T.S.I. families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children and is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that community, culture and family play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child.

Our Nungurner students enjoyed the welcome to country by Wayne Thorpe and participated in a smoking ceremony. We enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch from the Lakes Entrance Lion’s Club and spent the afternoon completing some cultural activities including; painting boomerangs, indigenous animals, snakes, drawing a picture to go on a patch that will be made into a patchwork quilt and painting a small plaster bowl. It was pleasing to see the students use some of the indigenous art techniques and symbols that they have learnt from Cassie. Thanks for being great kids, it is a please to take our Nungurner
Nungurner Science Expo!

**Come and witness Science in action!**

As a finale to our unit of work ‘What is it made of? How does it work?’ and as a celebration of Science Week we are inviting you to attend our Science Expo on:

**Tuesday 23rd August @ 6pm – 7.30pm**

Students will present work undertaken throughout the unit and will demonstrate their understandings of Forces by explaining how their Rube Goldberg machines work.

We would then love it if you could stay for a simple dinner, prepared by the students.

So that we know how many people will be attending could you please complete the following RSVP and return to school by Thursday 18th August.

Regards,

Emma

My child/children ______________________________ will be available to attend the Science Expo on 23rd August.

______________________________________________ will be coming to watch their presentations and we will / will not stay for dinner.
Grade 4/5 Allambee Camp

Dear Parents,
Our Grade 4/5 camp is rapidly approaching. We will soon be sending home a range of notices about our 2016 camp to Allambee, down near Yarragon. We just wanted to remind parents of dates and costs associated with the camp.

Allambee is a fully catered school camp. It will run from Wednesday the 7th September to Friday the 9th of September. Children will participate in a range of activities with fully qualified camp leaders. Activities include; Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Archery, Billy Carts, Hut Building, Initiative Course, and the Vertical Challenge.

The cost for this camp is $200 and includes all accommodation, food, activities and transport.

We hope that all children will attend camp. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves. It is great to see the confidence and independence that they gain from participating in camp. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss camp - please speak with Emma or Bron.

Outstanding School Fees

Family financial statements were sent home last week. Could families please send payment for any outstanding charges for curriculum consumables or swimming asap. Outstanding fees can be paid off in instalments, if this is more convenient for families.

The schools banking details are: Nungurner Primary School BSB: 313 140 Account: 120727582

Please note that any CSEF credits can only be used for camps, sports and excursions and cannot be used to pay for curriculum consumables.

Please speak to Bronwyn or Vicki if you have any queries on your family statement.
**Why Japanese Day?**
A visit by students from Yaei High School in Japan has become a yearly event for Nungurner. Traditional events like these develop in schools and often they can gradually lose their relevance unless the reason for them is understood and appreciated.

“Aussie Day”, as it was then called, began a number of years ago when Nungurner teacher Lynne Brehaut and her family hosted a Japanese student visiting Bairnsdale Secondary College with the Yaei contingent. Lynne saw an opportunity to offer the Japanese students a ‘bush experience’ and those early visits consisted of damper cooking, billy tea, dog trials and Lynne on her horse. The Japanese students and their teachers thoroughly enjoyed it and the visit to Nungurner quickly became something they looked forward to as part of their stay in Bairnsdale. Lynne’s daughter also taught the kids some Japanese language and then in 2013 Nungurner introduced a Japanese language program with the help of Lucknow Primary school teacher Tomomi Okazaki. Our students had weekly Japanese lessons and their skills and knowledge grew quickly, and the Yaei visit each year gave them to opportunity to practice using what they knew.

Japanese/Australian Cultural days have many benefits, some that are not as obvious at first. There are the obvious ones such as language exchange and a rural experience for the Japanese students, and there are also the benefits of learning a little of each other’s culture. The involvement of Indigenous artist Cassie Leatham over the past 3 years has given both the Japanese and our own students some valuable insights into indigenous culture. But for me the most valuable aspects of these days for our students are:

- interacting positively with people from another part of the world, and learning that although they are different from us, they are also very much the same.
- presenting something of themselves to the world; their place, their skills and knowledge and their school community
- using their growing personal skills to talk with, play host to, and make friends with new people, and to do so confidently and with pride.

Of course, these days don’t just happen, they are truly a community effort. Many thanks go to Jo Van Dam, Kim Kleinitz, Shari Eastley, Rose O’Sullivan, Rachel Bell and Ray & Maureen Kleinitz for looking after the catering and overcoming a few challenges!! Thanks also to Ninky for wearing a few more hats than usual and being endlessly flexible!

Another great job Nungurner!!

*ps...If you have an idea for a good activity for Japanese day that would engage our visitors please get involved next year!*

**.......and to continue the Japanese good news**
We had a visit last week from Tomomi!! We were all thrilled to see her and spend a little time with her, and she has agreed to try some Japanese lessons via Skype with our grade 2-5 students. These will start soon.
Japanese Day

Nungurner Primary School went to Nyerimilang in the Nungurner school bus and Ms V’s car. When we got there we met some Japanese exchange students from Yaei High School in Sagamihara, Japan. We introduced ourselves then we sorted out how many and which Japanese students would go into which group. When that was sorted out Nungurner children and the Japanese students went and visited the Homestead, the old farm, the East Gippsland Garden, the lookout over Fraser Island and Flanagan Island. After our tour Nungurner and the Japanese students had morning tea and a play.

We painted with Cassie and painted each other’s faces. Some people had their faces painted with Aboriginal paints, others didn’t. It was cool. We also painted with Aboriginal paints on black paper. Cassie taught us some Aboriginal symbols to use in our paintings.

We went back to school and had lunch with the Japanese exchange students and played until just before hometime. Then sadly, the Japanese students went back to Bairnsdale Secondary College, their host school. I thought Japanese day was awesome! My favourite part of Japanese day was visiting the big East Gippsland Gardens. The trees and gardens were beautiful.

The End – by Sarah Martin
Japanese Day at Nyerimilang - by Tahlia

We went to Nyerimilang for Japanese day to show the Japanese exchange students from Bairnsdale Secondary College our lovely Nungurner. We were tour guides. We showed them around Nyerimilang. We visited the lookout and showed them Flanagan and Fraser Islands. At the farmhouse we saw the old farm equipment, the farmhouse and the farm sheds. We went to the homestead. The Japanese students loved the animals in the cases and the interpretative displays too.

We did art with Cassie. She showed us some local symbols to use in our paintings and then we did some painting...

(This is where Tahlia’s excellent piece of writing finishes as she has been sick! I’m looking forward to seeing her all better and back at school. I’m sure she’ll do a great job of finishing her writing but didn’t want her work to miss the newsletter deadline!)
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 our 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

siblings are also able to have a free dental screening at Nungurner PS.

Please ask Bron, Emma or Vicki for a permission form for siblings.

Community Notices

Kings Cove
Golf Club Metung

Kings Cove Golf Club in Metung would like to offer juniors in the area a chance to discover golf. We are passionate about getting our kids active and think golf is a great way to do so. At this stage we are wanting expressions of interest in running junior clinics here in Metung.

Many Thanks,
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The Bairnsdale Little Athletics Club is excited about the 2016 Olympic Games!
We have 4 Fun Events that we would like to warmly invite the students from your school to attend.

**Rio Fun Night - Monday 22nd August** - We are running a special program to celebrate the Olympics starting at 4.30pm at Howitt Park!

**Come and Try night number 1: Monday 29th August,**
4.30pm, Howitt Park

**Come and Try night number 2: Monday 5th September,**
4.30pm, Howitt Park

**Come and Try night number 3: Monday 12th September,**
4.30pm, Howitt Park.

There is no need to register for the 'Come and Try' nights. Please just come along and see if you like what the club has to offer. Little Athletics runs for 2 terms on Monday nights and is a fantastic way to learn new skills, have fun keeping fit and being active with friends. It is a great way to meet and compete against students from other schools and to ultimately improve your own results in athletic events. We have an excellent team of helpers and we are looking forward to the season ahead.

The first competition night is after the school holidays on Monday 3rd October.
Community Notices

Rainforest Rehabilitation
RESTORATION WORKING BEE
Hanson's Bay Nungurner
Sunday the 14th of August
All welcome
Meet at the Nungurner Jetty at 10am
We will be continuing to improve the condition of this important rainforest remnant by removing weedy mirror bush seedlings and planting some rainforest species.

YMCA Kindergarten
Open Days and 2017 Enrolments

Enrolment applications open 1st June 2016.
Enrol online at www.kindercluster.ymca.org.au.
Email ykcm.enrolments@ymca.org.au or call 5329 2810 for more information.

Important information for families who have a child eligible to attend Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten in 2017
We are still taking enrolments for these kindergartens:
Lakes Entrance Preschool-(03) 5155 2061
Mallacoota Preschool-(03) 5158 0413
Orbost Preschool-(03) 5154 1514
Swan Reach & District Preschool-(03) 5156 4562
Families are welcome to visit kindergartens at any time but we encourage you to call the kindergarten to arrange a time where staff will be available to answer questions without disruption to the session.
Enrolments opened Wednesday 1st June 2016 but we are still taking enrolments. See website for more information regarding enrolment timeline and critical dates.
What kids learn from fathers.

High work ethic, honesty, supportiveness and loyalty were all values that men attributed to their fathers.

A Galaxy Research study found that three quarters of Australian dads nominated their father as the person from whom they learned their most important life skills. Shaving, riding bikes, driving and changing tyres are the skills that men attributed to their dads. At first glance these may not appear too startling but dig a little deeper and you find that they attribute vital lifelong success characteristics to their dads. High work ethic, honesty, supportiveness and loyalty were all values that men directly attributed to their dads.

The results of the study show that dad is the 'doing' guy. Mothers tend to interact with their kids differently. They are more verbal, more astute at developing interpersonal skills and more likely to reveal what is on their mind.

The language of fatherhood is about activity - dads teach many of their important lessons through activity. Learning to be a good sport, to share and to work toward a goal are lessons that dads teach their kids in very hands-on ways.

The study also showed that it was through activity that men formed their relationships with their dads. Playing, tinkering, building and pulling things apart are the modus operandi of many dads.

What do dads teach girls?

Dads teach girls fundamental lessons about interacting with males. As my girls were growing up I wanted them to expect to be treated well and respectfully by males (both present and future) as well as having the confidence to be assertive.

That meant that I needed to treat my daughters kindly, while allowing them to speak up to me (in the nicest possible way) when needed.

Numerous studies have linked fathers with the healthy development of girls, including self-esteem and confidence.

Certainly dads should complement their daughters genuinely and persistently in adolescence when body image doubts are very common. But they also need to let their daughters grow away.

This is a challenge as dads tend to be protective of their daughters and hard on their sons. It's lucky then that most mums are protective and super-supportive of their boys! The yin and yang that mothering and fathering provides is a fabulous balance for kids.

Boys grow into their dads

Little boys want to be like their dads. They attribute superman-like qualities to their fathers. Dads need to make the most of this while they can because their sons become teenagers and try hard to reveal their feet of clay.

The GOOD NEWS is that the Galaxy Survey showed that most men still want to be 'like their dad.' That boyhood dream doesn't diminish in adulthood. That's lucky as most men become like their fathers, hopefully better versions!

A better version of a father appears to be one who is involved with his kids but also one who can balance and support the parenting style of his partner.

A better version is one who talks openly to his partner and engages in a dialogue about parenting.

A better version is one who remembers what it was like being a kid and bringing that into parenting as much as possible when you are with them. And fathers need partners who support them in their parenting efforts, actively share the parenting enterprise, and recognise that DADS DO IT DIFFERENTLY.