

Nanneella Estate Primary School

Newsletter—Term 1 **Week 2** 6th February 2020

SCHOOL ROUTINES

Our students have all settled in very well in the first couple of weeks at school. Our Prep students were very tired by the end of the day on Friday, which highlights the value of a **rest day for them on Wednesdays during February.**

We greatly appreciate the work of Mrs McQuillan who worked all of last week to ensure the students all got off to a great start and to ensure we were well organised at school. Many thanks Jo.

Some of our current routines are:

Start of the day

- Children get their reader wallet and school equipment organised before going outside.
- Assembly circle for all students, staff and visitors.
- Grade 5/6s stand next to P/1 students to assist them in circle, to go to classroom etc.

**DAILY
CLASSROOM
ROUTINES**

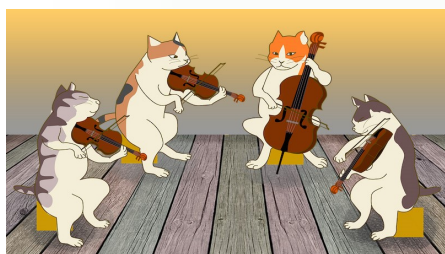
End of the day

- All students and teacher stand in a circle at about 3.10pm
- Everyone takes a turn to say: "What went well for me today was"

RECORDS UPDATE

All families are reminded that if there have been any changes regarding phone numbers, medical conditions, e.g. Asthma, headaches, allergies, etc., or any other relevant issues, can parents please inform the school as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date.

BENDIGO CHAMBER MUSIC



Tomorrow Friday 7th, three musicians will run an interactive musical performance titled "Draw What You Hear". The performance will begin at 9.00am. There is no cost to parents as the event is sponsored by the Bendigo Chamber Music Festival.



COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Friday 7th

Tennis 9.30—11.00am

Monday 17th

RSC Science Bees
Grades 5 & 6—11.00—12.50 pm

Thursday 20th

Open Water Swimming Program
Grades 3 to 6-10.00—12.00noon

Friday 21st

Tennis 9.00—11.00am

Friday 28th

Tennis 9.00—11.00am

MARCH

Friday 6th

Cluster Swimming Sports

Monday 9th

Public Holiday

No students required at School

Tuesday 10th

School Photos

Wednesday 11th

Parents Club 9.00am

Friday 13th

Tennis 9.00—11.00am

Monday 16th

Life Education Van

Thursday 19th

School Council—7.30pm

Friday 20th

National Young Leaders Day
Grade 5 & 6's only

Friday 27th

END OF TERM

PERMISSION FORMS

Our Grade 5 and 6 students will be attending a Science Bees program at Rochester Secondary College on Monday 17th February. Permission forms are attached.

OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE



The Bigroom students will be participating in the Open Water Learning Experience on Thursday 20th February from 10.00am—12.00 noon held on the banks of The Murray River in Moama. The program will take place at Maidens Inn Discovery Park, Deniliquin Street, Moama.

The students will rotate through a range of activities: Be aware and Be Prepared, Everyday Lifesaver, Survival Strategies; Rescue Strategies; and Safe Body Boarding. The program is run by Life Saving Victoria. LSV is a Child Safe Organisation. Students will leave school around 9.00am and the lessons will run from 10.00am - 12.00 noon. The cost of the program is \$13.00 per student. Parents can use CSEF monies if available. At this stage we plan to have parents driving otherwise the cost of a bus will be covered by the school.



PARENT/TEACHER CATCH UP

Many thanks to the parents who have made a time to catch up with the teachers at school this term. It is always very useful for teachers and parents to get together at the beginning of the year. These meetings will need to take place after school in the coming weeks. An appointment slip is attached to the newsletter for parents to indicate their preferences.

MOBILE PHONE

A small mobile phone was lent to a student at the School Concert last year. The student can't remember who lent the phone to them, but the phone has been handed in at school. If you think the phone might be yours please contact the school.



PARENTS CLUB



Will have a meeting on the 11th March at 9.00am in the Staffroom. Everyone welcome to attend to have a cuppa and catch up.

School Details

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Community News

OUR SUPPORTERS IN 2020

Nanneella Community Inc.
Nanneella Store 5484 5370
Bunnings Echuca
Apex Club Echuca/Moama
Rochester Sportspower
Bendigo Bank Rochester
Lions Club Rochester
Rotary Club Rochester
Rochester RSL
Shire of Campaspe
St Vinnies Rochester

School Hours

School begins for children at 8:50am and concludes at 3:20pm.

Staff are on yard duty from **8:35am** in the morning and until 3:35pm in the afternoon to supervise the students.

Children should arrive at school after 8:35am and depart from school by 3:35pm.

Parents should contact the school to discuss alternative arrangements on a one-off basis.

Healthy Eating

Our school encourages healthy eating at recess and lunch time. Fresh food is always better than processed foods. Fruit is a great snack option.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance rate is displayed in the newsletter as an indication of the importance of being at school as often as possible.

If your child is absent please let the school know as soon as possible on **the day of the absence** with a phone call or text. The school will notify parents of any unexplained absences via a phone call or text on the day such as:

Dear Parent, Our attendance check indicates your child is absent from school today. Could you please provide an explanation by phone, text or written message. Thanks, Ian.

Copies of the absence notes are attached and are also available from the office or copies may be in your child's communication book or reader cover.

DON'T FORGET: Applying sunscreen before school at this time of year helps protect your child from the dangers of UV rays.



BUSINESS MANAGER DAYS

Our wonderful Business Manager, Lesley Hanna, will be working on Thursdays and Fridays this year. This will help ensure we have a minimum of 2-4 staff on duty each day. We appreciate Lesley being flexible with her work days.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Forms are attached to this week's newsletter. See below for eligibility criteria. Forms must be returned to the school by Friday 28th February.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term one or on the first day of Term two;

- a) **Be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR**
- b) **Be a temporary foster parent, and**
- c) **Submit an application to the school by the due date.**

The amount payable for eligible primary students is \$125 per student.

Please see Lesley in the office (Thursdays and Fridays) if you have any queries.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm. This year there are 3 vacancies for the School Council, including one councillor up for re-election, so we will be in need of some more parents to help out.

All parents are encouraged to think seriously about joining school council this year, it would be great to see some new parents stepping up to undertake this vital role for the school.

Parents can be assured they will be well supported by school staff whilst on school council. There are only 2 meetings each term and a quorum of at least 3 parents is needed to hold a meeting. The school appreciates you may not be able to attend every meeting, which is understandable, however, attendance at meetings can be held over skype or on the phone if travel is an issue.



School Council Elections

Our next general meeting of School Council will be held on Wednesday 19th February, starting at 7.30pm.

School Council meets twice per term and plays an important role in supporting the school by approving school budgets, grounds works, school policies and the like and most importantly school camps and sleep-overs.

Our School Council membership for 2020/21 needs to be finalised by the end of March, including allowing time for elections if required.

At present Trevor Froon is up for re-election. There are also another two vacant positions to be filled, which make a total of 3 positions to be filled.

Forms are attached to this newsletter calling for either self nomination to school council or nomination by another community member.

Closing date for nominations:

Friday 6th March

Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted:

- ◆ Tuesday 10th March, 2020

Date by which ballot papers will be distributed (if needed):

- ◆ Thursday 12th March, 2020

Close of ballot:

- ◆ Tuesday 17th March , 2020

Nomination forms can be dropped at the school office at any time before:

Friday 6th March, 2020.