

# Nanneella Estate Primary School

Newsletter—Term 1 **Week 2**—7th February 2019



## **Great Start**

All students have settled in very well in their new grades and classes. Our grade six students have all stepped up to their new roles and have made a fabulous start in running daily and weekly assemblies. Well done.

## **Parent/Teacher/Family Dinner**



Our annual BYO dinner will take place at school on Tuesday 26th February starting at 6.30pm. The evening provides an opportunity for parents to see what their child's classroom is looking like for 2019; to have a tour at the school with your child and for our grade 6 students to practice their leadership skills by hosting the event.

It's a BYO dinner, fish & chips, pizza or cold meat and salad have been popular options in the past. The school BBQ will also be available for use.

## **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

The start of the year is an ideal time for parent/teacher interviews. If family circumstances have changed or if there are issues that the school needs to know about please contact the school to make an appointment time. Teachers will also contact parents if they think a meeting is required. Many thanks to those parents who have already spoken with teachers, contacted the school to organise a meeting or to keep the school up to date.

## **Healthy Lunches**

Students are encouraged to bring healthy lunches to school each day. A piece of fruit is always a good option, whilst snacks that come wrapped in plastic or foil are usually very expensive, high in sugar and create rubbish. Students also have the option of bringing water bottles in to class to keep hydrated throughout the day. The drink bottles must only be filled with water as it is healthier and spills are less messy and sticky.



## **Whole School Assemblies**

These are held each Friday at 3.00pm. The assembly is run by a grade 6 leader and involves singing the national anthem, presentations of awards, reminders and appreciations.

Seating is provided at the back of the Bigroom for parents and other guests. Entry is best via the sliding door at the gazebo end of the room.

## Coming Events 2019

### February

#### **Wednesday 13th**

Open Water Swimming Program Gr 3-6

#### **Monday 18th**

Swim Trials

#### **Wednesday 20th**

School Council—7.30pm

#### **Tuesday 26th**

Family Dinner—6.30pm

### March

#### **Friday 1st**

Cluster Swimming Sports

#### **Monday 11th**

Labour Day—Public Holiday

#### **Tuesday 12th**

School Photos

#### **Monday 18th**

National Young Leaders Day—Grade 6

#### **Tuesday 26th**

Life Education Van

### April

#### **Friday 5th**

END OF TERM 1

#### **Tuesday 23rd**

START OF TERM 2

## **Attendance**

Our attendance rate is displayed in the newsletter as an indication of the importance of being at school as often as possible. This is particularly relevant at the beginning of the year when class routines and expectations are set up. It is also vital as this is the time of year when new friendship groups are sorted out and the new dynamics of the playground come into play. As mentioned last year there have been updates to the Education Department's Attendance Policy. Schools must notify parents of any unexplained absences, as soon as possible on **the day of the absence**. This will be done via phone call or a text 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.***



## **School Council Elections**

Our next general meeting of School Council will be held on Wednesday 20th 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 2019/20 needs to be finalised by the end of March, including allowing time for elections if required.

At present Megan Ilton, Natalie Foley & Taylym Mark are up for re-election. There are also another two vacant position 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 8th March

Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted:  
Tuesday 12th March

Date by which ballot papers will be distributed (if needed):  
Thursday 14th March

Close of ballot:  
Tuesday 19th March

Nomination forms can be dropped at the school office at any time before **Friday 8th March**.

## **Voluntary Parent Payments 2019**

Each year our parent club asks for a donation from each family at our school in lieu of running fundraising events such as cake stalls, chocolate drives, raffles, barbecues and the like. With many families being time poor, a voluntary contribution is often a preferred option.

The school would love to see a vibrant and active parents club as all the students love to see their parents and other family members at their school taking an interest in their education.

The voluntary levy helps the parents club support special events at our school like the Easter egg hunt; camp subsidies; a free hat to every new student; grade 6 T-shirt; Football/ Netball day; the Tonny Pool day and so much more.

The Parents Club Voluntary contribution for 2019 is \$80.00 per family. A letter and form requesting the voluntary contribution will be sent home next week.

## **Asthma, Allergies Updates**

Parents are requested to provide details of any conditions or changes to their child's health that the school needs to be aware of.

Asthma plan forms have been sent home to students who were on our list last year, however if your child uses a puffer and you have not received a copy of the Asthma Plan, then please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

## **Bigroom Swimming**

Wednesday 13th February—Open Water Learning Experience

Monday 18th February—Swim Trials

Friday 1st March—Cluster Swimming Sports

## **Open Water Learning Experience—13/02/19**

Our Grade 3—6 students will be participating in the Open Water Learning Experience on the banks of the Murray next Wednesday 13th February (not the Friday as previously announced). The program is run by Life Saving Victoria and the focus is a water safety and First Aid skills. Students will be transported in vehicles driven by staff and parent volunteers.



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## **OUR SUPPORTERS**

### **IN 2019**

**Nanneella Store 5484 5370**

**Bunnings Echuca**

**Apex Club Echuca/Moama**

**Rochester Sportspower**

**Bendigo Bank Rochester**

**Lions Club Rochester**

**Rochester RSL**

**Shire of Campaspe**

**St Vinnies Rochester**

**Centre for Non Violence**

### **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. It's an ideal nude food.



## ART COMPETITION

Prizes are on offer for primary school students in this local competition. Canvases (20cm x 20cm) cost \$5.00 and are available from the School Office.

Interested students need to complete their canvas at home and return the canvas to Dingwall's Newsagency by 23rd February, 2019.

## 2019 ROCHESTER MURAL FESTIVAL

### THEME

### “OUR COUNTRY LIFE”

Paint, collage or in any way decorate your canvas board relating to our theme.

**Return to Dingwall's by 23/02/2019**

Primary, Secondary or Open Age Groups

**WIN \$50 PRIZE MONEY**

Per category—get creative and enter now!!

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