

# Nanneella Estate Primary School

Newsletter—Term 1 **Week 3**—14th February 2019

## **Open Water Learning Experience**

The Bigroom children all attended the annual Open Water Learning Experience on the banks of the Murray River yesterday. Mrs McQuillan was very impressed with the students' persistence and resilience. This was greatly needed as the weather was quite cool after so many weeks of hot days. Many thanks to the parents who drove the students to and from the event and to Callum for showing great leadership by remembering to thank the instructors at the end of the session.



## **Swimming Trials**

We look forward to warmer weather next Monday when the students will head to the Rochester Pool to prepare for the Cluster Swimming Sports. Students will be transported in private vehicles driven by staff and parents.

## **School Future Assured**

On Monday afternoon Ian met with three Education Department officers, including Mr Paul Hon our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) to look at the school's budget given the current enrolment of 18 students. Mr Hon was quick to point out that the school's viability is assured now and into the future.

The issue that needs to be addressed however, is the current funding level for 18 students, which does not support running of the two classrooms which currently operate.

(In fact for many years our school has actually run 3 classes at times, on three days of the week, as part of our mathematics program.) The school will now work with the Education Department to develop a plan to be implemented over the next two to three years.

In the meantime it will be business as usual at NEPS this year with two classes running (the Bigroom and the Littleroom), however there will be some minor changes to our programs to ensure we deliver the best opportunities for the current cohort of students. An example of this may be the whole school doing Physical Education together at times, rather than two separate PE classes.

Ian will have further meetings with education department officials throughout this year. The officials will provide support and advice to the school to assist in making the best decisions about the structure of the school.



## Coming Events 2019

### February

#### **Monday 18th**

Swim Trials

#### **Tuesday 19th**

Parents Club Morning Tea—  
9.00am

#### **Wednesday 20th**

School Council—7.30pm

#### **Tuesday 26th**

BYO 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

## **Student Attendance**

Last Week —100%

## **GRROW: School Values**

Staff and students have been working on what our school values (listed at the bottom of the newsletter) may look like on different occasions at school, such as during a maths lesson or PE lesson. These will be on display in the classroom for all to see and use. Staff and students have also been talking about a “fixed mindset and a growth mindset” and how this can effect our attitudes and engagement in everything we do. A reference sheet is attached to the newsletter for each family to keep at home. We hope you find it useful.

## **School Fees**

The compulsory school fees of \$90 per students are set by school council to cover the cost of stationery, class materials and other education costs. Many thanks to the families who have already paid their fees.

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



## **Facebook & Social Media**

Any photos of students taken at school or at school events must not be uploaded to Facebook or any social media without consent from the student's parents. Parents should only upload photos of their own children. Privacy laws prohibit any photos or videos of school students being used or uploaded without their parent's permission.

## **Ready to Learn**

For students to fully benefit from their school experience, they need to have a nutritious breakfast and have had adequate sleep the night before. Research suggests that between 10–11 hours sleep per night is recommended for school age children, along with a regular routine for going to bed and then starting the day. This link has some excellent information for families struggling with this issue.



[http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/sleep\\_faqs.html/context/757](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/sleep_faqs.html/context/757).

## **School Council**

Our first meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

## **Art Competition**

We have had 6 students so far entering the 2019 Rochester Mural Festival Art Competition this year. Canvases are still available from the school for \$5.00 each.

We appreciated the efforts of these students who are taking up the opportunity to compete and to support The Mural Festival. Well done.

## **Grade 6 T-Shirts**

Could the parents of our Grade 6 students return the attached form as soon as possible. We would like to put the order in for the T-Shirts next week.

## **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 & Taylyn Mark are up for re-election. There are also another two vacant 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 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**.

## **From the Business Manager**

The term 1 school fees are due by the 28th March. Thank you to the families that have already paid.

There are still some families that haven't paid for the Open Water Learning Experience excursion held this week. Could this be paid as soon as possible please.



The Grade 5/6—Canberra Camp will be held in November and Grade 3/4 Camp Billabong in August. Statements will be coming home in the next few weeks outlining the anticipated amount due. I will be setting up a payment plan/guide for you to help pay by instalments if this is your preference. You can either EFT or send payment to school with your child.

## **School Details**

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Community News

## **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.



## Parents Club Voluntary Contribution

Our Parents Club also ask that each family makes a voluntary contribution to help cover the costs associated with the benefits that the students receive from parents club. A letter is attached for the information of families.



## Parents Meet & Greet Morning Tea

A morning tea for all parents will be hosted by Parents Club next Tuesday 19th February at 9am in the staffroom. All parents, new and old, are cordially invited to attend. A delicious morning tea will be provided, and if you have a favourite recipe feel free to bring along a plate too. This will be an informal gathering, all welcome.

## 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.



## ABC Wildlife Photo Competition

Take a photo of Australian wildlife for a chance to have your image published on the Australian Geographic website!

Tell us about the animal in the description (75 words max). For example, is it a mammal, reptile, fish, bird or arthropod? What is its scientific name? Where does it live, what does it eat and what are its habits? What makes it special?

Enter as many times as you like. The entry with the best image and description will win, so keep a high-quality copy of your image.

**Be safe! DO NOT** approach any harmful animals, and do not disturb or harm any animals.

Go to: <http://education.abc.net.au> and Search: Wildlife photo competition

Tell your parents what you're doing. **DO NOT use real names anywhere on your entry!** You don't need to register or log in, just fill the entry form and upload your image. Make-up a Display name for your entry.

Sally Bentley  
Murray Plains MACC  
Leitchville Primary School

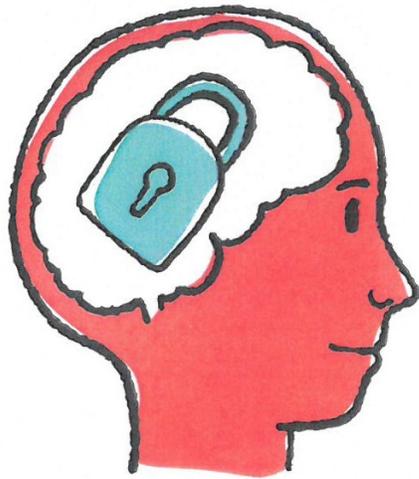


# OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

## Grade 3—6

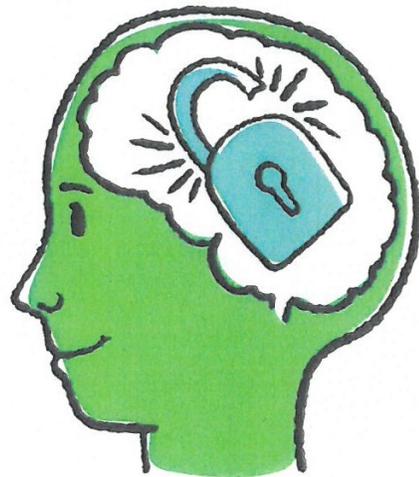


# WHAT KIND OF MINDSET DO I HAVE?



## FIXED MINDSET

- I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
- If I fail, I'm no good.
- I don't like to be challenged.
- I feel like feedback is personal.
- If you succeed, I feel threatened.
- I give up if I find something difficult.
- My abilities determine everything.



## GROWTH MINDSET

- I can learn anything I want to.
- I learn from my failures.
- I want to challenge myself.
- I feel like feedback is constructive.
- I am inspired by the success of others.
- I always persevere, even when I'm frustrated.
- My effort and attitude determine everything.