

# Nanneella Estate Primary School

Newsletter—Term 1 **Week 8** 19th March 2020



## **GRADE 6 INDUCTION**



Last Friday was our Grade 6 leadership Induction Ceremony. Our leaders Meg, Gabi and Charlotte each addressed the audience sharing their thoughts on leadership and acknowledging someone they admire. At the end of the ceremony our leaders were very excited to receive their Grade 6 shirts for 2020.

The t-shirts were presented by Lisa Froon our Parent's Club President and the Grade 6 Leadership certificates were presented by Tay Mark, our new School Council President. It was fabulous to see so many people in the audience and we look forward to seeing the students grow in their leadership capabilities throughout the year.



## **KOORI PRESENTATION**

Uncle Rick Ronan and Uncle Howard Armstrong also attended the grade 6 leadership presentations where Uncle Rick delivered a welcome to country and also congratulated the students on their new roles. Our school was then officially presented with a framed Koori-round, Collingwood jumper, which was signed by all the players. Uncle Howard Armstrong explained that Nanneella Estate was chosen to receive this honour due to all the work undertaken to promote inclusion in our school and to develop a greater understanding of Koori culture. The school was also told that we would receive a donation of \$250, which is the fee Uncle Rick received for performing a welcome to Country on Australia Day this year. The school greatly appreciates the support and funds provided on this occasion.



## **COMING EVENTS**

### **MARCH**

**Tuesday 24th**  
SCHOOL REVIEW Day 2

**Wednesday 25th**

**Friday 27th**  
END OF TERM

### **APRIL**

**Tuesday 14th**  
TERM TWO STARTS

### **MAY**

**Tuesday 5th—NAPLAN**  
**Wednesday 6th—NAPLAN**  
**Thursday 7th—NAPLAN**

**Wednesday 20th - Biggest Morning Tea**  
Community Kids Day

## **Student Attendance**

Last Week 92%  
Year to Date 91%



Our new School Council held its AGM and March meeting last night at school. At the AGM all positions were declared vacant and a new executive was formed. Congratulations and many thanks go to:

Tay Mark - PRESIDENT

Trevor Froon - Vice President

Megan Ilton - Treasurer

Our grounds coordinator will be Trent Bannister and Lesley Hanna (our Business Manager) has volunteered to take minutes at the meetings.

The people above will be supported by Crystal Lord and Frank Tait who are new school councillors this year.

The school greatly appreciates the support provided by these parents and their families.

## **COVID-19 VIRUS**

The school continues to receive daily updates about the virus. The situation was also discussed at last night's school council meeting.

Staff and students have implemented a hand washing procedure at school with the students supervised by the teachers when washing their hands

- ◆ before school
- ◆ At the start of recess
- ◆ At the start of lunch
- ◆ At the end of lunch

Two new hand washing stations have been set up to ensure this takes place as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

## **CAMPS**

Our cluster is also reviewing our school camps schedule. We have been advised that if we cancel the grade 5/6 Camp, the deposit of \$1200 will be lost, further if the camp is cancelled after May 29th 75% of the cost will be charged to the schools, this is up to \$14,500. Fortunately we have some time up our sleeve to negotiate with the camp providers to come to an agreed outcome. Details around the grade 3/4 camp are still being investigated.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Our school has also been advised that the Cluster cross country has been cancelled. It may be rescheduled later in the year.

The Education Department has confirmed that schools remain open at this stage, unless the advice from the Chief Health Officer changes.

## **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

Nathan West Plumbing

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.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

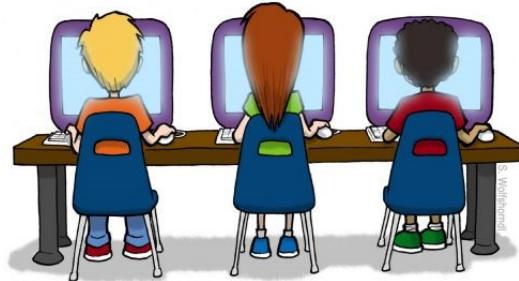
It was fabulous to have everyone present for the 2020 school photos. Our school photographer has advised that the photos should be ready next term. Many thanks to all families who made the extra effort to ensure the children all looked their best on the day.

## **REVIEW PANEL DAY**

Next Tuesday 24th is the second day of the school review. All parents are invited to meet the reviewer, Wendy Larcombe, for an informal chat and some morning tea before school at 8.30am.

## **INTERNET AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES POLICY**

Attached to the newsletter this week is the Internet and Digital Technology Acceptable Use Agreement for students. This agreement is an important part of Internet and Digital Technology Policy which was ratified at School Council last night.



The ideas and concepts in this agreement discuss communicating respectfully and safely online. Please take the time to read and discuss the agreement with your child and then return the signed forms to school as soon as possible.

In the Bigroom we are just beginning our online presence for 2020.

Yesterday the Bigroom students set up an online 'Virtual Classroom'. This space is password protected and only accessible to the children and Mrs McQuillan. It was great to see lots of students keen to see if they could access the virtual classroom at home and a few students were able to work in the space. However, it seems it was with mixed success, due to internet challenges and search engine/platform issues. It would be great to hear from families about this access, as the Education Department are looking for information about our school/home connectivity.

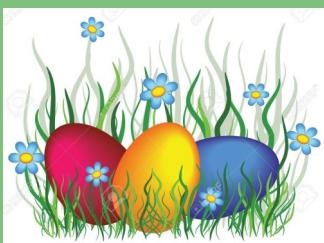
We are also going to be part of the Student Blogging Challenge which is a world wide online space which will be a fantastic opportunity to communicate with students from all over the world. We are hoping to access to this fully set up and ready to go next week.

Through all these lessons we will be discussing and practising respectful and safe online work.

## **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Parents Club will once again be supporting the school when we hold the annual Easter egg hunt. The last day will also be an opportunity for our students to have a crazy hair and PJ day. Students can bring their school uniform along to change into at recess if they wish.

We also ask families for a gold coin donation to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.



## **GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL—CANCELLED**

The Good Friday fundraising appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital run by the Nanneella Hall Committee has been cancelled.