Nanneella Estate Primary School

Newsletter: Term 3 Week 3

August 7th, 2025

From the Principal—Tom Mangan

Beanies

Our design has been sent through to the manufacturers. They are due back by week 8, fingers crossed we still have some chilly mornings to use them this year. Otherwise they will still be great next winter.

SWPBS

Our next steps in the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support process is deciding on an acknowledgement system for when our students demonstrate our values. The students and staff started this process earlier in the week and we will be finalising it next week. It is great to hear the students' ideas about how they would like to be acknowledged for living our values.

2025 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Tuesday 28th January—
Friday 4th April

TERM 2

Tuesday 22nd April—
Friday 4th July

TERM 3

Monday 21st July—
Friday 19th September

TERM 4

Monday 6th October —
Friday 19th December

Considerate, Responsible, Courageous

Book Week

Book week parade is fast approaching, Monday 18th of August, and it is great to hear the students excitedly sharing their costume plans. A massive thank you to the families for supporting your students to celebrate this occasion with a costume. I know the students really appreciate your efforts and they look forward to this every year.

Athletics

Our Gr 3-6 cluster athletics are being held in Week 6 on Thursday 28th of August. Unfortunately I will be away on this day. Students will be traveling to the Bendigo Athletic Track with Miss Robbers and Michelle on a bus for the day. Parents are invited to attend and cheer their students on. This is a great opportunity for our students to get to know other students in our cluster, especially leading up to our 3/4 and 5/6 camps happening early next term.

OUR SUPPORTERS IN 2025

Nanneella General Store
Apex Club Echuca/Moama
Moama Bowling Club
Brady Electrical
Firepits R Us—Kyabram
Bridgestone Echuca
Bunnings Echuca
WB Hunters Echuca
Lions Club Rochester
Rotary Club Rochester
Rochester RSL
Shire of Campaspe
Breakfast Club

School Hours

8:50am to 3:20pm.

Staff are on yard duty from **8:35am** until **3:35pm**.

Parents should contact the school to discuss alternative arrangements if needed.

We acknowledge the Bangarang / Yorta Yorta People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered.

We welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our school.

Father's day raffle

We are currently organising prizes for our Father's Day raffle, if any individuals or businesses would like to donate a prize it would be greatly appreciated. Tickets will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

Student work

I have really enjoyed being back in the classroom more while Miss Whitford completes her placement. This week the Junior room have been working on Alliteration. Please see some of their fantastic work below. Students have really enjoyed the short sharp and engaging nature of alliteration.

The dirty dog Dusty is driving a dump truck to the dam with dad.

By Savannah

Sally snake likes slithering with Sam the snail and Savannah the slug.

They all like to slurp smoothies, they always slack off on the synthetic sofa. They hate getting scared, they do like free samples but they are very scared of seals, seagulls and starfish.

By Penny

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2025	
TERM 3	**August**
Thursday 14th	School Council—5.30pm @ School
Monday 18th	Book week Parade
Thursday 28th	Cluster Athletics—Bendigo
	September
Thursday 4th	Father's Day/Special Person's Day Stall
Sunday 7th	Father's Day/Special Person's Day
Friday 19th	End of Term 3
TERM 4	**October**
Monday 6th	First day Term 4

PROTECT
Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility

HELP IS BUT A PHONE CALL AWAY

LIFELINE	KID'S HELPLINE	BEYOND BLUE
13 11 14	1800 55 1800	1300 22 4636

Book Week

Children's Book Week will be held from August 16th to 23rd. It marks the 80th anniversary of the event, which is organised by The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA). The theme this year is Book an Adventure! In Library this term we have been reading these books and doing activities. Below is a list of the shortlisted books. The winning books will be announced during Book Week.

Helen McLaren
(MARC Librarian)

Early Childhood Shortlist 2025

Picture Book of the Year Shortlist 2025

Younger Readers Shortlist 2025

Eve Pownall Award Shortlist 2025

CBCA Award for New Illustrator Shortlist 2025

Schools in Category 3 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and the Category 4 List.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **the Northern Country fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by text, email and UEducateUs notification.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and removal of vegetation close to buildings, ensuring the lawn is regularly mown, yards are kept in a clear manner, gutters are cleaned regularly.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website https://www.nanneella-estate-ps.vic.edu.au/ by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the CFA's website.
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website https://emergency.vic.gov.au
- Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency)
- Twitter (https://twitter.com/vicemergency)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the Category 4 List.

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.