Nanneella Estate Primary School

Newsletter: Term 1 Week 8

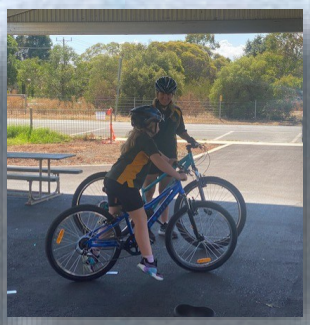
March 20th, 2025

From the Principal—Tom Mangan

New Bikes

Last week our new bikes arrived. A massive thanks to the Variety Bikes for Kids program that we were successful in the Grant application process with. We are now the proud owners of 20 bikes of various sizes allowing all students the chance to have one that fits as well as supporting the various riding abilities and experiences of our students. All students also have their own helmet that is kept in their bag locker for use at school.

Students have enjoyed cruising around the school on our bikes, we will be using the bikes to complete Bike Education later in the year as well.



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

Harmony Day

Tomorrow our students will join with Rochester Primary School to recognise harmony day. Students are invited to wear orange for they day or school uniform. Students will have the opportunity to sample food from different cultures throughout the day as well as participate in some activities and finish the day off with clubs.

MHiPS Training

Tuesday and Wednesday this week I was in Bendigo participating in the Mental Health in Primary Schools initiative training. This training is aligned with the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader role I will be undertaking for the next 3 years.

This is a very important and exciting opportunity for our school to investigate how we are supporting our students' mental health with Tier 1 initiatives across the entire school.

We will also be collecting data around our students' current needs, our staff's knowledge, skills and confidence in identifying, supporting and referring students that may need additional support.

We look forward to the work our school will undertake in this space and seeing how the role develops this year and into the future.

SCHOOL VALUES: Considerate, Responsible, Courageous

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.

Cross Country

Next week our students will be traveling to the Elmore Events Centre to participate in our Cluster Cross Country event. A permission note is up on uEducateUs to be completed please.

Families are welcome to attend to support the students as well as help on the course. If you will be transporting or attending with your child, please let me know so I can factor this when organising private vehicle transport. With our new value of Courageous I look forward to seeing students give it a go by doing their best. We have had some fabulous efforts when completing our morning laps as well as students smashing the laps on the new bikes.

James Sait Visit

Wednesday 2nd of April James will be visiting the school to catch up with staff and students in preparation for his time with us during Term 2 while I am away. We look forward to welcoming James and him getting to know everyone and everything about NEPS.

Photos

A reminder school photos are Monday 31st March at school.

Last Day of Term

Our last day of Term 1 will be Friday 4th of April, students will attend Rochester PS as usual but will have and early dismissal time of 2:20pm.

ANZAC Dusk Service

Thursday April 24th Nanneella will be hosting a Dusk ANZAC Service at the Memorial Hall. Attendees are asked to assemble by 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start with the service concluding at 6:30pm. The school is invited to lay a wreath during the service. Any students that are attending the service are invited to wear their school uniform and support in the laying of the wreath if they wish.

It would be great to see our families there to support this service.

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2025	
TERM 1	March/April
Wednesday 26th	Cross Country—Elmore
Thursday 27th	Glasses for Kids
Monday 31st	School Photos
Wednesday 2nd	James Sait Visit
TERM 2	April
Tuesday 22nd	Term 2 Starts
Friday 25th	Anzac Day—No students at school

PROTECT
Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility

HELP IS BUT A PHONE CALL AWAY
LIFELINE 13 11 14
KID'S HELPLINE 1800 55 1800
BEYOND BLUE 1300 22 4636

ELMORE PS
150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

COMMUNITY FAIR

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 10AM - 3PM

FOR THE KIDS

UNLIMITED ACTIVITY PASS

EARLY BIRD PRICE $25 OR $30 ON THE DAY

JURRASSIC ADVENTURE

- INFLATABLES
- INTERACTIVE REPTILE DISPLAY
- PLAYGROUP PLAY CENTRE
- TEMPORARY TATTOO
- CFA FIRE TRUCK
- VICTORIA POLICE CAR + STAND

INFLATABLE BUNGEE- RUN

INCLUDES 1 X SAUSAGE AND SOFT DRINK

FOR THE GROWN UPS

- 25+ Market Stalls
- Extensive historical Displays
- Student Art Displays
- Commemorative tea towel, pavers and local wine
- Food and Drink
- Live entertainment
- Licensed Bar

PAST AND PRESENT STUDENT AND STAFF PHOTO AT 1PM

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 54326247 OR EMAIL ELMORE.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU TO PRE-PURCHASE UNLIMITED ACTIVITY PASSES, TEA TOWELS, PAVERS AND WINE.
ALL ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE DAY

COLBINABBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
MARKET
DAY
SUNDAY
30TH
MARCH
10AM
TILL
3PM
KIDS ACTIVITIES
JUMPING CASTLES
LIVE MUSIC : ANGELUS
SPINNING WHEEL
RAFFLES | STALLS
GREAT FOOD
MASSIVE AUCTION

Child Safety and wellbeing at Nanneella Estate Primary school

Information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and well being.

Nanneella Estate PS has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school website, via uEducateUs, and the general office @ school.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Nanneella Estate PS at nanneella.estate.ps@education.vic.gov.au or by phone on 03 5484 5395.

There are 11 Child Safe Standards:

Standard 1: Culturally safe environments – Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.

Standard 2: Leadership, governance and culture – Ensure that child safety and wellbeing are embedded in school leadership, governance and culture.

Standard 3: Child and student empowerment – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

Standard 4: Family engagement – Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Standard 5: Diversity and equity – Equity is upheld and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice.

Standard 6: Suitable staff and volunteers – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

Standard 7: Child-focused complaints processes – Ensure that processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.

Standard 8: Child safety knowledge, skills and awareness – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

Standard 9: Physical and online environments – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

Standard 10: Review of child safety practices - Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

Standard 11: Implementation of child safety practices – Policies and procedures that document how schools are safe for children, young people and students.

FOUR CRITICAL ACTIONS FOR SCHOOLS

Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse

YOU MUST TAKE ACTION

As a school staff member, you play a **critical role** in protecting children in your care.

- You **must** act, by following the Four Critical Actions, as soon as you witness an incident, receive a disclosure or form a reasonable belief * that a child has, or is at risk of being abused.
- You **must** act if you form a suspicion/ reasonable belief, even if you are unsure and have not directly observed child abuse (e.g. if the victim or another person tells you about the abuse).
- It is strongly recommended that you use the ***Responding to Suspected Child Abuse template*** to keep clear and comprehensive notes, even if you make a decision not to report.

** A reasonable belief is a deliberately low threshold. This enables authorities to investigate and take action.*

1 RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY

If there is no risk of immediate harm go to **Action 2**

If a child is at immediate risk of harm you **must** ensure their safety by:

- separating alleged victims and others involved
- administering first aid
- calling **000 for urgent medical and/ or police assistance** to respond to immediate health or safety concerns
- identifying a contact person at the school for future liaison with Police.

Where necessary you may also need to maintain the integrity of the potential crime scene and preserve evidence.

2 REPORTING TO AUTHORITIES / REFERRING TO SERVICES

As soon as immediate health and safety concerns are addressed you **must** report all incidents, suspicions and disclosures of child abuse as soon as possible. Failure to report physical and sexual child abuse may amount to a criminal offence.

Q: Where does the source of suspected abuse come from?

WITHIN THE SCHOOL

VICTORIA POLICE

You **must** report all instances of suspected child abuse involving a school staff member, contractor, volunteer or visitor to Victoria Police.

You **must also** report **internally** to:

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

- School principal and/or leadership team
- Employee Conduct Branch
- DET Incident Support and Operations Centre.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- School principal and/or leadership team
- Diocesan education office.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

- School principal and/or school chairperson
- Commission for Children and Young People on **1300 782 978**.

All allegations of 'reportable conduct' **must** be reported as soon as possible to:

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

- Employee Conduct Branch

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- Diocesan education office

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

- Commission for Children and Young People on **1300 782 978**.

WITHIN THE FAMILY OR COMMUNITY

DHHS CHILD PROTECTION

You **must** report to DHHS Child Protection if a child is considered to be:

- in need of protection from child abuse
- at risk of being harmed (or has been harmed) and the harm has had, or is likely to have, a serious impact on the child's safety, stability or development.

VICTORIA POLICE

You **must also** report all instances of suspected sexual abuse (including grooming) to Victoria Police.

You **must also** report **internally** to:

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

- School principal and/or leadership team
- DET Incident Support and Operations Centre.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- School principal and/or leadership team
- Diocesan education office.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

- School principal and/or chairperson.

For suspected student sexual assault, please follow the **Four Critical Actions: Student Sexual Offending.**

OTHER CONCERNS

If you believe that a child is not subject to abuse, but you still hold **significant concerns** for their wellbeing you **must** still act. This may include making a referral or seeking advice from:

- Child FIRST/The Orange Door (in circumstances where the family are open to receiving support)
- DHHS Child Protection
- Victoria Police.

3 CONTACTING PARENTS/CARERS

Your principal **must** consult with DHHS Child Protection or Victoria Police to determine what information can be shared with parents/carers. They may advise:

- **not to contact** the parents/carer (e.g. in circumstances where the parents are alleged to have engaged in the abuse, or the child is a mature minor and does not wish for their parent/carer to be contacted)
- **to contact** the parents/carers and provide agreed information (this must be done as soon as possible, preferably on the same day of the incident, disclosure or suspicion)
- **how to communicate** with all relevant parties with consideration for their safety.

4 PROVIDING ONGOING SUPPORT

Your school **must** provide support for children impacted by abuse. This should include the development of a ***Student Support Plan*** in consultation with wellbeing professionals. This is an essential part of your duty of care requirements.

Strategies may include development of a safety plan, direct support and referral to wellbeing professionals and support.

You **must** follow the **Four Critical Actions** every time you become aware of a further instance or risk of abuse. This includes reporting new information to authorities.

CONTACT

DHHS CHILD PROTECTION

AREA

North Division **1300 664 977**
South Division **1300 655 795**
East Division **1300 360 391**
West Division (Rural) **1800 075 599**
West Division (Metro) **1300 664 977**

AFTER HOURS

After hours, weekends, public holidays **13 12 78**.

CHILD FIRST

https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/referral-and-support-teams

ORANGE DOOR

https://www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence/the-orange-door.html

VICTORIA POLICE

000 or your local police station

DET INCIDENT SUPPORT AND OPERATIONS CENTRE

1800 126 126

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT UNIT

1800 126 126

EMPLOYEE CONDUCT BRANCH

(03) 9637 2595

DIOCESAN OFFICE

Melbourne **(03) 9267 0228**
Ballarat **(03) 5337 7135**
Sale **(03) 5622 6600**
Sandhurst **(03) 5443 2377**

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS VICTORIA

(03) 9825 7200

THE LOOKOUT

The LOOKOUT has a service directory, information, and evidence based guidance to help you respond to family violence: http://www.lookout.org.au

Family violence victims/survivors can be referred to **1800 Respect** for counselling, information and a referral service: **1800 737 732**.

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