Nanneella Estate Primary School

Newsletter: Term 1 Week 2

February 4th, 2026

From the Acting Principal—Sandi Spittal

Welcome to 2026!

Welcome back to a new school year at Nanneella Estate Primary School.

It has been wonderful reconnecting with our students and hearing about what they enjoyed over the break — from family time and trips away to outdoor adventures.

Our staff have returned full of energy, and there is a real sense of excitement as we begin the year together.

Foundation P—4

Welcome to our Graduate Teacher, Ms Chloe West into the Junior Class. Chloe is a local and familiar with teaching in small schools.

Term 1

Term 1 will be a busy and engaging one, with many opportunities for community connection and student participation. Upcoming events include the Swimming Sports, Life Saving Water Safety program, Coffee Morning, NAPLAN testing, and Athletics.

Thank you in advance for your continued support with these events — your involvement truly makes a difference to our school community.

Rochester PS

I've decided not to go into Rochester this term, as I'm still familiarising myself with how things work at NEPS. Additionally, Chloe is also new to her role, and I want to support her as she settles in. I am still waiting for more replies from parents as to whether we continue going into Rochester PS.

2026 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

SCHOOL VALUES: Considerate, Responsible, Courageous

OUR

SUPPORTERS IN 2026

Nanneella General Store
Apex Club Echuca/Moama
Moama Bowling Club
Brady Electrical
Firepits R Us—Kyabram
Bridgestone Echuca
Bunnings Echuca
WB Hunters Echuca

School Hours

8:50am to 3:20pm.

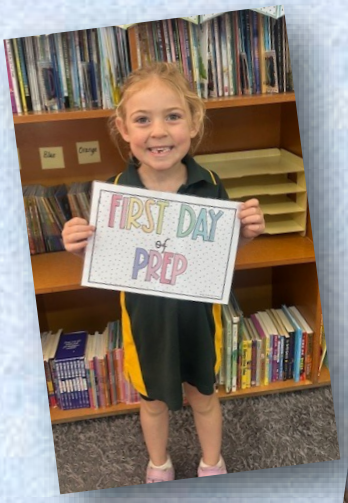
Staff are on yard duty from **8:35am** until **3:35pm**.

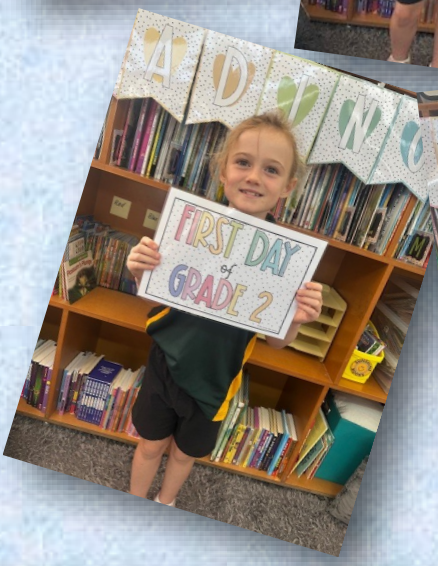
Parents should contact the school to discuss alternative arrangements if needed.

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

First Day—2026





DATES TO REMEMBER – 2026	
TERM 1	**February**
Tuesday 10th	School Council @ School 3.45pm
Thursday 12th	Little Nippers 10.00am—12.00pm
Monday 9th	LABOUR DAY—no students

Small Schools – Big Impact

Small schools play an essential role in our education landscape. They are places where students are known, families are connected, and learning is personal. Principals and teachers describe them as dynamic, adaptable, and deeply community-driven — schools where relationships are strong, decisions are swift, and every student has the opportunity to thrive.

"Small Schools don't operate alone, they link up with other small schools to provide additional opportunities for students"
- Small School Principal on power of Clusters.

Key Points

1. **Strong Community** – Family-like connections where everyone is known and valued.
2. **Personalised Learning** – Every student is seen, receives tailored attention and support.
3. **Student Voice & Leadership** – Every student has opportunities to lead and contribute.
4. **Flexible & Fast to Act** – Opportunity to be innovative and have adaptive responses to local needs.
5. **Collaborative & Supportive Staff Teams** – Shared ownership, broad skill sets, and inclusive teamwork.
6. **Focus on Wellbeing in calm environments** – Safe, nurturing settings where students thrive emotionally.
7. **Cluster Collaboration** – Schools work together, not in competition, sharing ideas and creativity.