Nanneella Estate Primary School

Newsletter: Term 3 Week 5

August 21st, 2025

From the Principal—Tom Mangan

Book week

Well done to all students and their families for their wonderful efforts for book week on Monday. It was wonderful to see both students and staff enjoying themselves in their costumes.

Thank you to the families for supporting your students in this. I know the stress that can come with getting costumes organised, in my house we had Ned Brockman, Robin Hood and Moana.

Clubs

This week Friday afternoon clubs begin in Rochester, our students have put in their preferences and they will now get to enjoy their selections. Sometimes the activities are back right on 3:20 so we may be back to school a little later than normal. If we are running very late I will let everyone know otherwise we may just be back a little after the bell. If anyone ever needs to leave right on 3:20 or earlier there is the option to collect your child from Rochester PS.

Absences

A reminder that if you child is going to be absent for the day to please either jump on uEducateUs to mark the absence, send a message through to the school mobile, or give the school a call and chat to someone or leave a voice message if needed.

It is a Department requirement for schools to be informed and record student attendance and absences correctly.

Thank you to everyone that lets me know of any absences, it makes our days run smoother.

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

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.

Athletics

Next week, on Thursday, our students are venturing off to Bendigo for our Cluster Athletics with our other small schools. Our students have been putting in a great effort during our PE time to ensure they are ready to give it their best. Mrs Kemp, Michelle and Miss Robbers will be there supporting our students for the day. Students and staff will be travelling by bus, families are welcome to join us in Bendigo to cheer on the students.

Thank you to all families for jumping on and consenting for their students to attend the great day. Please ensure students are dressed ready for the weather as it can be very cool at times.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our parent opinion survey is currently available, this closes on Friday 19th of September. It would be great to have a 100% response rate. We are currently on 17% with one family already responding, thank you. There was a link and generic pin code sent out via text on Monday as well as more detailed information in the uEducateUs announcement.

Rochy PS Aths/Father Day Breakfast

Friday 5th of September Rochester Primary will be holding a Father's Day breakfast in the morning and then a school wide athletics carnival. Families are invited to take their student straight to Rochester Primary School to enjoy breakfast with them, otherwise we will be transporting students as normal. The Athletics will take place at the Windridge Oval from 10-2:30pm, students will be transported back to NEPS from the oval. A permission note will be up on uEducateUs with more details closer to the day.

Special Person's/Father's Day

Today we sent home raffle books for you to sell. $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Prizes are:

Rochy Mitre 10 Voucher—Value $100 (TBC)
Cottam's Family Butcher Voucher—Value $50 and BBQ Rub/Sauce Pack
Nanneella General Store Voucher—Value $50 and Stubbie holder and chocolate
WB Hunters Voucher—Value $50

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2025	
TERM 3	**August**
Thursday 28th	Cluster Athletics—Bendigo
	September
Thursday 4th	Father's Day/Special Person's Day Stall
Thursday 11th	School Council @ School
Wednesday 17th	Science Day @ Elmore Primary School
Friday 19th	End of Term 3
TERM 4	**October**
Monday 6th	First day Term 4

ROCHESTER LAWN TENNIS CLUB

REGISTER NOW

Contact

Beck Wolfe: 0428125663

or

email: rochesterltc@gmail.com

CALLING NEW AND OLD MEMBERS JUNIORS & SENIORS SEASON STARTS OCTOBER!

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.