

Students of the week

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Lucas Milne – Lucas is always polite and courteous to his peers and teachers.

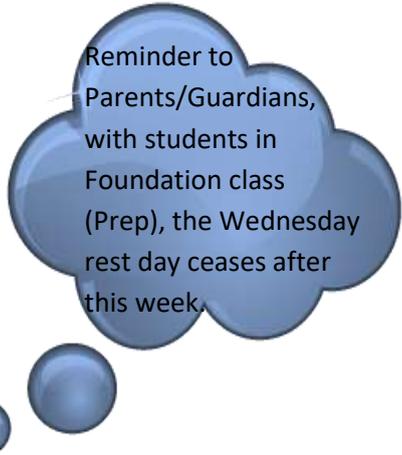
Jordynn Kane – Jordynn is respectful at all times and working hard to learn her spelling works weekly.

Hadassah Hibma – Hadassah always remembers to use the magic words (please and thankyou) when speaking to teachers and children in the class. She has excellent manners.

Hannah O'Brien - For her polite and well mannered way of dealing with members of the class and making others feel welcome.

Calendar of Events:

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| Monday, 4 th March | Parents Club meeting 9.15 am |
| Wednesday, 6 th March | School Council meeting, 6.00 pm
(Please note a change of date) |
| Tuesday, 12 th March | School Performance – It's A Mad World |
| Monday, 18 th March | Young Leaders Day, Grade 6 students |
| Wednesday, 20 th March | World Of Maths |
| Friday, 22 nd March | Interschool Athletics – Nathalia Recreation Reserve |
| Monday, 2 nd December - | Senior school camp |
| Friday, 6 th December | |



Reminder to Parents/Guardians, with students in Foundation class (Prep), the Wednesday rest day ceases after this week.

Nat's News!

Swimming has been a great success with many students improving a swimming level. A huge thank you to all of the volunteer helpers who have given assistance to the program and ensured it was able to run. I also thank Mrs P, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Edmunds for their efforts each day making sure all was set for the following day's lessons.

At times I need to transport younger students in my car and require a booster seat to make this safe and legal. If anyone has a spare seat that they no longer require I would appreciate having access to it.

I have had contact with many families over the last week and really appreciate the open and honest conversations that we have been able to have to help benefit the education outcomes for the students. I pride myself on being approachable and available to families to assist with whatever may be needed to improve student learning. Please never hesitate to contact me about any matters concerning your children.

In last week's newsletter we placed a number of photos regarding the decoration of writers notebook front covers. I thought I would just give a brief outline for families about what these books are for and how we are using them. A writer's notebook is a blank book where a writer can engage in the fun, often messy job of being a writer – practicing, listening, playing with language, gathering images and insights and ideas. The purpose of a notebook is to nourish the writer. Children often struggle with the idea of getting started on their writing, whether it be in or out of school, and need a structured way to "get going." Writer's notebooks allow children to take in the world around them and document their daily lives and provides an easy, informal way to start thinking about new topics and ideas. These notebooks are a great place to store favorite quotes, random facts, dreams, and ideas for the future.

I have been really impressed with the Year 5/6 students lately and the great leadership and student voice that they have shown starting lunch time club activities. Lunchtimes at school are certainly busy with the following now being offered by the older students; art, dance, book club, craft, cricket, PE, pivot-kudo and drawing.

2019 NAPLAN dates are:14th-16th May

Thanks to Max and Ivy's grandfather-Allan, who has helped us out with some plumbing jobs recently.

Thanks to Aaron's grandma for offering to sew ottoman covers.

Also thanks to Pippa and Hughie's dad Bud, who has spent tireless hours assisting with some watering system issues.

WANTED: If anyone can spare some time to help spread mulch, we have had a big pile donated recently and would really appreciate some assistance in getting it spread on the garden beds.

All staff have completed the mandatory child protection training requirements this week. At Katunga Primary School we take very seriously the safety and wellbeing of our young people.

The following comes directly from the Protect website.

Protecting children and young people from abuse is our responsibility.

The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. As part of the Victorian Government's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by the new Child Safe Standards.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. To find out more, see: [Child Safe Standards: Creating a safe environment](#)

EVERY DAY COUNTSPRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Please inform the school if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. The Victorian Education Department requires us to make contact with all families as soon as one day is missed.

Have an awesome week!

Nat

Young Leaders Day Monday, 18th March

This day is a great day for the Grade 6 students. A permission slip and a letter with more information for the day will be sent home shortly. The cost, which has been subsidised by the school, will be \$20.00 which includes entry ticket and transport. We will be leaving from Numurkah and will need students to be assembled by 5.15 am for a 5.30 am departure.

Craft & Constuction

We are currently looking for items for our craft and construction projects. If families have any cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes etc that they could send along to school it would be very much appreciated.

Parents Club

Parents Club will be holding a meeting on Monday the 4th March at 9.15 am. Parents Club is a wonderful way to meet new friends and become involved in your child/children's schooling life. We welcome all parents to come along and have a cuppa and share ideas for our upcoming events.

Interschool Athletics Friday, 22nd March

On Friday the 22nd of March we will be running the annual interschool athletics. On this day parents are asked to transport their children to Nathalia Recreation Reserve for this event. We ask that the students arrive at approximately 9.45am for a 10.00am start. This is a compulsory school day. The day will commence at 10.00am and conclude at approximately 2.00pm. **Buses will not be running on this day. If any families will have difficulty arranging transport please contact the school and we will find another way to get the children to Nathalia. This is only a back up if all other solutions have been exhausted.**



Just a few more photos of the writers note book cover designs.

