

Katunga Primary School Newsletter

March 10th, 2021

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Calendar of Events:

Monday, 22 nd March	Parents' club meeting 9.15am, School Council /AGM 6.00 pm.
Friday, 26 th March	Athletics Carnival
Monday, 29 th March -	Grade 4 /5 / 6 Borombola Camp
Wednesday, 31 st March	
Thursday, 1 st April	Last day of Term 1

Nat's News

Next Monday we will be holding the School Council AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of School Council for their commitment over the last 12 months and making themselves available for meetings and to discuss school happenings in such a positive and proactive way. Our new council members and office bearers will be made known in the next week's newsletter.

There is a letter attached to the newsletter today regarding the State Government's Bridging the Digital Divide program and what options you have. You will see on the note that if you wish to donate the computer your child used in 2020 back to the school there is a tick a box section.

What are we currently focusing on regarding student reading? Our focus at the moment is looking at how familiar our students are with what their reading goal is and how they can show us if they have achieved their goal. It is really important for our students to be really clear about what they need to do to improve their reading and what it looks like if they achieve it. We are also looking for students to have more in depth understandings of what they need to do to improve their reading. Answers like 'I want to read harder/chapter/longer books' is what we are trying to move away from. Having a student set a goal that says 'I can make connections between personal experience and text' is at a much higher level. Thanks for your help at home and assisting us with asking in depth questions after children read to help with their comprehension. If you would like to know more about any of this, your child's teacher or myself will love to discuss further.

Kind regards,
Nat Hopcroft

Borambola Camp - Grade 4/5/6

The Grade 4 / 5 / 6 camp will take place from Monday the 29th of March through to Wednesday the 31st of March. This year we are going to an Adventure Camp in Borambola NSW.

The cost to families for camp will be \$200.00 which has been subsidised by Parents' Club.

Appropriate information and permission forms were sent home with last week's newsletter. The online registration of



students must be completed by Monday the 8th of March, permission forms etc and payment to be returned by Wednesday the 10th of March. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Nat or Andrea.

Parents Club

Parents Club will be holding a meeting on Monday the 22nd of 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.

Our First fundraiser for the year will be the catering of the Athletics Carnival on Friday the 26th of March. We will be needing helpers on the day and your donation of time will be very much appreciated. More information will be available next week.

Interschool Athletics Friday, 26th March

On Friday the 26th of March we will be running the annual interschool athletics at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve. This is a compulsory school day and we ask that the students travelling with family to arrive at Nathalia Recreation Reserve at approximately 9.45am for a 10.00am start. The day will commence at 10.00am and conclude at approximately 2.00pm.



We encourage all Parents/Guardians to attend and transport their children on the day, however, if this is not possible a bus will be leaving Katunga Primary School at 9.15 am at a cost of \$5.00 per child. Please return the reply slip attached to this newsletter. Please note if you commit to the bus it is to be used on the return trip as well. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Scholastic Book Club



The booklets were sent home with last week’s newsletter. All orders are to be received by **Thursday the 18th of March**. Orders may be placed online or by cash/cheque. Please follow the instructions inside your booklets. If you have any queries or require more booklets please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Athletics Sports Day Nathalia - Bus

Family Name: _____

Student Name/s: _____

Require the bus to and from Nathalia Recreation Reserve.

Parent/Guardian signature

Community News

Katunga Football Netball Club Registration Nights / Training Dates / Auskick and NetSetGo

The Katunga Football Netball Club wishes to advise that our Registration sessions will be held at the following times:-

- Thursday 25 February – 5-7:30pm
- Sunday 28 February – 9-11:30am
- Thursday 4 March – 5-7:30pm
- Thursday 18 March – 5-7:30pm

Unfortunately due to excessive numbers, registrations to play netball for 2021 are now closed, unless you have just moved to the area. Netballers are advised that they are still required to attend the registration nights to complete appropriate club paperwork and fees.

It's imperative that all online registrations are completed asap to be covered for insurance and club registrations and payment details to be completed on one of the above session or submitted and paid electronically. Please visit our website www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net for further information, online registration links, club membership form and payment sheet.

Football Training

Seniors – Tuesday and Thursday - 6:15pm start

Thirds – currently training Thursdays - 5:15pm start

Fourths – Commencing Thursday 4 March at 5pm

Fifths – Commencing Thursday 18 March at 5pm

Netball Training

Seniors – Tuesday and Thursday - 6:00pm start

17/Unders – Tuesday and Thursday - 5pm

15/Unders – Tuesday and Thursday - 5pm

13/Unders - Tuesday and Thursday - 5pm

11/Unders – Commencing Thursday 11 March at 5pm

AusKick and NetSetGo will again run this year during Term 2. Details on registering will be available towards the end of Term 1. Please keep an eye on our website, FaceBook page or TeamApp.

For further information please contact Rachael Howden on 0400 877 409 or katungafnc@outlook.com.





To: Student parent or carer

From: Natalie.hocroft@education.vic.gov.au Title: Bridging the Digital Divide

Dear Parent/Carer

Background

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) recently announced the Bridging the Digital Divide initiative.

The Victorian Government has invested more than \$24.5 million in this initiative to allow students to permanently retain more than 71,000 computers (laptops or tablets), loaned to them by schools and the Department, during remote and flexible learning from home in 2020. Over the course of 2020, a need for a continued access to a computer has been recognised for students who were loaned a computer.

This initiative will be an important enabler to allow schools to provide at-home access to technology that can support students to thrive both in school and at home, and ensure that students who need extra support in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic get the help they need.

Why are we contacting you?

As your child was loaned a computer, during remote and flexible learning from home in 2020, we need to confirm that you wish to retain a computer. If this is the case, we will arrange to provide your child with that, or a similar, computer to permanently retain for educational use at home.

To facilitate the transfer of the computer to your ownership, we request that you complete a "Computer Ownership" form that is available from the office.

What do we need from you?

If you decide that your child does not require this computer at home, you are requested to sign and return the form to the school.

If you do not return the form in two weeks, it will be assumed that you don't want to retain the computer and it will be returned to the school fleet so that it can be used by students whilst attending school.

What does this mean for me?

If you accept the computer, you acknowledge the terms and conditions listed in the form and that you will now own and be responsible for the maintenance of the computer. Neither the school or the Department will be able to provide a replacement if that computer is accidentally damaged, lost or stolen.

Kind regards,

Nat Hopcroft

I wish to donate the device back to Katunga Primary School	
Signed	Date

