

Students of the week

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**Katunga Primary School  
Newsletter**

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**Calendar of Events:**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**

School Council meeting, 6.00 pm

(Please note a change of date)

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March

School Performance – It’s A Mad World

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March

Young Leaders Day, Grade 6 students

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March

World Of Maths

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Interschool Athletics – Nathalia Recreation Reserve (PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE)**

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December -

Senior school camp

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Nat’s News!**

The term is certainly flying. Just when I think I have a handle on what I am doing, holidays will be here.

Part of our Annual Implementation Plan for 2019 has an emphasis on **writing**. As part of this we have begun implementing writer’s workshops in all classes every morning. This is where we introduced writer’s notebook. At Monday’s assembly I talked to the students and teachers will be also be discussing in class about using ‘voice’ in student writing to make it more interesting for the reader. I would like to share with you a really good example of where this was used during the week in the 5/6 classroom. The first is an introduction to a persuasive text by Aiden Hibma that Aiden wrote initially and the next is where he revised it and made it have more of a ‘voice’.

“I think kids should have less homework. I have some reasons why I think we should have less homework”

**Revised to-**

“Have you ever had to stay in from having too much homework? Well I have! Here are some reasons why I think we should have less homework.”

We recently had some mulch donated from some tree removal work in the area. Baz and Charlie's dad Macca very kindly came and spread it for us. As you may have noticed it has only filled half the desired area (front of car park). If anyone sees the tree removal truck around the traps can you let me know and I will ask if they have any more?

You will notice a photo in this newsletter of the new drink filter system we have installed for the students to fill up their drink bottles. It is located near the assembly area and children are encouraged to refill their bottles there during the day. It has proven very popular as not many children like the bubbler water.

Please be aware School Council have postponed the AGM and March meeting to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

At this week's staff meeting Miss Kellie McLinden has nominated herself to be our Child Safe Officer. I thank Kellie for offering her services to facilitate this very important role in schools. Kellie will be keeping the school informed of the Child Safe Standards, procedures for reporting risks of harm.

Congratulations to Toby Newberry who swam at the Regional Swimming Carnival today. This is a huge achievement.

It was great to receive a positive feedback phone call yesterday from one of the school families. The caller wanted to acknowledge the great work the staff are doing and it was very much appreciated. A great way to end my news for this week!

Have an awesome week!

Nat

### Young Leaders Day Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Parent Teacher Interviews Wednesday, 27<sup>TH</sup> March

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted at the end of this term on Wednesday, 27<sup>TH</sup> March from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Interviews will take place every ten minutes. The idea of the interview is for the teachers to give an overview of how your child has started the 2019 school year. If you believe, you need a longer time for this interview or can't make it on that date feel free to contact the office. All of our teachers are very flexible and can make alternate arrangements.

Please contact the school office to confirm your interview time.

### Interschool Athletics Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**



### EASTER EGG RAFFLE

The Junior School Council along with the Parents Club have once again proposed to conduct an Easter Egg raffle. We will be asking each family to donate an Easter egg which will go towards making up several hampers. The hampers will be put together and raffled off on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. Please send along the donated items during the week commencing the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

A Raffle book will be forwarded home in the coming weeks. The book will contain 20 tickets to be sold for \$1.00. Please write name and phone number on each ticket sold and return raffle books back and money by Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

### Scholastic Book Club



The booklets have been sent home with today's newsletter. All orders are to be received by **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



What does independent reading look like?

- Quiet / Not talking / conversation
- Staying in one spot
- Organized
- Eyes on books
- We will be in our independent reading spot
- Only have a book in our hands
- You might hear whisper reading

What is the purpose of the Writers Notebook?

"It is a book to write ideas in it"



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

The Katunga Football Netball Club wishes to advise that our Registration Nights will be held from 5-7:30pm each Thursday evening between the 7 March and 21 March. Unfortunately due to excessive numbers, registrations to play netball for 2019 are now closed, unless you have just moved to the area.

It's imperative that all online registrations are completed asap to be covered for insurance and club registrations and payment details to be completed over the coming three Thursday nights. Please visit our website [www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net](http://www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net) for further information, online registration links, club membership form and payment sheet.

**Football**

Seniors – Tuesday and Thursday, 6-15pm start

Thirds – Tuesday and Thursday, 5:15pm start

Fourths – Commencing Thursday 7 March, 5pm start

Fifths – Commencing Thursday 7 March, 5pm start

**Netball**

Seniors – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00pm start

17/Unders – Thursdays at 5pm

15/Unders - Thursdays at 5pm

13/Unders - Thursdays at 5pm

11/Unders – Commencing Thursday 7 March at 5:10pm

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](mailto:katungafnc@outlook.com).