### Dates to Remember:

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**From the Principal…**

Welcome back to term 4, which is always exciting busy and exciting. With the Christmas Float nearly here, the garden in the preschool beginning with exciting adventure trails, the sustainable garden developing and learning data to collect and assess improvement and progress, we are ready to roll!

Today in the preschool we have 7 brand new children, all pre-entry, so many families to welcome to our fabulous learning centre. This marks a whole new and exciting journey in these children’s lives as they begin their formal education. We thank their families for bringing a group with such a great beginning and grounding. Observing their interaction, ability to play and share this morning was encouraging. Helen Wood is most excited as she will build terrific relationships with these children and families over the next 12 months. A new parent information book is being produced so as new preschool families, along with Governing Council, your input into what also would be helpful in this document will be very useful.

Notes have been sent home with your children to register interest in the 2013 Christmas Float. Can the names of all who will join in this year please be sent back to school to assist with further planning, thanks.

We will welcome Kym Hammond to our upper primary class in the next few weeks, and wish Melissa Robinson all the very best with the expected arrival of her beautiful new baby shortly. We appreciate their work meeting together so that information about children in this class can be shared and passed on. Kym and Mel, your professionalism around this transition for our students is appreciated. Good luck to both of you in your new roles over November and beyond!

The Penola Show booklet has arrived in the school. If your family would like to look at what things can be enjoyed or entered in the show, copies are available at the front office. We will again prepare a display for the Penola Show from our school and pre-school. If your are available on Thursday, 31st October to assist to put it up at the show, please let us know as assistance to take the work up and to display it is VERY helpful!
Numeracy Update
The QuickSmart programme is up and running again this term, with all participating students showing improvement on their initial test results. In the up and coming weeks, both QuickSmart and Comparison students will again participate in a series of tests which will be analysed. Last term saw an inclusion of problem solving section to our QuickSmart lesson which will enable a transfer of knowledge into classroom maths work, which has already been observed by MP and UP teachers. The next QuickSmart training will be held on Monday and Tuesday of Week 4 and will be attended by Rosalie and Stacey. The Middle Primary class will be working with Jenny Lowe over these two days following their usual programme.

Music Festival
Good luck to all of our older students who will be performing in the fabulous South East music Festival on Tuesday, 22nd October. They have worked all year with Mrs Robinson on songs for this special concert and I am very excited to be going to watch. Can parents please remember that all participating students need a round necked t-shirt, plain and coloured (but NOT black or white).

Playground
We regularly audit our playground to ensure it is safe for the children. We will have some new bark arriving shortly for under the swing area to increase the density for safety in the ‘fall zone’. We have also undertaken required fire safety preparations for the upcoming fire season. I cannot thank enough the strong community support shown last term with the huge yard clean-up that took place. This creates a clearer, more attractive place for the students to play and learn in.

Bunnings Visit
Our school is currently developing the sustainability gardens. Last term Michelle Young from Bunnings visited to bring us plants that are suitable for the plots by the chook shed. The students planted shrubs and plants that will help to attract the good bugs to keep the bad bugs away.

Vacswim
2014 Enrolment booklets are available from the front office. The office number otherwise is 82002525. Children aged 5-17 are able to participate in this valuable programme at the Nangwarry pool in January between 10-1pm.
PRE-SCHOOL

A warm welcome back to everyone, hope you all had a safe and fun break. Term 4 is starting with a bang as we dive head on into learning more about our amazing world. I noticed last term there was a great interest in bubbles, kites, whistling and windy weather. What do all these things have in common? Air of course! We have lots of fun experiments, musical adventures and games to play to learn more about air and how amazing it is. You can look forward to lots of great learning stories as the children discover more about the world we live in.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

A big welcome back to everyone for the start of the last term and especially our new receptions, Jesse Somer and Domenik Bricknell. As reports are due at the end of this term, students will be completing work leading up to assessments and being graded, ready for their move onto the next year level. In Maths we are looking at collecting data from various contexts and making column graphs of these.
We will also be learning about Nelson vic, as this is where our camp is this term.
I am looking forward to a busy, fun and fast last term.

MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all had a restful holiday and were able to spend some quality time with your families. We’ve started the term off well back into routine. We’ve revisited our school and class rules this week, particularly focusing on respect and feeling safe and what these look, feel and sound like.
We have also begun our major project for the term, where we are all researching and writing an information report about an animal of our choice. This will be due the end of week 3. Students will be able to work on this at home if they wish, so keep an eye out for the project outline and have a look at some of the great work that is happening.

UPPER PRIMARY NEWS

Term 4 has started with a vengeance! The students are already hard at work on their arcade games, ready to run their arcade on Friday of Week 3. Next week is Music Festival week, and the class will be lucky to work with Mr Hammond, who they will be working with for the rest of the year, when Mrs Robinson goes on leave in Week 4. Both Mr Hammond and the students are excited to get to know each other.

School Captain’s Spot….with Katie and Dylan

Our chooks are finally laying! We are nearly ready to start selling them. They will be $4 a dozen. Please pop in to school and put your name down on the list in the front office if you are interested in purchasing a dozen. We will then contact you when we have a dozen for you (we should get a dozen each week). The list will be kept in order, so that people receive their eggs in their turn.
Summer is here and hand-eye coordination skills are in full swing at school. Summer sports are starting up and the birds are singing.

If you are interested in learning the game of cricket in the Nangas area, Mary Mackillop Memorial School are running Milo In2 cricket starting this Saturday at the school. For more details visit in2cricket.com.au and you could be the next Michael Clarke (hopefully with a better back)

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Chooks are Laying!! That’s right. We thought they might have forgotten how to lay during their relocation but the girls are on the job. If you would like some of the eggs (for a small price) contact the school and put your name down to reserve a dozen or two.

Congratulations to the following winners!!

The JP Award goes to: - Jack green for great reading skills.
The MP Award goes to : - Bailey Lindner for improved handwriting. Well Done!
The UP Award goes to: - Jack Grace for respect and responsibility.
The Japanese Award goes to: - Joel Virtanen for an excellent effort completing your children’s book.
The Principal awards go to: - Kaitlin Roisetter for her friendly manner and hard work at school.
Jaxon Tasker for great participation at Active After School Sport.
Ms Kay Elven for helping to plan and organise a great camp.
Quicksmart Awards goes to: - Shayla Somer for achieving under 2 seconds in OZCAAS and now working through subtraction.
Reading Eggs Awards - Ryan Jones and Lennox Lewis.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY and SPORT NEWS— Ben

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