From the Principal…

Who would believe we are heading into the Christmas season? It is time to farewell Mrs. Robinson, and to wish her well in her late stages of pregnancy, while she waits for her due date in December! Welcome Mr Hammond to the upper primary class.

Whilst it is a great time to think of friends and family, maybe even great plans for the holiday coming up, it is also a great time at school for us to reflect on improvement over the year. Over these couple of weeks teachers will be conducting many assessments in their classes as set out in our agreed data schedule. They will be very interested to look for progress or areas of challenge that need targeted support and work. Sometimes they may be puzzled at a stumbling block in a child’s learning, and they will talk to parents about getting Regional Support in for advice or suggestion. All of this enables us to better cater for your child at school. These results are confidential and not the sort that you will see in Take-home folders or Learning Portfolios. What the data shows or means though can be discussed with families, as it helps to strengthen the picture of how your child is going, and what strengths they have.

Teachers are very happy to chat with you about issues. After the day has started though it is more difficult as children need to be supervised and engaged in their learning, so we ask that times are please made before or after school to avoid distraction in the classroom. Thanks for this.

Reading Helpers

Can you please see Luci or Rosalie, or your classroom teacher, if you can stay in the morning for about 15 minutes to help listen to children read? This support and opportunity is a fabulous way to become involved in the school, and extremely valuable to the children.

Gardening or building

If this is an area you or a family member enjoy dabbling in, Stacey or Helen in the pre-school would LOVE to hear from you! There is funding to build some raised tables and a mini hot house. We desperately want to get the propagation area set up to grow the Stringy bark seedlings to plant out for the Red-tailed cockatoos, and the preschool has begun to plant their new outdoor learning environment.

We also want to keep our sustainable garden on the move. All assistance is welcome.
Numeracy Update
As the end of year quickly approaches, its time for our next round of testing and data collection. Firstly, the QuickSmart students have their progress recorded after their final set of testing in week 6. Stacey Marlow and Rosalie Stewart are attending the next round of QuickSmart training next Monday and Tuesday which will focus on how we can interpret and use student data to strengthen numeracy at our school. Also, students from Years4-7 are involved in PAT-Maths data collection very soon, which will be used by both our site and DECD to identify target areas to focus on in future numeracy programmes. We look forward to sharing our successes with you in newsletters to follow.

Documentation at Kindy
Documentation is the record we keep of children’s learning. At Nangwarry Preschool we keep a profile/learning journal for each child which documents their learning through photographs, written observations, teacher reflections and work samples. It is amazing how the learning stories enable us to reflect on things that we have learnt and great ideas often come from some of the simplest observations of a child at play.

The profile books are kept at child height in the Kindy and the children can often be seen looking through them or putting little things in them. You are strongly encouraged to read these with your child at Kindy and add your own notes, photos and stories. These books will be a treasured memory of your child’s time at Kindy.

Christmas Float
On November 16th our school is excited to enter a float in the Mount Gambier Christmas Parade again. Thanks for all of you who have returned expression of interest forms to say that your child or children will be involved. This year the theme is, “I’m a Farmer and I Grow It”. This is a fabulous idea given the beginnings of our sustainable garden project. Governing Council have written a second note and sent it home. They would like children where possible to dress up as farm animals, but would like to give you the option of using a costume that you already have, before buying or making something else. I daresay there will be a few farmers too. Please read the note and indicate if you have, or can source something for the day. The notes are needed back ASAP please.

A working party will be set up to get things happening. Thanks to quite a few people who have already indicated to Tamara or Felicity an interest in being involved. It may even end up being a duck bill production session, or something like that! We are looking to source portable sheep yards, hay bales and hopefully a small windmill! This will be fun.

Free Active After School Sport— Mondays, 3:15-4:15pm
Kahlia is very excited to be coming every Monday night until week 8. We will not have a session in the final week of term. She is able to be here straight after school, so the sessions will finish earlier.
Time: 3:15-4:15
Venue: The COLA (covered court area)
All students are welcome and the nights are never boring. They cover games, different sports and lots of skill development. The children have really enjoyed these nights and numbers remain high. Please come along after school each Monday!
PRE-SCHOOL

We will be submitting some beautiful art work from the Kindy which will be put on display at the Penola Show. Hope you get to see it! Here are a couple to give you a sneak peak. The budding artists here are Master Jesse Somer and Miss Lily Eastwick. Don’t they look fabulous.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

In Numeracy, we are looking at money. We are starting to understand that 5 10c pieces are the same as a 50c piece. This has been a big learning curve for some children, so if you are at the shop or when you get home, get some coins out and discuss values with your child. It is also a good idea to line them up with the same value so they can begin to recognise, even if they look different they may still add up to the same amount.

MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS

Our information report projects are coming along well, with everyone well on their way to completing their rough drafts. The next stage for us is editing, including sorting our research into topic paragraphs. These will be due the end of next week and we look forward to sharing these with you.

UPPER PRIMARY NEWS

This week has been all about the “Nangas Arcade”. The UP class will be running this on Friday, after a practice today with the Kindy kids. The whole project has been run and developed by the students and it is tremendous to see them working so well as a team to get this working. Feel free to visit our arcade between 11.30-12.15 on Friday, in the lunch shed, and see the finale of a very exciting project.

School Captain’s Spot….with Katie and Dylan

We have settled back into school well this term. This Thursday and Friday the Upper Primary class are holding an arcade game exhibition. You can actually play what we have made. Community members are invited to come in between 11:30am and 12:15pm on Friday to enjoy these. Children or community members can purchase a pass for $2, which will give them up to 15 games. At the games, free tickets for more action can be won. Money raised will be donated to the great cause, Camp Quality, who will be visiting our school with the puppets later in November.

Nangwarry PS and Preschool are again setting up a great display at the Penola Show. We encourage you to go along and visit this on the weekend.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY and SPORT NEWS— Ben

Into the last and another busy term with lots of things happening. PE week is in week 5, School camp is in week 6 to Nelson and a trip to the Millicent Gym and public library in week 7. You could say its all happening.

PE week is in week 5 this term and the following themed days are:

- **Tuesday** 12th is get to school under your own steam (ride, walk scoot).
- **Wednesday** 13th lunch is team games.
- **Thursday** 14th is lunch time games.
- **Friday** 15th is come dressed as your favourite sports star.

There will also be a whole school challenge where will try and better our efforts of last year’s combined running distance for ‘making it to Adelaide’.

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Congratulations to the following winners!!

The Preschool Award goes to:- Alexis Pollard for being helpful.

The JP Award goes to:- Korben Wilkinson for improvement in his writing.

The MP Award goes to :- Ty Dinnison for improved sentence structure, especially in your information report.

The UP Award goes to:- Dylan Field for showing leadership with younger students.

The Japanese Award goes to:- Ashley Telkesi for excellent Manga Art.

The Principal awards go to:-

- Bailey Lindner for caring for new younger students in the yard.
- Addison Green for a fabulous effort on stage and for a friendly, happy manner at school.
- Toni Cadzow for initiative at work, and for genuinely caring about students.

Quicksmart Awards goes to:- Katie McMillan for completing all operations in Quicksmart.

CONGRATULATIONS!