From the Principal…. 

Hello all,  
The school is abuzz with end of year activity. We have just displayed some fabulous work at the Penola Show. Thanks to the team of SSO’s who put this in place with the help of the wonderful Year 7 captains Katie and Dylan. The Governing Council are about to assemble and enter a fabulous float in this year’s Christmas Parade, ‘I’m a Farmer and I Grow It’. Costumes are allocated and everyone is VERY excited. Christmas Concert items are well underway and again, a fabulous raffle is on sale from the fundraising committee.
in addition to all of this I am preparing a draft budget next week for 2014, with the enrolments and bank balance in a great place. Attention will again be on resourcing Numeracy and Literacy, with staff and parents invited to suggest areas for consideration.  
The Annual Report is being prepared with some terrific data to present to the school community indicating our improvement. 
Staffing will be put in place before the end of the way for the Upper Primary Class, the NIT teacher provision and SSO staffing.  
Enjoy the run in to the festive season! 

Numeracy Update 
This week has seen an analysis of PAT-Maths tests which were completed by Years 4-7 last Friday. There have been some overwhelmingly positive results, showing a significant growth in numeracy skills by students within these year levels. This week, Years 1-3 and the older reception students will also sit this online test which results will be used to gauge numeracy development for each student across the school. Implementation of numeracy intervention programmes such as QuickSmart and teachers working collaboratively to critique and develop their own practice has really given opportunity to plan engaging and meaningful maths lessons. In particular, all staff use Anne Baker methodologies such as the ‘Secret Code’ and problematized situations to create numeracy ‘norms’ across the site.

Give your children a headstart….. 
Learning Together– Playgroup 87397241  
We welcome to site each week Susie Cottle– qualified educator and co-ordinator for the learning together programme here in Nangwarry! 
Monday mornings-9:00am Preschool-Nangwarry
Christmas Float Information

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

By now you have received a note home from the school regarding the clothing your child needs to be wearing for the float on Saturday. If you haven’t please contact me immediately to sort out alternate options. There are a few rules we as a school will need to follow for the safety of our children and others involved in the parade, they are:

*The Parade Committee are endeavouring to achieve continuous improvement in respect of children being collected from floats after participation in the Parade. No vehicles will be permitted to enter Vansittart Park after the Parade and parents are encouraged to park off site and walk into the park to collect their children via the pedestrian gateways as marked.

*Parade float participants and especially children are required to be escorted by a responsible adult off each Parade float to the main oval area for collection by parents. Children will not be permitted to be removed from floats until the float is parked in the designated area and stopped.

*All Parade entries will travel along Commercial Street and then turn right into Wehl Street North and then turn left through Federation Arch and into Vansittart Park oval area. All foot traffic must turn left when entering Vansittart Park and exit via the marked Pedestrian gateways and NOT via Federation Arch.

*All vehicle entries must turn right when entering Vansittart Park and park their vehicles according to the direction given by Marshals before allowing participants to disembark on the right side of the float. Participants to walk through the barricade mesh into the centre of the oval. Parents can collect children from the oval and EXIT to the eastern side of the oval through the gateways marked.

It is very important that we abide by the above to ensure smooth sailing so please respect these rules. Your child will need to be collected by a nominated adult and no children will be allowed to leave the truck without an adult.

We require your child or children to be dropped off to the truck at **10:15am** please do not drop your child or children off before this time as there may be limited number of adult supervision as we will be setting up the float. Before dropping your children off please ensure they have sunscreen on, a bottle of water and have been to the toilet.

We are float 13 so if you park at Woolworths and head towards the Federal Hotel you should find us. Please ensure you have read the rules of collection and follow the schools instructions.

Kind regards, Tamara Ploenges, (on behalf of Governing Council.)
PRE-SCHOOL

Have you noticed the first changes in our outdoor learning area? Our aim is to make the outdoor learning area inviting, natural and a place where learning takes place. The lavender and box hedges have just been planted and will create a border that surrounds and helps contain our sandpit. We are hoping to add natural large boulders into the sand pit so that we can create our own version of a dry creek bed. A moveable sensory garden is going to be planted in tyres and we have plans for an organic cubby house made from sunflowers to be growing by the end of the year. The sand pit shade cover is on its way so we can meet National Standards.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

As the end of term comes closer, we are being challenged on everything we have learnt with assessments in literacy and numeracy. We are having to put on our ‘thinking caps’ at times and recall the information that we have been taught over the semester, which at times has been hard. It is ‘ok’ for students not to know everything and understand that learning continues all throughout our life. Well done Junior Primary for working extremely hard on these.

MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS

Final assessments are being completed at the moment and report writing is well under way. We are looking forward to sharing individual successes with you for this year. Our usual learning programmes will start to wind as we move quickly towards the end of term. We are looking forward to camp next week to Nelson and making plenty of fun memories to share when we get back.

UPPER PRIMARY NEWS

It has been a great start to my time at Nangwarry Primary School. I am lucky to have a great group of students to work with and am really looking forward to the rest of the term. This week we are looking at timelines as well as the Aboriginal people of the South West Victoria region in preparation for our school camp next week. With only 4 weeks remaining we are looking forward to finishing off lots of work but also preparing for the school concert and also planning our Christmas activities as a class. This week is PE week and we are looking forward to the activities that have been planned especially the Staff v Students basketball game on Friday, of which I am sure the students will come away with the win.

School Captain’s Spot….with Katie and Dylan

Next week we are going on camp to Nelson, we are all looking forward to Nanga’s Talent Night where we will see performances from some students at our school. Anyone can enter on the night so make sure if you’re entering you’re practicing. Tomorrow it is dress-up as your favourite sports star and teachers vs students basketball where the teachers will get whipped.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY and SPORT NEWS— Ben

PE week is this week and the kids have been flat out running, hitting, throwing, jumping and exercising their days away at school. The class long distance run is now 4 days into it with the major event, the staff v students basket ball game due to be held on Friday (be prepared for crying kids when they lose) Thanks to the Blue Lake Golf Club and Bill Burley for the use of their golf clubs. ‘Friday is come dressed as your favourite sports star for a gold coin donation.

On Wednesday the 27th we are all heading to the Millicent gym and library for a massive day out. Ye ha! Notes to follow. And don't forget camp next week…..

Exercise is not just for the kids with the Nangas community able to start their exercise journey with a free 3 day pass to Anytime fitness in the Big W shopping complex in Mt Gambier. Just take the pass attached to the newsletter during staffed hours, see the friendly staff and you can be on your way to a more healthy you.

Congratulations to the following winners!!
The Preschool Award goes to:- Azarah Corman for being creative and artistic.
The JP Award goes to:- Riley Edwards for trying hard with his handwriting.
The MP Award goes to : - Bailey Lindner for helping new students in the yard.
The UP Award goes to:- Jack Prelove Grace for being helpful and cleaning the room without being asked.
The Japanese Award goes to:- Holly Dinnison for excellent Japanese artwork.
The Principal awards go to:- Riley Edwards for excellent work in activity.
Tannayah for using great manners in the yard this week.
Addison Green for discussing choices in a mature and brave manner.
Lucija Wilkinson for successful completion of her study units.
The Quicksmart Awards goes to:- Chad Dinnison for working hard to change operations in Quicksmart.
Well Done!