Dear Parent/Carer,

We are working hard to make sure 2012 brings you many opportunities to be involved in your child’s learning journey. The first of these opportunities is next Tuesday! We would love you to come in with your child. They would like to show you around their room, have a chat about some of their new routines and class and help you to feel at home in the school this year too.

The Junior Primary and Middle Primary will hold short talks as well to assist the younger children to explain things to you. The Upper Primary look forward to managing the chat, with Mrs. Robinson on hand to answer further questions.

- **Time:** 3:30pm to 5pm
- **Venue:** Your child’s classroom.
- **MP**– Information talk (3:30pm) **JP**– Information talk (4:00pm)
- **Tuesday, 7th February.**

**Pupil Free Day (TOMORROW) and Curriculum**

Just a reminder that tomorrow the school will have a Pupil Free Day while teachers engage in planning at site and classroom level. Children will require alternate care for this day, as announced late last year. We look forward to developing a site plan that will focus on Reading and Numeracy improvement across the school. Spelling, Grammar and Writing showed pleasing improvement in the data examined last year by staff, and will remain on the maintenance agenda for continued work also.

Student engagement is vital to learning enhancement, and a teacher conference at the start of the year about TfEL (Teaching for Effective Learning) will be developed tomorrow morning. Enthusing students, helping them to become involved in their learning journey, assessing their progress and checking along the way that they are in fact taking in instruction and information will also become part of what we do.

Staff continue to learn about the new National Curriculum, with reporting on Science and Maths this year from it. We add English/History to our focus as the curriculum phases in.
Welcome to Preschool beginnings.
We welcome many new students to the Preschool. Sienna Lewis, Natalie Rohrlach, Holly Dinnison, Kathryn Field and Annabell Denton will enjoy various times and programmes this term.

We also welcome our lovely new teacher, Sally Stringer. Sally is working hard to establish fabulous relations with families and students. She welcomes parents to continue visiting the preschool for ongoing communication to best meet the needs of the children.

Children are able to start in pre-entry the term that they turn from 3 to 4. Once 4, they start preschool the following term.

New enrolments please note-

In 2013 we will have our first year of continuous intake. All children who turn 4 years BEFORE May, 2013 will have the option of starting at the start of that year.

This means if your child’s birthday to turn 4 is October 2012 to April 2013, Pre-entry for you will be in TERM 4 THIS YEAR!!!!

This whole group will all start preschool at the start of 2013 then school at the start of 2014, not each term anymore.

If your friend or neighbour has a young child it would be fabulous if you could pass on this information and the school number please. 87397241

Congratulations
Ryan Jackway’s family have welcomed a new little sister, Ranay, to the family in the holidays. Congratulations to the family and we look forward to meeting her!

Sports Day Dates
Nangwarry will hold its own Sports Day, weather permitting, on Thursday 15th March. (Friday will be the back up day in case weather is terrible on the Thursday.)

Pine Sports Day will again be held here at Nangwarry PS. The date is Wednesday, 21st March. If you can help at events, to cook a BBQ or to manage any aspect of the day with staff, we would LOVE to hear from you ASAP!! Lunch is a great fundraising opportunity for the school.

Swimming
Start hoping for some lovely weather in week 3, starting on Monday 13th February, as this is when our students will venture to the Nangwarry Swimming Pool for lessons. Bathers, towel, thongs and Sun Smart gear will be required in a backpack or easy to carry bag for the lessons. Lesson times will be communicated shortly. Consent and medical information forms are required PRIOR to these lessons.

Footsteps
We are excited to again host ‘Footsteps’ beginning 20th February. Lessons this year will run form 9:15 to 10:15am. There is no cost to parents for these lessons. School will budget to cover these as part of the Health, PE and Arts programmes. Lessons are compulsory as part of the curriculum for all students, and are fabulous.

Special Learning Programmes
If your child receives help with their learning and you know they have a Negotiated Education programme, please note communication will come home to you shortly via classroom teachers to invite you to a review day of these programmes. The day will be held on Thursday, 8th March at set times over the day. We hope you can attend to have input into your child’s plan.
Welcome to all our new kindy children who are starting kindy for the first time. For the first few weeks we are looking at Belonging and what it means to belong to our kindy. We are learning new routines and structures. We are all looking forward to the fun year ahead.

A big welcome back and a special welcome to Charlee-Jean Denton, Rhylie Holver, Blade Sealey, Tanisha McNair and Kohdy Gunn our new Receptions. We are off and flying with our reader helpers in the morning. Thanks to some mum’s, the children will be able to change their readers first thing and get it marked off. This will help us keep track of readers and will enable your child to move through the levels.

We are still learning the routines, so please help and encourage your child with their organisation skill of their belongings. Please use the communication book for notes but absences need to be a phone call and a follow up note for our front office records.

Welcome back to school for 2012. The Middle Primary students are all settling into routine well, with a particular focus on morning organisation with diaries and blue reader bags. Mrs Stewart has been helping us each morning this week to change and record our readers and also check off reading homework on our Book Club list. Book Club is a new incentive for children to read on a nightly basis, with their efforts recognised by moving up through achievement levels. Please help your child become an enthusiastic reader and enjoy a book together. I endeavour to send out our first class newsletter at the beginning of next week then on a fortnightly basis thereafter, so please keep in eye out for these in your child’s blue reader bag.

The Upper Primary Class is on a roll. We have made a positive start to the year and students are already getting their heads around our routines and expectations. Students have discussed what makes a quality classroom, and we are all striving to ensure that this is what we have. Our reading programme is well underway, and all students have chosen a selection of “good fit” books for them to use. Diaries are beginning to be used, and I ask parents to please help their children to stay organised, by reminding them to use these (we all need gentle reminders when we’re just learning!). Please look out for a class newsletter, which I anticipate sending home early next week.
Pre-school Teacher Sally Stringer on her first day at Nangwarry with a group of children who are receiving stickers from Sally for good work. They are about to enjoy their fruit.

Mrs Robinson giving a lesson in the Upper Primary Classroom.

Mr Clark instructing the Junior Primary in their PE lesson on how to run a relay.