



Nullawil Primary School

February 28th, 2020

RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT ACCEPTANCE HONESTY COOPERATION



The staff and students at Nullawil Primary School would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
March 2020						1
2	3	4 Prep rest day!	5	6	7	8
9 Labor Day No School	10 Welcome back concert	11 Prep rest day!	12	13	14	15
16 Dental Van Due	17 School	18 Prep rest day!	19 GRIP Leadership Bendigo	20	21	22
23	24	25 Prep rest day!	26	27 2:30pm finish	28	29
30	31				School Holidays	

- - - - HOMEWORK - - - -

Junior Class: Daily Reading **Senior Class:** 30 mins Daily Reading + Times tables or Spelling

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and members of the School Community,

On Tuesday I attended the North West Regional Principal's Forum in Mildura. The forums are held once a term in either Mildura or Swan Hill. This is an opportunity for Principals from all state schools across the Mallee to come together to discuss issues that affect all schools across Victoria. Our Regional Director and Area Managers attend the forums as well as staff from other Government Departments.

At this meeting one of the items was a reflection on what we learnt from the CODE RED day, the bushfires and how we can improve emergency management.

It is important to make sure that the school has your current contact information, including emergency contact numbers. We also use Skoolbag app to communicate with parents, this can include sending out information in case of emergencies. Schools also rely on the VIC Emergency App, which is freely available to anyone to download to their devices.

Schools have access to other up-to-date information through the Department of Education and the Emergency Services. During high fire danger days and other emergency events we are constantly monitoring the situation and will notify parents about what actions they may need to take. The safest place for children is usually at school. Just as you prepare your homes for emergency situations, in our area more likely a grass-fire or severe wind damage, we prepare the school for such situations.



Not all emergency events are as extreme as a CODE RED day. The recent windy weather has seen plenty of Mallee dust being moved around. Last week we noticed a dust cloud rolling across the paddock at recess and rang an emergency bell to move the children inside while the cloud passed. Dust is a part of Mallee life but for asthmatics it can be dangerous, using the emergency bell allows us to gather the children and take action quickly.

So, don't panic if you hear our emergency bell ringing! But please make sure you help us to look after your children by keeping information that can help us up-to-date.

Classroom Management

One of the things I have observed during my almost 30 years of teaching is how the furniture and the layout of a room can change the way children behave. One of our experiments in the senior room last year involved putting all the tables together and creating one "dinner" table that allowed us to talk to each other and work as a whole class. What we noticed was

that while this was great for large groups, it didn't work for small groups.



Darcey Poyner and Dane Bartram using flexible furniture options during Maths lessons.

This year we have embarked on some new experiments. We have relocated the couch and benches to make room

for smaller table groups. We have purchased some camping chairs which allow us to work in groups in the classroom or outside. We have also been using a couple of folding tables that we can move around the room.

It might seem like a simple idea, but flexible furniture allows us to change our learning spaces to suit the activities we are doing. Students who are comfortable are less likely to fidget and more likely to stay on task.



Kelly Hogan, Dane Bartram, Harry Humphreys and Rhett Hogan enjoying the morning sun while reading outside.

Smile Squad



Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that will provide free access to dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary school students.

Last year we had initial assessments here at school and then if treatment was needed families had to access the mobile service in Wycheproof. This year, and over the next few years, the RFDS will be bringing their mobile clinic to the school for 2-3 days, depending on what treatments are required. At this stage we are scheduled for the service to begin on Monday 16th March.

All students attending public primary, secondary or special schools in Victoria are eligible, with or without a healthcare card. Parents or carers will be asked to provide consent for their child to receive the health examination, and prior to any treatment required. Information about the program and consent forms have been given to students with this newsletter.

The Smile Squad will first undertake dental health examinations and preventative care. After the 15 minute examination your child will receive a care plan.

If no further treatment is required, your child will be seen in 12 months for their next dental examination.

If your child requires follow-up treatment, an individual care plan will be sent home for your consent before treatment is provided.

School Fees for 2020

The school fees once again have been set at \$100 per student.

Thanks to the families who have already paid for the essential education items for 2020.

Payment to be made before end of Term 1, thank you.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

SCHOOL COUNCIL & SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Every year at this time, School Council membership comes up for nomination (and if necessary) election. School Council is an important body of the school organisation and is responsible for the operations of the school.

Nullawil Primary School, School Council consists of 9 members.

- * 6 parent representatives
- * 2 Dept. of Education representatives, including the Principal
- * 1 Community representative

Councillors whose time is up for election/re-election are encouraged to nominate.

Tony Bartram, Simone Fawcett and Trudy Mathieson are due for re-nomination and we also require an extra parent. Community member, Daniel Watts, and staff member, Lois Curnow, are both due for re-nomination.

Continuing representatives, not due for re-election, are: Dale Poyner and Sandy Pollington.

Nomination for these positions close Friday 29th February 2020 at 4:00pm.

If the number of nominations exceeds the vacancies, an election will be held and the ballot will close at 4 pm on Friday 13th March, 2020.

New School Council and AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th March, 2020.

Student Leadership

The **School Captains for 2020** will be our two grade 6 students, **Rhett Hogan and Jessie Fawcett**. Both Jessie and Rhett demonstrate the school values in their every day behaviour and act as role models to the younger students. As School Captains they will also lead the Student Council.



Congratulations to
Jessie Fawcett and Rhett Hogan
School Captains 2020



Congratulations to Dane Bartram

Discussions with students in 2019 about what makes a good leader and how we learn to be leaders made us realise we need to have more opportunities for students to take on these roles. The result of this deliberation is that we have created three other positions of responsibility.

The **Sports Captain for 2020** will be **Kelly Hogan** and her **Assistant Captain** will be **Ashlei Poyner**. They have already stepped up and cleaned the sports shed, reporting any damaged or missing equipment.



Congratulations to
Kelly Hogan and Ashlei Poyner
Sports Captains 2020

The **Technology Captain for 2020** will be **Dane Bartram**. Dane took responsibility for organizing the sports shed last year and helped to develop the role of Sports Captain. In 2020 he will assist students to ensure devices are put away and plugged in. The Technology Captain also looks after the cameras and green screen filming equipment.

We also providing opportunities for students to take on the role of monitors. These jobs are for shorter periods of time but allow the younger students to develop leadership qualities. Monitors help with activities such as Breakfast Club, Library Duty and Bin Duty.

*Have a good weekend, everyone.
Helen Digby*

COMMUNITY NEWS

FEBRUARY

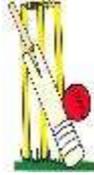
Saturday 29th Tennis: Nullawil –v- St.Arnaud
 “ “ Cricket: Nullawil-Culgoa –v– Ultima

MARCH

Thursday 5th Nullawil Senior Citizens
 Saturday 7th Cricket: Nullawil-Culgoa –v– Tooleybuc/Manangatang
 Saturday 14th Tennis Birchip –v– Nullawil
 Thursday 19th Festival of Small Halls –Wycheproof



NULLAWIL TENNIS CLUB
 Saturday 29th, Feb. 2020
 Tennis: Nullawil –v- St.Arnaud



NULLAWIL-CULGOA CRICKET CLUB FINALS
 Semi finals Saturday 14th March &
 Final Saturday 21st March, 2020

NULLAWIL SENIOR CITIZENS INC.

Dinner Meeting
March 5th
Arrive by 12:15pm
Meal served at 12:30pm
Caterers: Nullawil Netball club



Senior Citizens' Meal Roster 2020

June 4th	Catholic Ladies
September 3rd	Tennis club
December 3rd	Nullawil Primary School



NULLAWIL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

“War on Weeds.”
The town has a couple of ‘weed warriors’
walking and stalking the bindii around
the town.

However this is a huge problem and it is up to **everyone** to do their bit to help eradicate the bindii.

Get your own little group going and search and destroy any bindii you can find.

Thank you



NULLAWIL SILO ART COMMITTEE

CELBRATION & MINI MARKET DAY
AT NULLAWIL

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

Fun for the kids
YOLO EVENTS & WILDLIFE DISPLAY
 Musical Entertainment

More details as they come to hand.



THURSDAYS
 10AM > 11 AM

We are looking for
 jars and small clear glass bottles
 for craft projects.

If you have some please bring
 them into the
 School office.

