Well we started this week with a SPLASH! Swimming is here and it is great to see just how excited all the children have been. Many have shared their successes with myself and the teachers as they progress a level or swim further than they have before. Of course this could not be possible if we did not have such great support from the families, friends and the wider community. This week at assembly Mr Jenner spoke to the students about what it means to be responsible. Being responsible can mean:

- Looking after your personal belongings such as uniforms, books, lunchbox etc.
- Looking after your bag, goggles, towel and clothes when swimming
- Taking pride in our school by looking after our school facilities and buildings such as the toilet block area, computers, sports equipment, classroom furniture and books.
- Being responsible for our learning by completing classwork and doing our homework

Our student leader badges for 2017 are currently being printed. Once available they will be presented to student leaders, along with their certificates, at assembly. An invitation will be extended to all school families, friends and relatives to join us. Please watch out for a notification on our Facebook Group detailing when this will occur.

Regards,

Debbie Oliver
(Acting Principal)
Canteen Duty – 1.30pm to 2.05pm

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Reminder –
No lunch orders for Prep -2 students during swimming.

SWIMMING TOMORROW!!!!!! FRIDAY 17TH OF FEBRUARY

As you are all aware our swimming program was due to start on Monday the 13th of February, unfortunately temperatures fell below 25 degrees so we were forced to cancel the program on the day. We have luckily been able to organise a makeup session for this Friday the 17th of February. This is a reminder to let all parents know about this, so you can organise your child’s swimming gear for tomorrow.

Kind Regards,
Nick Iorianni (Sports Coordinator)

SWIMMING

- Swimming commenced this week for all grades, Pr-6.
- Our swimming program is part of our overall Phys Ed program and we expect all students to be involved. If you are unsure of anything, please contact us.
- Sessions will take place every day, unless the projected temperature is below 25 degrees (wind chill factor taken into account), then swimming will be cancelled.
- Students need to bring their swimming gear (bathers, towel) each day in a suitable carry bag. Protective clothing and sunscreen are essential. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED, both school uniforms and swimming gear (We do have mix-ups in the change rooms from time-to-time)
- Preps will not participate on Wednesdays (their day off).
- There are still some gaps in the roster where we require helpers. Please see the attached roster to see how things are going so far, and if you can help, let us know asap. We will then print out an up-to-date roster on a regular basis
- In addition to helping with the swimming program, please consider helping us on the “culmination” day: Tuesday 28th February …..Swimming Sports
  - Please note: All students in the Junior School (Prep to 2) will need to bring along cut-lunches (NO LUNCH-ORDERS), because their normal lunch time is changed to accommodate swimming time.
  - If you are new to the school, and unsure of anything from previous notes, please contact us.

SOME SWIMMING PHOTOS
MUSIC

WANTED – Empty soft drink cans in good condition – SPRITE, FANTA and COKE-ZERO only. Please drop them off at the Music room or front office.
Thank you
Michelle Davis  -  Music/Art Teacher

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Parents & Friends met last Monday and most of the discussion focused around the organisation for the upcoming fete. The following activities were discussed:

- Face Painting
- Jumping castles
- Train rides
- Show bags
- A Photo booth
- Live entertainment
- Careful Cobbers
- Bubble machines
- And lots more including numerous food options

It was also decided to shift the drawing of the major fundraising raffle to Term 2, possibly to be drawn on Mother’s Day. Tickets will be on sale soon and the major prizes for the raffle will be:

1st prize 2 Nights accommodation for a family of 4 including breakfast at Cadell on the Murray.
2nd prize $100 voucher to be used at Sport First Numurkah.
3rd prize 2 x $25 meat vouchers.

It was great to see some new faces at the meeting. The next meeting is on Monday 6th March after Monday Assembly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met last Monday and the following main points were noted:

- Upcoming school council vacancies
- Finance reports were approved
- Holiday jobs completed. Sprayed spiders and test and tagged equipment.
- An update on our planned maintenance funding. Currently gathering quotes for the painting around the older part of the school.

The next meeting will be the AGM on the 20th March

WELCOME BBQ

Thankyou to everyone who attended our welcome BBQ last week! It was great to see so many families having a look around the school, catching up with teachers and meeting other families. Thanks to Staff members who “manned” the BBQ during the evening.

BUDDY ACTIVITIES……Our Year 5-6 students welcomed our new Preps

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Junior Golf Clinics  –  At Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club

- 6 week program running on Fridays from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.
- Open to Boys and Girls aged 8 to 17.
- Only $5 a session.
- For more information Phone Anthony or Numurkah Golf & Bowls Club on 5862 3445
What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school.

- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. For parents, this notice will probably be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the Parent category or DET employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections if elections are needed.
Schedule 4    Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Numurkah Primary School
Nomination forms are attached to this hand-out (spares at the office), and must be lodged by:

| 4.00 pm on Friday 10th March, 2017 |

There are two types of nomination forms attached. You can use either one following the correct procedures on the forms:

1. Self-nomination form (you can nominate yourself to be on School Council)
2. Nomination by another parent (another parent can nominate you, with your approval)

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.
If we have more nominations than vacancies, an election will be called.
If an election is required, the ballot will take place by:

| 4.00pm on Monday 20th March, 2017 |

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.
Two non-elected “co-opted” positions will also become vacant.

Debbie Oliver (Acting Principal)
Schedule 5A  Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Numurkah Primary School Council.

Name………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Residential address………………………………………………………………………………………………

Contact Phone: (mobile or landline)…………………………………………………………………………

Email:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

I am the parent/guardian of ……………………………………………………………, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate: ………………………………………………..Date: ……………

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 5862 1426

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.
Schedule 5B  Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate …………………………………………………………………………………for an elected position as a parent/guardian member on the Numurkah Primary School Council.

CANDIDATE’S DETAILS

Name: …………………………………………………………………………………………………

Residential address: ……………………………………………………………………………

Contact Phone: (mobile or landline) ……………………………………………………………

Email: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

I am the parent/guardian of ……………………………………………………………….., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ………………………………………, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school. Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator: ………………………………………………………

Signature of Nominator: …………………………………………………Date: …………………

Candidate to complete: I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
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Signature of Candidate: …………………………………………………Date: …………………

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SCHOOL FETE: Friday 24th March 2017: 5.00 to 7.30pm

Expression of Interest

We have started to collect names of parents who could help with this year’s fete.

The organisation of the fete in general, as well as the organisation of individual stalls, is supported by quite a lot of documentation from past years, compiled into a “central” folder. This folder is kept in the office for helpers to peruse. We believe this helps stall co-ordinators. We also have lots of experienced parents who can pass on their knowledge to new volunteers.

Please consider helping us out (which ultimately helps our children), either by volunteering to be a stall co-ordinator, or a stall volunteer. Our Fete Co-ordinator has already been appointed: thanks Sam Storer.

Suggested stalls/activities are:
- Fun & Games Activities
- Sweets, coffee/tea
- Hot chips & steamed dim-sims
- Kids corner (show-bags, glowsticks, tattoos)
- Drinks / fairy-floss
- Train Rides
- Cakes, produce, toys, books,
- Face-painting,
- BBQ (organised by School Council)
- Jumping Castle
- Voucher sales
- Spinning Wheel
- Balloons
- Petting Zoo
- Careful Cobbers
- and more!!

There may be new stall ideas that families think of, as well. We will also continue to have a program of regular events throughout the night, eg entertainment / demonstrations / special competitions.

Please return the attached slip a.s.a.p., if you able to help.

Numurkah Primary School Fete, 2017

Name: ________________________________
Phone Contact: ________________________

☐ I would be willing to co-ordinate the following stall (from above list or a new one):
___________________________________________

☐ I would be available to help on one of the stalls for part of the evening:
___________________________________________

Here is another suggestion for the fete ___________________________________________
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To avoid a rush of phone calls on cool mornings, the school has a policy for cancelling swimming. If the expected temperature is below 25° for the day, swimming WILL BE CANCELLED.

****Thank you for the great response, but as you can see we are still in need of parent helpers to assist with some sessions. If you can assist in any session please return your form or ring the school tomorrow. At this stage, without more helpers, some sessions may have to be cancelled.
## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**WEEK ENDING 10/02/2017 STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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<td>Shaely Eddy</td>
<td>For being an excellent role model with our School Values for the new Preps in our room.</td>
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<td>Colt Cowan</td>
<td>Taking his new classroom responsibilities seriously and displaying excellent work habits. What a great learner!</td>
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<td>Olivia Tervit</td>
<td>For making a fantastic start to the term. Olivia has shown excellent work habits and is caring towards others.</td>
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<td>Jacinta Holmes</td>
<td>What a wonderful role model! You show all our School Values so well!</td>
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<td>Zac Newby</td>
<td>Congratulations on an excellent start to Grade 4. Impressive work habits and good quality homework responses. Well done!</td>
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<td>Breanna Inglis-Goodliffe</td>
<td>A fantastic start to Year 4. You have shown great leadership and I'm looking forward to seeing how far you go.</td>
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<td>Sarah Abdulamir</td>
<td>For striving to achieve your best in all subjects and challenging yourself at every opportunity.</td>
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<td>Kanga Broad</td>
<td>Displaying some excellent cooperation by being patient, supportive and helpful with her classmates to work through a range of challenges. Great start to the year!</td>
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<td>Bradyn Dicker</td>
<td>For showing a responsible attitude as you successfully completed a range of individual tasks. You are also working hard to extend your leadership skills.</td>
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