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Funding for School Re-build

An announcement to fully fund the re-build of our school has been announced this week. The two million dollar project will be funded through a combination of the federal government's economic stimulus package and the state government's rural replacement program. The plans are already established and the project will go to tender next week. We hope to start construction in June and begin school in 2010 in the new facilities. The construction zone will be to the south of the existing buildings and will cause minimal disruption to the normal operations of the school.

Cultural Performance—Planet Rhythm

Planet Rhythm will be visiting our school on Friday 15th May. This performance offers students an opportunity to take part in a unique and memorable life experience which may never present itself to them again. The kids will see, touch and hear a vast array of amazing 'World Drums' collected over many years from the four corners of the globe.



The cost for this cultural performance is included in the school levy. For families that have not paid the levy it is \$4.50 per child.

Cross Country Trials to be held at Katunga

Cross Country trials for children in grades 4, 5 & 6 will be held on Wednesday 13th May at Katunga, commencing 11:30am. We will be joined by children from Strathmerton Primary, Katunga South Primary and Waaia-Yalca South Primary Schools for these trials. Children successful at the trials will then go on to zone cross country in Shepparton which will be held Wednesday 20th May.

Bike Education

The school currently has the Bike Ed trailer to assist us with the delivery of the bike Ed program. Children in grade prep—2 will complete a road safety program without bikes over the next 2 weeks and the older children in grades 3—6 will use bicycles for this program. The Bike Ed trailer has only 8 bikes so children are invited to bring their bikes and helmets from home. The bikes can be locked away at school over night if necessary. Bikes are not permitted on the school bus.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Term 2, 2009

Friday	8th May	Mother's Day Stall (11am) & BBQ (1pm) Winter Sports v Nathalia PS (at Nathalia)
Wednesday	13th May	Cross Country Trials at Katunga Grs. 4,5,6 (11:30am)
Friday	15th May	Cultural Performance - Planet Rhythm
Monday	18th May	School Council Meeting - 7:30pm start
Wednesday	20th May	Zone Cross Country - Shepparton
Friday	22nd May	Winter Sports v St Francis PS (at St Francis PS Nathalia)
Friday	5th June	Winter Sports v Numurkah (at home)
Monday	8th June	Public Holiday - Queens Birthday
Friday	12th June	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	16th June	Cultural Performance - King Arthur

Katunga Kids are Friendly Kids

BODY LANGUAGE



Prep/1 Harkness	1/2 Patching	2/3 Hubbard	4/5 Knight	5/6 Kelly
Lily Cox	Logan van der Burg	Kieran West	Sanne Van Dooren	Emmerson van der Burg

Library - Mondays

Library sessions are run each Monday with Nicole Reynolds. Children are requested to bring in the library books they have borrowed from the school library each Monday so they can change them over during class time.

Website address

We have a new website set up for the school. This website can be used to access the school newsletter, and other general information regarding our school. Newsletters will hopefully be updated on the site within 48 hours of publishing. The address for this website is www.katungaps.vic.edu.au.



Winter Sports (Senior School)

Interschool sport for children in grades 5 and 6 starts this Friday, 8th May. The children will play football and netball at Nathalia against Nathalia Primary School. All matches are scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm.

Children participating will have an early lunch and will leave the school at 1:00pm and return to school by 3:15pm. The cost of the bus will be \$7.00 (\$3.50 each bus trip), we have 2 away games this year against Nathalia and St Francis Primary Schools see game schedule below for dates. Please make sure this money is brought into school before Friday 8th May.

The game schedule is as follows (please note dates are subject to change, confirmed dates will be notified in the newsletter as they become closer):

8th MAY - NATHALIA V KATUNGA	19th JUNE - KATUNGA V ST JOSEPHS
22nd MAY - ST FRANCIS V KATUNGA	24th JULY - KATUNGA V STRATHMERTON
5th JUNE - KATUNGA V NUMURKAH	7th AUGUST - LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP at Cobram

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a curriculum based assessment program, which tests knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy. The tests, which are held over three days, will provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals about student achievement which can be used to support teaching and learning programs. The tests for years 3 and 5 students will take place on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May.

In certain circumstances, students may be granted an exemption from the NAPLAN 2009 tests. Students who are unable to perform in an assessment situation, or who are unable to follow the general instructions of the assessment, can be exempted. In this situation a Record of Exemption must be completed and signed by the parents and principal.

Please contact the principal if you feel that your child is eligible for exemption status, or if you require any further information on the NAPLAN tests. More information is available at the website: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au.

Student Banking

Student Banking Day is Thursday each week. Bank books with deposit slip filled out and money should be left at the office on Thursday mornings.



On Sale at Lunchtimes
 from the courtyard on the bell at 1:10 pm

WATER ICY POLES 30+ each; 300ml

MILKY FREEZES \$1.00 each
 (Chocolate, Caramel & Strawberry)

**DUCATS ORANGE DRINKS \$1.20 each*

MILK DRINKS - from Numurkah Milk
 Chocolate, Strawberry & Iced Coffee **\$1.50 each**

Bottled Water \$1.00 each

Plain Milk (600ml) \$1.50 each

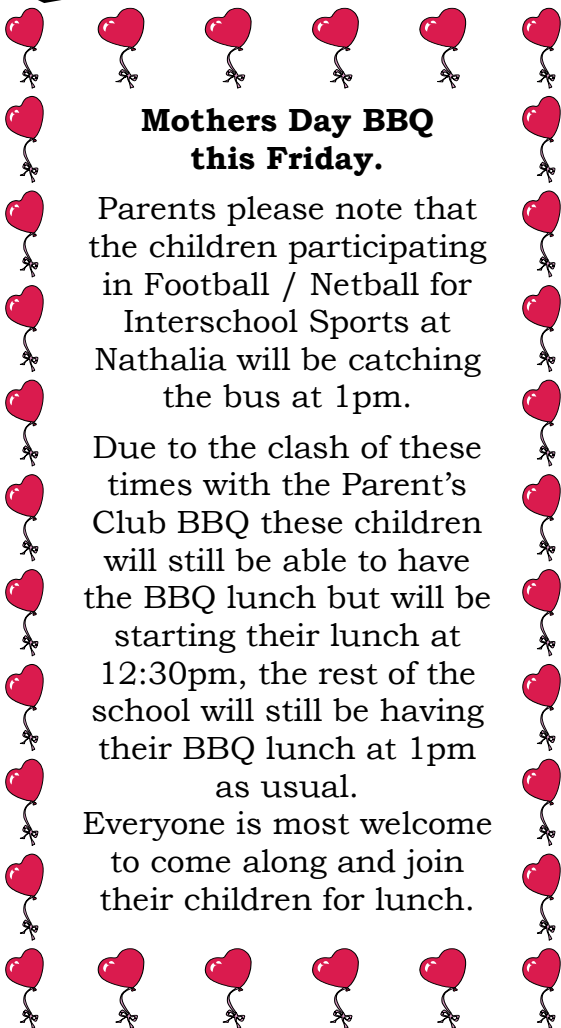


Katunga Primary School Parent's Club
Wednesday Lunch Roster
Term 2 - Hot Chicken Rolls in Gravy

Please note helpers are required from approx 11:45am to 1pm.

Order forms for lunches are available from the foyer in the office, please note that due the printing problems we will no longer have lunch bags available so money needs to be placed in an envelope and attached to the lunch order, which in turn should be handed into the classroom teacher each Wednesday morning.

13th May	Fiona McIlveen	Mardi Mison	Kerry White
20th May	Elaine Louden	Heather Parker	Natalie Connally
27th May	Fiona McIlveen	Mardi Mison	Kerry White
3rd June	Elaine Louden	Julie Collier	Mardi Mison
10th June	Heather Parker	Julie Collier	Mardi Mison
17th June	Elaine Louden	Beck Riordan	Julie Collier
24th June	Lisa Browing	Julie Collier	Mardi Mison
<i>Providing healthy and delicious lunches for the kids!</i>			



**Mothers Day BBQ
 this Friday.**

Parents please note that the children participating in Football / Netball for Interschool Sports at Nathalia will be catching the bus at 1pm.

Due to the clash of these times with the Parent's Club BBQ these children will still be able to have the BBQ lunch but will be starting their lunch at 12:30pm, the rest of the school will still be having their BBQ lunch at 1pm as usual.

Everyone is most welcome to come along and join their children for lunch.

Community Notices

Thank you
 NATHALIA FERTILISTER & GRAIN
 for supporting our school by spreading the super-urea blend on our school oval.

NATHALIA FERTILISTER & GRAIN
 8 Nugent Street, Nathalia
 contact number 58662922

KATUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL—ABSENCE NOTE
 (Please Print)

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Grade _____, I wish to advise that the absence on _____ was due to _____

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