Pupil Free Day
Day one next term, Monday 1st May, is a Pupil Free Day where NPS staff will be engaged in training. For those families who find child care difficult, please note that the school’s OSHC will be open and offering a program on this day. For bookings or enquires please call Lauren on 83449700.

School Dismissal 2:05pm Last Day of Every Term
Those parents who are new to school many be unaware that on the last day of every term, school is dismissed one hour earlier. Therefore, at the end of this term, Thursday 13th April, school will be dismissed at 2:05pm. Friday 14th April is a Public Holiday for Good Friday.

School Uniform Policy Updated
Policy approval is one of the shared responsibilities of the Governing Council and the Principal.

In recent times there has been discussion at council that primarily centred on non-compliance with the expectations. As a result of this discussion, the school’s uniform code has been updated to ensure it is non-gender specific and also to state the expectations in regard to leggings, tights and stockings.

The policy now states that:
Leggings and tights are to be royal blue, navy or white and that they may be worn under an outer piece of clothing.

A number of students are currently wearing non-compliant leggings or tights. The following pictures are provided to provide clarity of these expectations.

With the winter months fast approaching, we would ask parents to ensure that any items purchased are compliant with the school's Uniform Policy. A full copy of this updated policy is included in this edition of the newsletter. From Term 3 the Leadership Team will be following the non-compliant procedures.

Picture A illustrates the black tights or leggings that are no longer compliant.
Picture B illustrates that leggings or leisure wear are not compliant when worn as a pant and can only be worn under an outer piece of clothing.

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Principal's Message (continued)

STEM at ROMA MITCHELL
It was my privilege to attend the launch of a Girl’s STEM Program at Roma Mitchell, together with four of our current female STEM participants in Tehya, Charlotte, Lily and Helena.

Over the last 3 years, Year 6/7 students (both boys and girls) from Nailsworth Primary School have had the opportunity to participate in a STEM Program at Roma Mitchell Secondary School. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths where these subjects are delivered in integrated units of work. STEM is a curriculum priority of the South Australian Government that sees a future in the hands of creative young people who can be leaders in these high end subjects. We appreciated Roma Mitchell’s willingness to hold such a program that allows willing students to stretch their thinking.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN tests for Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from the 9th to the 11th May with catch up days for those students who are unwell or miss the test day/s.

This testing program is a nationally developed program that provides schools and the state with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. These tests are just one of many assessments that your child will participate in and, in my opinion, provides valuable information for you as a parent, your child’s teacher and the school.

NAPLAN is moving on-line over the next 3 years but in most South Australian schools it will remain a pencil and paper test with results available in early September.

I personally encourage all parents to allow their child to sit the tests but if you wish to withdraw your child for philosophical or religious reasons please contact me ASAP:
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Excursions and Sporting Events
As the first term draws to a close it is great to see that many students have had the opportunity to participate in learning activities beyond the school gate. I have been fortunate to have been a cricket fanatic of late, watching our team in both Knock Out and T20 competitions and I also farewelled the Foundation classes on their first excursion - a Teddy Bears Picnic.

Sharron Ward, NPS Principal
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Parking Around the School
Please be aware that recently many parents/guardians have been sent a parking fine for leaving their vehicle unattended in our school’s Drop Off Zone located on Thomas Street. This fine was in excess of $70.

Information from the City of Prospect Council:

Schools and other No Stopping Areas
City of Prospect has six schools in the council district. At all schools you will find a No Stopping area or an area with parking restrictions during school hours. Drivers parking in restricted areas may cause blind spots for other motorists and create dangerous situations for school children. Please pay special attention to dropping off or picking up people in areas that are marked with a continuous yellow edge line, as motorists cannot stop on a continuous yellow edged line.

Drivers should avoid obstructing crossing places or entrances as this may impede movement of vehicles.
Penalty: $91

Finance News
Entertainment Book Fundraising
We are again selling the Entertainment Book. If you wish to order one you can order online at: https://www.entbook.com.au/161a420
You have the option to purchase a digital copy or a hard copy of the book which can then be collected from the school early in Term 2.
You can also purchase an Entertainment Book directly from the Finance Office at a cost of $70 each.

Update on Rugby Tops
Unfortunately there has been a delay in the delivery of the rugby tops and we will now expect the delivery early next term.
Mary Dunton, Finance Officer
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Community Notices
The school’s two notice boards are located on the Front Office verandah and under the shelter by the volleyball court. This week the following notices are displayed:

• April School Holiday Program at Prospect Library – lots of fun activities
• Register your interest in learning new skills at the Prospect Digital Hub
• SA Dental Service offers free dental treatment to students under 18 years. Phone: 8269 4579
• Parent input is sought in the development of an intervention program supporting parents dealing with separation and divorce. The Universities of SA & Queensland are involved. Please contact Dr Helen Stallman:
h.stallman@uq.edu.au
• St Monica’s Netball Club is running a 10 week skills program from 27/4/17. Enrol: stmonicasnetballclub@hotmail.com
• See ‘Mickster the Trickster’ at Prospect Town Hall on 27/4/17
• Help create an art installation in Prospect parks by making pom poms. Completed pom poms can be left at the Prospect Library until 10/5/17.
Speak Greek in March

Speak Greek in March month ended last week at Nailsworth School with a Zorba Flash Mob in the yard and the mega Koulourakia Day. We’d like to thank the very generous families who baked a total of over 600 Greek cookies so that every student, teacher and support staff could enjoy a tasty koulouraki. Efharisto to the following families for their generosity: Rebelos, Arnold-Rowe, Demertzis, Skrembos, Sianis, Tsanaktisidis, Tsapalis, Tytler-Walton, Tsoukalas, Bogdanov and Volaris.

Linda Kalaitzis, Greek Teacher
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Music and Drama News

Junior Choir

Junior Choir registration forms are now due. If you have completed a registration form and have not received an email from me then it may mean that I had difficulty reading the provided address. Please send me an email to correct this issue. Teachers have been notified about which students have been accepted into Junior Choir based on their participation over the past few weeks. I have seen overwhelming enthusiasm from the students who came and currently have about 50 students! This means I am no longer able to accept new students into Junior Choir. If your child has not yet submitted their registration form please try to get them back to school before the end of this week.

Senior Choir

Please ensure that your child has returned their registration form for Senior Choir as this is a requirement in order for them to receive their book and CD for practise at home. The Senior Choir will perform this Friday at assembly. Parents are welcome to come along to hear them.

Jon Madin Workshops and Concert

The workshops and concert were a huge hit with students. They had many questions for Jon about how he made his instruments, what inspired him and how he chose the songs for them. These are two quotes from students that stuck with me:

“I’ve played in bands and orchestras and this is the most amazing thing I’ve ever seen!” – Year 7 student

“Mrs Hanel, I think I’m good at this!” – Year 6 student

Judy Hanel, Music and Drama Teacher
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NPS History

Lest We Forget

The Australian War Memorial (AWM) is conducting the last post ceremony for Lance Corporal Bernard Dubois on the 18th April 2017 who is featured on our School Honour Board. The ceremony is held at 4:25pm each day. For more information follow the links to Last Post Ceremony on the AWM website. He was killed in action on the 20th July 1916 whilst serving with the 32nd Battalion AIF. He is buried at the VC Corner Cemetery in Fromelles, France. The previous day the Battalion had participated in the Fromelles battle, where the Battalion had suffered over a 75% casualty rate. He attended NPS from 1894 until the end of 1895.

From the Library

Congratulations to all those who are well into their Premier’s Reading Challenge! In particular, well done to Isabelle C who has successfully completed the Challenge. What an effort!

Mini-challenge for the week: Read a book from a different category – have you tried adventure, fantasy, family/relationships or science fiction?

http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/

ANZAC Day falls on 25th April which will be during the school holidays. For these last two weeks of term there are plenty of ANZAC and war themed novels and non-fiction books on display for browsing. The photographs are from a collection of exhibits from the Australian War Memorial and will be on display on the SmartBoard in the Library. They are from the Centenary of ANZAC Centenary Experience. Families might also like to visit this site to read about the contribution made by Australian men and women at Gallipoli and in other conflicts.


From its association with poppies flowering in the spring of 1915 on the battlefields of Belgium, France and Gallipoli, the poppy has become a symbol of both great loss in war and hope for those left behind. I am asking the Nailsworth community to contribute to a massed display of poppies in our Library – it would be wonderful to be able to display one for each student. I will distribute a paper template to each family for you to colour, collage, pattern – whatever form of colouring appeals – and then the cut out poppies can be brought to the Library by Wednesday 12th April.

It’s also Easter in the Library! There are plenty of Easter themed books to read about this particular event on the Australian calendar.

Happy reading!

Nicole Le Mesurier, Teacher Librarian
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Uniform Policy - Updated

UNIFORM

It is expected that students wear a school uniform every day except when it is a special event that has been communicated to parents. It is the school’s belief that a school uniform develops a sense of belonging and pride in our students and promotes school spirit. The school’s uniform colours are royal blue and white.

School uniform clothing and hats are available for purchase or order at the school’s Uniform Shop, Monday - Friday 8:30 - 9:30am.

It is strongly advised to label all clothing so as to assist with the return of lost clothing.

UNIFORM DETAILS

Colours: Royal blue and white

Clothing: The school prefers all students to wear uniform clothing purchased from the school’s Uniform Shop. The clothing items are royal blue in colour and some items have the school logo. Uniform clothing which is sold includes the following items:

- polo shirts, shorts, skorts, dresses, pinafores, track pants, windcheaters, jumpers, vests and raincoats.

Our Year 7 students can wear the especially designed commemorative shirts and windcheaters.

Student uniform clothing which is not purchased from the school’s Uniform Shop must be plain royal blue or white in colour. Jeans are not permitted.

Leggings/Tights: Royal blue, navy or white leggings/tights may be worn under an outer piece of school uniform clothing.

Headwear: Royal blue, white or black cultural/religious headwear is approved.

Hats: Legionnaire or bucket hats are to be worn for all outside activities and at play times during Terms 1, 3 and 4 or when the UV index reaches 3 or more. Royal blue and school logo sun safe hats purchased from the school’s Uniform Shop are preferred.

Footwear: Thongs and slip on shoes with no heel support are not permitted for safety reasons. Sandshoes are encouraged to be worn for PE lessons.

Jewellery: Students are encouraged not to wear excessive jewellery.

Make-up: Students are encouraged not to wear excessive make-up and nail polish.

NON-COMPLIANT DETAILS

Firstly: Staff speak to the student

Secondly: Leadership send home a letter to parent/guardian

Thirdly: A meeting with parent/guardian and leadership

Policy Approved, NPS Governing Council, Monday 20th March 2017