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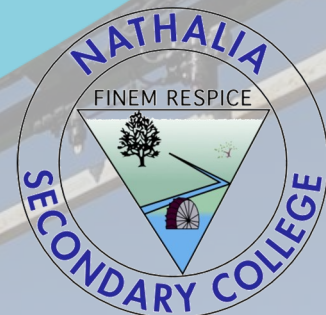
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We value: **C**aring, **L**earning, **E**xcellence, **A**ccountability & **R**espect



A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, As we approach the final few weeks of term, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our students and staff across a range of academic and extracurricular areas. The energy around the school has been incredibly positive, and it's great to see so many students striving for success.

Firstly, congratulations to all students on the completion of SPA Cycle Two for the year. A special well done goes to those students who achieved a SPA score of 4.3 or above—your hard work and dedication have earned you an invitation to the SPA Celebration Lunch. This is a fantastic recognition of your commitment to learning, and we look forward to celebrating with you.

The second round of assessment tasks for the semester will be uploaded to SIMON by the end of this week. These assessments offer students and families a great opportunity to reflect on both areas of achievement and areas for growth. I encourage all families to take some time to review the feedback with their children and discuss next steps and goals for continued improvement.

It has also been fantastic to see students engaging in learning beyond the classroom. A group of students recently attended the Road to Zero excursion in Melbourne, where they explored important themes around road safety and personal responsibility. The experience was both eye-opening and impactful, and our students represented the college exceptionally well.

Our Unit 3 Sociology class also enjoyed a valuable and enriching excursion to Bendigo, where they were able to deepen their understanding of key concepts through real-world observations and activities. Thank you to the staff who organised and supported these learning experiences.

As always, I want to finish by reinforcing the importance of high attendance. Every day at school matters. Attending regularly ensures students stay on top of their learning, build strong connections with teachers and peers, and get the most out of the opportunities available to them. If your child is going to be absent, please make sure to notify the office (58662331) with the reason, so we can provide the right support and keep our records up to date.

Parent Bulletin

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR 2025

Information regarding the 2025 Parent Payments has been forwarded to all families. The total amount per student for 2025 is \$250.

Payments can be made in the following ways:

- **BPay.** Please contact the office for your unique BPay code.
- **In Person.** Payments can be made at the Office between 8.30am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. EFTPOS (credit and debit cards) or cash are accepted (please note, we cannot accept American Express).

If you would like to make regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments, individual payment plans can be arranged.

Please contact the Office if you have any questions regarding these arrangements.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS (SSB)

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB can be used for uniforms and

textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities.

However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July. To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the SSB online system and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025. To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step [System guide for parents and carers](#) or watch this [School Saving Bonus video](#). System guide translations are also available in 14 languages.

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the School Saving Bonus enquiry form
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact our administration team for any SSB related questions.

Nathalia Secondary College acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.

In the classroom

YEAR 9/10 ENGLISH

The Year 9/10 English class taught by Miss Schols has been participating in class run formal debates this term. All students have participated as speakers, chairperson, timekeeper and adjudicator over the six debates that have taken place to date. Students have appealed to our emotions regarding water bottles, private space travel and the use of AI. They have used all their persuasive and manipulative ways to convince us phones should be used at schools and that the news is not real. Their confidence in public speaking has grown and their ability to argue scaffolded and supported. Great work by all the students!



In the classroom

YEAR 7/8 ART—PAINTED CHAIRS

Mr Bechaz Art class has been busy working away on their wooden chairs. Students used an orbital sander to take the chairs back to bare wood, before applying a sealer coat and then decorating the chair with their own designs, reflecting the Elements of Art, studied throughout the semester. Some wonderful creativity was explored and they should all be proud of their completed projects. Well done.



SPORTS LEADERS

Our Year 9 Sports Leaders recently had the fantastic opportunity to work with both Year 5 and 6 classes from Nathalia Primary School. They did an amazing job running large group sports activities, putting their leadership skills into action. It's been great to see how far these students have come — growing in confidence, public speaking, planning, and teamwork. Well done!



Around the grounds

DOOKIE FOOD & FIBRE EXPO

Our students recently attended the Dookie Food & Fibre Expo, where they explored various career paths in the food and fibre industries. The event featured hands-on activities and demonstrations on sustainable farming practices and advanced agricultural technologies. Students connected with industry experts, gaining valuable insights and advice about career opportunities. The expo inspired our students to consider future careers in these fields, highlighting the importance of innovation and sustainability. We are proud of their enthusiasm and look forward to supporting their journey into the food and fibre industries.



UNIT 3 SOCIOLOGY

Our Unit 3 Sociology students recently embarked on an enriching excursion to the Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo. This visit was designed to support their Ethnicity Research Report by providing a deeper understanding of cultural diversity and heritage.

At the museum, students explored exhibits showcasing the rich history and contributions of the Chinese community in Australia. They learned about the cultural significance of artifacts, traditional practices, and the historical context of Chinese immigration.

The excursion offered students a unique opportunity to engage with primary sources and gain firsthand insights into the complexities of ethnicity. This experience will undoubtedly enhance their research and provide a solid foundation for their reports.

We are proud of our students' dedication to their studies and look forward to seeing their thoughtful and informed research outcomes.





Congratulations Joshua Peterson
Nathalia Secondary College
Certificate III in Agriculture
Mark Peterson – MN & LM Peterson

GOULBURN OVENS MURRAY

headstart.gom@education.vic.gov.au



HEAD START SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE

Congratulations to Joshua Peterson, who is undertaking a Head Start school-based apprenticeship (SBAT) in Certificate III in Agriculture, working on a biodynamic dairy farm in Nathalia.

As part of the Wodonga TAFE Ag Skills program, Josh attends classes every second Wednesday in Shepparton and spends alternate Wednesdays and every Thursday getting hands-on experience on the farm.

Alcheringa Dairy Farm, run by Josh's uncle Mark Peterson, uses the Demeter biodynamic farming method — a

sustainable approach focused on building healthy, chemical-free soil. This means the cows get to graze on nutrient-rich plants, which not only keeps them healthy but also results in high quality, naturally flavoured milk.

Alongside his passion for agriculture, Josh has a keen interest in arboriculture—particularly the care and maintenance of trees, including pruning, removal, diagnosing and treating diseases, and managing overall tree health.

Great work, Josh! We wish you all the best in your Year 11 studies and SBAT!

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE – NEXT WEEK!

Work Experience Week for our Year 10 students kicks off next week – **Monday 16th to Friday 20th June.**

This is a great opportunity for students to explore career interests, develop workplace skills, and gain real-world experience. We wish all our Year 10s a rewarding and enjoyable week at their chosen placements!

A big thank you to the employers and organisations who have generously offered their time and support – your involvement makes a real difference in the lives of our students.

Parents and carers, thank you for your support. If you have any last-minute questions, please don't hesitate to contact Emma at the school.

FACTS ABOUT SUGARY DRINKS



**THERE ARE ABOUT
16 PACKS
OF SUGAR
IN 1 600ML
BOTTLE OF
REGULAR
SOFT DRINK**

**47%
OF CHILDREN**

The 2007 Australian National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey found that 47% of children (2 to 16 years of age)

**CONSUMED
SUGAR-SWEETENED
BEVERAGES
(INCLUDING ENERGY
DRINKS) EVERY DAY**

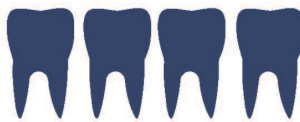
**6.75KG
WEIGHT
GAIN IN ONE YEAR**



It has been estimated that consuming one can of soft drink per day could lead to a 6.75kg weight gain in one year (if these calories are added to a typical US diet and not offset by reduction in other energy sources)

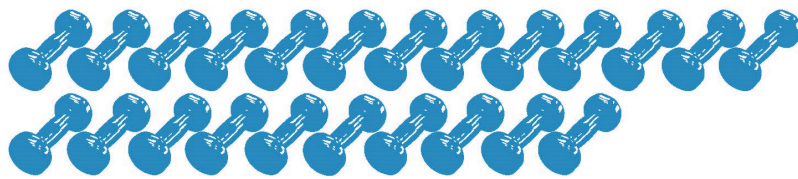
DRINKING A CAN OF SOFT DRINK EACH DAY
will significantly increase your risk of

**TOOTH DECAY
AND EROSION**



If you drink 1 x 600ml regular soft drink every day for a year you will drink

23 KILOS OF SUGAR



**1.28
BILLION
LITRES**

**THE AMOUNT OF
CARBONATED/STILL
DRINKS BOUGHT
IN 2012**

In the 12 months to October 2012, Australians bought 1.28 billion litres of carbonated/still drinks with sugar, with regular cola drinks being the most popular (447 million litres)

**9 PACKS
OF SUGAR
IN 600ML
SPORTS
DRINK**



**6 PACKS
OF SUGAR
IN 250ML
ENERGY
DRINK**



**AUSTRALIA IS IN THE TOP 10 COUNTRIES
FOR PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF SOFT DRINK**



1 pack = 4 grams of sugar

Wellbeing

With Craig, Bron, Raelene & Casey



**You wouldn't eat 16 teaspoons
of sugar - *so why drink it?***

600ml
cola

16

teaspoons
sugar per bottle

500ml
iced tea

8

teaspoons
sugar per bottle

600ml
sports drink

9

teaspoons
sugar per bottle

250ml
energy drink

7

teaspoons
sugar per can

600ml
lemon squash

16

teaspoons
sugar per bottle

1100ml
slushy

25

teaspoons
sugar per cup



youtube.com/user/VACCHOinc
rethinksugarydrink.org.au



NOTICEBOARD

MOTOV8ING BOYS SHEPPARTON 12TH JUN

*STOP WASTING TIME HOPING FOR THINGS TO MAGICALLY
CHANGE, BECOME THE CHANGE YOUR FAMILY NEED - REV*

MOTOV8ING BOYS EVENTS ARE ABOUT
INSPIRING, INFORMING & INSTRUCTING BOYS
& THEIR PARENTS HOW TO MAKE SMARTER
MORE INFORMED DECISIONS IN LIFE.

ATTITUDES, THOUGHTS, WORDS, ACTIONS, BEHAVIOUR, DRIVE, DETERMINATION,
DOUBT, FEARS, GAMING, LAZINESS, LIES, WORRY, ANGER, EMOTIONS, RESPECT,
HOPES, DREAMS, GOALS, WINNING, ACHIEVING, OBSTACLES & OUTCOMES.

THIS COULD BE THE NIGHT THAT CHANGES YOUR SON'S
LIFE FOR EVER, BOOK NOW TO AVOID MISSING OUT.

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY **motov8**



SAVAGE ANGELS SHEPPARTON 13TH JUN

*STOP WASTING TIME HOPING FOR THINGS TO MAGICALLY
CHANGE, BECOME THE CHANGE YOUR FAMILY NEED - REV*

Savage Angel events are about inspiring, informing
& instructing girls & their parents how to make
smarter more informed decisions in life.

ATTITUDES, THOUGHTS, WORDS, ACTIONS,
BEHAVIOUR, DRIVE, DETERMINATION, DOUBT,
FEARS, LAZINESS, LIES, WORRY, ANGER,
EMOTIONS, RESPECT, HOPES, DREAMS, GOALS,
WINNING, ACHIEVING, OBSTACLES & OUTCOMES.

This could be the night that
changes your daughters life for ever.

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY **Savage Angel**





Dates to remember...

Mon 16th—Fri 20th June

Year 10 work experience

Year 11 exams

Year 7 & 9 Rubicon Camp

Tuesday 17th June

GAT

School Council

Friday 27th June

JNR & INT Girls Footy

Friday 4th July

Last Day Term 2

2:20pm dismissal

Monday 21st July

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 22nd July

Term 3 commences

Wednesday 30th July

4:30pm Senior School Information Evening @ SMOTA

Tuesday 12th August

4:30—6:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews

AS THE SEASONS TURN, AND THE WEATHER STARTS TO COOL, A REMINDER BEANIES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE FOR \$20



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