Introduction

For 130 years Nundle Public School has been supporting the surrounding rural community and villages. Nundle is located approximately 60 kilometres from the nearest large centre, Tamworth. The school is a focal point of the community and enjoys exceptional support from the parent body. The Nundle P&C runs The Great Nundle Dog Race which raises a great deal of money to support the school.

Nundle Public School is located in beautiful grounds in an exceptionally attractive and dynamic community. The tennis courts, swimming pool, sporting grounds, shops, memorial hall, themed playground and library are in close proximity and accessible to the students.

Use of computers within the school is excellent with approximately 1 computer to every child. These are all linked through a network enabling complete access to our educational programs and the Internet. Each classroom has access to Television, Video and DVD. Classrooms are also equipped with the latest in SMARTBOARD technology and the school has video conference facilities.

Nundle Public also has an excellent new library as part of the Education Revolution grants.

We promote our school motto of “Honour, Industry and Truth” in all aspects of day-to-day school life.

Staff

Mr. Ian Worley, Principal, Stage 3 Teacher
Ms. Lynne Weis, Early Stage 1 Teacher
Ms. Petrina Eisenhauer, Stage 1 Teacher
Ms. Mrs Amanda Price—Stage 2 Teacher
Miss. Maree Boland, Library
Mrs. Joy Warden, School Administration Manager
Mrs. Lyn Ryan, School Administration Officer
Mrs. Kim Fisher, School Learning Support Officer
Mrs. Kristen Worley, School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Marjolijn Fitzgerald, School Learning Support Officer
Mr. Lindsay Fisher, General Assistant
**Education**

Your children receive a well-rounded education with a heavy focus on Literacy and Numeracy. All N.S.W. Department of Education and Training policies are implemented. Educational programs for the students are designed to meet their needs, provide diverse learning experiences and maximize opportunities to achieve their full potential both inside and outside the classroom.

Staff is kept up to date with current teaching practices enabling students to receive an excellent standard of education.

The main aim of our school is to help in the development of each child. A balance between the home, school and the community are necessary for the child’s maximum development. Parents have an important role to play in the education of their child and also in fostering positive attitudes to education and their school.

The first year of formal education is a very important one and from the beginning we aim to build a happy, secure and interesting learning environment for the children. Routines and rules are developed to help the children become familiar with school life and they are encouraged to be as independent as possible.

Parents as partners in education are appreciated. Your skills are valued. Help can be given in the classrooms in many areas – reading, art and craft, mathematics, English and sport. If you would like to help or have some specific skills that you could share just let the school know.

Our school motto is Honour, Industry and Truth and the school mission statement reads; **Parents and teachers will work in partnership to provide a safe, stimulating and caring environment. Teachers will strive to foster learning which is both enjoyable and productive. We aim for children to reach their full potential in their sporting, social and academic learning.**

**We aim for children to be self directed learners as well as showing empathy and tolerance of others. Students will develop a pride in themselves and their successes.**

If you have any questions on any matters not covered in this booklet, please contact the school on 67 693253 during school hours or at our email address – nundle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Out of Hours School Care and Vacation Care

The Nundle Public School P&C offers an out of hours school care and vacation care program. This is a registered service which means parents are entitled to rebates if they hold a CRN with Centrelink.

Operating hours are as follows:

School Days
Morning-7.30am-8.30am
Afternoon-3.00pm-6.30pm

School Holidays
7.30am-6.30pm

The care facility is located in the school residence attached to the school. The coordinator is Ms Ashleigh Vesper. Application forms can be picked up by contacting the coordinator.

The facility can be contacted on 67693485.

Bookings are essential for vacation care.
**Bell Times**

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**Please Note:**
Please do not send your child to school before 8.30a.m. as teachers are doing preparation and are not on duty until that time. Please ensure your child and the school knows about travel arrangements by sending a note with your child. If any change to the normal routine occurs, please inform us in writing as little ones often get confused and distressed if they forget during the day.

**Assemblies**

An after lunch assembly is held daily commencing at 1.55pm. Brief information may be given or sought at this time. Formal assemblies are held weekly in the school hall. At this assembly the Principal addresses the assembly, merit awards and special achievements are awarded and announcements made and on occasions class items performed. Year 6 students lead these assemblies. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Students may be required to contribute toward performances from time to time.
School Uniform

Uniforms give a sense of belonging and pride and this is something we encourage in the children, so wearing of a school uniform is desirable.

Hats are part of the school uniform and can be purchased from the school canteen at a cost of $7.00 (prices are subject to change). Children without hats are asked to play in the shaded areas instead of playing in the sun.

The P. & C. sell sloppy joes, track pants, school ties, polar fleece vests, sports shirts and jackets. These can be purchased through the P&C uniform officer. The officer is available on a Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Uniforms R Us make Nundle School girls summer uniforms-67657771

Labeling of clothing: Please ensure all items of clothing and personal possessions are clearly marked with your child’s name so that the children can find their own belongings. This way they learn to become responsible for their own property and it is also easier to return lost property to the right owner.

A clothing pool with limited used clothing does operate at the School.
# Girls

## Winter Uniform

* Tamworth Public School pinafore available from Lowes
* Long Sleeve Blue Blouse (available as per above)
* Royal Blue Sloppy Joe with School Crest available through canteen
* Tie (available at School—cost $16)
* Navy stockings or navy socks
* Black Shoes
* Navy Slacks (optional extra) P. & C. do keep some stock in Canteen
* Royal blue hat available from the Canteen
* Jacket available through clothing

## Summer Uniform

* Blue and white check dress with white collar and blue ribbon tie.
* White socks
* Royal Blue school Hat available at the Canteen.

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# Boys

## Winter and Summer Uniforms

* Grey shorts/college grey (summer)
* Grey long trousers (winter)
* Blue short sleeved shirt (summer) Blue long sleeved shirt (winter). Available from Lowes or any of the variety stores.
* Royal Blue sloppy joe with School Crest (available through clothing pool).
* Tie (available from the Office) at a cost of $16
* Grey socks
* Black shoes
* Royal blue hat available from the Canteen
* Jacket available through clothing

## Sports Uniform—Boys and Girls

* Blue and gold short sleeved polo shirt with collar and printed with school crest—available at clothing pool.
* Royal Blue shorts (boys and girls)
* Girls may choose to wear a royal blue netball skirt.
* White socks
* White Sports Shoes
* Royal Blue Track suit pants to be worn with school Sloppy Joe.
Canteen

A canteen operates on Fridays and offers a variety of healthy food. **Canteen helpers are always needed** to assist in the smooth running of the canteen. If you can help please let us know.

On Canteen Days, to place orders you need to write the following on an envelope or paper bag:

- Child’s name
- Order required
- Amount enclosed
- Break it is for—recess or lunch

Orders are collected before school by a member of the P&C.

The canteen does not operate on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Children will need to bring their own fruit break, recess and lunch on those days

P. & C. Association

The P. & C. Association meets monthly at the school on the first Monday of each month at 7.00pm. Variations to monthly dates and times appear in the weekly newsletter to parents. All parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. Being involved helps you to know what is going on at school and allows you to share that information with your child. Your assistance is appreciated in supporting fundraisers which raise valuable funds to assist your child’s learning. The major event run by the P. & C. is The Great Nundle Dog Race which is well supported by people from all around Australia. Annual Membership is $1 per person.
**Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is important to ensure satisfactory progress is being made in all aspects of school development. If your child is absent an explanatory note must be sent to the school upon their return giving the reason for the absence. Parents may wish to ‘phone this information to the school but this does not take the place of a written explanatory note.

Class Rolls are kept as a record of attendance as required by the Department of School Education. A note from parents is also required if part of a day is missed. If your child will be away for an extended time (eg family holidays or long illness) or has any illness that could affect them at school, please inform us.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND SICK CHILDREN TO SCHOOL**

**Travel**

If your child will be travelling to school by bus, a Bus Travel Form needs to be filled out to allow free travel on the bus. These forms are available from the front Office.

Strict Bus Conduct Rules apply for appropriate behaviour whilst travelling on the buses. These rules are on the bus form that parents fill out and sign.

If you will be driving your child to a bus pick up point by private car, or if there is no bus run in your area, a subsidy may be available for transporting your child to school. Forms for this can also be filled out at the front office.

Children who walk to school need to cross the road in front of the school at the crossing. There is a 40km zone during the appropriate times before and after school when the flags are displayed. Please encourage your child to cross the road at the correct crossing point.

If you do drive your student to school, please be aware of the speed limits and parking restrictions around the school.

**Note:** It is the school’s policy that children leave school by their regular method unless we are informed of any change in writing, by phone or in person. This avoids any confusion when children tell us that there has been a change.
Visits to School in Person

All parents, friends and helpers coming into the school grounds for any reason are asked to CALL INTO THE OFFICE ON ARRIVAL so that a record may be kept of their presence in the school. This is in line with the School’s Critical Incident Policy.

All parents and helpers are asked to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration under the child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 as we realise that you all assist with carnivals, transport and classrooms. These forms are available at the School Office.

Contacting the School

Parents may contact the school by letter, ‘phone, in person or by email. If ‘phoning please try to do so during recess breaks, lunch breaks, before or after school, as teachers are usually on class at other times. It is best to make an appointment if you wish to have an interview with the Principal or a Classroom Teacher.
Sports Day

Sports Day is on Friday and sports uniform should be worn. Activities include games, ball skills, coordination and gross motor activities and swimming.

Our annual school Swimming Carnival is held in February each year at the Nundle Swimming Pool with all children attending and competing. This carnival is followed later in February by the Cockburn Valley Swimming Carnival, also to be held annually at the Nundle Swimming Pool to which a team of chosen swimmers 8 years and over compete.

The Peel Valley Amateur Athletics Carnival is held late Term 2 or early Term 3 at Dungowan for children 8 years and over. A fun sports day for K/1/2 is held at Woolomin in Term 3.

Library

Each week children are able to borrow books from our School Library. To keep books in good order, a material library bag, marked with their name, will be required. Students are encouraged to borrow books and videos from the school library to read and share with you.

School Bag

A decent sized school bag is needed. Although Kindergarten children are small, there are lots of large paintings and drawings to fit in, plus lunch, jumpers, raincoats and other bits and pieces.

School Newsletter

The fortnightly newsletter to parents/carers is sent home with the children (usually the eldest child in the family) every second Thursday. The newsletter informs parents/carers of coming events, meetings etc. The newsletter may contain permission notes that need to be returned to school. Please help your child to get into the routine of giving you the weekly newsletter promptly on Thursday afternoon.

The school newsletter is also published on the School Website—
www.nundle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Special Bulletins are sent home on a regular basis for reminders and special occasions
Is My Child Ready for School?

Age

In N.S.W. the law requires that all children start school by their 6th birthday. Most children commence Kindergarten well before they turn 6 years of age. In Government schools, children are entitled to commence school in the year they turn five as long as their birthday falls on or before 31st July.

Readiness

Social skills are as important as intellectual ability in determining whether a child is ready for Kindergarten. If a child has problems carrying out the following tasks and activities, either in a pre-school or other social setting, he/she may have difficulty within the more formal setting.

Social Skills

Can my child;

* take turns with other children
* share possessions
* cooperate with other children to build and make things
* separate easily from parents
* have a conversation with peers and adults
* make friends fairly easily
* follow simple instructions
* handle conflict in a game situation
* sit and listen to a story or music for about fifteen minutes.
Parent/Carer Interviews

All families within our school are encouraged to contact the school at any time during the school year to arrange an appointment to discuss their child’s progress. Teachers welcome discussion with parents in the interest of the children. The best time for an interview is generally after school, however, where this not convenient, attempts will be made to arrange a mutually acceptable time.

As an important part of our annual reporting system, parents/carers are invited to attend an interview with class teacher and their child at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Written School Reports are sent home at the end of Semesters 1 and 2. Samples of your child’s work are sent home at the end of each Semester to complement the written reports.

First Day

The first day of school for the year 2016 will be Thursday, 28th January, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you on that morning at 9.00a.m.

If you are uncertain or confused about your child starting at our school please do not hesitate to talk to the School.

Phone-02 67693253
Fax-02 67693128

Email-nundle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website-www.nundle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
School Fees

School fees at Nundle Public are extremely affordable. The fees help cover the cost of work books and other resources used by students. Annual fees are as follows:

- Student 1: $30
- Student 2: $20
- Further students: $10 each

Fees are paid at the start of the year.

In Preparation for Starting School

Remember to do the following:

- Obtain an enrolment form from your school of choice
- Arrange for a pre-school immunisation with your Doctor.
- Locate Birth Certificate (or copy) and the Immunisation History Statement issued by the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register. A Birth Certificate needs to be sighted to verify child’s date of birth. A copy of the immunisation record is kept at school.
- Return completed forms to school as soon as possible and any family court documents that are applicable to the welfare of your child.
- Enquire about and attend Orientation Day/s.
- Communicate information about your child to the school—as much as possible.