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NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. It's great to hear everyone had a restful and relaxing break.
My thoughts had been with families and communities effected by the fires during our break. If your family has been effected, please don't hesitate to let us know and we may be able to provide additional supports.

SEEDS FOR WRITING

Students have settled back into school nicely and sound very happy to be back! It's been nice to see so many students have collected items for their 'Seeds for Writing'. Students have been encouraged to bring along something tangible that will prompt their thinking about their holiday experiences. It could be a photo, picture, pamphlet, item or book that may help as visual for writing! Bring something Monday if you haven't already!

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

I am so excited about the developments in the playground. We are nearly there! I can only imagine the fun and creative play that the students will have when the grounds are ready. Thanks to Josh Lane for attempting to complete works after spending time supporting fire affected communities. I am grateful for your time and am sure the students are too. Josh has been busy with his team redeveloping the grounds and we look forward to the completion of the works!

During the construction period could parents and visitors please exercise extra caution when moving in the carpark area and in the school grounds. Areas that have been taped off are out of bounds until completed. Staff have spoken to students about the changes and we are all eagerly awaiting the grand opening!

PARENT 'WELCOME' MORNING TEA
MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY
9am - 10am
IN THE 'STEAM' ROOM

YEAR 6 LEADERS BADGE PRESENTATION & SCHOOL BBQ
TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2020
5pm - 7pm

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to all our new students and families. We are off to a fantastic start!
I look forward to building our learning community and introducing new parents and students to our school community, through a ***Morning Tea on Monday 10th February from 9am - 10am and at our School Community BBQ on Tuesday 18th February from 5pm*** as well.
Our community BBQ will provide the opportunity to acknowledge our Year 6 student leaders and present their leadership badges.
Nilma Primary School prides itself on providing a very holistic educational environment for students—we look forward to continue to build our relationships with families to build a shared vision for the future.
We encourage parents to use the undercover area as a meeting point with children both before and after school, this encourages independence and confidence in students to move to and from their classrooms on their own and with peers. Parents then have the opportunity to meet and chat too!

FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Welcome to all our Foundation students! They have had a busy first day of school. Foundation students will not be required to attend school on Wednesdays for the first 4 weeks of term 1. The first full week for Foundation students commences on Monday 2nd March. All Foundation students will come home with a satchel/diary and a sharing book for students to read to parents. These sharing books and school satchels are to be brought back to school each day as they are an important part of daily school communication.

SCHOOL COUNCIL—Decision Making at NPS

The culture of Nilma Primary School is to work in partnership with parents for the benefit of all students and families. We have been very fortunate to have such a positive and engaged parent body for Council. We thank all 2019 School Councillors for their commitment to the school.
There will be many opportunities for parents to have some input into decision making for the future of the students at NPS. One avenue of input is involvement at a School Council level. School Council for 2020 will have 3 parent representative positions for nomination.
Any parents wishing to apply for a position please complete the appropriate form.

Self Nomination Forms are available from the Office.
These will need to be returned to the office by
Monday 10th February.
LATE NOMINATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Once all nominations are received the final processes, if required, will be advertised in the newsletter.

School Council Meeting
Nilma's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 24th February 2020.
Parents are welcome to the meeting.

Please consider this as an opportunity to contribute to your child's education. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come

'FAREWELL ASSEMBLY FOR MISS B'
FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2.50pm
ALL INVITED!
This is Miss B's final day at Nilma before commencing parental leave! Best of luck for the next chapter of your life Miss B!

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF 2020

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL TIMES

8.40 - 9am
Students arrive at school.
(If earlier please use Before School Care—open from 7am)

SCHOOL COMMENCES

9AM—11AM
INSTRUCTION
(10am brain-break)

11—11.30AM
RECESS

11.30AM—1PM
INSTRUCTION

1—1.45PM
LUNCH

1.45PM—3.15PM
INSTRUCTION
3.15PM
DISMISSAL

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the families that watered our garden over the holidays, your support is greatly appreciated! Thank to the Turner, Humphrey, Fanningly, Bailey and also to Mrs Hodge, Ms Sutherland and Belinda for coming in over the holidays to water.

TERM DATES 2020

TERM 1
28th January - 27th March
TERM 2
14th April - 26th June
TERM 3
13th July - 18th September
TERM 4
5th October - 18th December

ICYPOLES 50c
JUICE BOXES $1

AVAILABLE FOR SALE FOR THE FIRST 10 MINUTES OF RECESS AND 15 MINUTES OF LUNCH

SUNSMART SCHOOL

A reminder to all students to bring to school their Hats, a Drink Bottle (can be refilled during the day), a Healthy Lunch & Snacks and Sunglasses (optional).
PS. Don't forget to put on sunscreen in the morning too!
School hats can be purchased at Hip Pocket Workwear.

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SCHOOL DIARY

All students have received their 2020 diary. These diaries will be used for daily communication between school and home.

A huge THANK YOU to our sponsors; Not Just Steam Cleaning, Valley Steam, Curves & Kisses, Select Office Supplies, Young's Refrigeration, O'Brien Enviro Plumbing and Malady's Electrical for their generous support towards Nilma and our school diaries.

SCHOOL SATCHELS

All new students will receive a red school satchel to use for daily communication between school and home. Students are encouraged to follow classroom expectations for using the satchels, by placing notices and correspondence in the classroom tubs each morning. We are still waiting on our order of satchels to arrive, these will be distributed to students as soon as they arrive. Replacement satchels can be purchased from the Office for $15 each.

SENTRAL

SENTRAL is the school's reporting and communication tool. Staff use SENTRAL to record attendance and absences and track students' achievement and data. Parents are able to use SENTRAL to view student's reports and work samples. We hope to open up further access to SENTRAL for parents to use SENTRAL to communicate with the school and to also view attendance and report absences. New parents to Nilma will receive log on codes to access SENTRAL later this term. For any further information regarding SENTRAL, please speak to Annette or Belinda.

FACEBOOK

Request to be added to our Facebook group to stay up to date with information and reminders posted in the group. Search for Nilma Primary School Community Chat (Official) on Facebook.

SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE

The school mobile can be used as another form of communication, to notify staff of absences and to contact the school in the event of phone issues. The number is **0423 562 379 - please put this number in your phone!** The school will also use the phone as another form of communication with parents and for emergency management purposes.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

In line with department guidelines and policy, we encourage parents to communicate absences with staff, this can be done via our school mobile, email, note/letter, phone call or verbally. Absences not explained to staff on the day will be followed up with a message, email and/or phone call to parents where possible. If you have any questions or queries on this new process then please speak to the Office staff or the Principal.

Late arrivals (after 9am) must be signed in at the Office by an adult. If your child needs to leave school early, please come to the Office first to sign them out and a staff member will collect your child from class.

PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

The Parent Teacher Discussions will be held on Thursday 13th February from 1.30pm to 5.30pm. Please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return by Friday 7th February.

SCHOOL BBQ

The school BBQ will be held on Tuesday 18th February, starting at 5pm. The Year 6 Leaders will be presented with their school badges on this night. All parents and students are encouraged to attend this event. The BBQ will be provided at no cost to parents, however drinks will be sold for $1.00 each.

For Catering purposes, please fill out the attached form below and return it to the school Office by Friday 14th February.

SCHOOL BBQ AND YEAR 6 LEADER PRESENTATION

Family _____

No. attending _____

Signed _____

We can / cannot help with the BBQ (please circle)

FROM THE OFFICE.....

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

In developing the 2020 Essential Education Items (Subject Contributions), all aspects of the Schools Resource Package from the Department of Education and Training and the needs of the school in providing the necessary extras to provide a quality educational program, has been considered.

The amount for Essential Education Items for 2020 will be $185.00 per child.

The amount for Essential Education Items is used to purchase all books and stationery used by each child in their classrooms for the year. It is also used to cover costs of purchasing materials for Art, English, Music, Mathematics, Technology, Science, and Health and PE, MARC Van and Sports Levies. A letter is attached to the newsletter outlining the cost breakdown for subject contributions.

Nilma Primary School would appreciate payment for all Essential Education Items and Excursion Levies by the end of first term 2020. This can be paid to the office in cash, cheque, bank deposit or Centrepay.

A payment plan can be arranged for those who wish to pay in instalments. Please speak to the office for more information.

This year families with students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will also have the additional cost of a school camp. Costs and venues for the camp will be provided at a later date.

Other costs involved in the school year will include school photos, excursions/incursions and fundraising ventures.

If families would like to know further information in regards to Essential Education Items, Camps and Excursions and other charges, please speak to Belinda or Annette.

ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

There are a number of avenues available for families to assist with payments.

- Centrepay is available for eligible families through Centrelink. Fortnightly payments are made to the school through Centrelink payments and allowances.
- CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds is available for eligible families, with funds used to pay for camps, excursions and sports programs.
- Payment plans are available, and can be suited to individual family circumstances
- Conveyance Allowance—for eligible families that live more tan 4.8km from their closest government school

If you would like any further information on these services then please speak to Belinda in the Office.

CSEF forms are attached to the newsletter, families that hold a current Health Care Card are eligible to apply.

For further information on Centrepay visit; https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/centrepay

For further information on school costs and fess visit; https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/school-costs.aspx

STUDENT PERMISSION BOOKLETS

The 2020 Student Permission Booklets are attached to todays newsletter. These booklets must be correctly filled out and returned to school by Friday 14th February.

This booklet contains the annual permission notices for many aspects of the school. It also contains some medical management plans if required.

Secondly if your child has ongoing medication that staff is required to administer—parents please update our Medication Request form.

Specific management plans for students health and wellbeing are also required to be updated annually. Please contact the Office if you require a blank copy of any medical management plans.

If your family details have changed over the holiday period could you please provide the school—in writing any information that may need changing in our records e.g. telephone numbers, contact details, addresses, emergency contacts etc.

Thank you.

HOW CAN YOU VOLUNTEER AT NILMA? BE A SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE!

Come along to assembly on Friday afternoons (fortnightly) at 2.50pm to celebrate students' learning and achievements and to listen to

New books for our Library always need covering!

What would you like to see at NPS?
Is there anything that you'd like to know more about?
Have you got any ideas of how we can communicate and interact with families?
Let us know via email, give us a call or speak to a staff member!

Come along to our Parent Information sessions to find out more about the school and the programs we offer.

Look out for upcoming events at NPS - we always require volunteers to help events run smoothly and allows students (and parents) to engage and have fun!

Volunteer with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program! (SAKGP) You can help us cook or help in the garden. Cooking sessions are held fortnightly.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos will be taken by **Spargo Photography** on Thursday 27th February.
To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

- Please write clearly on your child's envelope (Block letters preferred)
- If possible please don't use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope, if this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- For online orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the "online Order#" section on the envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
- **Do not** use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.
- For Family/Siblings & Friends Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
- **Do not** place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.

Only family/siblings with a completed family envelope will be photographed.

ONLINE PRE-ORDER
We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child's photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child's envelope. If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 5942 5234

Keep the calendar on your fridge or board at home to stay up to date with the events at Nilma

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
3 **Breakfast Club**	4	5 **Breakfast Club** NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS	6 *MARC*	7	8	9
10 Parent Morning Tea 9am—10am **Breakfast Club**	11	12 **Breakfast Club** NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS	13 *MARC* Parent/Teacher Discussions 1.30pm - 5.30pm	14 SSG's Miss B's Farewell! Assembly 2.50pm	15	16
17 **Breakfast Club**	18 School BBQ and Year 6 Leaders Presentation	19 **Breakfast Club** NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS SSG MEETINGS	20 Netball Clinic *MARC*	21 Hockey Clinic	22	23
24 School Council AGM and Meeting 6.30pm	25	26 **Breakfast Club** NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS	27 *MARC* SCHOOL PHOTOS	28 **CENSUS DAY** Assembly 2.50pm	29	

MARCH 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
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2 **Breakfast Club**	3 WGRSSA Small Schools Athletics	4 **Breakfast Club**	5 *MARC* WGRSSA Small Schools Athletics Back Up Day	6	7	8
9 **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**	10	11 **Breakfast Club**	12 *MARC*	13 Assembly 2.50pm	14	15
16 **Breakfast Club**	17	18 **Breakfast Club**	19 *MARC*	20	21	22
23 **Breakfast Club**	24	25 **Breakfast Club**	26 *Proposed Farm World Excursion* *MARC*	27 **LAST DAY TERM 1** Assembly 1pm	28	29
30	31					

APRIL 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 **GOOD FRIDAY**	11	12
13 **EASTER MONDAY**	14 **STUDENT FREE DAY - STAFF PD**	15 **START TERM 2**	16	17 WGRSSA Division Athletics Year 3-6	18	19