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NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

How fantastic are the grounds looking? Josh and his team have been very busy finishing off the top of the school, the students (and staff) are eagerly awaiting the official opening! The pavers from the 125th Anniversary in 2010 have been laid, do you

recognise any of the names on display?



SCHOOL BBQ and Year 6 Badge Presentation

Due to the inclement weather on Tuesday 18th, we have postponed our Year 6 Leaders presentation and School BBQ to **Tuesday 25th February.**

CENSUS DAY

Census Day is Friday 28th February 2020. This day is set by DET so they can obtain data from schools to use to establish student numbers and school funding.

WGRSSA ATHLETIC SPORTS - TUESDAY 3rd MARCH

The West Gippsland Rural School Sports Association (WGRSSA) Small Schools Athletic day is on **Tuesday 3rd March 2020.** Nilma, along with Ellinbank, Bona Vista, Lardner and Ripplebrook Primary Schools will participate in the sports. Students have been practicing individual sports and team games. Skills development and correct technique have been central to the student's practice of each athletic sport.

The day will start at 9am at the Geoff Watt Track with individual events taking place in the morning and team sports to run after lunch. The day will finish at 3pm, with students needing to be collected from the track at this time.

Call into the Office to grab an order form for a 135th Anniversary Paver!
Please let any past families, staff or community members know about this opportunity!
We can post or email order forms to anyone that would like to purchase one.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - Decision Making at NPS

Our School Council AGM and first meeting for 2020 will be on Monday 24th February, commencing at 6.30pm. We have three parent nominations for the 3 vacant positions; Stuart Turner, Sophie Majcherzak and Tanya Humphre

We also have a new DET representative, Kirsti Farr. At our AGM we will vote in a President, Vice President and Secretary.

The first school council meeting will follow the AGM.

SINGLE NAME PAVER TEMPLATE

Nilma Primary School

To celebrate Nilma Primary School's 135th Anniversary in 2020, we will be selling commemorative pavers for \$40 each, to adorn our 125th Anniversary pavers in our grounds redevelopment.

SINGLE NAME PAVER: \$40
Your donation of \$40 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in Nilma Primary School's Grounds Development proudly showing your donation. Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm

ENGRAVING DETAILS
Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space).
Max 16 characters per line (does not include per paver. (No hand drawings.)

NAME PAVER

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

Company/Contact Name: _____ Nilma Primary School
Street: _____ 76 Bloomfield Road
City: _____ NILMA VIC 3821

Post Code: _____
Phone Number: _____

Offer closes on Friday 6th March

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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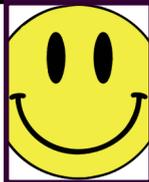
R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Learner of the Week

RED HOMEGROUP

Devin

You have received learner of the week for such a great start to your first year at school. Well done..



Amelia

You have received learner of the week for settling in to the routines of your first year at school. Well done!



GREEN HOMEGROUP

Crystal

You have received learner of the week in-line with Nilma Primary School's REAL values, showing resilience when challenged.



Asha

You have received learner of the week in-line with Nilma Primary School's REAL values, showing persistence when sounding out unknown words when writing. Keep up your great work Asha!



BLUE HOMEGROUP

Alex

Alex received Learner of the Week for his valuable contributions to Literary Discussions, sharing his thinking and making inferences.



Makayla

Makayla received Learner of the Week for her effort and persistence in Mathematics solving addition of two digit numbers that required her to use her knowledge in 'carrying'.



YELLOW HOMEGROUP

Ayane

You have received Learner of the week for the care, effort and detail you put into your visualisation pictures in response to the read aloud of Owl Moon. Well done!



Mia

You have received Learner of the Week for the perseverance and enthusiasm you showed during PASE whilst learning the skills necessary for Shot Putt.



L.A.U.G.H Program

Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home NIGHTLY READING

Students will be bringing home books for nightly reading as part of their LAUGH (Learning Activities Under the Guidance of Home) program. Please support your child with their reading by sharing these books at home.

Your child has already been introduced to the texts being sent home and are encouraged to discuss the pictures and think about what is happening in the book. Praise your child's attempts at reading the words and sharing their thinking. Sounding out the words and looking at the pictures for support, are both good strategies for effective readers.

Once read, the title of the book needs to be recorded in the student diary provided and signed (on the day read). Books are to be returned to school the following day in the school satchel.

PLAYGROUND AWARDS



No awards this newsletter



Happy Birthday

Landon

Savannah

Maegan

Jaxon

Amelia

Kendal

Makayla

Hayley-Jade

HAPPENINGS IN OUR HOMEGROUPS!



Red Home Group students developing their fine motor abilities.

Home Group
- 1/F -
Ruby Red



All students in Green Homegroup have made a great start to the year and have settled in well. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each student and love how they come in every morning ready and eager to learn. In STEAM, the students have been working hard on creating an invention for 2040, being this year's Warragul Show 's Art Exhibition theme. The students firstly drafted a plan of their invention and made a list of the items they required for construction. Currently, they are in the process of making the final touches to their invention before completion. I congratulate the students on their innovation and will admit, there are a couple inventions I would really love to have at my house. For instance, Henry's Storage Robot would be handy. You can literally store any item you like. For instance, toys, sports equipment, camping gear, tools, books etc. Simply touch a button and then the item is stored inside the robot. When you want the item back, press another button and it automatically comes out. Which invention do you wish you had at your house?

Home Group
- 3/2 -
Emerald Green

Other Inventions:

Amelia & Rhishaya	Robot Teacher
Asha & Annalee	Robot that makes food and teaches you how to cook
Jaxon & Kane	Play station that can automatically produce the requested amount of controllers each time us
Charlotte and Tori	Robot that makes food, does your homework and gives hugs when you're sad.
Henry	Storage Robot
Zach & Cameron	Xbox that doesn't need charging or won't
Lahna & Crystal	Robot that cleans the house and you can store toys in.
Nate and Bentley	Hi-Tech Skate Park that can transform between a beginners or professional track by just pressing a button.
Hayley-Jade	Horse Bed
Erika and Jenni	Robot that makes live animals



Students writing has been focused on the text type of an Auto Biography. Students have planned, written and published their autobiographies in the format of a poem. The end product looks amazing. Take the time to pop into the Blue Home Group to see the students impressive work. Here is an example for you.

Home Group
- 4 -
Aqua Blue

KJ

Is nice
and helpful
Son of Ben and Sophie
Brother of Deklan
Who loves playing cricket
Who feels Happy
Who gives Presents
Who fears spiders
Who dreams of riding my motorbike over a 75ft jump
Who wants to see Glen Maxwell
Who lives in Warragul, Vic



It has been a pleasure to get to know all of the children over the past few weeks and meet with the parents of Yellow Home Group at last week's parent/teacher discussions. Everyone has certainly extended a warm Nilma welcome to me.

Home Group
- 6/5 -
Lemon Yellow

Over the past few weeks in literacy we have been focusing on writing a biography and an autobiography and revised pronouns and tenses. We have also concentrated on the comprehension strategy visualisation and the importance of creating a sensory image in our mind when we read.

In Mathematics we have nearly completed our unit of work on place value, investigating numbers from millionths to millions.

Our STEAM projects are coming along nicely and we are looking forward to seeing them displayed at the Warragul Show.

Thank you to all of the parents for supporting their children in our LAUGH program, we already have some students nearing 25 nights of reading.

Kirsti Farr

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Over the holidays OSHC transitioned over to the STEAM room; staff have spent hours transforming the space and buying all new supplies for the program and it's looking great! In addition to a new space, feedback from children and staff over the last year have informed our planning for 2020 and ongoing cycle of continuous improvement to meet the National Quality Framework. There is now a *suggestions and feedback* jar in the entrance of the steam room; parents, staff and children are encouraged to have input into the program. In the last few weeks, our OSHC themes have been friendship and getting to know each other, discussing REAL values, Colour Science, Valentine's Day, our Solar System and 'Love Your Pet Day'. Some of the things we have done include science experiments, 'Get to know me' banners, making cards and crafts, outdoor play including tennis and bikes, pizza making, customising our new behaviour chart pegs, making planets within our solar system and playing vet.

This year, we will also be doing a 'student of the week'. A child will be randomly chosen from those who have received OSHC awards throughout the week. Children get to choose a small prize from our prize box and be featured on our 'OSHC student of the week' display.

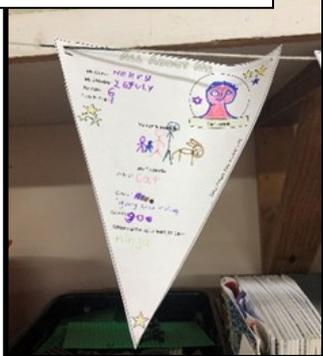
The first 'student of the week' for 2020 was Zach Bradshaw! For respecting OSHC equipment and having improved readiness to listen and do the right thing this year.

The second 2020 'student of the week', Layla Williames, received her award for always willing to try something new and participating in a wide range of activities.

Great work Zach and Layla!



'Get to know ME!'



WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS PLEASE!

The OSHC program is on the lookout for any donations of age appropriate toys, games, puzzles and art and craft activities. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please leave them at the Office.

Note: Sarah will be out Thursday the 27th and the afternoon of Friday the 28th while she sits compulsory exams for her degree. Education Support staff will be helping out during this time.



**Milk rainbow
chemical reactions –
Why do milk and dish
soap not get along?**



Vet Role Play

Storms in a jar - liquid density and chemical reactions



FROM THE OFFICE.....



ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS

In developing the 2020 Essential Student Learning Items (ESLI), 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 ESLI for 2020 will be \$185.00 per child.

The amount for ESLI 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, Health and PE, MARC Van and Sports Levies.

Nilma Primary School would appreciate payment for ESLI 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 ESLI, 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 than 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 available from the Office for eligible families that hold a current Health Care Card.

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

For further information on school costs and fees visit;

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/school-costs.aspx>

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Before School Care sessions are now available! Hours are from 7am—8.45am, please book by 6pm the night prior (6pm Friday for Monday morning bookings). Sessions are \$20 per child per session and subsidies apply for eligible families.

Cancellations must be made by 12pm on the day of the booking, 6pm on the day prior for Before School Care, to not incur cancellation charges.

Could all families please confirm their current bookings with Belinda or Sarah to avoid cancellation charges.

OSHC Statements were sent to families earlier this week. Please speak to Belinda in the Office for any queries relating to statements. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit.

NILMA NEWS

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

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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

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Badminton Victoria, with coach Louise Young, will be running after school sessions for 4 weeks at Nilma! Please return the slip below by Friday 28th February to confirm you place in the Sporting Schools program. There are only 20 places available. Sessions will run on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm—4.30pm on Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March. Students must have signed consent to participate, please return your Annual Permission Books, if you haven't done so already, to give consent to participate.

Students must commit to the full 4 week program, you do not need any previous experience, just be ready to learn new skills and have fun!

SPORTING SCHOOLS - BADMINTON

By completing the form below my child would like to participate in the 4 week Badminton Sporting Schools Program.

Childs Name _____

Childs Name _____

Childs Name _____

Parent _____

Signed _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2020

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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL



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GREEN
Tori Fergusson
Erika Bailey

BLUE
Vivien Turner
Finn Young

YELLOW
Oliver Turner
Shyla Qugley

**CONGRATULATIONS
ALL!**

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have established our Junior School Council. Students will meet 4 times each semester to discuss issues, ideas for the school and suggestions for fundraisers. Two students from Green, Blue and Yellow homegroup will represent the students and bring ideas to discuss.

This group can then report to School Council and share their ideas or recommendations. The School Council may also like to ask for specific feedback on policy and decision making too.



Students have been very busy during Sustainability sessions! You'll be surprised to see what they have made! Thank you to Briohny, Tanya and Mel for your help!

WGRSSA SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS DAY CANTEEN

WEST GIPPSLAND RURAL SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS DAY - CANTEEN

This year Nilma will be catering at the WGRSSA Small Schools Athletics Day on **Tuesday 3rd March** (Back Up Day is Thursday 5th March).

We need a team of volunteers to assist with the coordination of the catering and running the canteen.

There will be a number of tasks that need doing on the day; setting and packing up, serving customers, preparing food, cooking food, cleaning areas, restocking equipment with food and drinks, transporting items to and from the venue etc. Ideally we would like to have at least 2-4 people per shift but will require more help during the busiest part of the day, 11am—1pm.

Before the day we will also require assistance with shopping and preparations at school.

Please complete the form below and return to school if you are able to assist on the day.

If you are able to help out in any way please speak to Katrina Foster, or leave your name at the Office and we can get you in contact with Katrina.

TIME	TASKS						
9am—10am	Serve Cook Prep Clean						
10am—11am	Serve Cook Prep Clean						
11am-12pm	Serve Cook Prep Clean						
12pm-1pm	Serve Cook Prep Clean						
1pm-2pm	Serve Cook Prep Clean						
2pm	Pack Up Clean						

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
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
						1
2 Breakfast Club	3 WGRSSA Small Schools Athletics	4 Badminton 3.30-4.30pm Breakfast Club	5 MARC WGRSSA Small Schools Athletics Back Up Day	6	7	8
9 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10	11 Badminton 3.30-4.30pm Breakfast Club	12 MARC	13 Assembly 2.50pm	14	15
16 Breakfast Club	17	18 Badminton 3.30-4.30pm Breakfast Club	19 MARC	20	21	22
23 Breakfast Club	24	25 Badminton 3.30-4.30pm Breakfast Club	26 <i>Proposed Farm World Excursion</i> 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 Breakfast Club START TERM 2	16 MARC	17 WGRSSA Division Athletics Year 3-6	18	19
20 Breakfast Club	21	22 Breakfast Club	23 MARC	24 Assembly 2.50pm	25	26
27 Breakfast Club	28	29 Breakfast Club	30 MARC			