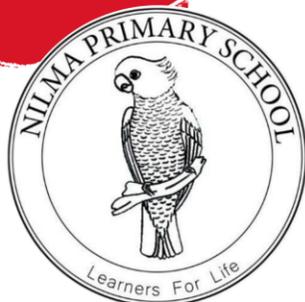


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## REAL NEWS @ NILMA

### **YEAR 6 LEADERS 'BADGE-URATION'**

Congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders for 2022 – Kaleb, Kurtis and Dylan!

On Friday 18th February we held our 'badge-uration' during assembly, where students were presented with their badges. Thank you to the parents that were also able to attend to watch their child be presented with their badge. We look forward to watching the students develop their leadership skills throughout the year.



### **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 2021 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 2022 has 3 parent and 1 DET 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. Please contact the Office if you require a nomination form to be emailed.

### **Nominations close on Friday 4th March 2022.**

**(Please note change of date from previous correspondence)**

**LATE NOMINATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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

Nilma Primary School's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 21st March 2022.

If you are interested in becoming involved in school council, please contact the Office for further information.

I am also available to chat with, please leave a message at the Office and I will return your call if I am unavailable. Please do not hesitate to contact any of our current school council members, including our President, Mrs Shannon Gibbons.

## *A word from the Principal....*



### **JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Congratulations and welcome to our 2022 Semester 1 Junior School Council members; Wyatt, Landon, Darcee, Lincoln, Nate, Makayla & Mackenzie!

Junior School Council met with Ms Sutherland this week and have been busy discussing ideas for fundraisers and fun days this term!

Coming up this term JSC have planned;

**Scooter Ed Day**      Hot Dog Lunches      NPS Sports/Fun Day

Free Dress Friday (which coincides with our AFL Clinic, students can wear their team's colours or come in free dress).

Check out the calendar on the last page for dates!

### **HOT DOG LUNCH ORDER DAY – FRIDAY 11th MARCH**

**1 x Hot Dog & Juice Box \$4.00, Extra Hot Dog \$3**

**Orders & Payment must be in by Monday 7th March**

**Please write your name, homegroup & order on an envelope and enclose the money inside and hand into the Office.**

### **'GET TO KNOW YOU' DISCUSSIONS**

Last Thursday we held our 'get to know you' discussions, allowing parents and teachers to meet to discuss their child/s achievements, wellbeing and learning goals. The discussions also give an opportunity for parents to ask any questions that they may have in regard to their child's learning or school operations.

Thank you to all the parents that attended today. If you were unable to attend on the day, please contact the Office to arrange an alternate day and time to meet with your child's teacher/s. Teachers will also attempt to contact all parents to enable the building of parent/school communications to best support each child at Nilma.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS – ORDER ONLINE**

Our annual school photos will be taken on Thursday, 24 February 2022.

Students are to be in full school uniform.

PRE-ORDER ONLINE (orders close at 5:00 pm on the day prior)

See the packages available and place your pre-order online.

To order Sibling & Individual photographs, click on the following link;

[School Photographs Orders](#)

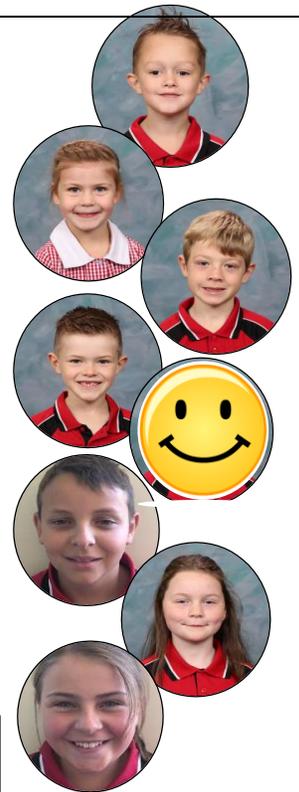
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Sibling photos are available for families with multiple children attending the school. Sibling photos must be ordered online before 5pm the day prior.

\*\* A complimentary family/sibling photograph is available for families who order an individual pack for 3 for more children at the same school. To be eligible, you must order all the individual packs first and then add the family photograph to the same shopping cart. The discount will be automatically applied.

If you place your order online before 5pm the day prior, you do not need to return any paperwork.

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 5942 5234.



# Red Homegroup

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Year 1/F  
Mrs Brown

Term 1 – Week 2

**Wyatt**



*For the effort you have shown during your learning this week. Well done on a fantastic start to Year 1.*

Term 1 – Week 3

**Lacey**



*For settling into our classroom routines with a positive attitude. Great effort Lacey!*

Term 1 – Week 4

**David**



*For the effort you have shown with your learning this week. Keep up the great work David!*

Red Home Group have had a wonderful start to the school year. Students have settled in well and some exciting learning has been taking place. In Numeracy, students have been exploring numbers through number talks and activities. Students enjoyed creating their own number two creature. Students were provided with a range of items to place on their number two creature, however they were asked to include just two of each item. Students enjoyed this activity and the bright creatures are currently decorating our classroom.



## 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.

# Green Homegroup

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Year 2/1  
Mrs Wilson

Term 1 – Week 2



*For the growth mindset you showed with your writing and not giving up. Well done on a fantastic start to Year 1.*

Term 1 – Week 3



**Landon**

*for always trying to do your best, helping others and improving your handwriting. Well done on a fantastic start to year 2.*

Term 1 – Week 4



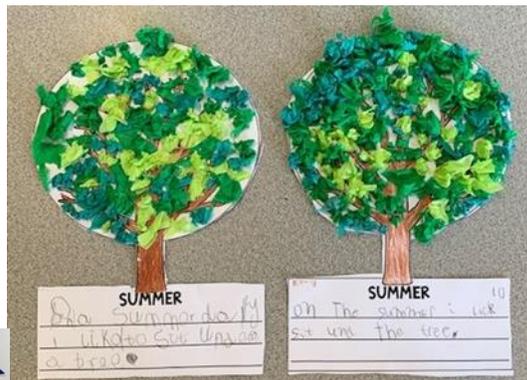
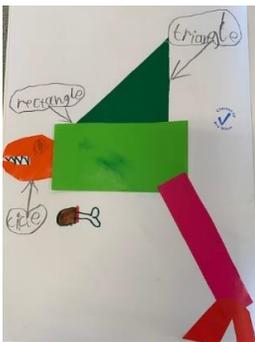
**Lucy**

*for developing and sharing your mathematical thinking during warm-up games. Keep up the fantastic work Lucy!*

Green Group has had a wonderful start to the year, with everyone being eager to learn and try their best. We have been learning about the months that make up each season, what changes we see around us and what do we like to do in that season. Green trees were made for Summer using fine motor skills that involved tearing paper and scrunching it up to fill the tree with green leaves. Then a sentence was written under the tree.

Sentence writing has been a focus in our writing sessions, ensuring that we all use capital letters for the start of a sentence, punctuation at the end and that it makes sense. Green group has also designed their hearts filling them with what they love. The students' hearts are the first of many seeds (writing ideas) they have put into their writing notebooks.

Numeracy has involved learning more about numbers and ways to count big collections. Is it easier to group in tens, twos or ones when counting collections to 200? We have also used 2D shapes to make pictures



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# Blue Homegroup

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Year 4/3  
Miss Gardiner

Term 1 – Week 2

**Lincoln**



*For your excellent contributions during class discussions this week, particularly when connecting to characters in texts. Well done for settling into Nilma Primary School!*

Term 1 – Week 3

**Annalee**



*For your willingness to help your peers with any task and for the care and kindness you show towards others. You have also demonstrated that you can make excellent text to self connections in reading. Well done, Annalee!*

Term 1 – Week 4

**Tori**



*For your fantastic work during maths when learning both number sequences and vertical addition. Keep up the great work, Tori!*

This fortnight in Blue Home Group, students have been learning about the seven visual art elements with a particular focus on line and shape. To study line, students created a mandala which is often created in other cultures to reflect a person's emotions and interests. Students used colour and geometric patterns that were unique to them to decorate their mandala.

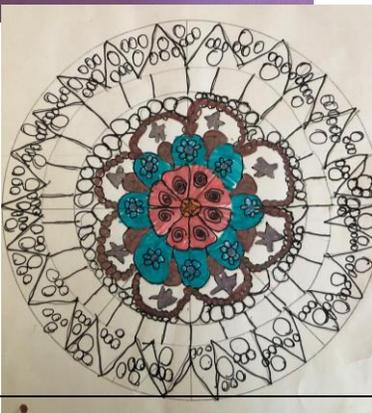
To study the element of shape, students overlapped geometric and natural shapes to create their artwork. Students used watercolour pencils/paints to make their artworks bright and engaging. In future weeks, students will learn about the other elements of art including colour and texture.

Term 1 – Week 2

**Ellie**



*For settling into Nilma Primary School and showing that you have a growth mindset when working on all of your learning tasks. Well done, Ellie!*



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# Yellow Homegroup

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Year 6/5

Mrs Farr & Mrs Buckler

Term 1 – Week 2

**Mackenzie**



*For settling in at Nilma Primary School and following all class routines. You have continuously joined in with class discussions and contributed valuable insights about books read.*

Term 1 – Week 3

**Makayla**



*For your contributions in class, sharing your thinking and strategies with the group in literacy. Well done Makkie!*

Term 1 – Week 4

**James**



*For consistently having a positive attitude and contributing to mathematics discussions about decimals in class.*

Every Monday afternoon, Yellow HG participates in Visual Lessons. For the first few weeks of this term, these sessions have been planned and run by our student teacher Amelia Fathers. Amelia taught the students about the Aboriginal art techniques of dot painting, medicine leaves, cross hatching and skeleton painting. Students practised each technique and then investigated to use of totems in Aboriginal culture. They created a simple artwork of an animal using their choice of technique. This week students planned their major artwork based on the text 'Why I Love Australia' by Bronwyn Bancroft.

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February students took part in a Hockey Clinic, organised through a visiting Program run by **Hockey Victoria**. This incursion provided students with an opportunity to acquire new skills such as correct grip, passing, receiving and moving with the ball (dribbling). It was fantastic to see the students enjoy themselves and celebrate their new skills.



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*From the Office....*

**PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Nilma Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Nilma Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Within our school in the past the support of voluntary contributions has allowed us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and that is highly valued by our school community. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. At Nilma Primary School, we design and develop learning and teaching programs drawing on the best educational knowledge and practices and strive to offer broad and enriched opportunities to students that are above and beyond what is required in the standard curriculum and what is provided for by Government funding.

Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

*School Council have decided to set the 2022 Parent Payments for Curriculum Contributions at \$200 per student.* We have made every effort to keep the charges at a minimum whilst sourcing the materials required to support teaching and learning at Nilma Primary School.

**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. For further information on Centrepay visit; <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/centrepay>
- CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds is available for eligible families, with funds used to pay for camps, excursions and sports programs. CSEF is available for families that hold a valid Health Care Card. For 2022 applications please send a copy of your Health care card to the school mobile or via email so claims can be processed.
- 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.

**ANNUAL PERMISSION BOOKLETS**

Annual Permission Booklets were sent home with families at the end of 2021. These booklets can be filled out and returned as soon as possible. If you require a copy of the booklet, please contact the Office.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs Buckler

Mrs Heard

Mrs James

Willow

Jaxon

Darcee

Kendal

Hayley-Jade

## **COVID SAFE PROCEDURES**

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

### **Rapid antigen tests**

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored, and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modelling indicates, assuming a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- \* 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- \* more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- \* around 400 hospital admissions.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use. We will let the school community know once we have received our next shipment of RAT's and when they can be collected from the Office.

Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

### **Vaccination**

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16 to 17 year olds are now available.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- \* online: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine)
- \* by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- \* In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- \* using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government

Department of Health

### **Ventilation**

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

As guided by DET, all schools must comply with COVIDSafe Management Plans and Procedures. In line with directives, we will endeavour to maintain high standards of hygiene, safety and wellbeing for all students, staff and the school community whilst providing support and confidentiality.

The guidelines are as follows;

- Students or staff who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period. It is requested that staff or students refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic, unless it is known that their symptoms are caused by an underlying health condition or medication.
- Where a student or staff member is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period. (unless they are attending under a provided exemption).
- The school will notify the school community through an email (where applicable) if a person/persons' have returned a positive COVID-19 test result and had attended the school.

Schools must treat health information, including an individual's vaccination status or diagnosed medical condition (including positive COVID-19 test results) in accordance with the Schools' Privacy Policy. COVID-19 diagnoses and vaccination statuses are not to be shared or discussed unless the individual (or their parent/carer) provides consent, or unless schools are legally obliged or authorised to do so (for example, to comply with a Pandemic Order).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please speak with Annette.

### **2022 SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRES**

Students in Foundation year have been given a 2022 School Nursing Program Questionnaire for parents to complete and return.

### **SCHOOL HATS**

As part of our SunSmart policy, all students are required to wear hats whilst outside during the SunSmart period. Hats can be purchased from Hip Pocket Workwear in Warragul.



## **WGRSSA SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS DAY**

Following a meeting between all schools involved in the West Gippsland Rural Schools Sports Athletics, it has been decided that in the best interests of our school communities we will postpone this event until later in the year.

This decision was not made lightly and took into consideration the safety and wellbeing of all school communities involved, departmental guidelines around postponing events and the uncertainties surrounding COVID 19 when running such events.

All schools appreciate the value of this event and agreed that holding the sports day later in the year would create greater certainty around the sports day going ahead and provide every opportunity for all members of our school communities to be involved.

Children who would normally be nominated for district or division level athletics based on their performances at our sports day will still have the opportunity to take part in these higher level events. Individual schools will work through a nomination/selection process to put forward the names of those interested.

When we have secured a new date for the sports day we will send further information home.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

***While the combined school sports day will be cancelled, we will be having a sports day at school for our students as a community event on this day.***

***We will be in touch soon as to what that will look like and determine if we can have parents as audience and helpers.***

***Thank you for your cooperation at this time.***

## **HOCKEY CLINIC**

Students had fun last Friday, participating in a Hockey Clinic at Nilma. Thank you to Kate and Kim from Hockey Victoria for running the sessions. Students practiced their skills and enjoyed the games played!



# What's On @ Nilma!

FEBURARY 2022

| Monday                      | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|--|--------|
| 21<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> | 22      | 23<br>Foundation Students Rest Day<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> | 24<br>Newsletter<br>MARC<br><b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b> | 25     |
| 28<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> |         |   |  |        |

MARCH 2022

| Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday                   | Thursday                 | Friday                                 |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|  | 1       | 2<br><b>Breakfast Club</b>  | 3<br>MARC                | 4<br><b>Scooter Ed Day</b><br>Assembly |
| 7<br><b>Breakfast Club</b>                                     | 8       | 9<br><b>Breakfast Club</b>  | 10<br>MARC               | 11<br>JSC Hot Dog Lunches              |
| 14<br>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY                                | 15      | 16<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> | 17<br>Newsletter<br>MARC | 18<br>NPS Sports/Fun Day<br>Assembly   |
| 21<br>School Council AGM & Meeting #2<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> | 22      | 23<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> | 24<br>MARC               | 25<br>Farm World Excursion             |
| 28<br><b>Breakfast Club</b>                                    | 29      | 30<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> | 31<br>MARC               |  |

APRIL 2022

| Monday                     | Tuesday                   | Wednesday                   | Thursday                 | Friday  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                            |                           |                             |                          | 1<br>Free Dress Friday<br><b>AFL Clinic</b><br>Assembly |
| 4<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> | 5                         | 6<br><b>Breakfast Club</b>  | 7<br>Newsletter<br>MARC  | 8<br><b>LAST DAY TERM 1</b><br>1.15pm FINISH            |
| 11                         | 12                        | 13                          | 14                       | 15<br><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>                                |
| 18<br><b>EASTER MONDAY</b> | 19                        | 20                          | 21                       | 22  |
| 25<br><b>ANZAC DAY</b>     | 26<br><b>START TERM 2</b> | 27<br><b>Breakfast Club</b> | 28<br>Newsletter<br>MARC | 29<br>Assembly  |