

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

REAL News

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Newsletter #16
8th December 2022

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Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!

ALL ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY! - Victorian Schools Garden Grant Awards VSGA

On Thursday, 24th November, Mrs Uren, Mrs Hodge, Jess and Paul headed to Melbourne Botanical Gardens with a group of students and participated in some activities and accepted the Victorian Schools Garden Grant Award, for our wonderful Sustainability and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Nilma Primary School won the *Maxicrop Best Edible Garden Award*. *Congratulations All!*

Whole School Family Celebration & Year 6 Graduation 2022

Dear Families and Friends

The Nilma Primary School Year 6 Leaders are graduating from school and would like to invite you to come along.

Family 'Pizza night' Celebration
- 5.30 pm onwards
Wednesday 14th December 2022

At Nilma Primary School
Pizza (a big slice) \$1.00 each
Drinks and juice boxes - \$1.00 each

- Year 6 Graduates (6.15pm start)
- Goodbyes and Thank you to leaving families and Staff
- Afterwards a special visitor will come



hope to see you there! RSVP - Nilma PS 03 56232963 or 0423562379



Thank you to the team who accepted our Award

SOLAR PANELS INSTALLATION ON BER BUILDING

We have been notified that the new solar panels will be installed on the BER building (Homegroups Building) on Monday 19th December & Tuesday 20th December. These days will be clean up and alternative program in the STEAM room to accommodate the installation before the school holidays.

WHOLE SCHOOL FAMILY CELEBRATION

Keep Wednesday 14th December 2022 free for our final gathering for the year. The 'Family Pizza' night will be a lovely time for our community to celebrate the end of the year and support our Year 6 leaders too!

Next week will be busy with homegroup celebrations and the final transition day too. As this is the final newsletter for 2022, I would like to thank our community for a fantastic year. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful and collaborative staff at Nilma. We will say goodbye to Mrs Wilson, Megan Doyle-Cox and Belinda Smythe. We wish them all the best for the future. We will farewell the Plunkett, Farrington and Majcherzak/Gray family. Thank you to Sophie Gray for being a long term school councillor and having input into decision making within our learning

community.

To all families, thank you for your commitment to our school. We look forward to continuing to rebuild the partnership with parents as active participants in our school next year.

Nilma Primary School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we work and learn, the Gunai Kurnai Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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A word from the Principal.....

Whole School Transition Programs

Our whole school transition program has been very successful. We have one more full day, next Tuesday 13th December. This transition experience allows the children to have a more relaxed holiday period, as they have already spent a full day at school, so less anxiety about coming to school next year. We will also send home some activities and information on this last day to our new families to support a successful start to school next year.



New Staff to Nilma in 2023

Megan De Jong will commence in Green Homegroup in 2023, she has been at school planning with the other teachers today. Megan is looking forward to starting at Nilma. We also have Jess Tatchell who will be working for 3 days a week in the RED homegroup as an Education Support Person. Welcome to you both!



Megan



Jess

From the Office

PARENT PAYMENTS FOR 2023 CHANGES STUDENTS RESOURCE PACKS



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 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 2023 Parent Payments for Curriculum Contributions at \$225 per student.

This year, Office Choice will make up our 'Back To School' student resource packs. These packs will be available for payment and pickup (if required) on Friday 27 January or Monday 30 January 2023. (see photos)

Payment can be made in cash or direct credit to the Nilma Primary School bank account with your family name as the reference.



BSB: 063532 Account Number: 10081033

If you pay online you do not need to come into school on these days as we will deliver your child's pack to the Homegroup.

A more detailed letter outlining the changes and content for each year level will be sent home tomorrow.



School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be at Courthouse on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 6.30pm. We will celebrate the service of some outgoing School Councillors for 2022.

OUTGOING SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

We have been fortunate to have many parents interested in being a part of our community and school council. This year we will be saying good-bye to Sophie Gray (KJ's mother) who has been a member of council for about 6 years. Sophie has been a big part of the decision making and developments in the school throughout that time. We also have Belinda Smythe, who has been an active department representative too. We thank both for their commitment to Nilma PS.



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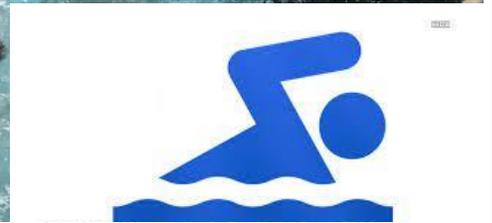
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Curriculum Corner

Extra Curricular activities @ Nilma

SWIMMING

That's a wrap!



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Victorian Schools Garden Awards Presentation Ceremony



We all started our day at the train station where we started our journey to Melbourne and walked to the Royal Botanical Gardens. Along the way we saw the National Art Gallery of Victoria and the Shrine of Remembrance. At the Oak Lawn we watched a smoking ceremony (welcome to country), listened to guest speakers and received our award of \$1000 for the Best Edible Garden. After the ceremony we got to plant succulents, make seed bombs with clay and sunflower seeds, look into telescopes at nature and do leaf rubbings. After lunch we visited the Children's Garden, the Kitchen Garden, Kings Domain, Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden and the Sidney Meyer Musical bowl before leaving the Botanical Gardens. We then headed back to Federation Square and saw a big Christmas tree and also got to walk up Hosier Lane to look at the graffiti. Lastly, we went to the St Paul's Cathedral before walking back to the train station to catch our train home.



We had an awesome experience going to all these different places and receiving an award!

By Makkie and Mackenzie





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FAMILY COLOUR FUN RUN

Thank you to all the families who came along to the fun run and helped 'colour the students'! There were some great shots in the Warragul & Drouin Gazette this week too!



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Year 1/F
Mrs Brown

Red Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4 – Week 8

David



For the positive attitude you bring to all learning tasks and for being a respectful class member. Well done David!

Term 4 – Week 9

Aydin



For being a wonderful mathematician in Mathematics this week. Well done on sharing your thinking and completing your learning with a positive attitude.

Term 4 – Week 10

Arlo



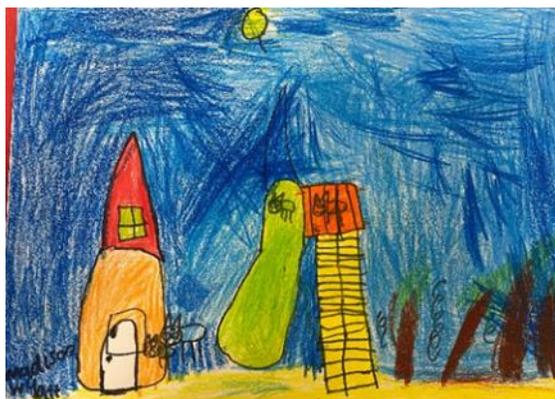
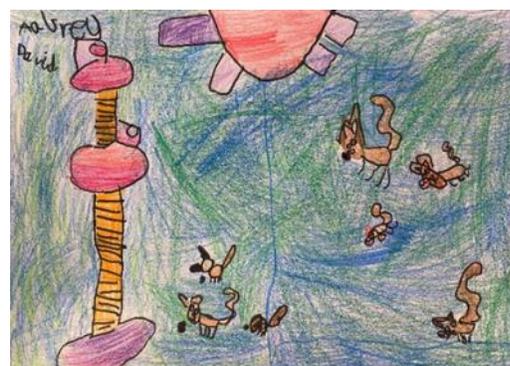
For following school routines and for being a REAL kid at Nilma. Well done Arlo!

What a wonderful year of learning we have had in Red Homegroup. It has been fantastic to

see the students grow in their abilities and confidence as the year has progressed. We have finished off the year with a range of fun activities including writing letters to Santa and creating our very own class text 'Too Many Cheeky Cats'. This text was inspired by 'Too Many Cheeky Dogs' written by Johanna Bell and illustrated by Dion Beasley which was the focus for our multimodal unit. Students enjoyed illustrating their pages with their partner and typing up the text they wrote for their given day, colour and number of cats. Students can share our class text 'Too Many Cheeky Cats' with family and friends by logging into their Google account and viewing their Google Slides. We are looking forward to our whole class celebration on Wednesday the 14th of December where we will celebrate

the year with a Christmas movie and popcorn.

Thanks to all of the students' families for supporting our homegroup throughout the year. Merry Christmas, enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!



NIGHTLY READING

175 Nights

Blair



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Year 2/1
Mrs Wilson

Green Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4 – Week 8

Ted



You have received Learner of the Week for your positive attitude towards learning and the amazing growth you have shown with your reading . Fantastic effort Ted!

Term 4 – Week 9

Brooke



You have received Learner of the Week for being a kind and responsible class member, who always tries her best! Excellent work Brooke!

Term 4 – Week 10

Seb



You have received Learner of the Week for displaying fantastic work habits and being happy, friendly class member. Great work Seb!



Koby's Landscape

Green Home Group have been listening to First Nations Bedtime Stories over the last few weeks. One of the yarns



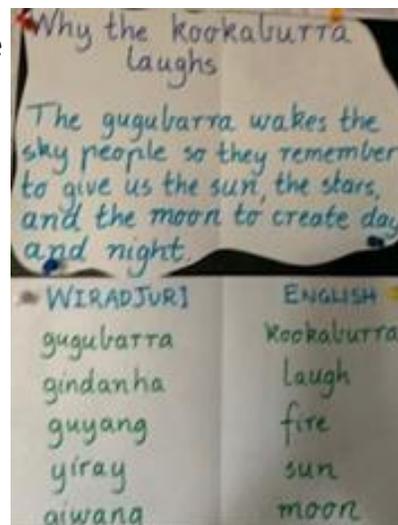
Sienna's Landscape



Jai's Landscape

was called 'Why the Kookaburra Laughs'. We have also learnt some Wiradjuri words such as kookaburra is gugubarra.

The students drew a picture to show how the landscape and animals change from day to night.





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Year 4/3
Miss Gardiner

Blue Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4 – Week 8

Lincoln



You have received learner of the week for being willing to challenge yourself when adding money using multiple addition strategies. Well done, Lincoln!

Term 4 – Week 9

Zach



You have received Learner of the week for the great effort and determination you demonstrated when practising your joined handwriting. Great work, Zach!

Term 4 – Week 10

Henry



For your excellent work when using the four operations in mathematics. You have demonstrated an enthusiastic approach and have shared your learning with your peers. Well done, Henry!

Students in Blue Home Group have enjoyed beginning the Smiling Minds

Program in Term 4. Students have participated in fortnightly lessons, and daily short meditations. Students have developed an understanding of the purpose of mindfulness. Together, we have explored topics including awareness, attention, self-compassion and the senses. We look forward

to continuing to implement the Smiling Minds Program next year!

Next week is our last full week together as 2022's Blue Home Group. Students are looking forward to their celebration day which is on Wednesday the 14th of December. Students will complete Christmas craft and activities, play a range of games and will decide on other fun collaborative tasks.

It has been a pleasure working with all students this year and I am very proud of all of the learning and fun times that students have shared. Blue Home Group would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



NIGHTLY READING

75 Nights
Nate

300 Nights
Hannah



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Year 6/5
Mrs Buckler
& Mrs Farr

Yellow Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4 – Week 8

Luci



You have received Learner of the Week for your enthusiasm and cooperation with all classroom activities.

Welcome to Yellow Homegroup Luci!

Term 4 – Week 9

Cooper



You have received Learner of the Week for your leadership skills shown during transition. You assisted others within the classroom and set an excellent example for others to follow. Well done!

Term 4 – Week 10

The whole class

You have received Learner of the Week for your amazing teamwork and collaboration throughout the year. Wonderful work Yellow Home Group!

It has been a very busy few weeks in Yellow

Homegroup with the start of Bike Education, swimming and transition days. The students have continued to demonstrate cooperation and resilience with numerous changes to the timetable. When booking swimming at this time of the year we thought we would be enjoying a play in the park and soaking in some sunshine!

Next week we look forward to celebrating another successful year with students at our class party on Wednesday, followed by the whole school presentation night where we acknowledge our Year Six students. Friday the 16th of December will be a day where we celebrate with the Year Sixes with a day out in Warragul.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students for their willingness to take risks with their learning and for their enthusiasm to try new things. We wish everyone a safe and restful break over the January holidays. Goodluck next year to all of our amazing Year Six students who will begin their journey through secondary school. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the years to come.



NIGHTLY READING

150 Nights
Marianne



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SUSTAINABILITY



Victorian Schools Garden Award Presentation Ceremony - Best Edible Garden Award

Biodiversity
Audit



Weeding

Building
Project



Vegepod
maintenance

Scrambled
Eggs



Pruning



Podding Peas

Rosemary cuttings

Chook Maintenance



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Physical Education -Sporting Schools

Bike Education

It has been wonderful watching the students' progression of skills, building of confidence and general enjoyment of bike riding during our Bike Education program.

We appreciate the effort in bringing your bike to school each week. Thank you!



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Auslan

Nilma Auslan Newsletter

It's so exciting to have finished 2 full terms (we started mid-term 2) of Auslan language learning. With our amazing efforts with 'Lean on Me', 'Stand by Me' and 'We are One' filmed and uploaded, we have gone onto more challenging and complex signing. This has included incredible efforts in following along to stories in sign language, creating more complex phrases and sentences as well as some students even putting short stories together.

How is Auslan helpful for your children?

It's helpful in many ways. It enhances their literacy and personal development, increases memory retention and motion processing, stimulates mental flexibility and increase enjoyment giving alternative ways to communicate.

When we performed 'We are One – I am Australian' we even managed to make the shape of Australia. Well done team!





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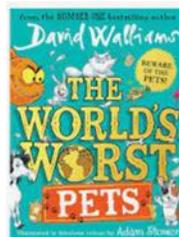
MARC LIBRARY NEWS

In our final MARC library session for the year Red and Green group concluded their bird project books and mobiles, they also made a bookmark to use for their holiday reading.

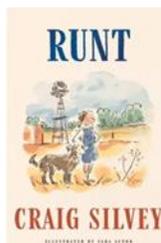
Yellow and Blue finished their unit on animals with a humorous story from *The World's Worst Pets*, by David Walliams. 'Zoom the Supersonic Tortoise' got some hilarious giggles in the classroom.

Congratulations to all Nilma students for being regular and responsible borrowers, it is great to see students making the most of the weekly library sessions. In total Nilma students borrowed **3054** books in 2022, so much reading!

I would like to remind families that the local libraries are great free places to borrow books over the holiday period. These libraries also have excellent resources on their websites, links to audio books and details about activities for children at the library. <https://www.myli.org.au/>



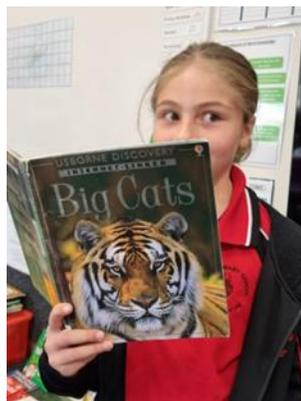
Finally, thank you to the school community for your wonderful support with helping the children to borrow and return their books regularly this year. I will be working on administration tasks for the next few weeks but then am looking forward to relaxing with a book on my hammock, I am very excited to be reading newly released 'Runt' by Craig Silvey, others have told me it has a similar style to my favourite book 'Charlotte's Web'. I look forward to sharing this with students in 2023.



I hope you and your family get to enjoy some great books over the break.

Best Wishes,

Kim James



**Please
Return
Library
Books**



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Nilma Notes!

LUNCH ORDERS 2023

Alimentos Catering will provide Lunch orders on TUESDAYS for Nilma in 2023.

The lunch order system is managed through Flexischools App.

Flexischools is all set up for parents to set up account and start ordering.

First day of lunch orders is Tuesday 7th Feb, 2023. Parents need to follow the below link for instructions on how to register.

Parents: [Get Started with Flexischools](#)

Huge thank you to parent, Jess Tatchell for organising this for our school.



Thank you to our 2022 Student Diary Sponsors!

Happy Birthday

Lincoln

Hannah

Madison

Ellie



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday time together. It can be challenging balancing work and children at home. I hope you enjoy a peaceful and loving Christmas season. Kat





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Community Note...

JUNIOR BADMINTON NEWS

Mid Gippsland Junior Badminton Association Presents

Shuttle Fun

Making birdies fly!

Labertouche Badminton Hall

6th & 13th February

Drouin Badminton Courts

20th & 27th February

Ellinbank Badminton Hall

6th & 13th March

Warragul Badminton Hall

20th & 27th March

All sessions 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Contact Sandra for more information

0438 582 921



FOOTBALL VICTORIA GIPPSLAND CLUBS SEEKING PLAYERS FOR 2023!

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU OR YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON
WANTS TO PLAY FOOTBALL (SOCCER) IN 2023

Football Victoria (FV) has run Football (Soccer) Programs at schools within the Gippsland region during 2022. We want to connect interested students to their local Clubs in the Gippsland region.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Football opportunities offered by the local Clubs in the region, please scan the QR code and FV will assist to match you with a Club in the local region.



FOOTBALL
VICTORIA

JUNIOR BADMINTON NEWS



BADMINTON

JUNIOR SUMMER COMPETITION

LABERTOUCHE HALL - 10TH & 17TH FEBRUARY

DROUIN BADMINTON COURTS - 24TH FEB & 3RD MARCH

ELLINBANK BADMINTON HALL - 10TH & 17TH MARCH

WARRAGUL BADMINTON HALL - 24TH & 31ST MARCH

5.30PM - 6.30PM

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME, PAST, PRESENT AND NEW

GOLD COIN DONATION PER WEEK

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL SANDRA 0438 582 921

ROSTER

FOR GARDEN WATERING AND

FEEDING Ms Puss

We do need some help from families please.

See page 17 for details!



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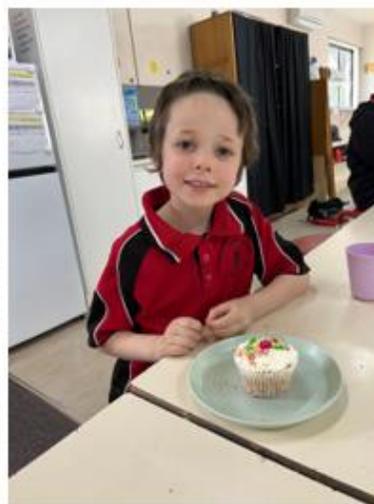
OSHC News



The end of Term 4 has seen the children enjoy lots of Christmas activities and treats to celebrate the end of the year! Students have created paper plate wreaths, Christmas ornaments and gingerbread cards, as well as delicious treats including strawberry Santa hat cupcakes, chocolate brownie reindeers, melted snowman biscuits and ornament cake pops!

We would love to thank the students for being a part of our NPS OSHC program for 2022. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and we cannot wait to see you all in 2023 to hear all about your summer holidays.

We are also saying a bittersweet farewell to our OSHC Educator Meg, who will be finishing at the end of this term. Meg has graduated from her teaching degree and is now moving to Torquay to begin her teaching career! We wish Meg all the best!





Holiday Watering Roster

Are you able to help out with watering our garden over the school holidays?

If you are able to help please put your name beside the week you are available.

The garden only needs to be watered on the days that it doesn't rain.

Volunteers will be shown where the hoses and other accessories needed are kept prior to the end of the school term.

Please return the form below by Thursday 14th December.

Families will be contacted before the holiday period and given information regarding water and feeding Miss Puss! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

WEEK	FAMILY NAME
19th - 25th December	<i>Mrs Hodge</i>
26th Dec- 1st Jan	<i>Tatchell Family</i>
2nd - 6th January	<i>Kristy Uren</i>
7th - 15th January	
16th—22nd January	
23rd—26th January	

STAFF RETURN ON THE 27th JANUARY 2023

Are you and your family able to look after our chickens over the holidays? If you are able to look after Cocoa & Caramel, please see Mrs Hodge or Ms Sutherland.





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What's On @ Nilma!

DECEMBER 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7 Breakfast Club	8 Newsletter NO MARC VAN Bike Education School Council Dinner	9 Breakfast Club
12 STUDENT REPORTS SENT HOME	13 2023 Foundation & Whole School Transition-9-3.15 Year 6-7 Orientation Day	14 Graduation/NPS EOY Celebration 5.30pm	15 NO MARC VAN	16 Year 6 Graduation Excursion
SOLAR Installation 19	SOLAR Installation 20 Last Day Early finish 1.15pm			

Merry Christmas & Happy NEW YEAR & ENJOY THE JANUARY HOLIDAYS!

2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- ◇ Friday 27th January 2023 —Teachers commence
- ◇ Monday 30th January 2023 —Student Free Day—Professional Development
- ◇ *Parents can pay and pick up student packs on these days*
- ◇ **Tuesday 31st January 2023—All students commence**
Wednesdays 1st Feb, 8th Feb, 15th Feb and 22nd Feb will be rest days for the Foundation students.

JANUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Teachers@School 30 Student packs available	31			

FEBRUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<i>Foundation Rest Day</i> 1 Breakfast Club	2 Newsletter	3 Breakfast Club
6	7 School Lunch Orders	<i>Foundation Rest Day</i> 8 Breakfast Club	9 MARC	10 Breakfast Club Hockey Clinic
13	14 School Lunch Orders	<i>Foundation Rest Day</i> 15 Breakfast Club	16 MARC	17 Breakfast Club Soccer Clinic
20	21 School Lunch Orders	<i>Foundation Rest Day</i> 22 Breakfast Club	SCHOOL PHOTOS 23 MARC	24 Breakfast Club
27	28 School Lunch Orders			

CAMP DATES: 3/4 Forest Edge Camp -2nd-3rd November 5/6 Urban Camp- 13th-15th September