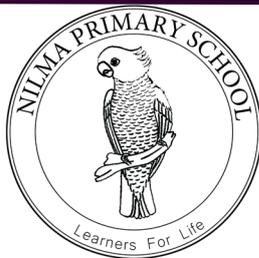


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# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal Notes

# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th June 2017  
 Issue 20—2017

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**Business Manager**  
 Mrs Rachel Hammond

**School Council  
 President**  
 Mrs Nicki Kimm

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### HOLIDAY BREAK

We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break! We will see you again on the first day of term 3—Monday 17th July.

### FAREWELL RACHEL

Thanks you to all the students, parents staff and colleagues for attending the brunch for Rachel today. We all had the opportunity to thank Rachel for her 15 years service to Nilma. Families were able to say goodbyes and reflect on Rachel's service to our school.

#### From Rachel;

15 years ago there were only 4 members of staff at Nilma PS, there were only 38 students! There were none of these new buildings, or the new playground equipment or new laptops, there was no electric bell, school uniforms, satchels or diaries! My office was in the chaplain room. It was in this room where I worked for 10 years, it was a dark cold office, with no heating, no air conditioning and a small desk. One of my highlights at Nilma PS was designing my new office! Choosing carpets, new cabinets and a new desk! This is where I have worked from the last 5 years.

I've been able to see the school grow, from 38 students to 74 students and I've enjoyed helping parents, students and staff in the office.

But, I am very excited to be moving on to a new chapter in my life, I'm looking forward to spending more time with family and friends and I'm also looking forward to having more time for my hobbies, including bushwalking and

running! Nilma is a great school and I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for being a part of my Nilma PS journey, it's been a great 15 years. Thank you!

### WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

On Friday 28th July the whole school will participate in an excursion to Melbourne. Years F-2 will be visiting the Zoo and Years 3-6 will visit the Botanical Gardens. This excursion will focus on biological science, as part of the science curriculum area studied at school. F-2 students will travel to and from the Zoo by bus and students in years 3-6 will travel by bus to the Botanical Gardens and return by train. Permission forms were sent home with last weeks newsletter and further details will be in the newsletter next term.



### PARENT SURVEY

KidsMatter Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children's mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the



important role that parents and carers play in the lives of

their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers, and the broader community. For further information, including information sheets especially written for parents and carers, visit the KidsMatter website:

[www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary)

The survey asks your perspective on your child's school and what you think is important for the school to consider in better supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. We expect that it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey.

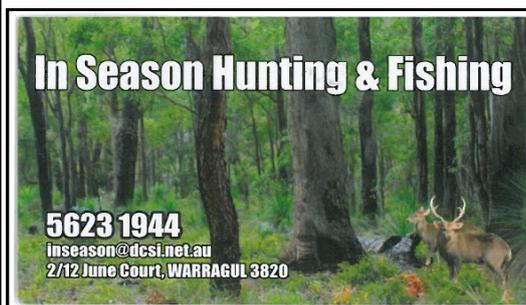
KidsMatter Primary encourages schools to reflect on how they are doing things - what they are doing well already and also what they can improve to promote children's mental health and wellbeing. It has been recognised that including the voice of staff, students, parents and carers assists the school with planning.

The survey is optional and names are not registered on surveys, collective information is used only.

During the first few weeks of term 3 parents will be encouraged to complete 2 surveys to provide feedback to the school to know what we are doing well and areas that we can improve on. The information on surveys will be used to shape our ideas and strategies for our school review and new goals for our new strategic plan.

The KidsMatter survey will be conducted by Anne Prime (School Chaplain). Anne will touch base with every family and discuss questions around building partnerships and relationships within the school to support the social and emotional needs of students. This information will support Nilma to review our programs and maybe seek out other ways to build relationships to enhance student learning. Anne will either contact families and have face to face meetings or phone conversations. This information will also help to shape the pastoral care role of the chaplain at Nilma too. Thanks in anticipation of your commitment to providing feedback to the school.

### THANK YOU TO OUR DIARY SPONSOR



**LAST DAY OF TERM 2  
 TOMORROW  
 1.15PM FINISH!**

# STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA



## R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

### Learner of the Week Recognitions

#### **Homegroup 1/F Red** **Patrick Dalrymple**

For the excellent effort you put into all areas of your learning. You love to take on a challenge and try your very best. You work hard and enjoy learning about everything! We love you enthusiasm. Keep it up Patrick!

#### **Homegroup 2 Green** **Harrison Jones**

For your determination to succeed. You concentrate on your learning, follow tasks through to completion and strive to achieve your best. Well done Harry!

#### **Homegroup 4/3 Blue** **Olivia Addison**

For the remarkable approach you display to all aspects of your schooling. You continually challenge yourself in your learning, show respect to others and display a most responsible and mature attitude. An amazing student! Congratulations Olivia!

#### **Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow** **Amelia Scanlon**

For the persistence you have shown to your learning since returning from your extended break. You have really been pushing yourself to complete all learning and assessments. Keep up the excellent work!

L.A.U.G.H Program  
Learning Activities Under  
Guidance of Home  
NIGHTLY READING



#### **50 Nights**

Layla Williames

#### **75 Nights**

Jade Mammolito      Oliver Turner

#### **100 Nights**

Kurtis Giblin      Blake Hanmer  
Ashlee Cooke      Taleah Hammond  
Alice-Ann Simon      Oliver Turner

## PLAYGROUND AWARDS

### Winners



- Cohen
- Alex
- Thomas - Thomas was lucky enough to get 2 awards this week!

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to these students who have successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017; Sheree Casey Wilson and Oliver Turner



No birthdays this week!

# HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!



Home Group  
- 1/F -  
Ruby Red

Last Friday was crazy hair and milkshake day at Nilma PS. It was absolutely fantastic to see all the CRAZY hairstyles the students showcased at school. We loved seeing the carefree and funny side to silly hair and we all had lots of laughs throughout the morning looking at everyone's CRAZY hair. At lunchtime we all enjoyed a yummy milkshake! We collected class data on who was having what flavour milkshake and made bar graphs. 10 of us had chocolate flavour, 5 had caramel and 1 had strawberry. It was a great day. Thanks to all the parents for creating the CRAZY hairstyles for their child/ren.



Home Group  
- 2 -  
Emerald Green

**"When? When? When can you tell me?" It was nearly my birthday party. I really wanted to know what my birthday presents were. But Mum just said "You have to wait until your birthday".**

**"But but I can't wait until my birthday," I said in a sad voice. "Well you're going to have to deal with it. It's only in one month and eight days".**

**"FINE!" I said. I went off to my room and I decided to play until bed time and I tried to calm down but it just didn't work. "RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR," I grumbled. I kicked my bedroom door. Suddenly I realised my cat came in my room. I picked him up and hugged him and it made me feel calm. In a month and a couple of days it was finally my birthday!**

**"Please now can I open my presents?" I said gently to Mum.**

**"Yes Mum said to me".**

**"WOW!" I said to mum at the end. "That is a lot of presents on the floor!"**

**"I know," said Mum. Afterwards we had to clean it all up and after we did that we all had a rest!**  
By Claire



Home Group  
- 4/3 -  
Aqua Blue

*In Science we have been making packages for an egg to protect it from an impact. We have been studying different packaging materials to plan and construct a safe*



*package for our egg. Yesterday we took our packages outside to test the materials and our package. We dropped them from 3 metres high, no eggs broke but 3 cracked. Today some of us repeated the test on our package from a greater height (or altitude). Mr Williams threw the packages high up in the air. Sadly 2 eggs did not survive the fall. By Olivia and Piper*



## Chemical Science

This week, we have finished our unit on chemical science, with our big idea being about the three states of matter (solids, liquids



Home Group  
- 6/5/4 -  
Lemon Yellow

and gases). As a treat, students got to engage in some messy experimentation



with oobleck (a slime that doesn't follow the laws of normal liquids). It is easy to make: for each measure of water, you need double of cornflour (i.e. 1 cup water, 2 cups cornflour).



Experiment together at home!



# CURRICULUM CORNER

## STUDENT REPORTING

The Parent-Teacher Discussions were held today, as part of our reporting to parents on student achievement. Thank you to parents for coming along and meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their reports and progress at NPS. Reports were sent home on Monday 26th June.

## SENTRAL—NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL Student Reporting system

All parents will have received their unique access codes, if not please contact the Office. The Sentral reporting system will keep parents up to date with student absences, newsletters and general information regarding Nilma PS. A note was sent home with the reports (as pictured on the right) guiding parents on how to access students portfolio pieces to complement their report. If you are having any problems logging on to Sentral or navigating the site, please let the Office know and we can assist you with this, you just require access to an email address.

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL – SENTRAL - Student Portfolio Access for 2017  
(Different from 2016)

As of 2017 – Student Portfolio samples are in the Student Portfolio section of SENTRAL (not Resources as in 2016)

### NEW INSTRUCTIONS for 2017

#### Logging on to Sentral

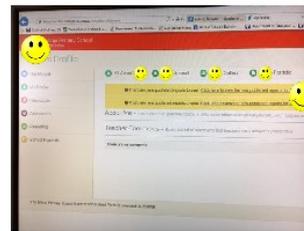


Once you have logged on,

1. Click on your child's picture  
(Will bring up your child's dashboard as below)

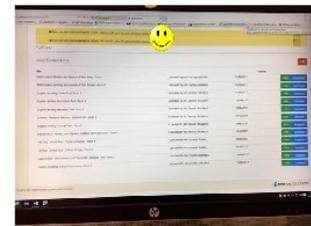


2. Click on 'My Profile' on left hand side.  
(Will bring up the menu below)



3. Click on your child's Portfolio from menu along the top.

(Here you will find a list of 2017 Semester 1 samples of work.)



Smiley faces used to hide student name

# CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

In this series on the different way of expressing love (one of the 5 Love Languages), we've looked and last week began to talk about 'words of affirmation'. As well as words of affection and words of praise, we need to look at words of guidance.

Encouraging words are most effective when they are focused on a specific effort your child has made.

The goal is to catch your child doing something good and then commend him/ her for it. The end result is that you are guiding your child in his/ her moral and ethical development.

Children need guidance. Loving guidance always has the child's best interest in mind – its purpose is to help the child develop the qualities needed for the future. Sometimes as parents, we give the right message but in the wrong manner. As one child said, "My parent is yelling and screaming at me, telling me not to yell and scream!" Another child said "Inside me when I'm yelled at, I sort of shrink and can't hear what's being said. Then I get yelled at some more."

Parents who offer words of loving guidance will be looking closely at the interests and abilities of their children and giving positive verbal reinforcement of those interests. This can range from school achievements to manners, through to the complex art of relationships. We express emotional love in the positive verbal guidance we give our children.

**Some practical ideas to finish 'words of affirmation':**

**Put a Post-it note in the lunchbox with some encouraging words**

**Make it a habit to say, 'I love you' whenever you tuck your child into bed or take leave of one another. (You do that already, great! So next time say 'Yeh, but I loved you first!' with a cocky grin or a tickle.)**

**When your child is feeling down, share 5 reasons why you are proud of them. (If they see that as a 'try hard but it doesn't help' then, when you're 'down in the dumps' ask them to tell you 5 things that make them proud of you. Help them to think outside the box.)**

Have fun as you communicate and enjoy their responses. Mrs P.



# SCHOOL ORGANISATION

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION NEWS

White t-shirts are available for purchase for the School Production. Each child requires a t-shirt for tie-dying in Visual Arts. Payment is needed to secure your child's t-shirt, with limited numbers of each size available. Please see the Office with your \$3 and the size needed. Thank you, Mrs Buckler.



## EARN AND LEARN AT WOOLWORTHS

From the 26th of July to September 19th Earn and Learn will be happening at Safeway. For every 10 dollars you spend you will earn one Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker. The stickers can be put on Sticker sheet. This sticker sheet will be attached to a newsletter next term. The sticker sheet can be dropped in a collection box which will be kept outside the office. The stickers will help the school to get educational resources.

## CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

When contacting the school by phone please ring the school number directly - 03 5623 2963 - the other line used by the school when we contact parents is for calling out only and won't ring the school.

## UPDATING INFORMATION

If you require to update any contact details - contact number/s, address, change of doctors etc. then please contact the Office, in writing of any details that need updating for your child at NPS. These changes are then updated in your child confidential school files.

**SUSTAINABILITY TIP  
OF THE WEEK -  
RE-USE COOKING WATER TO  
WATER YOUR GARDEN**

# LUNCH ORDERS

Nilma PS is investigating the possibility of offering a weekly lunch order for students. The lunch orders would be offered once a week on a nominated day and would be provided by the Sutton Street Corner Store. Items would include Rolls/Sandwiches, Hot food, Drinks, Cakes and Snacks. Please return the form below indicating if you would like to see lunch orders offered at NPS and what your preferred day would be. This will also depend on which day suits the Sutton Street Corner Store also, as they offer this service to other schools in the area.

## NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to see the introduction of weekly lunch orders at NPS

Preferred day/s \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

## JULY 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <b>Term 3 starts Breakfast Club</b>	18	19 <b>Breakfast Club</b> School Banking	20 <b>MARC VAN</b>	21	22	23
24 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	25	26 <b>Breakfast Club</b> School Banking	27	28 EXCURSION DAY F-2-ZOO 3-6-BOTANICAL GARDENS	29	30
31 <b>School Closure Mathematics Curriculum Day SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 6PM</b>						

## AUGUST 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
	1	2 Year 6/5 Transition Day <b>Breakfast Club</b> School Banking	3 Year 4/3 Hooptime <b>MARC VAN</b>	4	5	6
7 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	8	9 <b>Breakfast Club</b> School Banking	10	11	12	13
14 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	15 Future Earth Day – Science	16 <b>Breakfast Club</b> School Banking	17 <b>MARC VAN</b>	18	19	20
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**LOCK IN THE DATE!**  
**NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRODUCTION**  
**THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER!**