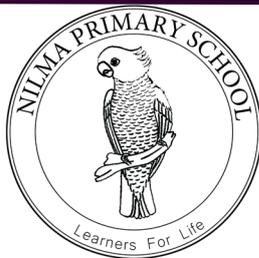


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NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal Notes

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th August 2017
 Issue 24 - 2017

Principal
 Ms Annette Sutherland

**Acting Business
 Manager**
 Mrs Belinda Smythe

**School Council
 President**
 Mrs Nicki Kimm

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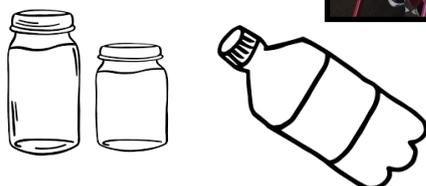
FUTURE EARTH DAY - TUESDAY 15th AUGUST

Next week is National Science Week. The focus for National Science week is 'Future Earth'. Future Earth was launched in 2015 and is a major 10-year international initiative to advance global sustainability science. Future Earth is a global community of tens of thousands of world-class researchers, projects and institutes brought together around an international research agenda focusing on sustainability science. Nilma Primary School will be holding a whole school 'Future Earth' day on Tuesday 15th of August for students to engage in learning activities based on sustainability. Some of the different activities will focus on renewable energy, decreasing pollution, maintaining clean and flourishing habitats, recycling and more. Students will rotate around to different activities where they will engage in both informational and hands on learning experiences. It should be a great day!



WE NEED YOUR HELP! RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK!

Please bring in any empty (and clean) Jam jars and 1.25/2 litre bottles to school please - they can be left at the office or in the staffroom - for use on Future Earth Sustainability Day on Tuesday 15th August. Thank you!



VCOP BIG WRITE - LET'S CELEBRATE!

Tomorrow, **Friday the 11th of August**, is when we will 'Celebrate' student's writing.

Come along between 2 – 4pm and share in the successes of your child's writing. They will share with you their original ideas and initial writing piece of the topic of 'Water'.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to ask questions about their written work, recognising the skills they have developed and applied. Allow your child to lead the conversation, congratulate them on their learning and ask a couple of questions. Some guiding questions to support the conversation between you and your child are listed below:

- **What are you most proud of with this piece of writing?**
- **What writing skills have you learnt through VCOP?**
- **What punctuation marks have you used successfully?**
- **What level do you think you are working at on the Punctuation Pyramid?**
- **Can you share with me some 'WOW' words from your writing?**
- **Have you got any connectives within your writing?**
- **Have you started your sentences with a variety of openers?**
- **How have or can you 'up-level' (improve) this piece of writing?**
- **What is your personal goal for your writing?**

WELCOME CLARE

Nilma PS would like to extend a warm welcome to Clare Sheriff who will be working in the Blue HG on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the school community and we look

forward to working with Clare!

NEW LAPTOPS HAVE ARRIVED!

Our new laptops have arrived and are ready for use!

Students have been using them over the past few days. Thank you to Joel for setting them up for students to use.

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STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA



R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Learner of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red

Tyson Wilmot

For your dedication and effort with your reading and learning in class this week. You have given your best effort and we can see big improvements with your learning. Keep up the great effort Tyson!

Homegroup 2 Green

Leaigha Archer

For demonstrating determination and enthusiasm towards your learning. You have especially been taking with your writing and reading and have been working hard with Mrs Hodge in the REAL Literacy program.

Homegroup 4/3 Blue

Jade Mammolite

For the enthusiastic way you approach your learning. You are always willing to challenge yourself and 'have a go' to achieve your best. Thanks also for bringing along your pony Magic and horse Macey to share with the school last Friday. Keep up the great effort Jade!

Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow

Meg Devlin

For your dedication as a poet and seeing your success when you met your challenge to write up-levelled, creative and descriptive acrostic poems. Fabulous effort Meg, well done!

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



75 Nights

Alex Chesterfield

Teylah Lott

100 Nights

Savannah Salsbury-Challons

125 Nights

Ashlee Cooke

Kurtis Giblin

Caleb Brown

150 Nights

Lewis Devlin

175 Nights

Charlotte Goodchild

Natasha Salsbury-Challons

Taleah Hammond

William Cane

Olivia Addison

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners



- Natasha SC - for being inclusive
- Teylah L - caring in the playground
- Finn Y - being responsible

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have independently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Elizabeth Dalrymple and Thomas Buckler

A fantastic effort that reflects your positive attitude to reading and literature. Well done!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

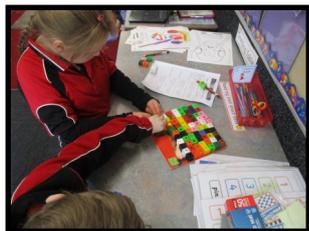
Jessie McCabe

HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!



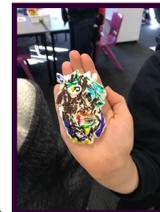
Home Group
- 1/F -
Ruby Red

Our whole school numeracy focus this term is 'measurement'. Students have been learning about length, and now area (the space of a surface). Students have been using informal units such as unifix, multilink cubes, popsicle sticks, hand spans and now paper squares as a unit of measurement. Students have engaged well with our unit and have enjoyed exploring and measuring different objects within the classroom. Below are some photos of the students working in pairs to estimate the 'area size' of a chosen object and their process of collecting their answers.

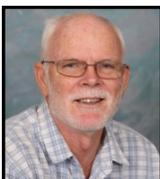


Home Group
- 2 -
Emerald Green

Last week in Japanese Ryo educated students in the Green HG about Shisa - a traditional decoration

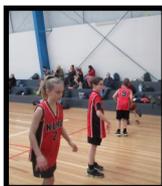


crossed between a lion and a dog. Shisa are placed in pairs at the gates of homes to protect from evil. Students then used modelling clay to make their own Shisa.



Home Group
- 4/3 -
Aqua Blue

YEAR 4/3 HOOPTIME



Our Literacy Learning Teams in grades 3-6 are looking at Poetry for the next few weeks. We've started with Acrostic Poems and how to up-level them to make them show each student's creativity and use of vocabulary. Here are some samples:



Home Group
- 6/5/4 -
Lemon Yellow

Winter
In the snow
Not warm at all
Turn the heater on full ball
Eventually Summer days
Really cold



By Mikayla



Australia
Utterly amazing
Sun shining everywhere
The best country ever
Red and dusty
Always laughing
Lovely scenery
Incredible sights
Aussie Aussie Aussie, oi oi oi!

Bailey
Annoying sometimes
I enjoy spelling
Likes running
Eats his vegetables
Yells a lot

By Meg



By Bailey S



CURRICULUM CORNER

MATHS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

On Monday the 31st of July the teachers and ES staff had a Professional Learning day with Neerim South Primary School on Mathematics. We had Tony Flack come in to discuss the about the four proficiency strands in Mathematics of Fluency, Understanding, Reasoning and Problem Solving. The staff learnt more about the Rich Learning Tasks. In a Rich Learning Tasks, students are encouraged to display their learning throughout the task. The Rich Learning Task should spark interest, related to real life and help students develop useful skills.

At Nilma Primary School we believe Rich Learning Tasks;

- are accessible and offer opportunities for initial success, challenging learners to think for themselves
- have different ways to reach the answer
- have the potential to broaden students' skills and/or deepen and broaden mathematical content
- make connections between areas of mathematics, encourage collaboration and discussion
- promoting discussion and communications
- involve learners in testing, proving, explaining, reflecting and interpreting.
- enjoyable and contains the opportunity for surprise.



SCHOOL REVIEW - Thank you for the Feedback!

Thanks to all the families that have taken time to provide feedback to school. Staff, students and parents have been actively involved in the feedback processes. We have been able to identify areas of strength and areas that we can improve on from teaching and learning point of view to parent perspective and supports too. I understand you are all busy and have taken time to provide information to us for the future direction of Nilma Primary School.

Thanks to families who have sent the interview sheets back with information about the four questions too.

Student Family Interview

Students have brought home some questions to interview parents about Nilma which were attached to last week's newsletter.

- ***What does our school do well?***
- ***What could our school do better?***
- ***What suggestions do you have for future improvements and/or considerations?***
- ***What kind of school do we hope to be in five years, further on...?***

Parent Opinion Survey 2017

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school. It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August. All responses to the survey are anonymous. Approximately 35 families have been invited to participate in survey to gain as much feedback as possible.

The survey results will be due back to our school at the end of September. The survey results will be Parents will be informed of results through annual reporting, School Council and our newsletter. Please return the yellow slip to school once you have completed the survey.

For further information, please speak to you child's teacher or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

EARN AND LEARN AT WOOLWORTHS

From the 26th of July to September 19th Earn and Learn will be happening at Woolworths. For every 10 dollars you spend you will earn one Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker. The stickers can be put on Sticker sheet.

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.

THANK YOU

A huge 'Thank You' to Bellbird Building Supplies in Hallam for the donation of PVC pipes to the school for use in the sandpit and our Sustainability program to use as planters etc.

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SUSTAINABILITY TIP OF THE WEEK -

Only use a Dishwasher and Washing Machine when they are full!

HOOPTIME - YEAR 4/3

Last Thursday grade 3&4 Blue students participated in the West Gippsland Rural Schools Hoop Time competition. Nilma Nuggets Future Star team members were; Beth Axford, Blake Hanmer, Deklan Majcherzak, William Cane, Anthony Santo, Piper Bundle and Shila Bundle. Nilma Nets Rookies team members were; Jade Mammolito, Mikayla Lott, Alice-Ann Simon, Jessie McCabe, Jaycobb Archer, Taleah Hammond and Olivia Addison. While our teams did not experience a great deal of success in terms of wins we had a great deal of success in the way each of our teams and the individual players persisted all day to play their best and encourage each other. All players represented Nilma Primary School with distinction. Thanks also to our grade 6 leaders Ashton Kimm, Daniel Axford, Aiden Olsson and Bailey-Jack Christoph who coached the students and taught skills over the last few weeks. Daniel Axford and Ashton Kimm also acted as team coaches on the day. Well done everyone!



NEERIM DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE ANNUAL MATHS GAME DAY - WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST

Students in Years 6/5 will be attending Neerim District Secondary College's (NDSC) 'Maths Games Day' on **Wednesday 16th August**. Students will participate in maths games as organised by the year 10 students at NDSC. Students will travel to and from NDSC with staff members and parents, permission forms are attached to the newsletter and are to be returned by **Monday 14th August**. Lunch is provided for students but they may also bring their own, students must be in full school uniform. Students are to be at Nilma PS by 8.30am and will return by 3.30pm. Nilma PS has been quite successful over the years at the Games Day - there are great prizes to be won!

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

The Nilma Primary School Disco is on again on **Friday 1st September, from 6.30pm – 8.30pm** at either the Nilma North Hall or Darnum Hall, we are just awaiting confirmation. Children of all ages are welcome if they are either enrolments for next year, current students or ex Nilma PS students. If a child attends who is an ex-Nilma PS student, it is expected that they will be supervised by their own parent/s who will remain at the venue. Staff will provide supervision of current Nilma PS students only. It is also a non-alcohol event. So come along and dance your heart out, whatever age you are!!! Permission forms for this event will be sent home with the newsletter next week and will be due back by next Friday 25th August, so that we can estimate how many will attend for catering purposes. For entry to the Disco there will be a COST OF \$5.00, payable on the night, which includes supper and a glow stick. Drinks will be for sale for \$1.00 each. A variety of glow products will also be available for sale on the night, ranging from \$3 - \$5.

FATHERS DAY - SPECIAL PERSON STALL - FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Attached to the newsletter are forms for the Fathers Day/Special Person Stall which will be held on **Friday 1st September**. Students may purchase as many gifts as they would like. All gifts are \$5.00 each. Payment with forms are due back at the office by **Friday 25th August**.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SPECIAL GUEST VISIT BY FAIRY GODMOTHER

OLD GIPPSTOWN

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

THE LARGEST GATHERING OF FAIRIES

WEAR WINGS-WAND-TUTU BOYS - COME AS A PIXIE

RIDES, MUSIC, MARKET STALLS, FOOD STALLS

DATE: SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST
TIME: 10AM TILL 2PM
WORLD RECORD COUNT 12PM
COST: \$5 PER PERSON
BOOKINGS VIA: TRY BOOKINGS
OR CALL OLD GIPPSTOWN ON 51273082
OR VISIT THE OFFICE



OLD GIPPSTOWN

FATHERS DAY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY 3RD SEPT 2017



ENTRANT DETAILS:
GATES OPEN 6AM \$10 PER CAR
PRESENTATION 1PM SHARP

211 LLOYD STREET MOB
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Earn & Learn is on again

Anyone can help schools earn equipment

Woolworths earn & learn

That's why I pick Woolies

Warragul Tennis Club Open and Registration Day.



SUNDAY 20TH OF AUGUST, 2017
11AM - 2PM.

BURKE STREET COURTS, WARRAGUL.
(OPPOSITE THE LEISURE CENTRE)

Warragul Tennis Club Open and Player Registration day
Sunday August the 20th

Come and Try Tennis.
All ages welcome!

Register on the day to play tennis in the 2017/18 competition

Free sausage sizzle.

WARRAGUL TENNIS CLUB
 Burke Street Courts.

For more information find us on Facebook



Come and try tennis.
 Come along and join us for fun modified games and activities and a free sausage sizzle. No experience needed.

Registration Day
 We are also taking registrations on the day for the 2017/18 season.
 Contact Kate Maric for any enquiries 0428675926



NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
14 Breakfast Club	15 Future Earth Day – Science	16 NDSC Discovery Day Years 6/5 Breakfast Club	17 Pie Orders due back MARC VAN	18 School Banking	19	20
21 Breakfast Club	22	23 Breakfast Club	24 Year 6/5 Hooptime	25 Pies ready for collection School Banking	26	27
28 Breakfast Club	29	30 Breakfast Club	31 MARC VAN			

SEPTEMBER 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
				1 Fathers Day Stall SCHOOL DISCO School Banking	2	3
4 Breakfast Club	5	6 Breakfast Club	7 SCHOOL PRODUCTION!	8 School Banking	9	10
11 Breakfast Club	12	13 Breakfast Club	14 School Review Day 1 MARC VAN	15 Footy Colours Day School Banking	16	17
18 Breakfast Club	19	20 Breakfast Club	21 School Review Day 2	22 LAST DAY TERM 3	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 FIRST DAY TERM 4 Breakfast Club	10	11 Breakfast Club	12 MARC VAN	13 School Banking	14	15
16 Breakfast Club	17	18 Breakfast Club	19	20 School Banking	21	22

**NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRODUCTION
THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER!**

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

BECOME A PARTNER IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

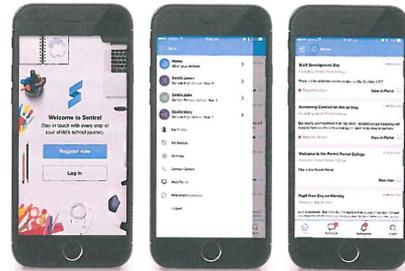
 Our school has an exciting new Parent Portal and Parent App available now.

The Portal and App key can be obtained from our school's administration department.



Our school's new parent portal and app empowers all parents.

Keep fully updated, manage and control everything related to your child's education. Communicate with the school seamlessly through push notifications, instant messaging, payment gateways and much more all at the power of your fingertips.



With the new parent portal and app, now parents can:

-  **Better informed**
Receive push notifications about everything that's important for your child.
 -  **At your fingertips**
Information that's most relevant and needs your attention appears clearly on your mobile device.
 -  **Communicate easily**
With our instant messaging feature, have conversations with the school staff and get the feedback you want.
 -  **Instant payments**
Pay for excursions, school fees and so much more. Right away with your credit card and record / track your bills.
 -  **Track homework**
Know exactly what your child needs to complete at home.
 -  **Permit instantly**
No more notices to sign or papers given to your child for carrying back. Approve instantly on your parent app.
- All your children across multiple schools in one app***
Manage all your children's education progression on one platform
* Schools must still be users of Sentral

Portal and App key can be obtained from our school's administration department.

Download the App today
For IOS www.applestore.com or Android www.playgoogle.com



SENTRAL APP

Parents can now access Sentral's Parent Portal via an app on a smartphone or tablet! Download the app onto your device and follow the instructions to log on. Access keys are attached to the newsletter for families to log on. If you have any questions please contact the school. This is a great way to keep up to date with your child's education and school information.

TEAM APP

Parents can also access information and be informed of school happenings via Team App. Download the app onto your device and sign up to Nilma Primary School. News, events and documents will be advertised on the app, allowing the school and community to communicate and interact.

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL NOW HAS ITS OWN APP



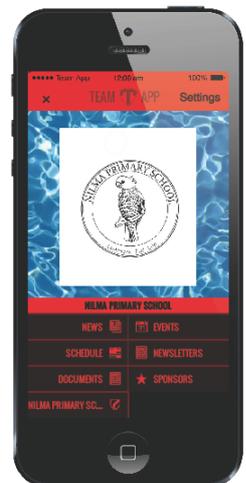
Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the Nilma Primary School App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:
1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.



2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for "Nilma Primary School".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don't have a smartphone go to nilma.ps.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.



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CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

The fifth of the 'Five Love languages of Children' is 'acts of service'.

Parenting is a service oriented job and you signed up for it the day you both fell pregnant. It's not news that it is physically and emotionally demanding but sometimes we confuse 'serving' with 'pleasing' our children.

As you 'serve' your children, your primary motivation is not to keep the peace, but to do what is best for them in the maturing process. One leads to strength of character, the other leads to you becoming a door mat and there is very little respect from either party.

When you include your kids in 'acts of service' toward others you are working together to 'round them out' or build 'good character'.

"Hey Sally! I'm running late, I slept in and Jerry's not ready yet. Can you put the dog out and fill his water then lock the back door? I'll finish the lunches and pop them in the bags and make sure he gets his shoes on. Meet you at the door. Go, go, go kiddo!"

This is an inclusive way of inviting them to help, not a demand. The measure of which one it is (asking or demanding) will be in your response.

'Whew, we nearly made it on time. Could have been worse though, thanks for your effort (act of service)! (this models for them your strength of character – you've admitted your problem is your own doing and you needed help) OR

'What on earth were you doing out there, you've taken ages now we're going to be really late?' (Your humble acknowledgement of your own lateness is wasted as you subtly shift the blame back onto the child. If it happens often enough 'dear old Sally' won't bother to even try in the future.)

Give some thought about whether you 'serve, keep the peace or try to please as a parent.

We'll look at acts of service again next week... Meanwhile have a great weekend and stay safe.

Anne Prime - Chaplain



SCHOOL CHAPLAIN—FEEDBACK

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM - PARENT FEEDBACK

Please complete and return by **Wednesday 16th August.**

The Chaplaincy Program at Nilma Primary School is 75% Federally funded with the school investing in the remainder 25% (\$7000). We are seeking feedback on the program for our review and future application.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO GIVE US FEEDBACK

My child/ren or our family has had access to the chaplain at Nilma Yes / No

I believe the chaplaincy program has been very beneficial to my child/ren at Nilma PS Yes / No

OTHER COMMENTS
