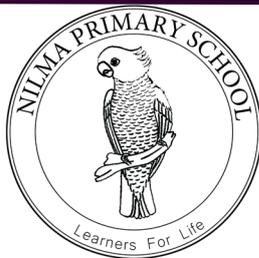


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NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal Notes

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17th August 2017
 Issue 25 - 2017

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**School Council
 President**
 Mrs Nicki Kimm

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CELEBRATING EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF WEEK!

This week is Education Support staff week. Over 50 % of our staff at Nilma are support staff. The support staff are a huge part of the success of Nilma. We would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff; Belinda Smythe, Sara Cogo, Sharon Faulds, Vicki Commadeur, Clare Sheriff, Sharon Salt, Leanne Hodge, Barb Vagg, Bruce Robins, Joel Gunning and Anne Prime, for their commitment to Nilma.

All staff are so dedicated and willing to support the Educational and emotional and environmental needs of students in our team environment. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful and experienced team who are willing to collaborate and improve their knowledge to be the best support to students. Thank you from all the teachers, students and parents. Thank you to the year 6 school leaders for coordinating the surprise party for them last Monday, and the parents for providing some party foods.



PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

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.

Thank you to all the 9 families who have completed the survey.

If you have any trouble please call into school and we can support you to access the survey and complete here if needed. We will provide you with feedback once we have the results back.

KIDSMATTER SURVEYS

Thanks to all parents who worked with Anne Prime to complete the Kids Matter survey. We have 36 responses. The results here show our strengths and areas we will need to improve.

We had an overwhelming positive response to the school providing a caring environment and parents feel welcome in the school. The staff care about your children and are

sensitive to their needs.

We have some areas we can improve on too, Results suggest we could provide more opportunities for parents to be actively involved in the school, building networks as well as being clearer on some school expectations and ways we deal with situations. We would like to work closer with parents to support these needs.

After the 'Book Week' parade on Friday 25th August we would like parents to come along and share in a morning tea. This will provide an opportunity to get to know others and answer any questions you may have. We are also planning to have a production presented to the school community (including parents) titled 'Sticks and Stones' An anti-bullying program to give children, parents and staff in our community a common language and understanding of dealing with aggressive behaviour and resolving conflict. We would love to see you at the morning tea!

CHILDRENS BOOK WEEK 2017

The theme of Book Week this year is 'Escape to Everywhere'. To celebrate Book Week, on Friday 25th August students may come to school dressed as a favourite book character for a parade. Parents are welcome to attend the parade that will commence at 9am.

Following the Parade students will share and listen to a selection of 'Big Books'.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We are in the final week of rehearsals! The students have been very patient and are becoming more confident with their roles. Over the weeks it has been fantastic to see the growth in students' confidence and their performance.

Families must return the REQUEST FOR NUMBER OF SEATS FOR PRODUCTION (this will not guarantee you that amount of seats—it is only a request as we have a large number of families this year) by Wednesday 23rd August so we can finalise the allocation of tickets ensuring there are enough for all families.

For more detailed updates on Production information - please see newsletter page 7.

FUTURE EARTH DAY

The Future Earth day held last Tuesday was a fabulous success, thank you to Mrs Evans for coordinating the day! See more information on page 4.

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STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA



R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Learner of the Week Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red

Vivien Turner

For your enthusiasm and effort during our Earth Science Day on Tuesday. You asked lots of valid questions and participated in all of the activities whilst keenly sharing your own learning and knowledge. Keep it up Vivien

Homegroup 2 Green

Lewis Devlin

For being an organised and helpful class member. You are very efficient and always ready for learning. You are a very valued class member. Well done Lewis!

Homegroup 4/3 Blue

Olivia Addison

For your assistance as 'Junior Production Co-ordinator' helping Ms Grass with rehearsals and the choreography. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow

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



75 Nights

Elizabeth Dalrymple
Miller Bundle
Harrison Jones

100 Nights

125 Nights
Shyla Quigley

150 Nights

175 Nights
Nick Addison

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners



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!

Deklan Majcherzak

HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!



Home Group
- 1/F -
Ruby Red

On Tuesday we had our whole school Earth Science Day as part of National Science

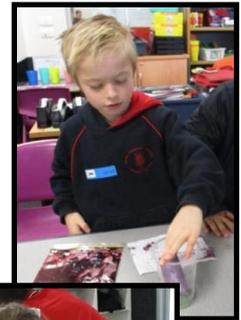
Week. Over the course of the day the students rotated between 5 different sustainability activities learning about how to keep our Earth Healthy and sustainable. The activities were making SMOG (learning about pollution) with Mrs McMahon, understanding how wind turbines work with Mrs Evans (and getting to make a mini wind turbine), learning about pH levels with Miss Matarczyk, composting with Sharon and Clare and the impact that feral animals have on habitats with Miss B. It was a great day and the students were fabulous, keenly engaging with all of the activities. Well done to all the Ruby Red students.



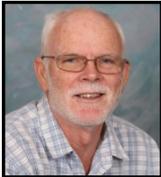
National Science Week
Green HG students investigating pH.



Home Group
- 2 -
Emerald Green



FUTURE EARTH DAY



Home Group
- 4/3 -
Aqua Blue



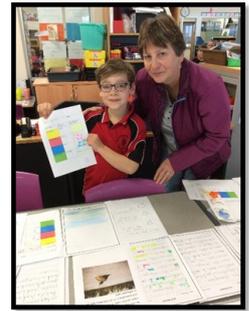
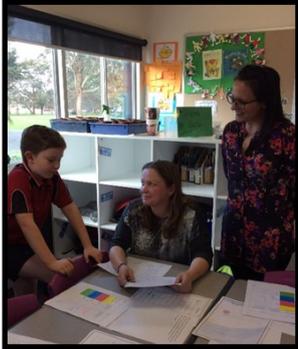
Home Group
- 6/5/4 -
Lemon Yellow



CURRICULUM CORNER

VCOP & BIG WRITE CELEBRATION!

Last Friday presented students with the opportunity to share and celebrate their writing with parents, grandparents and their peers. It was fantastic to observe students proudly sharing their writing samples from the Big Write. Explaining their 'two stars and a wish', students had identified two areas of success within their writing and an area for improvement, their future goal. Students responded to questions about their work and were able to explain changes made to up level their work, particularly in the areas of 'Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation' (VCOP). These are the areas that have been a focus across the school within Literacy. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and share in the celebration of students learning within writing.



MARC LIBRARY

In MARC Library, this term our literature focus is on Asia. We will be reading books and online interactive stories from China, Japan, Thailand, Bali, The Himalayas and Vietnam to gain knowledge and understanding of these countries, their people and their histories.

The stories we are reading this week are:

RED HOMEGROUP;

Book: The Dragon Painter

Activity: Dragon Mask

GREEN HOMEGROUP:

Book: The Dancing Dragon

Activity: Oil Pastel Dragon Pictures

BLUE HOMEGROUP;

Book: The Emperor and the Kite

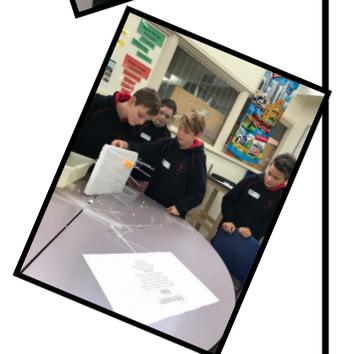
Activity: Sled Kite making

YELLOW HOMEGROUP;

Book: The Peasant Prince

Activity: Kaleidocycles

NEERIM DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE MATHS GAMES DAY



FUTURE EARTH SCIENCE DAY

Budding scientists at Nilma PS enjoyed the activities on Tuesday 14th August on Future Earth Science Day. Students were placed in groups and rotated through different 'hands on' activities on the day. Activities included making compost, testing alkaline and acidity, making turbines and investigating animals and their environments. A huge thank you to Mrs Evans who coordinated the day and ensured that the day ran smoothly. It was great to see all the students involved in all the activities, we hope you all came away from the day filled with lots of new information!



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 a 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.

YEAR 6/5 HOOPTIME

Ashotn Kimm, Daniel Axford, Bailey Stephens, Zavier Allsopp, Matilda Dent, Emma Crook, Bailey-Jack Christoph, Amelia Scanlon and Aiden Olsson will represent Nilma PS at the Hooptime competition at the Warragul Leisure Centre (WLC) on **Thursday 24th August**.

Students are to be **dropped off at the WLC at 9am and collected by 2.30pm**. Parents are most welcome to watch the team on the day. Students will need to wear black shorts (no pockets) and runners, basketball tops are supplied by the school. Students will also need their lunch, drinks and snacks for the day. Permission forms are attached to the newsletter.

CENTREPAY

We are currently in the process of setting up Centrepay at Nilma, as another option for families to pay for the Essential Educational Items and Excursion Levy charges. If you are interested in this option please register your name at the Office and we will send to you further information once Centrepay has been finalised.

SUSTAINABILITY TIP OF THE WEEK -

If it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown flush it down!

LUNCH ORDERS

Tomorrow is our 1st lunch order day! We have had requests about Nilma providing a lunch order service for our students as has been offered in the past. We investigated many options, one being the Sutton St Milk Bar, feedback was sought around this and taken on board. The School Council, along with the Parents & Friends Club, sought to find an option that reflected the Nilma PS values. It was at this time that some parents offered to set up and coordinate the Friday lunches. A review of local business was undertaken to determine if we could find options that would cater for ALL students, including those with dietary requirements etc. and it was decided to go with Logan's Lunch bar to get the ball rolling. We have created a parent roster for support and look forward to providing a shared service to the community. We will review this and change as necessary. If you wish to help with lunch orders or have any feedback please contact the Office.

All orders and payments must be received by the Office by WEDNESDAY morning - no late orders can be accepted.

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 last weeks newsletter were 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**.

'HOORAY FOR DIFFENDOOFER DAY'

The date has been set for Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7pm.
It will be held at the Drouin Secondary College Auditorium with supper to follow.

'Hooray for Diffendoofer Day'

Drouin Auditorium Hall

7.00pm – 8.00pm

(kids to arrive at 6.40pm)
With Supper to follow...

GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY

Full Dress Rehearsal

*On Thursday 7th September the whole school will be having a full rehearsal at the
Drouin Secondary College Auditorium.*

*Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from
Drouin Secondary College – Main South Road Drouin.*

9.15am - Students are to be dropped off at Drouin Secondary College for DRESS rehearsal day.

*Staff (in high vis vests) will meet cars at front carpark to collect students.
Parents may car pool on this morning. If there are any issues with dropping students off due to work commitments, please speak to the school.*

3.00pm- Students are to be picked up from Drouin Secondary College
Students will be waiting with staff at the front of the school, drive in to pick up.

Students return to Drouin Secondary College at 6.40pm for the School Production.

PARENTS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR SUPPER

**Permission forms are attached to the newsletter and
must be returned by Friday 1st September 2017.**

FAMILY REQUEST FOR NUMBER OF SEATS FOR PRODUCTION

Hooray for Diffendoofer Day - School Production - Thursday 7th September 2017

Family name _____

Number of seats requested _____

Signed _____ Date _____

*At this stage there is an allocation of **up to five tickets per family.**
We will endeavour to accommodate those families requesting more than five seats.*

Please return by Wednesday 23rd August so we can work on seating arrangements.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Again we touch on 'Acts of Service' in our Chat. The ultimate purpose for doing things for others without enticement or rewards – is the sense of wellbeing that doing so brings to the child (and adult). This means they will emerge as mature adults who are able to give this form of love (serve) to others who are in no way able to return the kindness. This brings to mind the old adage 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you' or in modern times the ARK principle (Acts of Random Kindness).



Some children seem to do this naturally but others find it difficult. That means you need to show them how to go about it. Ask them, 'Who do you think might benefit from having a little job done for them?' (neighbour, Grandparent, brother, friend, someone who is sick, someone can't walk their dog etc.) Start close to home and work together and then broaden their scope a little each time encouraging them to do it on their own especially when they are older.

At the end of the week as you're sitting around the table ask 'Who's done a good deed (act of service) for someone who was not expecting it this week?' Wait and see what the answer is, if nothing then you tell them what you did and how it made you feel. Remember this is strengthening their character and building resilience as well as you modelling 'how to serve others' for them. Then gently challenge them to do the same. Enjoy the outcome.

Mrs P. (Chaplain)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Dirk & Lorraine Kurpershoek for the piano that Nilma PS has recently acquired! This is a great addition to our school and will be used during piano lessons on Fridays. Students have already been testing out the piano!

If you are interested in your child receiving piano lessons please contact the Office.



PARENTS & FRIENDS HAPPENINGS

The Parents and Friends club is having a very busy term this term! Lunch orders are up and happening. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered their time to support this, we are always looking for new helpers and the job only takes half an hour. If you're interested please see Sara in the office. If you have any feedback about the lunch orders or need any dietary requirements catered for please see Sara as we can accommodate these.

Our Pie Drive has been a huge success again. Thank you all for all your orders. We will add up all the orders and let you know next week how much we have raised for our school. Pies will be ready for collection next Friday. If you're keen to pack pies (an easy fun job!) please see Sara.

It's a busy day on Friday 1st September with the Fathers Day Stall and the School Disco! The stall will be held at school during the day and students will get to pick their special gift/s!

On 15th September we are having Footy Colours Day and Parents and Friends will be selling Hot Dogs for lunch. We'd always love to see more families become involved in the Parents and Friends group, you can volunteer your time, arrange events, order things on line for us or coordinate letters, forms etc. Any help is greatly appreciated and it's a great way to become involved in the school. All monies raised through activities directly support our kids at Nilma. If you're interested please see Sara in the office.



NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
21 Breakfast Club	22	23 Breakfast Club	24 Year 6/5 Hooptime	25 BOOK WEEK PARADE - Dress Up! 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 Year 6 WRC Transition Day 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
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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
23 Breakfast Club	24	25 Breakfast Club	26 MARC VAN	27 School Banking	28	29

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

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

BECOME A PARTNER IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

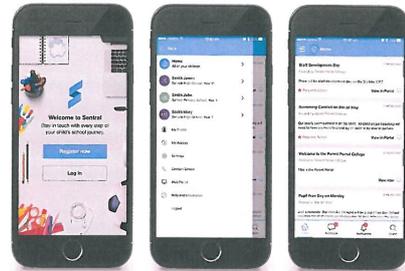
 Our school has an exciting new Parent Portal and Parent App available now.

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:

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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.
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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.

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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



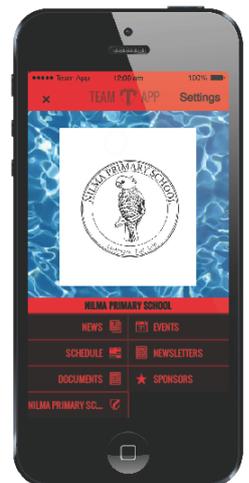
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