

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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REAL News

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Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!



CHAPLAIN FAREWELL

Our chaplain, Kat Swift, has made the hard decision to retire from Nilma PS this week.



We would like to thank Kat for her contribution and commitment to the students and Nilma community. Kat has been able to support student wellbeing and provide many opportunities to support the emotional and social growth of individuals with small group and individual sessions. It has also been great having Kat in the classrooms to support students!

We held a special assembly and afternoon tea! Students also had the opportunity to say good-bye and present Kat with some gifts. Thank you to Luci and Amelia for the lovely words on behalf of the students! Thank you also to parents who also came along to bid Kat farewell. I'm sure Kat may come back to visit some time!

Kat has been a valued member of staff, we wish Kat all the best in her future endeavours! I hear there is a book in the near future!



REMEMBRANCE DAY Poppies are available—20c.
Year 6/5 students will coordinate the sales of the poppies.



Tomorrow we celebrate World Teachers Day! We are so fortunate to have a fabulous and passionate teaching team at Nilma! It is an opportunity to say thank you for the incredible contributions teachers make in our community!

Thank you teachers for all you do for our community!

CAMP 3/4 Forest Edge

Camp payment was due on the 19th of October.

Final numbers were to be submitted to camp.

Full payment must be paid by **tomorrow**, Friday the 27th of October as final numbers attending camp are due. Thank you.

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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Junior School Council Semester 2 Members



'Wear it Loud'



Teachers and students wore bright t-shirts to show our support.

By bringin a Donation on the Day
We raised a total amount of
\$80

Our fundraising efforts were to raise to raise awareness and vital funds for children with hearing loss. All funds raised will assist in ensuring children with hearing loss, and their families, have access to the support they need to achieve their full potential.
<https://www.loudshirtday.com.au/>

BAW BAW FOOD RELIEF

At Baw Baw Food Relief our mission is to bring happiness to those facing hardships during Christmas.

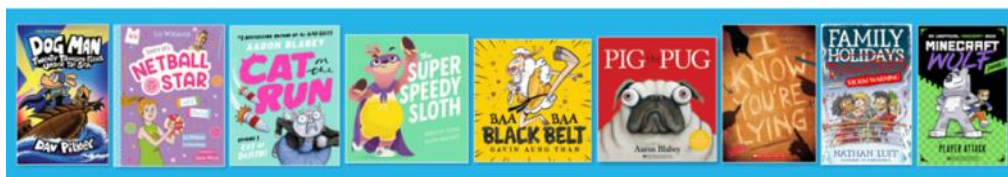
Financial difficulties, mental health challenges, family issues, or unstable housing situations can make this season especially tough. Each year, we organise a Christmas Drive to collect food for those who might miss out on the joy of Christmas.

Last year, they brightened the lives of over six hundred families and individuals, witnessing their smiles and hope.

*Our Junior School Council would like your support in making this year's Christmas special for our community. **We would like to collect donations for a food hamper and make Christmas cards for other families.***

MORE INFORMATION OUT SOON!

Nilma Primary School Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair.

Rewards were earnt and have gone towards a selection of new books for our library. Additional rewards of \$340 was earnt and can be used to order further texts for our students through Scholastic.





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Mrs Brown

Red Homegroup students have been exploring Dreamtime stories during our literacy

Red Homegroup LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4- Week 1

Riley



You have received Learner of the week for showing excellent learning behaviours during writing this week. Keep up the great work Riley!

Term 4 – Week 2

Noah B



You have received Learner of the week for showing excellent leadership skills during our team money game this week. Keep up the great work Noah!

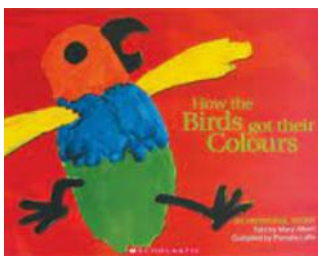
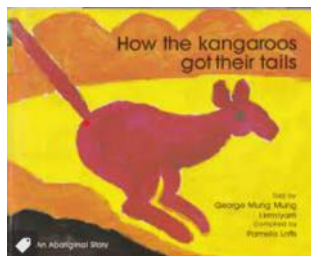
Term 4 -Week 3

Maddie



You have received Learner of the week for sharing your thinking during learning time. Well done Maddie!

sessions. The Dreamtime is the period in which life was created according to Aboriginal culture. Dreaming is the word used to explain how life came to be; it is the stories and beliefs behind creation. We have been practising our visualising skills where students do not see the pictures during the reading and draw what they 'visualise in their mind' at the conclusion of the text. Students share their drawings with their peers and have enjoyed watching a plasticine animation of the story at the conclusion to view the text in an alternative way.



NIGHTLY READING

150 Nights

Cooper Tye

175 Nights

Olivia G Tayte Hudson

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Miss De Jong

Green Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4- Week 1

Seb



You have received Learner of the week for the consistent thought and effort you have put into your learning. Keep it up!

Term 4 – Week 2

Sonny



You have received Learner of the week for consistently sharing your valuable thoughts and ideas during learning time. Keep it up!

Term 4 -Week 3

Blair



You have received Learner of the week for showing good sportsmanship during learning games and activities this week. Well done!

We have had a wonderful start to the term in Green Home Group!

In our literacy time we have

just finished creating our multimodal text – a comic book! Students have enjoyed designing the comic book and recording a voice over to tell the story!

In our numeracy time we have been working hard to learn and grow our understanding of fractions. Students have enjoyed learning about halves, quarters and



NIGHTLY READING

75 Nights

Wyatt

100 Nights

Brooke Sonny
Mason Jase

125 Nights

Darcee Seb
Lacey

150 Night

Darcee Lacey
Blair Bobby

200 Nights

Sienna

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Miss Gardiner

Blue Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4- Week 1

Willow



You have received Learner of the week for your excellent summaries of the First Nations Bedtime Stories that we have viewed this week. You have also shared these with your peers through class discussions. Well done, Willow!

Term 4- Week 2

Annie



You have received Learner of the week for your excellent writing when responding to our multimodal text, including making connections and creating a multimodal summary. Well done, Annie!

Term 4-Week 3

Lincoln



You have received Learner of the week for the effort and determination you have shown during all learning tasks this week, including your multimodal summary and addition and subtraction equations. Well done, Lincoln!

This week, Students in Blue Home Group have been doing lots of fun, hands on learning. In science, students learned about the

states of matter and participated in an experiment where they made Oobleck out of cornflour and water. Students worked in teams to make the Oobleck and observed that it appeared to be both a solid and a liquid once mixed together.

Within Design and Technology, students have started to create their small models/prototypes. Students have planned and researched using the design brief which is to create a vehicle/object that will hold a lego minifigure that will travel a distance of 30 centimetres, or will move for at least five seconds. We are seeing many different creations and it is wonderful to see students so engaged in both design and creating stages.



NIGHTLY READING

150 Nights

Ellie Koby

175 Nights

Erika Annie

Jai

200 Nights

Willow Erika

Charlotte Annie

225 Nights

Charlotte

250 Nights

Erika

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Yellow Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Mrs Farr &
Miss B

What a busy few weeks we have had in Yellow Homegroup! Between two tennis tournaments, a cricket tournament

and training sessions, we have hardly had time to catch our breathes. The school is so proud of the sportsmanship, teamwork, cooperation, and encouragement that all students have displayed. Students have really challenged themselves and tried activities that are outside their comfort zone.

During literacy we have been studying democracy through the texts; *Democracy* by Philip Bunting and *How to be Prime Minister and Survive Grade 5* by Carla Fitzgerald. Students have studied the development of character and setting as well as discussing the democratic process of passing a bill through Parliament and voting. Students prepared and presented a persuasive argument for the conviction or defence of a Fairy Tale character. They then presented this in front of our 'judge' in our mock courtroom. We were lucky to have Emily Farr, a lawyer with Wakefield, Vogrig and Boote visit us to explain the court structure in Australia and sit as our judge.

During Mathematics we have been revising fractions, decimals, and percentages, including fraction terms and the four operations. Students have updated their Mathematician's Notebook so that this will serve as a point of reference in the future.



Term 4- Week 1

Jaxon



You have received Learner of the week for the amazing attitude and work ethic you have displayed this week across all subject areas. Fantastic work Jaxon!

Term 4 - Week 2

Hannah



You have received Learner of the week for consistently trying your best with all learning tasks. You approach all tasks with quiet determination and persistence. Well done Hannah!

Term 4 -Week 3

Luci



You have received Learner of the week for taking risks with your learning and challenging yourself by participating in all sporting extracurricular activities. Well done Luci!

NIGHTLY READING

75 Nights

Zach

100 Nights

Layla

Caleb

175 Nights

Mackenzie

200 Nights

Makkie Tori

Jenni

225 Nights

Tilly Hannah

Jenni

250 Nights

Tori Tilly

Hannah Jenni

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SUSTAINABILITY

Preparing Garden
Beds for planting

Pest Control

Compost
Maintenance

Making a
Bug Hotel

Bottle Top
Bird Scarers

Sugar Cane
Mulching

Autumn Leaf
Artwork

Indian Flatbread

Linguine with Tomato
& Garlic Pasta Sauce

Broccoli
Carbonara




Planting

Weeding

Watering

Botanical
Drawings



Sporting Schools

Students have been embracing new skills, concepts and strategies during our Netball focus this term! We have been focusing on our chest, shoulder and bounce passes and our stop and pivot skills when throwing and catching the ball to others.

Students in Blue and Yellow Homegroup have been participating in modified games of Netball, introducing the GS and GK positions and displaying great sportsmanship as they play in teams! Students in Green and Red Homegroup have been working on their ability to catch and throw and play fairly with others through warmups, physical activities and class games. With a few rainy Thursday's limiting our outside play, students researched and completed a Netball quiz and participated in indoor movement activities using the GoNoodle platform.

The next few weeks will see students continuing to develop their skills and participate in Netball games, and will be soon introduced to our next sports focus – Cricket!





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OFFICE & School Activities

PARENT PAYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2024

At recent School Council meeting the decision was to maintain the parent payment contribution for 2024 at \$225 per student.

The student packs will be available at school next year.

We will distribute more information soon.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS 2024 ORIENTATION DATES

In term 4 we invite all enrolled foundation year students to take part in our orientation program, to become familiar with the school. The four sessions, will be held over 4 weeks in November and December. Children are to attend all sessions if possible. The days and times will vary to allow access to all visiting specialist teachers.

2023 Transition Days (2024 Foundation Students)

- ♦ Monday 13th November * 9am - 11am
- ♦ Thursday 23th November * 9am - 11.30am
- ♦ Wednesday 29th November * 9am - 1pm
- ♦ Tuesday 12th December * 9am - 3.15pm
(Statewide Orientation Day)

Important Dates

Whole School Swimming

commences on Monday the 11th December 2023

4 session: \$20 per student.

Session one swimming assessment, session 2 & 3 Swimming lessons and final session is a water safety session.
Permission forms will be distributed next week.

FAMILY END OF YEAR GATHERING & GRADUATION

Wednesday 13th December 5.30pm

Formal Classes Finish

Friday the 15th of December

Gumbuya World Excursion

Monday the 18th December

We are fortunate to have received Whole School Wellbeing Boost Funding. We have decided to celebrate and have a whole school shared experience at end of the school year. We are planning a whole school excursion.

*This is a **free** excursion possible through the grant.*

Staff Professional Practice Day

Tuesday the 19th of December

School Closure no students

Last day of Term

Wednesday the 20th December

School Office closes at 1pm.

Student pick up at 1.15pm.

Happy Birthday

Kane Jenni



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First cab of the rank this term is for the kids to watch, receive and give feedback around their staller performance of *Lucky You Read that Book!*



It was a fantastic show from all our students and our lovely audience.



From beginning to end, pour actors did a great job. Each group shined as stars in their own moment and the whole school song was amazing.



Well Played Nilma!

Performing Arts



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MARC LIBRARY NEWS



Animals, Animals, Animals -there are so many great books to learn more about animals. Red Homegroup have become 'magpie protectors' after reading the book ***Swoop***. They showed great empathy to the birds protecting their nest and chicks. Students enjoyed participating in the Great Aussie Bird Count, after reading books about birds the students were masters at identifying birds. Green Homegroup enjoyed a book about ***Elvis the angriest Crocodile*** in Australia, Elvis is one of the biggest salties at 5 metres long. Students are making their own animal book, using facts that they learn from reading.

Do you know about the penguin colony at St Kilda Beach? Ask a Yellow or Blue Homegroup student about how this colony developed – It was '***An Accidental Penguin Hotel***' the title of our latest read. The students learnt about the resilience of one

male Little/ Fairy penguin from Phillip Island that choose to establish a home in the city. Nonfiction books are a great way to build our knowledge and develop curious minds. Students have also enjoyed reading and browsing lots of new books in the MARC library, many are waiting patiently to borrow their reserved book. Happy Reading!





OSHC

Outside School Hours Care

We have certainly had fun with the weather these past couple of weeks enjoying a few warm days but mostly cold wet days which has seen us engaging in some fabulous activities inside.

Playdough was a great hit with the children making their own batch of playdough and experimenting with colours which proved very interesting. A small group have been creating houses using icy pole sticks which is still ongoing. We have been colouring and painting resulting in some very creative pieces that we are displaying in the Steam room. We have danced, played music and done puzzles. This week we discovered a magnet lab and had lots of fun seeing how magnets attract and repel and how satisfying it is to drop all the little balls and easily pick them up again.

Outside has seen us utilise the sandpit with lots of villages being dug, we had a great game of soccer and dodgeball and lots of games of tiggy. It is lovely watching the children intact and showing respect and





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COMMUNITY NEWS



Welcome to Marist-Sion College



We extend an invitation to attend our Year 7 2024 Orientation Day

Friday 24 November 2023
8.55am - 3.00pm

Get ready for a fun filled first day at Marist-Sion College.
You'll have a chance to meet new people, you'll meet our staff and participate
in a variety of games and activities.

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YOUNG PEOPLE AND VAPING

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

WITH GUEST SPEAKER SHARON TORPEY -
DIRECTOR OF DRUG EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

DATE: THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023
TIME: 6.30PM - 7.30PM
LOCATION: WEST GIPPSLAND ARTS CENTRE
CNR SMITH AND ALBERT STREETS, WARRAGUL
COST: NO CHARGE

To book your tickets go to:
<https://bit.ly/wgac-vaping-risks-and-harms>



"What's really in a vape"
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What's On @ Nilma!

OCTOBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23	24 School Lunch Orders SCHOOL COUNCIL	25 Breakfast Club Transition TSC CHAPLAIN FAREWELL & AFTERNOON TEA	26 MARC Newsletter	27 Breakfast Club Yr 5 /6 Kanga Cricket
30	31 School Lunch Orders			

NOVEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Breakfast Club Transition TSC	3/4 CAMP 2 Year 2 Extended Day MARC	3/4 CAMP 3 Breakfast Club School Assembly
6 Student Free Curriculum Day	7 Student Free Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	8 Breakfast Club	9 MARC	10 Breakfast Club
13 Foundation Day 9-11	14 School Lunch Orders	15 Breakfast Club	16 MARC Newsletter	17 Breakfast Club AFL Kickstart School Assembly
20	21 School Lunch Orders	22 Breakfast Club	23 MARC Foundation Day 9-11:30am	24 Breakfast Club
27	28 School Lunch Orders Transition TSC	29 Breakfast Club Foundation Day 9-1pm	30 MARC	

DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Breakfast Club School Assembly
4	5 School Lunch Orders SCHOOL COUNCIL	6 Breakfast Club	7 MARC Newsletter	8 Breakfast Club
11 SWIMMING	12 School Lunch Orders Statewide Transition	13 Breakfast Club SWIMMING Transition TSC Year 6 Graduation/ End of year Celebration 5.30pm	14 MARC SWIMMING	15 Breakfast Club SWIMMING
18 Gumbuya World Whole School Celebration	19 Student Free Day— Professional Practice	20 End of Term Finish 1:15pm		