

Newsletter #14 16th of November 2023



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#### Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!



#### Remembrance Day Students Mackenzie, Layla and Luci

represented Nilma Primary School, attending the service and laying a wreath on Remembrance Day at the Warragul Cenotaph.



#### Whole School Family Celebration & Year 6 Graduation 2023

#### **Families and Friends**

You are invited to come and join our community to celebrate the end of the year and catch up with all our graduating Year 6 Leaders!

Family 'Pizza night' Celebration - 5.00 pm onwards Wednesday 13th December 2023



At Nilma Primary School

☐ Year 6 GRADUATION 6.15 pm



#### NATIONAL STUDENT WELLBEING PROGRAM FUNDING

We applied for the National Student wellbeing program in term 2 – yesterday we were notified of our success with the grant.

We will receive \$20,280 per year for 3 years to employ a person in the wellbeing field.

We will investigate employment of a qualified wellbeing officer rather than a chaplain. If possible we hope to provide opportunities for individuals and small groups to access to a qualified counsellor/psychologist.

We may need to work with another school or two, to pool our money to access a quality person for the role.

We hope to advertise as soon as possible in readiness for 2024.

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.









#### **FAMILY END OF YEAR GATHERING & GRADUATION**

You are invited to attend on Wednesday 13th **December Commencing at 5.00pm** 

All families are invited to recognise and celebrate our graduating students. Come along to a Pizza night: \$1 slices & \$1 Drinks available. Please return the slip distributed to help with numbers attending and catering.

#### **Reminder of Early Leave Process**

Students who are leave early on any given day are to be signed out by a parent at the Office. Parents are encouraged to use the i-pad to access sentral and sign out their child(ren) and to wait at the office. Staff will bring students to the office. This practice is to minimise disruption to classes and to meet Emergency Management Practices.

Thank for your support with this process.



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Junior School Council Semester 2 Members









Junior School Council has organised something special for all students on Friday the 8th of December.

Students are invited to dress in bright, colours and come along to a special 'Sweet Frozen Treat' stand.

Students are invited to preorder their preferred frozen treat, each being \$1.

Our regular 50c icy-poles will also be available as per usual.

Junior School Council will prepare and send home order forms next week.

## Kanga Cricket Tournament

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The year 6/5 students attended the Kanga Cricket Tournament on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October and represented Nilma in the boys and girls cricket teams. They did such a fantastic job at representing Nilma on the day, displaying their sportsmanship, teamwork and cooperation whilst playing the opposing teams.

Well done to the Nilma boys cricket team for their wins during three of the four rounds, scoring over 100 runs for every game they played! The Nilma girls cricket team played so well as a team, with the end results seeing them place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final round. A special mention to Makkie and Ada who even filled in for an opposing team as they were short on their number of players. Great effort Yellow HG!











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## Golf - PGA Tournament

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10 Year 4 – 6 students went by bus to the Warragul Country Club to watch Day One of the PGA tournament. Students attended clinics where they were instructed by coaches on putting (short game) and hitting or driving (long game). Students also had the chance to watch some of the play and met some of the players. All students received a small golf pack and were even lucky enough to be given playing balls by the players. They even got a signature of one of the players who shot a hole in one on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole. All students had a lot of fun and were able to demonstrate some impressive skills. Caleb managed to hit the 100-metre sign and Layla's short game was on point!















Thank you so much to the Warragul Country Club and to Shannon Gibbons for inviting us and providing our students with a wonderful experience.



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**Mrs Brown** 

Red Homegroup students have been very busy exploring a range of different area of the curriculum. During our Science lessons we have been exploring different materials and how

# Red Homegroup LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4– Week 4

Eddie



You have received Learner of the week for constantly sharing your thoughts and ideas with the class and for always being willing to lend a hand to others. Keep up the great work Eddie!

Term 4 – Week 5

Violet



You have received Learner of the week for the growth you have shown with your reading. Keep up the great work Violet.

Term 4 -Week 6

Kyle



You have received Learner of the week for consistently adhering to our REAL values and for always trying your best with all learning tasks. Well done Kyle!

their properties make them suitable for particular uses. We read the story of the Three Little Pigs and discussed why the different materials used by the pigs were suitable for a house or not. Students were then put into small groups and given a particular item

to try and build a house from. Students used playing cards, icy pole sticks with masking tape, straws and sticky tape or marshmallows with toothpicks. Students discovered that the playing cards and straws were difficult to build with however, the icy pole sticks and masking tape as well as the marshmallows and toothpicks were the best items to use to build a structure. Students have also been developing their teamwork skills and worked as a whole class to construct a town out of the different equipment we have in the classroom. Students were asked to work together to build a town with a train track running through the middle. Students thoroughly enjoyed this task, and it was excellent to see the teamwork amongst the whole class. Our town included a zoo, a school, a supermarket, a movie theatre, a dinosaur park, farm and a rocky national park.



# NIGHTLY READING

175 Nights

200 Nights

Eddie

Eddie



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# Green Homegro LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Miss De Jong

Green Group have been busy, busy, busy these last few weeks!

During our literacy time students have been Term 4– Week 4 **Darcy** 

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

Term 4 – Week 5

Jase



You have received Learner of the week for challenging yourself in your writing. Keep working hard!

Term 4 -Week 6

Madison



You have received Learner of the week for your persistence during numeracy. You're a mathematician Madison!

working hard on developing their skills in informative writing. Last week we completed our Cold Write which gave the students an opportunity to show all of the skills they have learnt about Informative writing over the last several weeks!

During our numeracy time we have focused on our understanding of time and reading clocks. Students have been growing in their skills of reading the time to the hour, half hour and quarter of an hour.





NIGHTLY READING

75 Nights 100 Nights 125 Nights 150 Night 200 Nights



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Miss Gardiner

# Blue Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 4– Week 4

Henry



You have
received
Learner of the
week for
challenging
yourself in your
writing. Keep
working hard!

Term 4 – Week 5

Kendal



You have received Learner of the week for the effort you have applied to your learning, showing you are willing to challenge yourself within both literacy and numeracy. Well done, Kendal!

Term 4--Week 6

Koby



You have received Learner of the week for the effort you have put into your reading this week. You have applied your reading strategies to read a range of texts including non-fiction texts. Well done, Koby!

Blue Homegroup had an excellent time away on Year 4/3 Camp!

Students attended Forest Edge Camp at Neerim East where we joined with two local schools. Students participated in a number of activities which were split across two days. Students loved having a go at the Flying Fox, Riddle Rogaine, Archery, Bushwalking, and Hut Building and displayed excellent effort and teamwork skills.

It was wonderful to see so many students working in teams, making new friends and being open to challenge themselves to new experiences.

See page 10 for some Photos of some of the activities we took part in on camp.

# NIGHTLY READING

150 Nights 175 Nights

200 Nights

225 Nights

250 Nights

Willow



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# Yellow Homegroup

#### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Miss B

The past few weeks have seen students plan, write and publish an informative text based on Australian

Term 4– Week 4 **Kane** 

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You have received Learner of the week for contributing to our class discussion about the text 'The Dream of the Thylacine' by Margaret Wild. Well done Kane!

Term 4 – Week 5

James



You have received Learner of the week for the improvement you have shown in all areas of the curriculum. You consistently make links to prior learning and share your answers with the class. Well done James!

Term 4 -Week 6

Ada



You have
received
Learner of the
week for your
work in
Numeracy.

A resourceful mathematician with perseverance.

Bushfires. Students have been researching and collecting information from websites and printed texts to create their newspaper article about Australian Bushfires. Students even enjoyed getting creative with the publishing phase of their writing piece by using newspaper, coloured paper and effective imagery to entice the reader.

Students have now finished their unit of study on Measurement in Mathematics. They completed activities that required them to convert between units of measurement such as millimetres, centimetres, and metres. Students calculated the area and perimeter of shapes. Students looked at the difference between volume and capacity and measured these for various 3-dimensional objects.

Students are currently completing various assessment tasks for end of year reports. It is so pleasing to see the growth that students have made throughout the year and the excitement that they show when they review their results.

Year six students are busily working on their cushions for their graduations and begun to write their speeches for the end of year celebration. It is hard to believe that for these students that they only have just over four weeks of Primary School to go!



# NIGHTLY READING

175 Nights

200 Nights

225 Nights

275 Nights

Mackenzie

Ada

Makayla

Hannah Tori Till

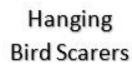


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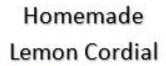






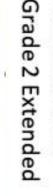


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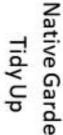












Native Garden

Pumpkin Soup with Indian Flatbread

Seasonal salad Frittata with

Frog Bog Tidy Up

Completing

**Bug Hotel** 

Sensory

Garden





Fruit Salad for Grade 2 Extended Stay

SUSTAINABILIT



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The past few weeks have seen students embracing the Sporting School focus of Netball, showing such great sportsmanship and teamwork skills whilst strengthening their throwing and catching skills.

Students in Blue and Yellow Homegroup completed their last PASE lesson with a successful modified game of Netball using the correct positions and game rules. Students in Green and Red Homegroup have been participating in games and activities such as 'Snakes and Ladders' and 'Collect the Treasure' to strengthen their gross motor skills whilst learning to play as a team. Last week we also began our next PASE unit on Cricket!

Students will continue working on their striking and fielding skills and their bowling actions through games such as Cricket Rounders and 'Beat the Bucket!' which use modified rules of the game.













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# 4/3 Camp Forest Edge





















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# Year 2 Extended Day

On Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November the Grade 2's returned to school at 5pm to participate in the Year 2 Extended Day! Students helped to build a campfire and cooked the Steam Boats they had made earlier that day. We played a variety of outdoor games and had a great time enjoying each others company! Students also toasted marshmallows around the fire and enjoyed the yummy, toasted goodness! We ended the night with fruit salad, lemonade and scary stories!







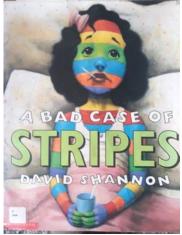




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Emotions, Emotions. The picture book, A Bad Case of the Stripes, is taking our junior classes on an emotions, facial expression and body language journey.





# Performing

Here, they are, identifying and showing the characters emotions.





Whilst, recovering from a sensational performance, our older kids are finishing off their improvisation unit. Making it up with style!





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#### From the Office

An information pack will be sent home with your eldest child this week. Each item in the pack is to be completed and returned.

The pack includes: 2024 Parent Payment Contributions Form. Student Per-



mission Booklet, Permission Forms for the Swimming Program & Gumbuya World excursion & Whole School Family Celebration & Year 6 Graduation Slip.

#### PARENT PAYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2024

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

Student packs will be available early next year.

We will distribute more information soon.

#### 2024 Student Permission Booklets

Are being sent out in preparation for commencing 2024 school year. It is essential that these booklets completed and returned.

# FOUNDATION STUDENTS 2024 ORIENTATION DATES

#### **2023 Transition Days (2024 Foundation Students)**

- ♦ Thursday 23th November \* 9am 11.30am
- ♦ Wednesday 29th November \* 9am 1pm

#### Statewide Orientation Day

All students will be in their new home groups for 2024 on this day (hopefully with their Home Group Teacher).

◆ Tuesday 12th December \* 9am - 3.15pm

#### **Important Dates**

#### Whole School Swimming

commences on Monday the 11th December 2023

4 sessions: \$20 per student.

Swimming is at the Warragul Leisure Centre. Students travel by bus to the Leisure Centre and parents then collect students from the pool after lessons.

Swimming is held on selected afternoons during the program. The children are grouped by level of competency and taught by trained swimming teachers.

Sessions commence on Monday the 11th of December, see the school calendar for all session dates.

Permission forms will be distributed today and are due by Friday 1st December for your child(ren) to swim.

Students who are not swimming are to be collected from school on theses days at 12:30pm as the school is closed for these afternoons with the Whole School in attendance at the Swimming Sessions.

Student Reports will be distributed on Monday the 11th 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.

Permission forms are due by Friday 8th December for your child to attend the Gumbuya World excursion. *This is a free excursion possible through the grant.* 

#### **Formal Classes Finish**

Friday the 15th of December

#### **Staff Professional Practice Day**

Tuesday the 19th of December

School Closure no students

**Happy Birthday** 

Lincoln Hannah Olivias Madison



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# MARC LIBRARY NEWS











Spooky, Spooky -Creepy Carrots, Vampire Bats, Scary Spiders and Ghosts in the House! There are books to connect to all special occasions. Nilma students loved getting a little spooky for Halloween. Yellow Homegroup learnt about the drawing techniques used to create 'creepy' expressions, students experimented following the text written by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown, they created their own characters. Blue Homegroup played a find the ghost grid game inspired by the Oliver Jeffers' book 'There's a Ghost in My House', students were fascinated by the detail presented on the special paper used for publishing the book and hiding the ghosts!

Scary Spiders – Did you know baby spiders are called spiderlings? Green Homegroup students

continue to add information to their animal fact books, spider facts and diagrams were very popular.

Vampire Bats – Red Homegroup had a wonderful time reading bat stories and learning new facts about bats, the students made bat finger puppets and performed part of the 'Scary Night' story.







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## OSHC

#### **Outside School Hours Care**

The fun continues here in OSHC as the weather fines up we are spending more time outside. We have played lots of games of bridge tiggy and had also played some great games of dodgeball.

Inside the creativity is continuing with our OSHC wall displaying the children's artwork of which they are very proud and excited to contribute to.

The boys have been trying to teach me to play chess, which I am terrible at, the magnets have continued to intrigue the children and we have built rockets to launch the Mars Rover. We enjoyed an impromptu Karaoke session and also played 'hide the bear.'

Enjoy your week,

#### Peta



#### **OSHC Fees**

This year, we have experienced rising costs associated with operating our OSHC program and are currently revising the charges for 2024. We are looking at introducing a 2-tiered sessional charge i.e., a separate fee for permanent bookings and casual bookings. This will be presented at the next School Council meeting on the 5th December and approved changes communicated to our families via a separate letter soon after.



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10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Dear Parents** 

Nilma Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Nilma Primary School's financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that we keep expenses to the minimum. Within our school in the past, the support of contributions has allowed us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and 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 approved the 2024 Parent Payments for Curriculum Contributions at \$225 per student. Parent Payment year level packs will be distributed next week.

Please fill in and return pages for your child/ren's year levels for 2024 to the school office to enable us to order supplies on behalf of your child/ren. You will need to return each year level page for each child attending Nilma Primary School in 2024. We have made every effort to keep the charges at a minimum whilst sourcing the materials required to support teaching and learning at Nilma Primary School. Student packs will be available for payment on Monday 29th January next year. Payment can be made via direct credit to the Nilma Primary School bank account with your family name as the reference, and pack will be on student desk ready for the 2024 year!

**NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL** 

BSB: 063532 Account Number: 10081033

Yours sincerely,

Annette Sutherland Principal Shannon Gibbons School Council President



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Victorian Fisheries Authority - Little Angler Kits

Welcome to the Victorian Government's Little Anglers Initiative. At the 2022 State election, the Victorian Government committed to providing Little Angler Kits to students via schools.

As outlined in the School Update sent by the Department of Education in August 2023, *Grade 5* students have been selected to receive the kits based on the Victorian Curriculum area of focus, movement and motor development and safety considerations.

As a participating School, we have just shipped your allocation of Little Angler Kits that will arrive soon. The kits are for your students to take home. The kits include a fishing rod, reel with line, tackle box with some hooks, sinkers, swivels and a lure, as well as a Kids Guide to Fishing – all FREE!

These Kits will be distributed at our school Assembly this week.

For more information Victoria Fisheries have created a <u>kid-friendly web hub</u> with lots of useful information and videos.



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Program Information
Christmas Activities Week

**Christmas Crackers** 

Yarra Junction Mon 18/12 10:15-1:15 Warragul Fri 22/12 9:30-12:30

Taking time to dig into the Christmas spirit in a supported setting to continue working on personal goals while having fun, and give parents a chance for some last minute shopping!

Christmas Crackers is a half day program for participants to build skills of executive functioning, planning, social communication, working with peers, helping others, problem-solving, fine motor skills, and emotional regulation in what is a very stimulating time of year!

If you have not tried a program before, this might be a good "taster", done in a one day format





Monday 18th Dec - Yarra Junction 10:15-1:15

Friday 22nd Dec - Warragul 9:30-12:30

> All ages welcome



Program Cost

\$343.75 (\$62.50 per service hour)

3 hours face to face

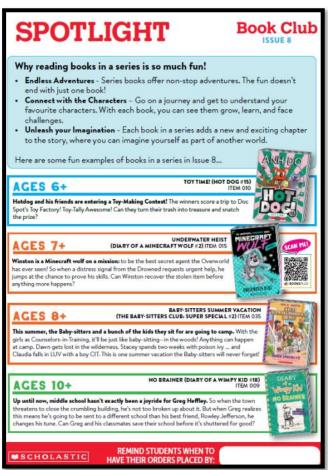
1.5 hours non face to face support (preparation, materials, set up & pack up, case notes)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Got a bit of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Warragul will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from 5 to 29 December. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at <a href="mailto:lifeblood.com.au">lifeblood.com.au</a>, on our app or on 13 14 95.





Issue 8 Book Club orders closed on December the 1st. Please place your orders online through Scholastic Book Club Loop.

Thank you to those who have placed orders this year as each order helps build rewards for the school towards new books for the school library.



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# What's On a Nilma!

#### NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Foundation Transition Day 9-11	School Lunch Orders	15 Breakfast Club	<b>16</b> MARC <i>Newsletter</i>	17 Breakfast Club AFL Kickstart School Assembly
20	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	<b>30</b> MARC	

#### **DECEMBER**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Breakfast Club School Assembly
4	5 School Lunch Orders SCHOOL COUNCIL	6 Breakfast Club	MARC <b>7</b> <i>Newsletter</i>	Breakfast Club JSC - Free Dress & Sweet Frozen Treat
SWIMMING 1-3pm	School Lunch Orders Statewide Transition for all Foundation 9-3:15pm	13 Breakfast Club SWIMMING 1-3pm Year 6 Graduation/ End of year Celebration 5.00pm	MARC SWIMMING 1-3pm	15 Breakfast Club SWIMMING 1-3pm
Gumbuya World Whole School Celebration	Student Free Day— Professional Practice	End of Term <b>20</b> Finish 1:15pm		

#### Term 1 2024

### January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1 Start Curriculum Day First Aid Training Student Free	Professional Development	Students Yr1-6 Start Foundation Students Individual Time Assessments Scheduled		