

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter #1
2nd February 2023

REAL News

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Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!



I can't believe it is already week five of the term, I'm not sure where the year has gone already. Students are settling back into the routine of school and enjoying the variety of learning experiences.

Our wonderful foundation group of 15 students are managing routines. Next week, the foundation students will commence full time at school, attending on the Wednesdays as well.

Today, Mrs Emily Matarczyk, our Sports Teacher (on Thursdays) will be leaving Nilma PS, returning to her family leave. We wish her all the best for her new role at Federation University.

Miss Fathers and Mr Eeles will fill this role for remainder of the term and into term 2.

I will be on leave next week and Amanda Buckler will be acting Principal.

'GET TO KNOW YOU' PARENT-TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

Last Thursday we held our parent-teacher discussions. 'Get to Know You' discussions are an opportunity for parents and teachers to begin to build the positive parent school relationship, which supports both student wellbeing and learning. Thank you to all families who attended or coordinated an alternative time to communicate.

WHOLE SCHOOL FAMILY GATHERING & Year 6 Leadership Badge Presentation

We would like to invite all families to a school gathering tonight Thursday 23rd February 2023 from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

This evening will bring our school community together for a pizza, chat and to celebrate the Year 6 leaders with the badge presentations.

There will be a variety of pizzas here for \$1.00 a slice and cans for drink as well.



Eddie and Noah enjoying reading the story in MARC Van
More Foundation photos on page 8



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs on Wednesdays and Fridays- students arriving at school before 8.40am will be expected to attend the Breakfast Club as the playground is not officially supervised until 8.40am.

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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School Council News



SCHOOL COUNCIL—Decision Making at NPS

The culture of Nilma Primary School is to work in partnership with parents for the benefit of all students and families. We have been very fortunate to have such a positive and engaged parent body for Council.

We thank all 2022 School Councilors for their commitment to the school. I would like to thank parents, Sophie Gray, Jess Tatchell and Melissa Bradshaw for their contributions to council in 2022.

I'd like to thank the new parents who have put their hand up to represent the school community on our School Council.

2023 School Council

Parent Representatives

Shannon Gibbons (new to March 2025)

Cath Kelly (new to March 2025)

Kate Campbell (new to March 2025)

Laura Gorenko (to March 2024)

Angela Tumino (to March 2024)

Sam Cross (to March 2024)

DET Representatives

Annette Sutherland

Jane O'Brien (March 2025)

Helen Brown (March 2025)

Community Representatives

VACANT

Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.00pm to welcome in the new School Council representatives and elect office bearers for 2023.

The first school council of the new 2023 members will follow the AGM.

NAPLAN 2023—Year 3 and 5 Students

NAPLAN is one form of assessment undertaken by each student in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and is used in conjunction with a range of assessments to identify each student's future learning needs.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held in term 1 – 2023. (In past it has been held in term 2) in a window from March 15th to March 27th 2023.

This year the Assessments, with the exception of the Writing Assessment for year 3, will be completed online.

Your child's classroom teacher assesses all students' learning in literacy and numeracy on a regular basis. The NAPLAN test results are designed to complement this information, but not to replace it. This year, students in year 5 complete all assessments online and year 3 students complete all BUT the writing assessment online.

Attached to this is a NAPLAN 2023 Information for Parents document for your perusal.

If you do not wish to have your child participate in the assessments, please speak to NAPLAN Coordinator, Annette Sutherland, by Wednesday 1st March 2023.

Further information on understanding NAPLAN please read the attached Report Information for Parents. Or online information available at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

CAMP DATES: 3/4 Forest Edge Camp -2nd-3rd November 5/6 Urban Camp- 13th-15th September

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Mrs Brown



We have had a wonderful start to the school year in Red

Red Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1- Week 2

RED
HOME
GROUP

You have received Learner of the Week for a fantastic start to school. Well done on settling into our school routines and for being REAL kids at Nilma.

Term 1 - Week 3

Eddie



You have received Learner of the Week for sharing your mathematical thinking during our maths lessons. Well done on being a Mathematician Eddie.

Term 1-Week 4

Bobby



You have received Learner of the Week for consistently sharing your ideas and thinking with your peers and for following classroom routines. Keep up the great work Bobby.

Homegroup. Students have settled into school routines and are beginning to complete their morning tasks of unpacking their satchel and diary without support or reminders. During the past few weeks, we have had a focus on nursery rhymes during our literacy sessions. Students have enjoyed singing along to Row, Row, Row Your Boat, Five Little Ducks and Jack and Jill. Students have also been introduced to Phonics Hero, an online learning platform which follows our synthetic phonics program. Students find the Phonics Hero activities engaging and enjoy logging in to the computers to complete the tasks. Students are able to access their Phonics Hero accounts at home, login credentials can be found on the inside cover of student diaries. Go to <https://phonicshero.com/new-login/> to login and please let us know if you have any questions.



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Miss De Jong

Green Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1 –
Week 2

*Green
Home
Group*

*You have
received
Learner of
the Week for
your
outstanding
listening and
tuning in
skills this
week.
Well done!*

Term 1 – Week 3

Sonny



*You have received
Learner of the
Week for settling
into a new school
so well and
initiating positive
interactions and
conversations
with your peers
and teachers.
Well done and
welcome to
Nilma!*

Term 1 – Week 4

Madison



*You have
received
Learner of the
Week for your
excellent work
in Numeracy
this week, you
have worked
hard to develop
an
understanding
of the tens and
ones place
value. You're a
Mathematician*

We have had a wonderful start to the year in Green homegroup. We have been focusing on our persuasive writing during our literacy time.

During these sessions we are practicing giving our reasons for our opinions, and trying to persuade others of our opinion. Students are having a lot of fun with this!

In our Numeracy time students are exploring place value in the tens and ones places, as well as investigating shapes during Friday's numeracy sessions.

We have begun to develop individual self portraits during our Art time and we are looking forward to finishing these off and displaying them within the classroom.



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Miss Gardiner

It has been wonderful to see students in Blue Homegroup enjoying their art over the last three weeks.

Blue Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1 – Week 2

**BLUE
HOME
GROUP**

You have all received Learner of the week for your excellent work when practising our classroom routines and for demonstrating the REAL values. Well done Blue Homegroup!

Term 1 – Week 3

Charlotte



You have received Learner of the week for your wonderful contributions to class discussions when sharing your thoughts and strategies across all learning areas!

Term 1 – Week 4

Devin



You have received Learner of the week for your positive and determined approach towards all of your learning tasks. Great work, Devin!

Students have been exploring the artwork of Australian artist Pete Cromer. Cromer's newest range of artworks include Australian fauna and flora and showcase a range of vibrant colours. Students have begun creating a Pete Cromer inspired paper collage of a cockatoo. So far, students have decided on a colour scheme and have begun colouring, and will cut and paste to create a collage next week.



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Mrs Farr &
Mrs Buckler

Yellow Homegroup started the year by studying several books that looked at the importance of having a growth

mindset. They investigated the difference between a negative mindset and a positive mindset and looked at the importance of taking on challenges with their learning and that we can all grow from making mistakes.

Yellow Homegroup LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1- Week 2

**YELLOW
HOME
GROUP**

For settling into school and following classroom routines. Congratulations on demonstrating leadership skills both in the classroom and playground. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Term 1 - Week 3

Jaxon



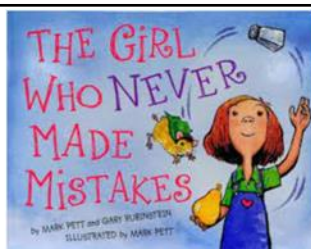
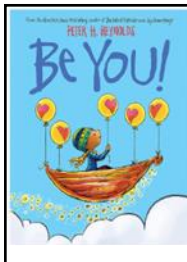
For your valuable contributions to class discussions. You consistently answer questions and share your thoughts with others. Well done Jaxon!

Term 1 - Week 4

Tori



For your outstanding recount of your school holidays. You engaged the reader through your use of figurative language and choice of vocabulary. Well done Tori!



Students have used the picture story book The Red Tree by Shaun Tan as a basis for their artwork this term. They have used various art elements (line, colour, shape) mediums (paper collage, water paints, pastels) and technique, to create a story map of the text.

Students are exploring themes and topics within the Text Birrung the Secret Friend, written by Jackie French. Rich discussions are taking place with students making predictions, inferring, making connections and links within the text. This class novel will be studied throughout the term.

In Mathematics students have deepened their understanding of Place Value and are now working with decimals. This knowledge and understanding have been applied to solve problems involving length, perimeter and area.

NIGHTLY READING to come..



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Thank you to the GUY family for sponsoring the new Year 6 Jackets for 2023. Paul and Paula of D-Line Smash Repairs have generously sponsored the purchase and screen printing of the jackets.

This is awesome. The Year 6 Leaders will be visually recognised by all students now!

E & A Dessent Fencing

Accounts and Enquires

Kate Campbell
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admin@eadessentfencing.com

Thank you to the CAMPBELL/ DESSENT family for organizing the donation of the bollards and fence palings to complete the portrait fence along the boundary between the school and house.

Thank you Kate for working with your suppliers DAHLENS. Thank you to DAHLENS for the materials.

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Thanks to the Turner family for repairing some of the student glasses.



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From The Office

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUNDS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS

FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership.

All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students

DENTIST



SMILE SQUAD—DENTIST
will be visiting next term in early May 2023.
Consent forms and full information will be distributed in a couple of weeks.



HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you applied for CSEF at Nilma Primary School last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.

changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

ICY POLES AVAILABLE AT LUNCHTIMES

50c each.

Children can bring money along and put into the Icy pole money box. School Leaders sell the icy poles at Lunchtimes. Money raised is used by Junior School council to purchase items.



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A Few Reminders From The Office

STUDENT MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLANS

Medical management plans are required for any student/s that are recorded as having a medical condition that requires management whilst at school. These plans need to be updated annually by your GP or specialist. Plans that are completed can be returned by Friday 24th February. Please contact the Office if you have any questions or queries regarding student medical management plans.

DARNUM, NILMA BONA VISTA SPORTS DAY

10th March, 2023

Darnum Recreational Reserve

(Darnum-Shady Creek Road)

Permission forms will be sent home today.

Students will need to be there by 9am. Entry to the Reserve will be from the Pedder Street Entrance. For those staying, parking will mainly be at the western end of the oval. The students will compete in individual events in the morning in either grades (P,1,2) or similar gender and age (ages are calculated as at December 31, 2023). Events include sprints, distance run, hurdles (hay bales), long jump, gumboot throw, vortex ball throw, turbojav, discus and shotput. (see timetable)

In the afternoon, the whole school has been divided into 2 houses—Nilma Red and Nilma Black. Our Houses will compete in team events against the Darnum Houses and Bona Vista. The attendance and support of parents, other relatives and friends at the Athletics

9:15 AM	OFFICIAL WELCOME / CHILDREN ASSEMBLE IN AGE GROUPS						
	PREPS	GRADE ONES	GRADE TWOS	NINES	TENS	ELEVENS	TWELVES
9:20 AM	SPRINT (50m)	STANDING LONG JUMP	TENNIS BALL THROW	DISTANCE RUN (400m)	SHOT PUT (2KG)	HURDLES (Hay Bales)	TURBOJAV
9:40 AM	VORTEX	SPRINT (50m)	STANDING LONG JUMP	DISCUS (500g)	DISTANCE RUN (400m)	SHOT PUT (2KG)	HURDLES (Hay Bales)
10:00 AM	HURDLES (Hay Bales)	VORTEX	SPRINT (50m)	LONG JUMP	DISCUS (500g)	DISTANCE RUN (400m)	SHOT PUT (2KG)
10:20 AM	GUMBOOT THROW	HURDLES (Hay Bales)	VORTEX	SPRINT (70m)	LONG JUMP	DISCUS (500g)	DISTANCE RUN (400m)
10:40 AM	REST/Toilet Break	REST/Toilet Break	REST/Toilet Break	REST/Toilet Break	REST/Toilet Break	REST/Toilet Break	REST/Toilet Break
11:00 AM	DISTANCE RUN (100m)	GUMBOOT THROW	HURDLES (Hay Bales)	TURBOJAV	SPRINT (70m)	LONG JUMP	DISCUS (500g)
11:20 AM	TENNIS BALL THROW	DISTANCE RUN (200m)	GUMBOOT THROW	HURDLES (Hay Bales)	TURBOJAV	SPRINT (100m)	LONG JUMP
11:40 PM	STANDING LONG JUMP	TENNIS BALL THROW	DISTANCE RUN (200m)	SHOT PUT (2KG)	HURDLES (Hay Bales)	TURBOJAV	SPRINT (100m)
12:00 PM	800m - optional event for 3-12 yo						
	LUNCH						
1:00PM	AFTERNOON EVENTS BEGIN						
	ORDER OF EVENTS	1.OBSTACLE	Gr 4-6, Gr P-3				
		2.TUNNELBALL	"				
		3. BOBBALL	Gr 4-6 only				
		4. EGG & SPOON	Gr 4-6, Gr P-3				
		Break	15 mins				
		5. SACK	"				
		6. SHUTTLE	"				
3:00 PM	FINISH/DISSMISS						

Sports is certainly encouraged and appreciated by the students and staff.

It is always wonderful to see and hear people supporting the children. It is important to remember that the emphasis at our sports is on participation, enjoyment and 'trying your best' rather than on winning. Some events will be run in a different way to competitions you have seen or experienced at other athletic events. We ask parents to encourage and support all students and teachers in their efforts at the sports. Children must wear a hat and sunscreen and will also need to bring lunch snacks, drinks and be wearing appropriate footwear.

Happy Birthday

Sonny Jaxon Darcee Tye Kendal
Hayley-Jade Felicity Olivia G



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MARC LIBRARY NEWS





Performing Arts

What a great start to the Performance Arts year! Red and Green Groups have met Herb the Vegetarian Dragon. They are exploring a story about difference, tolerance, perspective and, most importantly, dragons.



Meanwhile, Blue group have had a fine start to learning Improvisation. Are you saying they're just making stuff up? You ask. Yes, but they are also learning the skills to do so with style. They are learning to think on their feet, listen, respond and work well with others.

Our aspiring actors in Yellow group are working towards a performance. They're exploring role, character and developing stagecraft to put on a sterling show.

Well done Nilma Team!



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Nilma Notes!

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER NEWS – TUESDAY LUNCH ORDER DAY



Hello Families & Staff,

Welcome to a new school year and we look forward to supplying your school lunch orders.

Please see below a few important updates regarding school lunches:

- *Your school's class names have been created on Flexischools. You will need to ensure you have created an account and registered your child's new class before ordering in 2023;*
- Please remember the **cut-off time for ordering lunches is**

10.00pm the night before lunch order day;

- *There have been some new items added to the menu – a Sandwich Bento Box and a Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender can be an option for your sandwich/wrap/roll;*
- We will also be utilising a new communication tool available on Flexischools throughout the year, so please ensure you have 'notifications' turned on for your Flexischools account to be sure that you don't miss any important messages/updates;

- Please note our new contact number for any lunch order enquiries:

Michelle 0409 437 341;

- For any new school families, please remember to create a Flexischools account and register your child. Please visit: www.flexischools.com.au or download the Flexischools app.

Thanks,
Alimentos Lunch Orders





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OSHC News

OSHC Newsletter February 2023

The first few weeks of Term 1 has seen the students enjoying a range of indoor and outdoor activities. The students have spent many afternoons involved in pretend play working in coffee shops, creating menus and food, and taking customer orders! Students even made their own 'salt dough' to use to create their menu items.

Students also spent Valentine's Day with a pink and red themed afternoon tea, followed by creating their own Valentine's Day cards.

As the weather has gotten warmer, some afternoons were spent playing shadow tiggy, capture the flag, and fort dodgeball, whilst the hotter days saw the students enjoying indoor games such as whiteboard trivia, construction sets, 'find the freddo', and mindful colouring.



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What's On @ Nilma!

FEBRUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27	CENSUS DAY 28 School Lunch Orders			

MARCH 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Breakfast Club	2 MARC	3 Breakfast Club School Assembly
6	7 School Lunch Orders	8 Breakfast Club	9 MARC	10 Breakfast Club Darnum/Nilma / Bona Vista PS SPORTS DAY
13 LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	School Council #2 14 Meeting / AGM School Lunch Orders	15 Breakfast Club NAPLAN	16 MARC NAPLAN Newsletter	17 Breakfast Club NAPLAN School Assembly
20 NAPLAN catch-up	21 School Lunch Orders	22 Breakfast Club	23 MARC	24 Breakfast Club
27	28 School Lunch Orders	29 Breakfast Club	30 MARC	DISTRICT SPORTS 31 (Select Students) Breakfast Club

APRIL 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 School Lunch Orders	5 Breakfast Club WGRSSA Sport Back up	6 Newsletter Term 1—End 1.15pm	Good Friday
School Holidays 10	School Holidays 11	School Holidays 12	School Holidays 13	School Holidays 14
School Holidays 17	School Holidays 18	School Holidays 19	School Holidays 20	School Holidays 21
Curriculum Day 24 No School	ANZAC Day 25 Public holiday	Term 2 26 Return to school Breakfast Club	27 Newsletter	28 School Assembly Breakfast Club

MAY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Breakfast Club	4	5 Breakfast Club
8	9 School Lunch Orders	10 Breakfast Club	11	12 School Assembly
15	16 School Lunch Orders	17 Breakfast Club	18 Newsletter	19 Breakfast Club
22	23 School Lunch Orders	24 Breakfast Club	25	26 School Assembly