

Newsletter #3 16th March 2023





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Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!



NHOLE SCHOOL FAMILY GATHERING & Year 6 Leadership Badge Presentation

Thank you to all the families who attended our school gathering. Congratulations to our Year 6 students who received their badges in recognition of

their leadership role at Nilma. This year we are also pleased to have Year 6 jackets too! Students will receive their individual jacket in the coming week.

ATHLETIC SPORTS AT DARNUM

Congratulations to our Nilma teams on being such good sports persons last Friday at the combined Athletic sports day. The venue and weather were both on our side, making the day a very successful event. All students participated with enthusiasm and worked well as a team! Selected students in years 3-6 will now compete in the WGRSSA District Sports on 31st March 2023.

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

The Inclusive Playground development will commence on Monday. The area of the playground will be fenced off until early Term 2. I'm sure the students will enjoy watching the new playground come to FRUITION!

CONGRATULATIONS YELLOW HOMEGROUP!!

Congratulations to the Yellow Homegroup with 15 students gaining their Reading Night awards at assembly today, with some getting their 50 Nights too! This is a huge achievement and such a positive life skill and culture year 6/5s. Keep it up!

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL—DRESS ORANGE FOR HARMONY DAY—TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2023. Bring a coin donation!

We celebrate 'Harmony Day' to share our stories, cultures and traditions. We accept everyone for who they are. If we try to reject racism and prejudice, we can become an inclusive nation where everyone belongs and is celebrated for being their unique self. Mackenzie G—Year 6

Wear ORANGE and CELEBRATE!







Inclusive Playground Development starts on Monday! How exciting!!!

RED HOMEGROUP SCHOOL PHOTO - RESHOOT

Unfortunately we were not able to have the school photo today—17th March as we had some students missing from the homegroup. Third try—Wednesday 22nd March 9.00am—next Wednesday! Thank you for your patience.

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—From the School council President

SCHOOL COUNCIL—Decision Making at NPS



This week we held our School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) where new members were welcomed on board and roles re-established. It was great to welcome new members Cath Kelly and Kate Campbell to the school council. I look forward to another year as School Council President, and working with the team over the year ahead.



The 2023 office bearers are as follows;

- President: Shannon Gibbons
- Deputy President: Sam Cross
- Secretary: Cath Kelly

Committees and Members:

- Finance: Annette Sutherland, Shannon Gibbons, Helen Brown, Kate Campbell
- Buildings & Grounds: Sam Cross, Jane O'Brien, Angela Tumino, Annette Sutherland
- Out of School Hours Care: Jane O'Brien, Annette Sutherland, Shannon Gibbons

Shannon Gibbons

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Harmony Week 2023 is just around the corner, we believe that inclusivity and respect belongs in our classroom, playground – and in the online playground too.

The message across the school is one of inclusiveness and we endeavour to make sure that #EveryoneBelongs:

The focus of discussions:

Year 1-2 - Friends and including others

Year 3-4 - Difference - celebrating skills, strengths and talents

Year 5-6 – Inclusion – amplifying acceptance of all colours, cultures and abilities

Tuesday 21st March is HARMONY Day—Junior School Council would like everyone to wear ORANGE to celebrate #Everyone Belongs.

A coin donation will go towards the Junior School council sponsoring a Koala for conservation.



CAMP DATES: 3/4 Forest Edge Camp -2nd-3rd November

5/6 Urban Camp- 13th-15th September



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Junior School Council News

Introducing our Semester 1—2023 Junior School Council Representatives.

2023 Junior School Council Representatives





Tori F Layla W Mackenzie G Annie K Arlo M Ted P Henry G











Term 1 Activities

TUESDAY 21st MARCH—DRESS IN ORANGE FOR HARMONY

Coin Donation towards our Koala Adoption





By adopting a koala , our school community can ensure wildlife carers and medical facilities can care for sick, injured and vulnerable koalas; create wildlife corridors to help them move around safely; and protect their forest homes for the long-term.

FRIDAY 24th MARCH—HOT DOG / JUICE BOX LUNCH—

fundraiser for our Sponsor a Koala

Hot dogs \$2.50 / Juice Box \$1.00

Order by putting name on envelop and either pay direct or cash by Wednesday 22nd March

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH—Lunchtime Disco!!! FREE!!!

Juice Boxes will also be available to purchase along with icy-poles at lunchtime next term!

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Red Homegro LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Brown

Red Homegroup students have continued to learn a range of nursery rhymes during our literacy sessions. Students enjoy taking their mini books home and

Term 1- Week 5

Riley



You have received Learner of the week for the kindness you show to others and for contributing to class discussions. **Great Work** Riley!

Term 1 – Week 6

Tye



You have received Learner of the week for the positive attitude you have shown when going out in Maths games! Well Done Tye!

Term 1 –Week 7

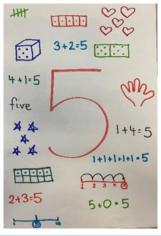
Noah Mc

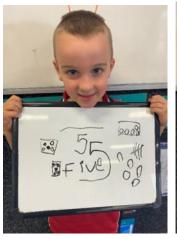


You have received Learner of the week for consistently trying your best with all learnina tasks and for kindness you show to your peers. Great Work Noah!

sharing these with their families. Students have also been working hard learning the first 8 phoneme (sound) and grapheme (letter) correspondences of our Synthetic Phonics Program. We are currently focussing on /s/, /m/, /c/, /t/, /g/, /p/, /a/ and /o/. Students are learning to read and write the first set of Camera Words the, I, was, she, to and are. During our numeracy lessons we have been focussing on deepening our understandings of numbers from 1 to 10 and exploring all of the different ways we can show these numbers. Students have been investigating how these numbers look on a tens frame, as tally marks, in word form and on dice and dominoes as well as the ways we can add two numbers together to make a new number.









NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Eddie C Hudson D Olivia G

Noah Mc



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Green Homegrou LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Miss De Jong

We are working hard this term in Green homegroup! We have continued to focus on our persuasive writing during our literacy time and the students have begun to develop their own persuasive writing

Term 1-Week 5

Mason



You have received Learner of the Week for your hard work and persistence during our writing lessons this week. You are working super hard! Keep it up!

Term 1 – Week 6

Wyatt



You have received Learner of the Week for our interesting way of representing numbers in our Numeracy lessons this week.

You're a Mathematician! Term 1 –Week 7

Brooklyn



You have received Learner of the Week for your hard work and persistence during our phonics lessons. You have been working super hard to hear all the phonemes in words and representing them with the graphemes. Keep it up!

pieces. It is wonderful to see so much progress being made!

During our numeracy time we are continuing our work on place value, with students beginning to investigate the place value of digits in a 3 digit number (hundreds, tens and



measurement. During our history time, students have been

investigating the differences between the past, present and future as well as learning about the different celebrations that they themselves celebrate and what other cultures celebrate.

If you haven't already, make sure you come by the Green homegroup classroom and have a look at the self portraits that the students have



been working on during our art lessons!

NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Booby T Lacey T Brooklyn G Blair M



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Miss Gardiner

This fortnight in mathematics, students in Blue Home Group have been exploring place value, learning the different ways that numbers can be

Blue Homegroup LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1- Week 5

Willow



You have received Learner of the week for sharing your thoughts and strategies with the class during both literacy and numeracy sessions.

Well done.

Willow!

Term 1 – Week 6

Crystal



You have received Learner of the week for the kindness you show to others and for contributing to class discussions. Well done, Crystal!

Term 1 –Week 7

Lahna



You have received Learner of the week for your dedication to learning and applying persuasive writing techniques. Well done. Lahna!

represented. Students have practised ordering, modelling, expanding and renaming three, four and five digit numbers and have applied these skills to a range of maths games and activities.

Within measurement, students have learnt about length including the units and both informal and formal ways to measure. Students applied their knowledge of length and have created a page in their Mathematician's Notebooks showcasing their creativity. It has been fantastic to see students enjoying their learning!









NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Crystal B Hayley-Jade G Charlotte G Amelia G-H Devin B Willow C Annie K Kendal L Koby M

*Respect, Responsibility & Resilience * Environment * Achievement * Learning



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Yellow Homegroup LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Mrs Farr & Mrs Buckler

In literacy we have looked at a unit of work around Harmony Day which is celebrated on the March 21st. Students have looked at what it means to belong. We

Term 1– Week 5

James



You have received
Learner of the Week for consistently demonstrating leadership skills within the classroom.
You willingly help others and model expected behaviours.
Congratulations
James!

Term 1 – Week

Mackenzie



received
Learner of the
Week for your
insightful and
detailed
responses to
questions about
the text. Your
Reader's
Notebook is an
outstanding
example of
your dedication
to learning.
Well done Kenz!

You have

Term 1 –Week 7

Ada



You have received Learner of the Week for giving 100% to every task and asking for assistance when required. You constantly challenge yourself in all areas of the curriculum. Well done!

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Mackenzie G



In our last newsletter article, we discussed our study of the text 'The Red Tree' in Visual Arts. Our artwork is now finished and on display in our classroom.

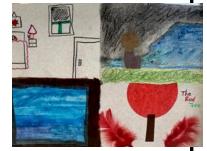
Congratulations to everyone who has already received their 25 and 50 night Reading Awards! Keep up the amazing effort.

discovered that there is one continent on Earth where humans don't fight or argue and that is Antarctica. Students read the introduction to the Antarctic Treaty and discussed the importance of countries working together.

In Mathematics we have been working with decimals. We have ordered decimals on a number line, partitioned decimals using our knowledge of place value, and completed equations using the four operations with numbers including decimals.









NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Cal Makkie Levi Mackenzie Tilly Luci James Nate Kane Hannah Zach Ada Tori Jenni Felicity

50 Nights

Tilly Hannah



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SCHOOL CHAPLAIN CHAT!

The Quiet Space /Wellness Office, is the perfect space to get away from the busyness of the playground at lunch time and to just chill out.

Some days, we all need to find a quiet place to regroup. Our students sometimes feel that the noise and activity of the playground is a little too much to cope with. That's when they can come to the quiet room and reset for the afternoon classes.

Michael and Blair had a rewarding time putting this jigsaw together. They didn't think they could do it but with a bit of encouragement they succeeded with much cheering.



Fun fun fun...

Remember being a kid and enjoying the fun of the lucky dip at the Fete? The year four girls, who have been in the SPARC program, will be conducting Lucky Dip for the students on 5th April, the second last day of term.

Each "dip" will cost 50cents and children can have multiple dips if they wish. It is a fundraising activity the girls are doing for the school.

The proceeds we would like to donate to the STEAM room art supplies, to replenish the textas as they are drying up and wearing out.



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A Few Reminders From The Office





SMILE SQUAD—DENTIST will be visiting next term in early May 2023. PLEASE RETURN CONSENT FORMS BY MONDAY 20th March 2023.

WGRSSA DISTRICT SPORTS

On Friday 31st March Nilma Primary will compete in the West Gippsland Rural School Sports Association (WGRSSA) District Athletic Sports at Geoff Watt Track. Schools competing are: Nilma, Buln Buln, Bona Vista, Ellinbank, Ripplebrook and Darnum. Students in years 3-6 will complete in a variety of traditional Athletics events. Sprints, long Distance races, hurdles, shot put, discuss and relays. Each school will have up to two selected students for each event. Our team will be selected and permission forms will be sent home early next week.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Individual parents will be contacted next week for meetings the following week.

OFFICE HOURS

Just a reminder, Jane O'Brien, our Business Manager works on Mondays—Wednesdays 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Nilma Primary School would like to thank our 2023 diary sponsors...













Happy Birthday

Jai W Mikey G Charlotte G Mackenzie G



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SUSTAINABILITY











MARC LIBRARY NEWS

During MARC library sessions the Yellow and Blue homegroups have been exploring strategies to choose their next read. They have looked at different book series and books by popular authors including David Walliams and Anh Do. Students have been encouraged to

try books from different genres.

Green Homegroup are reading and comparing books by author Bob Graham, a favourite so far is *Jigsaw*, an amazing book about resilience. Red Homegroup are exploring a variety of books and learning about being a responsible borrower, animal books have been a favourite. It has been great seeing so many students returning their books weekly, fantastic work **Nilma Kids** and **School Community!**













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Performing Arts

It's been a terrific few weeks in the Performance Arts space. Yellow group are getting nervously enthusiastic about auditions. They'll get the chance to practise their audition scenes with others in the coming weeks. Jump on board parents and help set your kids up for success by playing with the characters at home.

Auditions will be on the last Thursday of term.

Red and Green groups created a map of Nogard, the 'Herb the Vegetarian Dragon', world last week. They'll be having to think on ethical dilemmas around difference and peer pressure in the coming weeks.

Blue group are still 'making stuff up' with style. Last week they started learning the importance of 'yes and...' which helps them to accept and give acting gifts to and from each other.

Their challenge coming up is to 'make their partner look good' which is harder than it sounds.

You're doing a great job people, keep up the enthusiasm.





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OSHC News

OSHC newsletter March 2023

The past few weeks we have introduced lots of new and old activities!

On one Friday afternoon we set up a game of Minute to Win it with several different activities to complete in under one minute, using materials such as cups, icy pole sticks, dry pasta, beads and cards.

As well as lots of construction, board games, sandpit play and Twister, the students have also spent some

afternoons completing 'smoosh' artworks, using acrylic paints and a layer of glad wrap to use their fingers to blend colours and create textures. We also made some of our own 'cloud dough' to use in pretend play coffee shops and

kitchens.

We have introduced the zones of regulation for when the students arrive to after school care.

Students are given their token to anonymously place into the cup that corresponds to how they are currently feeling.

The students have responded really well and even change the placement of their tokens throughout the afternoon.









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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Healthy Lunchboxes

We know that feeding children with the healthy foods helps support their growth and development. But there is a growing body of research showing that what children eat can affect not only their physical health but also their mood, mental health and learning.

The research suggests that eating a healthy and nutritious diet can improve mental health, enhance cognitive skills like concentration and memory, and improve academic performance.

Find out more about the latest research from Monash University

Giving your children a healthy lunchbox is a great start to boost their learning, concentration and active play.

Click here to build a healthy lunch box with your children



Holiday Program



SCHOOL DONATIONS NEEDED

Does any one have:

- NEWSPAPERS for Art Room
- Bricks for Edging around the trees in the playground



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COMMUNITY NOTICES





Tailoring Our Care to Your Needs

... A Few of the Services We Offer

- Community Access & Participation
- Yard Work
- Assistance with Daily Living
- Group Activities (from our Warragul
- Respite (including overnight)
- Home Care & Domestic Assistance
- ⇒ De-cluttering & Organisation
- Pet Walking
- ⇒ And more!

Need some support but don't see the service listed here? Simply contact us today to chat further about how we can help.

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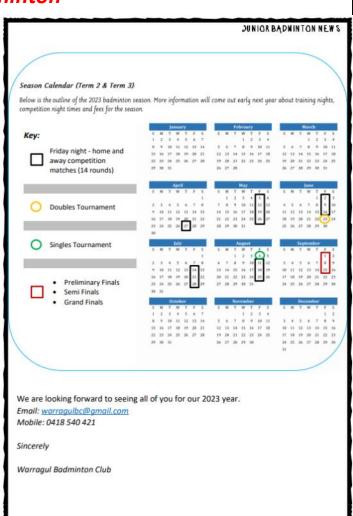


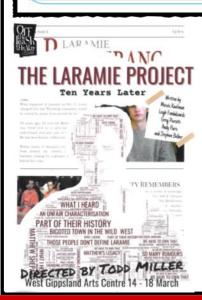


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<u>COMMUNITY NOTICES</u> Junior Badminton







WGAC Production

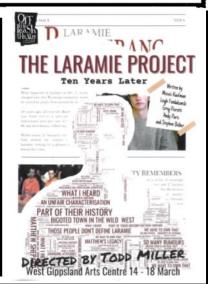
The Laramie Project—10

Years Later

14-18 March 2023

Mr Sparkes is a CAST

Member. Break a Leg!





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What's On a Nilma!

MARCH 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 NAPLAN catch-up	21 School Lunch Orders HD-Dress Orange day	22 Breakfast Club RED Homegroup Photo	23 MARC	24 Breakfast Club JSC—Hot dog day
27	28 School Lunch Orders	29 Breakfast Club Lunchtime Disco	30 MARC	DISTRICT SPORTS 31 Breakfast Club School Assembly

APRIL 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 School Lunch Orders	5 Breakfast Club	6 Newsletter <u>Term 1—End 1.15pm</u>	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 <mark>Return to school</mark> Breakfast Club	MARC 27 Newsletter	First Aid for Kids 28 School Assembly Breakfast Club

MAY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	DIVISION ATHLETICS 2 School Lunch Orders	3 Breakfast Club	MARC 4	AFL Footy Day 5 Breakfast Club
8	School Council 9 School Lunch Orders	10 Breakfast Club	MARC 11	12 School Assembly
15	16 School Lunch Orders	17 Breakfast Club	MARC 18 Newsletter	19 Breakfast Club
22	School Lunch Orders	24 Breakfast Club	MARC 25	26 School Assembly
29	30 School Lunch Orders	31 Breakfast Club		

JUNE 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			MARC 1	2 Breakfast Club
5	School Council 6 School Lunch Orders		MARC 8 Newsletter	AFL Footy Day Breakfast Club 9
12	13 School Lunch Orders		MARC 15	16 Breakfast Club
19	WGAC 3-6 Excursion 20 School Lunch Orders	21 Breakfast Club	MARC 22	Breakfast Club 23 End Of Term 2