



NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter #5
27th April 2023

REAL News

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Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!



WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all had a relaxing holiday break and you were all able to enjoy this time with family and friends, recharging your batteries! Students have settled right back into the

routine of school, it has been great to see the resilience shown by our 'REAL Kids @ Nilma!

Term two is a short term, only 9 weeks, and I am sure it will go quickly as we have many exciting activities planned through the term! Term 2 curriculum news is attached to the newsletter, please read through the note from Homegroup teachers and Specialists to learn about upcoming events and curriculum activities.

With the cooler months approaching, please ensure that students have the correct uniform jumpers/jackets which are available from Hip Pocket, or we have a small range of sizes available in the Uniform Swap Shop. Please speak with Jane in the Office to have a look through uniform items at school, and we always appreciate donations! We do have a lot of unnamed items in lost property too! Don't forget to clearly name uniform items!

Hats are to be worn until Monday 9th May which is 'Hats Off Day'! After this, students can choose to wear hats if they wish to. This is in line with our Sun Smart policy.

EDUCATION WEEK

We will be celebrating 'Education Week' from Monday 15th– Friday 19th May. We are inviting parents to join with us on Tuesday 16th May from 9-10am, to view students learning and to celebrate with us!

ANZAC DAY

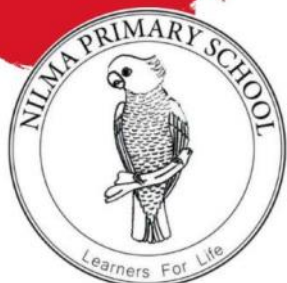
Thank you to Tilly, Mackenzie, Makkie & Luci for representing Nilma Primary School at the ANZAC Day Service at the Warragul Cenotaph on Tuesday 25th April. It was fantastic to see all the students participate in the march and ceremony, well done and thank you. It was also wonderful to hear how many other students and families attended the Dawn services and services in other towns too!.



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SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be available tomorrow, Friday 28th April. Parents please come to the Office to collect.

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 Incursion / Excursions



Students will take part in the St John Ambulances First Aid in Schools Program on Friday the 28th of April.

'This free program teaches primary school students the importance of First Aid and what to do in an event of an emergency. Focusing on the DRSABCD, we take students step by step through practical skills that empowers them to act. Sessions are fun, interactive and hands on.'

WEST GIPPSLAND ARTS CENTRE—PERFORMING ARTS EXCURSION& PERMISSION FORM

All students will have the opportunity to attend a live performance at the West Gippsland Arts Centre later this term. **Red and Green Homegroups** will attend the 'Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge' Performance on Wednesday the 14th of June. As part of the excursion students will also visit the Local Library and take part in a library tour and workshop.

Students in Blue and Yellow Homegroups are to attend the Roald Dahl Classic, 'The Twits', presented by Shake & Stir Theatre Co. The date for the Performance is Tuesday the 20th of June. On this day students will also take in the township of Warragul taking a walking tour to complete an orienteering task in small groups.

Permission forms for both excursions will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 28th April.

The cost of the excursion is \$15.00 each. CSEF funds will cover the cost of this excursion for some families.

WEST GIPPSLAND CROSS COUNTRY

Selected students in Years 4-6 will represent Nilma PS at the West Gippsland Cross Country to be held on Tuesday 23rd May at Chairo Christian School in Drouin East. Trials will be held at Nilma in the coming weeks and students that are selected will compete in the course ranging from 1.5km – 3km. Selected students will be given a permission and car travel form to be signed and returned to school by Friday 12th May 2023.

2024 ENROLMENTS

Current families with children that will be attending Nilma PS in 2024, please contact the Office to collect an enrolment pack. Enrolments are now open for current and prospective families and students.

COVID UPDATE

As we come into Winter we have had a few cases of COVID popping up. We do have a lot of RAT test kits available in the OFFICE. Call in if you would like some.

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

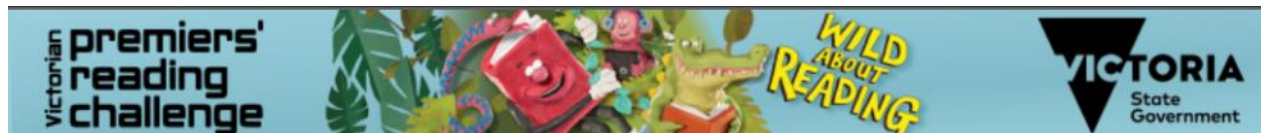
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News



Get involved and motivate your child(ren) to build a passion for reading and practise their reading skills. Students in the earlier year level are to experience texts, this may involve you sharing a book, being read to or reading with your child. Students in the middle and upper-year levels are to read independently and are capable of logging their own books. Please see the website for further information, including book lists and competitions as part of the challenge. <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

As with our LAUGH (Learning Under the Guidance of Home) Program all students are encouraged to read regularly with nightly reading celebrated at Nilma. The books read as part of Home learning can also be entered as part of the reading challenge.

All students have been registered and are encouraged to sign-in as a **student** with google logins through <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home> Student email and passwords are located in their student diary.

Support and encouragement remain available through the MARC Van Program and our school library, with books available for borrowing each week. We look forward to hearing about students taking part – we are here to share in your learning and celebrate your achievements.

ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2023

Wednesday 24th May 2023.



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 23rd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

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TERM 2 — HOMEGROUP LEARNING

ENGLISH

Students will continue to build their phonics and word knowledge. Students' speech and discussion skills are supported through planned opportunities for communication and learning discussions. Students are encouraged to present their ideas and respond to questions in full sentences.

Reading is thinking! - students are encouraged to monitor their thinking while reading/ experiencing or viewing a text. Monitoring our **comprehension** means noticing our thinking as we read. We notice our confusions. We use our background knowledge and recognise when something is new to us, form questions as we read, and consider the inferences we are making. As readers we may pause to consider what we know, what questions we have, rereading a section of the text or revisiting a page to prompt our thinking and make connections within the text. Students respond to literary texts through written form and create their own narratives using exemplar texts to model their writing off.

Students at Nilma will once again take part in National Simultaneous Story Time. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously across the country. This year the event will take place on Wednesday the 24th of May. This year's book is titled 'The Speedy Sloth', written by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie.

MATHEMATICS

Students in Foundation to Year 2 will continue to explore place value concepts through counting and the manipulation of concrete materials. Students will be investigating multiplication and division through the use of practical examples that represent and model sharing, and by using repeated addition and arrays. Students will explore and measure using informal units, the volume and capacity of containers. Students will continue to work with two dimensional and three dimensional shapes. They will interpret simple maps and give and follow directions to familiar locations.

Students from Years 3 to 6 will continue to solve problems involving the four operations of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. They will explore unit fractions and locate these on a number line. Students will solve equations involving fractions. Students will use a grid reference system to describe locations and describe routes using landmarks and directional language.

Students will complete a pre-assessment to identify student knowledge and determine their next stage of learning, identifying and developing their own learning goals. Students will work on differentiated tasks to develop the skills to attain their Mathematics learning goals with explicit teaching. In order to motivate and engage our students a range of opportunities will be presented for students to apply their skills through rich learning tasks. Students will participate in discussions to clarify understandings and share their learning. They will continue to utilise the computer program *Essential Assessment* to assess their individual learning needs and access differentiated tasks to consolidate their understanding.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Students in F-2 will identify and compare the needs of plants, animals and humans as living things and how they change and grow in their environment.

Students in Year 4/3 will learn that living things all have certain characteristics. Students will use these characteristics to differentiate between living and non-living things. They will group plants and animals by their observable features. Students will also explore life cycles and will investigate aspects of life cycles through experiments.

Students in Year 5 and 6 will address the key inquiry question of: How do the structural and behavioural features of living things support survival? Students will examine and understand that living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment. They will analyse how the form of living things enables them to function in their environments and understand that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behaviour, and reproduction.



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Health and Physical Education

This term we are able to offer both T-ball and Volleyball for all students. Students will engage in 4-5 sessions of each sport. In Volleyball students will learn fundamental skills and techniques that they can put into practise in games modified to suit students' skill set. Aussie T-Ball is a modified version of baseball designed to introduce students of all abilities to the game. Students will learn four fundamental skills of baseball; throwing, catching, running and striking, in a safe, fun, non-contact environment. The modified versions of the game ensure students have greater game involvement that builds social, mental and physical development.

A clinic has been organised for Football through a visiting Program run by AFL Primary Play. Coaches will deliver a fun, fast and exciting modified Australian Rules Competition for students to engage with. AFL Victoria will provide a range of opportunities to experience and upskill on all things Australian Rules Football. This incursion is set for Friday the 5th of May.

Visual Arts

Students will explore and experience children's literature and will be invited to respond using art-based forms. Students will; comprehend or interpret a text, connect to characters or events, reflect on themes within texts and consider new events or situations.

These opportunities to make meaning of texts will allow students to make choices that allow them to create and understand messages more fully. Visual Arts responses will have students explore how colour, lines, shapes, drawing, painting, and other elements of art communicate messages to the viewer. A range of mediums will be used and experimented with.

Performing Arts - Excursions

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Buddies / Student Wellbeing

Term 2 in the Respectful Relationships program covers topics of; Positive Coping, Problem Solving and Stress Management. Each homegroup will work through activities related to their levels. Nilma fosters respectful relationships and supports students with developing positive coping strategies.

All students will continue to work with their 'Buddies' on a fortnightly basis. Students build relationships with children from other Homegroups whilst completing activities both inside and out.

Smiling Minds is continued in the classroom building students confidence and wellbeing with opportunities for self reflection and time to practice mindfulness.

Student Diary

It remains essential that students bring their diary with them to school each and every day. Student diaries will be safe keeping their logins and passwords for various online learning platforms. The diary is also an organisational and communication tool between home and school.

If you require more information or have any questions please don't hesitate to discuss with Homegroup Teachers.

Thank you

Amanda Buckler, Kirsti Farr, Georgia Gardiner, Megan DeJong and Helen Brown



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TERM 2 —SPECIALIST SUBJECT OUTLINES

MARC LIBRARY NEWS

During MARC sessions all home groups will be reading and celebrating both fiction and nonfiction books. Students will participate in National Simultaneous Storytime and focus on Indigenous books incorporating NAIDOC Week.



Yellow Homegroup will read and discuss various biographies of notable people. Blue Homegroup will complete an author study on Australian author Leigh Hobbs. Green and Red Homegroups will be reading nonfiction books about animals.

All students will continue to be encouraged to borrow regularly from the MARC library and to share their 'great reads' with their class.

Thank you, Mrs Kim James

SUSTAINABILITY

In Sustainability in Term 2 we have planned upcycling projects for all year levels to complete and some activities to celebrate World Bee Day on the 20th May and World Milk Day on the 1st June.

The Red Homegroup will also be learning about different creatures found in the garden including snails and worms, learning about seed saving, how to make newspaper planters and complete general garden maintenance tasks.

The Green Homegroup will be continuing to take turns with caring for our chook residence and maintaining their house. They will be learning about the importance of worms in the garden and worm farms and continuing to complete general garden maintenance tasks.

The Blue Homegroup will continue to prepare and enjoy shared meals in the kitchen using our produce grown and in the garden they will be continuing with garden maintenance tasks and designing and making a scarecrow.

The Yellow Homegroup will also continue with general garden maintenance tasks as well as learning about the 3 different Egg Production Systems we have in Australia.

Thank you, Mrs Kristy Uren & Mrs Leanne Hodge

PERFORMING ARTS

Welcome to Term 2 in Performance Arts

Let's play, dance, sing and cause a lot of drama. That's right it's another exciting term ahead for the gnarly Nilma students!

Yoo-hoo Yellow will start to get into full swing with rehearsals for their up-coming play, *Lucky You Read That Book!* The play follows 2 normal kids who fall into a fairy-tale book and go about solving problems for fairy-tale characters. This mix mash of ideas is brought to life by the kids' crazy characters, silly dances and mesmerizing voices.

Brilliant Blue

The first few weeks of term Blue Homegroup will finish their Improvisation unit. The skills they've developed will be useful in the coming terms. Then it's time to dance, rap and create.

Giggling Green & Radical Red

It's time to dance, sing and fall into some fairy-tales and nursery rhymes. Whilst their learning and stimulus may be different, both groups will explore voice and movement as they journey through some great classics.

Have you ever danced a story before? Your kids will be saying 'yes' to that soon as they dance through *Little Red Riding Hood* and more. They'll also get to learn a choreographed dance and make up their own.

Thank you, Mr Nicholas Sparkes



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FOUNDATION ENROLMENT for 2024



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Parents who have children commencing in 2024 please contact the school to pick up an enrolment pack and enrol as soon as possible.

Starting primary school?

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers. The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep. Below are some simple steps you should follow to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school.

Before filling out an application	Applying for Foundation enrolment
Read about when and how to enrol on our website 	Get an application or enrolment form from the primary school 
Make sure your child is the right age to start school 	Gather the required documents 
Find your local school and other nearby government schools at findmyschool.vic.gov.au 	Submit everything to the primary school by the due date in the timeline 
Contact primary schools to book a tour, visit or for further information 	Wait for the school to contact you 

You can find out more at:
Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) | Victorian Government 

THE EDUCATION STATE 



Wear Orange Wednesday

WOW Day is the national day of recognition to say 'thank you' to SES volunteers. It is the most proactive day in the VICSES calendar.

Volunteers are the backbone of our service. The past 12 months have been one of the busiest operational period in the organisation's history, with VICSES volunteers responding to over 34,000 requests for assistance.

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A Few Reminders From The Office

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION

CYBERCRIME AND BEING SAFE ONLINE



MARNIE LYON
Digital Forensic Officer, Cybercrime Squad, Victoria Police


ALISHA GILLILAND
Community Liaison Education Coordinator, GCASA

7.30-8.30PM
**Tuesday
2 May**

DISCUSSIONS AND INSIGHTS

- The cybercrime squad and what they do
- Cybercrime current trends
- Social media and online spaces that young people access
- Common misconceptions around online cyber safety
- How to support young people to stay safe online
- How you/young people can report online cyber issues
- Top tips for adults/parents/carers

Registration
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gippsland-centre-against-sexual-assault-prevention-education-calendar-tickets-518243017817>
Access via link provided to registered participants 2 days ahead of session



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Year 7 2024 – Neerim District Secondary College

Neerim District Secondary College (NDSC) have planned a fantastic Year 7 transition program to support students, parents/carers and families make informed decisions about their options for Year 7 and secondary school in future years. The first event is a

2024 Year 7 Parent Information Evening held at Neerim District Secondary College on Monday 15th May

6:00pm to 7:00pm.

At this time, NDSC Principal Michael Shone, Year 7 Transition Coordinator Jordan Downs, and a current student will speak to us about Year 7 at NDSC, their 2024 Year 7 transition program, and the schools' middle and senior school programs. Parents and students from 2023 Grade 5 and Grade 6 are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. At this event, Michael will also speak with parents/carers about opportunities for an optional additional visit to Neerim District Secondary College this year for a one-on-one day-time tour and/or to attend an information evening at the school in Term 2.

Neerim District Secondary College are also holding four 'Discovery Days' across Terms 2 and 3 for our Grade 6 students this year. The purpose of these days is for Grade 6 students to spend the day at NDSC participating in a program that introduces them to secondary school. On these days, Grade 6 students from all NDSC feeder Primary schools will participate in a range of fun, educational and engaging activities and there is a different program and different activities on each of the days. On NDSC Discovery Days Grade 6 students will travel to and from the secondary school by bus, departing after 9:00am from Nilma PS and returning to our school before the end of the school day. The first NDSC Discovery Day is **Term 2 Friday 19th May** and more information, including a consent form, will be provided to parents/carers at the start of Term 2.



Our Vision
Empowering all students to be the best version of themselves

Year 7 at NDSC

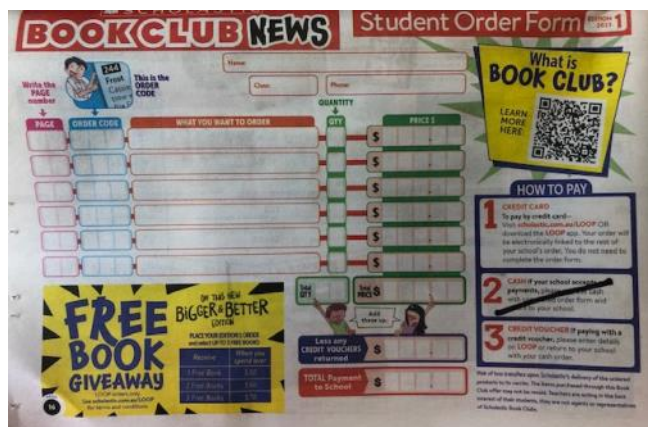
- Small class settings
- Strong sense of community
- Peer support program
- Focus on wellbeing
- Focus on learning

2024 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

Date: Monday 15 May 2023
Location: Neerim District SC
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Contact Us
03 5628 1455
www.ndsc.vic.edu.au

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BOOKCLUB

The Scholastic 'new look' Bookclub has arrived. We will have 8 editions for the year.

If your family wish to order from the Bookclub please order ONLINE.

We will not be accepting orders at school.

Bookclub news was sent home to all

families today



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OSHC News

OSHC newsletter

Welcome to Term 2 Nilma OSHC families! We hope you had a great Easter break and a well-needed rest.

This term we will be soaking up as much outdoor play as we can before the cold winter weeks arrive. We will be spending several afternoons completing activities and crafts that are inspired by some national holidays: including Mother's day, World Environment day, World Music day, Insect week, Dinosaur day, and even National Donut day!

Each term we also introduce a new goal that becomes our class focus. This term we will be focusing on strengthening our friendships and connections to create a more inclusive, supportive, and positive space for students to be a part of.

Parent Reminder: Please make sure to submit your booking requests through the Xplor app. Use the blue iPad found in the STEAM room to sign your child in and/or out using the QR code on the Xplor app. Please also check your future bookings are correct so that the program attendance numbers are correct on the day.

Reach out to Saige or NPS office if you have any questions or queries.

We hope you are excited for Term 2!

WEEK 1				
Mon 24th April	Tues 25th April	Wed 26th April	Thurs 27th April	Fri 28th April
STUDENT FREE DAY	ANZAC DAY	Welcome back! Afternoon tea, new group games	Sports, outdoors & playground play, board games & puzzles	Outdoor picnic & free play, mindfulness activities
WEEK 2				
Mon 1st May	Tues 2nd May	Wed 3rd May	Thurs 4th May	Fri 5th May
Outdoor play, the gratitude game , indoor brain break games	Outdoor team games, arts, crafts & construction	Sports, outdoors & playground play, board games & puzzles	KIDS CATCH UP (10mins) , outdoor team games, science experiment!	Outdoor picnic & free play, board games & puzzles
WEEK 3				
Mon 8th May	Tues 9th May	Wed 10th May	Thurs 11th May	Fri 12th May
Outdoor team games, arts, crafts & construction, quiz night!	Sports, outdoors & playground play, board games & puzzles	Outdoor team games, arts, crafts & construction	Mother's Day craft Outdoor play, the gratitude game	Mother's Day craft Outdoor picnic & free play, mindfulness activities



What's On @ Nilma!

APRIL 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Curriculum Day 24 No School	ANZAC Day 25 Public holiday	Term 2 26 Return to school Breakfast Club	MARC 27 Newsletter	First Aid for Kids 28 School Assembly Breakfast Club

MAY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	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 RACV Safety Squad Incursion	16 School Lunch Orders Education Week- Open morning 9-10am	SES WOW DAY 17 Breakfast Club	MARC 18 Newsletter	19 Breakfast Club
22	Cross Country-Chairo 23 School Lunch Orders	24 Breakfast Club National Simultaneous Story Time 11.00am	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	7 Breakfast Club	MARC 8 Newsletter	AFL Footy Day Breakfast Club 9 School Assembly
12	13 School Lunch Orders	WGAC F-2 Excursion 14 Breakfast Club	MARC 15	16 Breakfast Club
19 Student Reports distributed to parents	WGAC 3-6 Excursion 20 School Lunch Orders	21 Breakfast Club	MARC 22 B Kinder DAY Parent Teacher Discussions 1-5	Breakfast Club 23 End Of Term 2
26 School Holidays	27	28	29	30