



NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter #7
8th June 2023

REAL News

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Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!

This term seems to have flown, with only 2 weeks to go, students have been settling into some new school routines. We now have our music and bell system fixed! With our implementation of more Inclusive practices across the school, students have embraced changes and have shown resilience and growth. Thank you to staff who have changed some hours and duties in order to provide more inclusive support in the school. We would welcome any other comments or feedback from parents to continue to build an inclusive and safe environment for all.

I'm sure when you attend your child's parent teacher discussion in the coming weeks, you will also hear how goals have been achieved and friendships developed.

There will be some changes in staffing in term 3, I will be on long service leave and Amanda Buckler will be Acting Principal. Kirsti Farr will also be on leave and Kristy Uren will be stepping in. We will have a new staff member to working with intervention and small group supports. Emily Matarczyk will also be back working on Fridays.

WGRSSA Netball/Football—Winter Sports

Congratulations to the students who represented Nilma in the Nilma/Darnum/Bona Vista played in the football and Netball Combined team against Buln Buln. The football team played well, losing by one goal. Zach, Jaxon, Makkie, Nate, Kane and Caleb, all held their own! The netball team was a mixed team with Layla and Mackenzie representing Nilma. This team will move into the Division Competition next Wednesday 14th June, in a round robin event. Good luck and have fun!



Monday 12th June—Kings Birthday Holiday

Friday 23rd June—END OF TERM

Early finish 1.15pm

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.



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



Families in RED homegroup have been enjoying taking Cuddles, our school koala home for some fun and adventures. The families have been taking photos of Cuddles enjoying his worldly experiences. The students like to look at photos and see what fun Cuddles has had. We are working our way through families across the school.

On Thursday 22nd June is B KINDER Day.

We will be encouraging our school to dress up in Orange, Gold, Silver and Yellow, as these are Crystal's favourite colours. We will celebrate being grateful and kind to one another. We will be raising funds to support Crystal to raise funds for her operation.

Let's dress up and have some fun! Bring a gold coin!



**No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.**

-AESOP

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

National Sorry Day, also known as the National Day of Healing, is an annual observance in Australia that is held on May 26 to remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of the country's Indigenous peoples, particularly the forced removal of Indigenous children from their families, known as the Stolen Generations.

Students across the school are provided opportunities to learn about Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are the oldest, continuous cultures in the world, having existed in Australia for at least 50,000 years.

Students in Years 3 to 6, in particular, study the treatment of Australia's Indigenous peoples as part of their history units and review books during literacy that look at Place and connection to land.



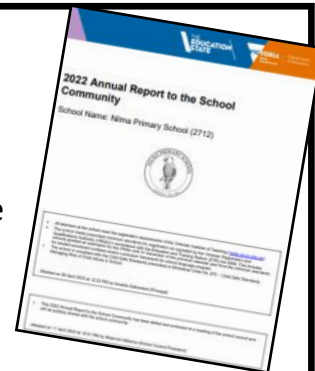


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2022 Annual Report to the School Community

At the recent School Council meeting, held on Tuesday 6th June, the Annual Report to the Community was presented and accepted. If any parent would like to peruse the document, we do have copies available at the Office or alternatively we have made the document available on the Nilma Primary School Website.



FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS for 2024

This year, we have a new process for Foundation enrolments.

We will be advising families of successful applications for Foundation in 2024 via letters with an enrolment form attached, at the end of the term.

Families will have a cut off date to accept the offers.

Current families will be accepted now and can return the enrolment form as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Hi Families

Winter has arrived and so our students are wearing warmer clothes. They may be bringing scarves, coats, gloves and beanies as the weather sets in so try to have them named to prevent their loss.

Most uniforms are named but there are quite a lot that no one claims and are unnamed. It is expensive constantly replacing out-grown uniforms so we keep a stock of recycled clothing for you to make use of.

These are available for \$2.00 an item . You may like to exchange your small sizes which may benefit other families.

We make every effort to ensure everything is laundered and fresh.

If you are interested, contact me or the office and we'll arrange a time for you to come and source some suitable clothes and maybe recycle your current outgrown ones.

Kat Swift



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Mrs Brown

Red Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Week 4

Kyle W



You have received Learner of the Week for sharing your thinking during class discussions and for the improvement you have shown with morning routines. Well done Kyle!

Week 5

Tayte



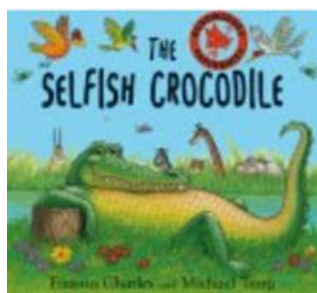
You have received Learner of the Week for participating in our phonemic awareness activities with enthusiasm. Great work Tayte!

Week 6

Maddie M



You have received Learner of the Week for joining in our classroom counting songs this week. Keep up the great work Maddie!



We have had some excellent learning happening in Red Homegroup! Students have been summarising and making connections to texts read through writing and drawing. Students particularly enjoyed summarising the text 'The Selfish Crocodile' as we explored the term selfish and discussed what it means to be a kind and respectful class member. Many students are progressing with their Camera Words, it has been wonderful to see the commitment students have made to practising how to read and write these words as part of their LAUGH home learning. Thank you to parents and families for supporting our classroom learning at home.



NIGHTLY READING

50 Nights
Bobby B

75 Nights
Noah B Tayte Olivia Hudson

100 Nights
Riley

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Miss De Jong

Green Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Students in Green Homegroup have been continuing to work hard on our narrative writing over the last several weeks. Students recently completed a Cold Write that was

set in a "Magic House", which allowed students to showcase all they have been practicing in their writing throughout this term.

In our Numeracy time, students are exploring ways to represent and solve multiplication and division equations.

Students are investigating how arrays can be used to help represent and solve these problems.

Some students have enjoyed being able to spend time inside the warm classroom before the morning bell, playing games and chatting with their friends.

Charlie



You have received Learner of the Week for your hard work during our narrative writing sessions this week! You have developed a very well written and engaging story, well done!

Week 5

Alexis



You have received Learner of the Week for being a thoughtful and kind member of the class and for consistently helping to keep the classroom environment tidy. Keep it up!

Week 6

Michael



You have received Learner of the Week for your efforts to speak and engage with your peers in a positive way. Keep it up Mikey!



NIGHTLY READING

50 Nights

Brooke Mason Jase

75 Nights

Sienna Blair Madison



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Miss Gardiner

Students in Blue Homegroup have been enjoying learning new maths games this term. Lately, our focus has been on multiplication and chance where students have applied their knowledge to a range of board games. Last week, students played two chance board games, Ed's and Dale's, and Lucky Ducks! Students used




probability terms such as likely, unlikely, even chance and certain to describe the probability of an event occurring such as a coin landing on heads or tails. Some other favourites in Blue Homegroup are a card game called salute which is an addition fact fluency game, and Queah, a game of strategy similar to checkers. Students have also been demonstrating their problem-solving skills through our weekly Number Talks during our warm ups. Students have



been learning to use their rich mathematical language when discussing their strategies with their peers in response to a question or prompt.

Blue Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

<p>Week 4</p> <p>Amelia B</p>  <p><i>You have received Learner of the Week for your valuable contributions to class discussions. You consistently answer questions and share your thoughts with others. Fantastic work, Amelia!</i></p>	<p>Week 5</p> <p>Rhishaya</p>  <p><i>You have received Learner of the Week for applying multiplication strategies to solve challenging multiplication facts, and for the effort you put into all of your classwork. Well done, Rhishaya!</i></p>	<p>Week 6</p> <p>Landon</p>  <p><i>You have received Learner of the Week for your excellent work learning and applying multiplication strategies. You have shown that you are willing to challenge yourself. Well done, Landon!</i></p>
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NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights
Amelia B
75 Nights
Crystal Koby

50 Nights
Lahna Jai W
100 Nights
Erika Willow Annie



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Mrs Farr
&
Mrs Uren



Yellow Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Week 4

Caleb



You have received Learner of the Week for approaching all learning tasks with enthusiasm. You consistently try your best and set a fantastic example for your peers. Well done Caleb!

Week 5

Nate



You have received Learner of the Week for your outstanding effort at Division Cross Country. Congratulations for running 3 kilometres in 15 min and 36 sec and finishing 11th out of 71 runners.

Week 6

Tilly



You have received Learner of the Week for consistently completing your work to a high standard. Your contributions to Literature Group discussions are both insightful and thoughtful. Well done Tilly!

In literacy, we have continued our study of the novel *The Lost Whale* by Hannah Gold and students have begun to research a whale of their choosing to complete a project in science. Students are not only investigating the whale's diet, habitat, threats and lifespan but also adaptations that they have

made both physically and behaviourally and to thrive and survive in the environment.

Over the past couple of weeks students have completed numerous assessment tasks and it has been very pleasing to see the growth they have made in all subject areas as well as the positive attitude that students display daily.

Over the past few weeks, Yellow Homegroup have been exploring the invention kit MaKey MaKey.

MaKey MaKey is a small kit that contains a circuit board, alligator clips, and a USB cable. The kit uses closed loop electrical signals to send the computer either a keyboard stroke or mouse click signal. When you touch a copper strip, you make a connection, and MaKey MaKey sends the computer a keyboard message. The computer just thinks MaKey MaKey is a regular keyboard (or mouse).



Students made their own piano using cardboard, textas, copper tape, and then by using the computer program Scratch and the MaKey MaKey kit they were able to create music!

NIGHTLY READING

50 Nights

Levi
Layla
Nate

75 Nights

Makkie
Mackenzie
Ada

100 Nights

Tilly
James
Jenni
Luci
Tori

125 Nights

Tilly
Hannah
Tori



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A Few Reminders From The Office

Parent –Teacher Discussions

Discussions will be held on Thursday 22nd June
2023—1pm-5pm.

Thank you to all the families who have logged onto
SENTRAL and booked an appointment for a parent-
teacher discussion. This is an opportunity to expand
on the semester 1 Student Report.

Student Reports will be distributed on
Monday 19th June.

The Student Report will also be published on
SENTRAL too.

Excursions

West Gippsland Arts Centre excursions are happening
in the coming weeks—we still have some outstanding
permission forms and payments. Classroom teachers
may remind you this week.

School Production

'Lucky You Read That Book'

Save the Date

Thursday 7th September 6.30pm

Drouin Secondary College Auditorium

More details will be distributed early in
Term 3.

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



Happy Birthday

Rhishaya

Ms S

Arlo

Aubrey

Riley



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Celebrating World Milk Day



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Celebrating World Bee Day



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GIPPSLAND DIVISION CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Under a blue sky and a balmy Autumn 18 degrees ten eager Year 4-6 students headed off to compete in the Division Cross Country event at Chairo Christian School, Drouin. All students represented the school with pride and exhibited outstanding sportsmanship and respect.



Congratulations to Ada, Charlotte, Jaxon, Hannah, Jenni, Tori, Lincoln, Mackenzie and Caleb for running either 1.75km or 3km. A special congratulations to Nate for finishing 11th in a field of 71! You all should be extremely proud of competing to the best of your abilities.





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PLAYGROUND NEWS



Last week we were able to improve the soft-fall in the playgrounds due to receiving a small school grant recently. It has made a big difference.

We have also added more sand in the front sand pit too.

Our next playground goals include finishing the planting of several sensory garden beds, resetting goal posts, concreting for the hot house and redesigning the second sandpit area.

It has been wonderful to see students being able to creatively play in the many new areas of the grounds.



We are so lucky to have a wonderful staff and student body that have high respect for our beautiful grounds. Whenever we have visitors to the school we often get lovely comments about our school environment.

Well Done everyone!





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Performing Arts

Giggling Green & Radical Red

Learning your left and right and how to work together are essential ingredients for dance and drama. Juggling scarves require coordination, reading body language, focus and eye contact. First individually, then in pairs. Next week it's in threes.



We've also been learning how to use our voices in different ways. Sharing time and learning about beat and sound.



Yellow have started blocking their production, which is entries, exits and movement around the stage. We'll be adding music and sounds for characters to incorporate. I hope you're learning your lines kids. The sooner the better for your show.

Brilliant Blue are working on a battle rap between The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. Who will come out on top and who will need an asthma pump.



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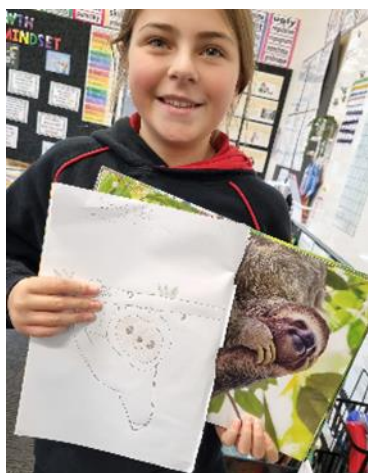
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MARC LIBRARY NEWS

National Simultaneous Storytime 2023

More than 2 million children reading = National Simultaneous Storytime 2023 (NSS). During MARC Library we have been celebrating all things sloths to support the reading of the book ***The Speedy Sloth***. All children have enjoyed the story which promoted the importance of persistence, with a good dose of humour too! Red Homegroup made a sloth, Green Homegroup students are making a poster to share their new knowledge about sloths and Blue and Yellow homegroups followed instructions to draw sloths and learn new facts about sloths. NSS is a national event to focus and celebrate the joy of reading and books, it is lovely to see Nilma students embracing everything books.





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OSHC

OSHC Newsletter June 2023

The past few weeks of the OSHC program has seen the students enjoying the dry weather outdoors, participating in team basketball games, drills, and independent free play through student choice.

Students also went on a nature scavenger hunt of the school and used autumn leaves to create leaf stamps using paint on paper cards. They also experimented with the scrape paint effect chosen by the students, creating coloured patterns with acrylic paint and 'pulling' their design! Competitive play has been popular in the afternoons – with all students regularly participating in rounds of Uno and Twister!

We welcomed several new students the past few weeks and it has been great to see the current OSHC students build new friendships and connections throughout the year levels.

CHANGES TO CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

From **10 July 2023**, most families using early childhood education and care will get more Child Care Subsidy (CCS). Some families previously not eligible for CCS will now get it.

What's changing:

The family income limit to get CCS is increasing to \$530,000.

The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90%.

Families earning \$80,000 or less will get 90% subsidy.

Families earning over \$80,000 and under \$530,000 will get a subsidy that tapers down from 90%, depending on their income. The subsidy will go down 1% for each \$5,000 earned.

Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can still get a higher rate for their second and younger children.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR HELP WITH CHILD CARE FEES?

Families that earn between \$356,756 and \$530,000 may be entitled to CCS from 10 July. Families that haven't claimed CCS, should [lodge a claim](#) with Services Australia.

Families can use the CCS Calculator at <https://www.startingblocks.gov.au/> to estimate what they might have to pay for early childhood education and care from 10 July.

DO YOU ALREADY GET CHILD CARE SUBSIDY?

Families already getting CCS don't need to do anything to get the new rates. Services Australia will apply the changes for you from 10 July.

All OSHC payments need to be finalised by Friday 23rd June 2023.





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The Paint Baw Baw REaD Expo provides the opportunity for local businesses, organisations and services to come together to share information, resources, and advice to young families within our community.

Saturday 17 June
9am – 2 pm
West Gippsland
Arts Centre



We want you to be part of the day!

Local businesses and organisations are encouraged to apply to be part of the fun, friendly and informative day out.

Stallholder expressions of interest include but are not limited to:

- Playgroups
- Physical Activity & Education groups
- Creative Arts
- Performing Arts
- Education & Literacy
- Paediatric Health Services



Businesses wanting to be part of this year's expo can register their interest by scanning the QR code. For more information visit our website.





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COMMUNITY NEWS



Olivia's Place works directly with new families in Gippsland to give them the social and emotional support that parents need to feel confident and empowered in their parenting journey.

A community that supports one another thrives.

"Olivia's Place supported me emotionally and via material items that I needed for Noah. I am beyond thankful for my support worker, Pam and the other staff. Olivia's Place has impacted my life in the best ways possible." - Alannah, Gippsland mum



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What's On @ Nilma!

JUNE 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KING'S Birthday HOLIDAY	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	B Kinder DAY 22 Parent Teacher Discussions 1-5	Breakfast Club 23 End Of Term 2 Early pick up 1.15pm No After School Care
School Holidays 26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Holidays 3	4	5	6	7
10 Term 3 commences	11 School Lunch Orders	12 Breakfast Club	MARC 13 Newsletter	14 Breakfast Club School Assembly
17	18 School Lunch Orders	19 Breakfast Club	MARC 20	21 Breakfast Club
24	SCHOOL COUNCIL 25 School Lunch Orders	SSG Meetings 26 Breakfast Club	MARC 27	28 Breakfast Club School Assembly
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AUGUST 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 School Lunch Orders	HOOPTIME 3/4 2 Breakfast Club	MARC 3 Newsletter	Breakfast Club 4
7	8 School Lunch Orders	9 Breakfast Club	MARC 10	11 Breakfast Club School Assembly
14	15 School Lunch Orders	16 Breakfast Club	MARC 17	WRC TRANSITION 18 Breakfast Club
21	SCHOOL COUNCIL 22 HOOPTIME 5/6 School Lunch Orders	23 Breakfast Club	MARC 24 Newsletter	25 Breakfast Club School Assembly
28	29 School Lunch Orders	30 Breakfast Club	MARC 31	

SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Breakfast Club 1
4	5 School Lunch Orders	6 Breakfast Club	SCHOOL PRODUCTION 7	WRC TRANSITION 8 Breakfast Club School Assembly
11	12 School Lunch Orders	URBAN CAMP 5/6 13 Breakfast Club	URBAN CAMP 14 Newsletter MARC	URBAN CAMP 15 Breakfast Club END OF TERM 3