

# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter #9  
3rd of August 2023

## REAL News

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### Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!



What wonderful weather we have had this week allowing our students to be active outside in the warmth of the sunshine.

It has been a busy and productive few weeks with students practising the School Production. Staff are in the background in preparation for the main event. It is great to see the students read their lines and sing the lyrics to their class songs.

Junior School Council met on the 19th of July and have lots of great plans in place for all of our students to be involved in. See page 2 for more details.

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week, recent Principal award recipients and the fantastic number of students receiving awards for *Nights of Reading*.

Nilma Primary School Production -

### **LUCKY YOU READ THAT BOOK!**

#### Costumes Contributions

In consultation with School Council we are seeking **\$5 per student** to support with the purchase and making of costumes for students. Bulk order of t-shirts, scouring of OP shops, borrowing costumes and making use of what staff have available to donate—we are trying to keep costs down and make things easier for our families.

#### Tickets

Also through the School Council consultation process, the price of tickets have been set at \$5. We are only looking to cover costs with the focus being on celebrating our students achievements within Performing Arts.

Thank you for the ticket requests so far.

**Tickets are still available! Send a text through to the School Mobile with family name and the number of tickets you would like.**

Please note that this does not guarantee tickets for this number. We have pre-allocated 6 tickets per family at this stage. Once we have received requests from all families we will be able to confirm and offer additional tickets.

Once your tickets have been allocated the school office will make contact to notify that they are available.

#### Payment options

The preferred payment method is by direct debit payment, required prior to collection of tickets.

The school account details are:

**Nilma Primary School**

**BSB: 063 532 (Commonwealth Bank)**

**Account Number: 1008 1033**

Please write your family name as reference, tickets.

Example; **A Buckler Tickets**

***Please notify the office when tickets and or costume contribution are paid. Thank you!***

Alternatively payment of cash at time of pickup. Exact monies is required as we have minimal cash on site.

Nilma Primary School Production

### **LUCKY YOU READ THAT BOOK!**

Thursday the 7th September

Drouin Secondary Auditorium

*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  
Semester 2 Members**



Junior School Council made decisions around how to celebrate and promote Science Week and Book Week. **Science Week** - hands on experiments in the class room on **Monday the 14th of August** - with help from the teachers.

**Book Week dress up** to celebrate your favourite book character on **Friday the 25th of August**.

Junior School Council are also helping to organise a **Donut Day!**

Yes you heard that right! Do-nut get too excited but on the **1st of September** a Donut Van will visit Nilma Primary School, spreading fresh, warm, sweet goodness. Gluten free, nut free, dairy free and absolutely delicious! Students will be able to pre-order their donuts, with families also welcome to place an order for pick up in the afternoon. More information will be sent out closer to the day.

Our next meeting will focus on ideas for Lunch time activities and Wet Day Timetable suggestions.

All students from Years F to 6 had a fabulous day celebrating our 100th day of school in 2023, on Monday the 24th of July. It was wonderful to see the students dressed up in many different costumes and to see the various objects students brought to school to represent 100. Each homegroup completed different activities about the number 100 throughout the day and students joined up with their buddies for the final hour of the day to complete some challenges. A fun day was had by all. Congratulations to all staff & students for a fabulous first 100 days of school in 2023 at Nilma Primary School.



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Mrs Brown

Students in Red Homegroup have enjoyed studying a range of books from our focus author Julia

Donaldson, as part of our Term 3 Author Study. Students explored the text Tiddler, made lists and labelled their illustrations of the different sea animals in the text, and learnt about non-fiction texts through some very interesting shark facts. The Gruffalo was a huge favourite amongst Red Homegroup students as we sequenced the events, created our own Gruffalos and our own Gruffalo masks. We have also explored Room on the Broom, creating a retell story wheel, sequencing the events of the story and drawing characters from the text through visualisation. We are very much looking forward to continuing our Author Study over the next few weeks as we explore a range of comprehension strategies through more fabulous Julie Donaldson texts.

## Red Homegroup

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 3- Week 1

**Noah Mc**



*You have received Learner of the week for the kindness you show to others. You are always willing to offer assistance and comfort to your peers. Keep it up Noah!*

Term 3 - Week 2

**Riley**



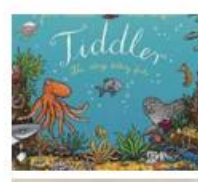
*You have received Learner of the week for the improvement you have shown in completing morning routines. Well done Riley!*

Term 3 -Week 3

**Tye**



*You have received Learner of the for sharing your thinking during class discussions and for the improvement you have shown with classroom routines. Keep up the great work Tye!*



## NIGHTLY READING

**50 Nights**

Beau

**75 Nights**

Noah B Bobby

**100 Nights**

Olivia G Noah M

**125 Nights**

Riley Hudson Tayte

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Miss De Jong

## Green Homegroup

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 3- Week 1

**Ted**



*You have received Learner of the week for your efforts to show the REAL school values and encouraging your classmates to do the same. Well done Ted!*

Term 3 - Week 2

**David**



*You have received Learner of the week for your excellent listening skills and learner behaviour during learning time. Keep it up David!*

Term 3 -Week 3

**Aubrey**



*You have received Learner of the for your consistent efforts to ensure you are ready to learn throughout the day. Well done!*

We have had a very busy start to Term 3 in Green Homegroup! Students were welcomed back from the holidays and quickly

jumped into celebrating 100 Days of School in week 2. Students are thrilled to have made it to 100 days of school for 2023, and should be very proud of being 100 days smarter!

We are continuing to work on our narrative writing skills in our literacy unit, with students taking inspiration from texts by Jackie French, our Author's Study for this term.

In numeracy we are busy practicing and developing our addition skills, focusing primarily on our understanding of part / part / whole and doubles.



## NIGHTLY READING

50 Nights

Wyatt

75 Nights

Sonny

Brooke

100 Nights

Darcee Blair Seb

Ted Lacey Bobby

125 Nights

Sienna

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Miss Gardiner

## Blue Homegroup

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 3- Week 1

**Jai**



*You have received Learner of the week for being willing to challenge yourself when learning new fraction strategies, including how to find a fraction of a collection. Keep up the great work, Jai!*

Term 3 - Week 2

**Ellie**



*You have received Learner of the week for consistently trying your best with all learning tasks and for the kindness you show to your peers. Well done, Ellie!*

Term 3 -Week 3

**Erika**



*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, Erika!*

This week is LittleScribe's Mini-Writers Festival. Students in Blue Homegroup have viewed two live author workshops and

will continue to watch more over the next week. On Monday, students participated in a workshop run by author Louise Parks who has written many excellent fiction novels for children. Louise's workshop focused on the use of similes to compare two things.



On Tuesday, students viewed a live workshop by the wonderful Jackie French. Jackie set students the challenge of writing just the beginning sentence, and the final sentence of a story without putting too much thought of what could go in between. Students also completed Jackie's vocabulary challenge where students explored three words that Jackie had selected. Illustrator James Foley has also been a highlight during the two workshops, creating many detailed sketches. The festival is off to a brilliant start, and we cannot wait to see what writing challenges the next authors present!



## NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights	50 Nights	75 Nights	100 Nights	125 Nights	150 Nights	175 Nights
Henry	Lincoln	Ruby Ellie Jai	Ellie Ruby	Erika	Charlotte	Charlotte
Amelia P	Lucy	Kendal Lahna	Koby Jai	Willow	Erika	
	Devin	Lucy Amelia HG	Kendal	Annie	Willow	

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Mrs Uren &  
Miss Matarczyk

## Yellow Homegroup

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 3- Week 1

#### Felicity

*You have received Learner of the week for staying on task with all your learning this week and putting in your best efforts. Well done!*



Term 3 - Week 2

#### Hannah

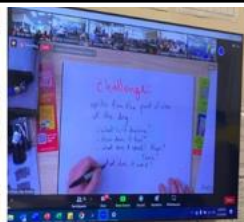
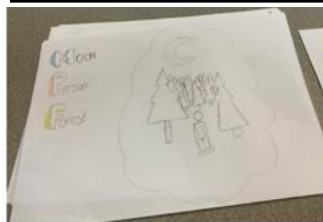
*You have received Learner of the week for being a quiet, independent learner who always puts in her best efforts in all areas of the curriculum.*



Term 3 -Week 3

#### Levi

*You have received Learner of the week for the effort you have put in with refining your skills in handwriting. Fantastic effort Levi!*



On Monday the Yellow HG participated in the 100 days of school and learning. Yellow dressed up as something representing 100, some students brought 100 of something to eat. In Maths we did 100 second

challenges and completed against each other in teams. We added up scores to see who won overall. They didn't win a prize though as it was just a fun way to celebrate 100 days. In the afternoon, we also completed activities with our buddies.

By Layla, Makkie and Tilly

We have been learning about Authors for the LittleScribe Writing Program and completed vocabulary and writing challenges for each of them before the Mini Writers Festival. This week we are doing 3 live zoom meetings where the authors give us ideas to help us with our writing. They are with Gabrielle Wang, Deborah Abela and the last one is with McKerrow. **By Zach**



## NIGHTLY READING

100 Nights

Makkie Nate

Mackenzie

125 Nights

Makkie James

Mackenzie Jenni

150 Nights

Tilly Hannah

Luci Jenni

175 Nights

Hannah

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## A Few Reminders From The Office

### Year 7 2024 Acceptance Placement Slip

A reminder that Year 7 2024 Acceptance Placement Slips for our current Year 6's are due back at school by next **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**. Letters were sent home two weeks ago so please check your child's bag if you haven't seen it. We are required to notify the nominated high school of your decision for your child's Year 7 placement offer in 2024. If you have misplaced your letter and slip, please contact the office and we will arrange for another form to be sent home. Thank you to those families who have returned the slips to date.

### Grade 6/5 Urban Camp

The Grade 6/5 Urban Camp has had a fantastic response and we're so excited for the students who will be attending an action packed three days in Melbourne. The confirmation of attendance and deposit of \$50 is now due and payable with the confirmed camp cost to be advised in the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact Jane if you wish to establish a payment plan or to check if you have any school credit or Camps, Sports, Excursion funding that can be utilised towards camp.

### August Census

All schools must submit a Student Enrolment Census twice each year, on the last school day in February and on the first Friday in August. The August census assists with provisioning, planning and to calculate indicative funding for the following year. If any of our families have had a change of occupation or family circumstances, please contact the office for a Student Enrolment Information Form so we can ensure that our records are correct and up to date. This ensures our school doesn't miss out on vital funding. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

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



## Happy Birthday

*Kat Devin Wyatt Brooke Lucy Mrs Brown  
Henry James Eddie Lacey Alexis*





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## SUSTAINABILITY

Celebrating Schools Tree Day with visitors from our local Landcare Group, Springsure Hill

Making Scarecrows

Pruning Fruit Trees

Raking Leaves



Pizza Making

Newspaper Planting

Eggshell Planting

Setting out pavers in new Sensory Garden





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## Performing Arts

**Woo-hoo, 5 weeks to go!**

Wow, just wow! It's so impressive to see how far your children have come in such a short time. But with only 5 weeks to go, that's no excuse for us to sit on our laurels. Parents, please encourage your children to keep up the practise and share their growth of their performances. The more they can practise, show and tell you about their progress the better.



Audience participation makes everything extra fun. Please ask your children how you can help their stardom by joining in on show night.

**Warning**

Oh, the amusement value of vocal warm-ups. We look silly and sound awesome!



Big Face



Little Face



## Performing Arts

Woo-hoo, 5 weeks to go!

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?



Not these students from Blue Group. They are the Big Bad Wolf Rappers (right)!

But maybe our 3 Little Pigs (below)?



Or is bling their thing?

Others take this very seriously.







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## MARC LIBRARY NEWS



Term 3 is a super term for celebrating Australian literature. The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrate Book Week and the Book of the Year awards. The theme for this year is *Read Grow Inspire*, Yellow Homegroup created their own posters to show what the theme meant to them. All students are reading and judging the short-listed books. Blue Homegroup enjoyed the story of Frank the penguin and his dilemma over a hat! Red and Green Homegroups read Market Day, Red students created a market in the classroom and like in the book, played the guitar as a busker to entertain us all. Nilma students **INSPIRE** me by the wonderful variety of books they select, I know the more they **READ** the more they will continue to **GROW**!



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## OSHC

Firstly I would like to introduce myself, my name is Peta Watson and I am the new OSHC co-ordinator here at Nilma Primary School. I have been in the Child Care industry for over 15 years with 13 of those running an OSHC service.

I have spent the first weeks of Term meeting the children utilising the OSHC service and getting familiar with how the Service is operating. Xplor is new to me so please be patient as I navigate my way through the system and learn to use it.

I feel the program should be driven by the children's interests and it is obvious that they love to be outside with ball activities and free play. We have enjoyed charades, shooting hoops, games on the playground and of course dodge ball. It is lovely to see the children supporting each other and in particular sharing the ball in both dodgeball and shooting hoops.

Popular inside activities seem to be drawing, puppets, music and construction. I hope to add to the resources over time in order to extend their experiences.

Finally a huge thank you to Saige who has been an amazing support these first weeks as I meet the children, learn a new program and work out how everything operates. Saige has been running a fabulous OSHC program, Nilma Primary School is very lucky to have her. Thank you Saige.

Please do not hesitate to chat to me if you have any concerns or feel I need any information that will ensure your child/ren have a great time in OSHC. I would also love to chat if you are interested in your child attending the program in the future.

Cheers Peta

### CHANGES TO CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

From **10th 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 10th 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 10th 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 needed to have been finalised by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023  
—please reach out if you require assistance or have any questions.





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## National Day against Bullying & Violence

On Friday the 18th of August Students in year 3-6 will engage in an online virtual webinar to build awareness and understanding around on-line social platforms and how their actions can effect others. This is through the eSafety Commissioner.



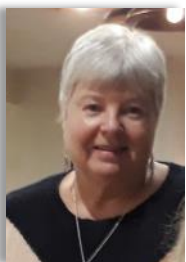
You may like to explore the website for helpful information  
<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

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## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Hi everyone the third term is well underway with happy children and staff. We have begun the SPARC group on Wednesdays after lunch. The students are keen to be involved in this social development program which is part of our Respectful Relationships school culture.

It is a joy to be part of your children's school experience because as we all know how precious these memories can be. We look forward to continuing the work as a community to support one another.



**Kat Swift**

**Student Wellbeing Support**



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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Let's Talk about Parenting

#### A Parent's Building Solutions Program

Do you want to know how to talk so children will listen?

Understand what is normal children's behaviour?

Communicate better with your child?

Stay connected to your child?

Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

Please note these are interactive sessions and will not be recorded

**Dates:** Thursdays 17th August - 14th September

**Time:** 10.00am - 12.0pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Venue:** Online via ZOOM

Register: scan the QR code, follow the MS forms link  
<https://forms.office.com/r/s8j22s0tQU>  
OR contact  
Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au  
P: (03) 5135 9555



## PARENTZONE

## Thank You



Thank to Habitat Creations for donating the trees for the Native Garden – The big trees are Eucalyptus Fulgens and Golden Tip and underground trees are Spiny-headed Mat-rush, Red-Fruit Saw Sedge, Creeping Boobialla and Purple-sheath Tussock Grass.

We are grateful for the donations and pleased with the positive improvement to our school environment. Thank you to the Sustainability and Gardening Staff for organising and accepting the donation.







What's On @ Nilma!

AUGUST 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> School Lunch Orders	<b>HOOPTIME 3/4 2</b> Breakfast Club	MARC <b>3</b> Newsletter	<b>Breakfast Club 4</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> School Lunch Orders	<b>9</b> Breakfast Club	MARC <b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Breakfast Club School Assembly
<b>14</b> Science Week	<b>15</b> School Lunch Orders	<b>16</b> Breakfast Club	MARC <b>17</b>	<b>WRC TRANSITION 18</b> Breakfast Club National Day against Bullying & Violence
<b>21</b>	<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL 22</b> <b>HOOPTIME 5/6</b> School Lunch Orders	<b>23</b> Breakfast Club	MARC <b>24</b> Newsletter	<b>25</b> Breakfast Club Book Week Dress Up School Assembly
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> School Lunch Orders	<b>30</b> Breakfast Club	MARC <b>31</b>	

SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<b>Breakfast Club 1</b> Donut Day
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> School Lunch Orders	<b>6</b> Breakfast Club	<b>SCHOOL PRODUCTION 7</b>	<b>WRC TRANSITION 8</b> Breakfast Club School Assembly
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> School Lunch Orders	<b>URBAN CAMP 5/6 13</b> Breakfast Club	<b>URBAN CAMP 14</b> Newsletter MARC R U OK? DAY	<b>URBAN CAMP 15</b> Breakfast Club END OF TERM 3