



NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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REAL News

We are a Respectful Relationships School

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Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!



It feels like we have had an exceptionally busy start to 2024 with the calendar continuing to fill up. I think the most rewarding and enjoyable part of my new role is getting to spend time with the students. I have loved seeing the growth in our new Year 6 leaders and would like to make special mention of Tori and Ada for stepping up and volunteering to MC the Year 6 Presentation Night.

It has been amazing to see the growth in the Foundation students already and the independence that they have shown when walking into the classroom on their own and getting their things ready to start the day. Well done to the parents in 'letting go' of their hands at the door—this is a huge step as a parent too!

As I am on duty most mornings it has been wonderful to catch up with most parents and say hello. Thank you for everyone's support and smiling face.

Taylah Worall

On Monday 26th February we will welcome Taylah to our staff in a Student Wellbeing Role. Taylah will work in the classrooms getting to know students and will be available to support students one-on-one. Taylah comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in her field and with many ideas to help support our students at Nilma. Taylah is also looking forward to working with students in the yard.

Small Schools Athletic Sports

Nilma Primary School is participating in the West Gippsland Small Schools Athletics Sports' Day on Thursday 29th February at the Geoff Watt Track, Burke St Warragul. Students will need to be transported to and from the event, and are to be signed in and out on the day.

The day starts at 9:00am and concludes by 3:00pm. Parents and families are welcome to attend on the day to celebrate and support our students. The day is all about having fun and participating in as many events as possible. It is also a great opportunity for our students to connect with students from other schools.

This year there will not be a canteen, so it is important that students bring a packed snack, lunch & a refillable drink bottle.

Full school uniform must be worn on the day, including school hats. Teachers will collect hats and bring them to the event. Please apply sunscreen in the morning. Students will be encouraged to reapply during the day.

Students have been practising for the team sports and athletic day as part of their weekly PASE sessions as well as whole school practice times.

BREAKFAST CLUB

From Monday the 26th of February, Breakfast Club will run on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30am**. Students arriving at school between 8.30am and 8.40am will be expected to attend the Breakfast Club as the playground is not officially supervised until 8.40am.

Year 6 Hoodies

Thank you to the GUY family for sponsoring the new Year 6 Hoodies for 2024. Paul and Paula Guy of D-Line Smash Repairs and Effortless Conveyancing have generously sponsored the screen printing of the hoodies. This is awesome. The Year 6 Leaders will be visually recognised by all students now!



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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Naplan

NAPLAN is one form of assessment undertaken by each student in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and is used in conjunction with a range of assessments to identify each student's future learning needs. The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held in Term 1 – 2024, in a window from March 13th to March 25th 2024. Your child's classroom teacher assesses all students' learning in literacy and numeracy on a regular basis. The NAPLAN test results are designed to complement this information, but not to replace it. This year, students in year 5 complete all assessments online and Year 3 students complete all BUT the writing assessment online. The NAPLAN 2024 Information for Parents document was sent home to all students in Year 3 and Year 5. If you do not wish to have your child participate in the assessments, please speak to NAPLAN Coordinator, Kirsti Farr, by Wednesday 1st March 2023. Further information on understanding NAPLAN please read the Report Information for Parents or online information is available at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au.

Communication Policy

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Policy Policy—Information for parents.

Insurance

Please be aware that the school does not hold insurance for students. Families should make their own decision as to their insurance needs. Information is available at the office .

'GET TO KNOW YOU' PARENT-TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

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

WHOLE SCHOOL FAMILY GATHERING & Year 6 Leadership Badge Presentation

On Tuesday evening we came together as a school community to celebrate our Year 6 leaders and present them with their badges. Thank you to all families that attended and to the staff that ensure the smooth running of these events.





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Junior School Council Semester 1 Members



Congratulations to our elected Junior School Councillors for Semester 1, 2024!

We look forward to your ideas and contributions in the upcoming meetings. Student representatives will listen to and feedback ideas and questions from their Home Groups in regular meetings with Ms Georgia Gardiner. The first meeting was held, with students organising a ice-cream day. Yummo! Order forms went home today.

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Frozen Sweet Day - Pre Order Form
Friday 8th of March

The Junior School Council has organised something special for all students on Friday the 8th of March. Students can order their preferred frozen treat, each being \$1.00 per item per student.

Please indicate your preferences below by placing a tick in the correct box.

Please return the money with this order form by Tuesday the 5th of March.

Family Name: _____

Drink Name	Fresh Fruit	Softy Fruit	Ice-cream	Softy Sundae

Total Cost: _____

Vic Kids Eat Well 2024 Making NPS healthier



We know healthy kids learn better so we want to make our school a healthy place to learn and play

We will be making gradual changes to our school environment to make sure healthy food is the norm



This term health promotion professionals from West Gippsland Healthcare Group will be working in all our classrooms on healthy eating topics including 'Eat a Rainbow', 'Healthy Plate' and 'reading food labels'. Welcome Angela Greenall and Bec Creed

We would love your help, ideas and feedback so please chat with Ms Pennicuik or Ms Uren about Vic Kids Eat Well



For more information go to www.vickidseatwell





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Mrs Brown

Red Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Students in Red Homegroup were very excited to meet their buddies last Friday and as you can see by the photographs there were smiles all round. Red Homegroup students each have 1 or 2 buddies from Yellow Homegroup (6/5) and enjoyed getting to know their buddies last week. We also had some help from our buddies

when we practised for the upcoming Athletic Day. We will be spending time with our buddies fortnightly on Friday afternoons and will complete a range of different activities including games, ICT and artworks. Students will work together to solve problems and complete activities as a pair or group of three. Buddy time is something that all Red Homegroup students look forward to as we continue to build relationships with students across the school.

Term 1 – Week 2

Red Home Group

You have received Learner of the Week for an excellent start to school. You have all settled in well and are following our school routines. Keep up the great work!

Term 1 – Week 3

Harrison



You have received Learner of the Week for being a respectful, responsible and resilient learner. Well done on settling into our classroom routines and for always showing respect to others.





Miss De Jong

Green Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

We have had a great start to the year in Green Homegroup! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the students new to Green Homegroup and hearing all about their wonderful holidays.

We have spent the last few weeks practicing and improving on our understanding of school behaviour and expectations for learning and the students are continuing to show great skill in both these areas. During our numeracy time, students have been enjoying a variety of learning games that help them to explore place value concepts—a current favourite is Mastermind!

Students have also been working hard during their literacy time to plan and write their narratives. Students are striving to continue to achieve their individual writing goal in each piece of writing they produce.

Overall a great start to the year and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds!

Term 1- Week 2

Green Homegroup

You have received Learner of the week for working hard to learn and practice our classroom routines. Excellent Work!

Term 1-Week 3

Arlo



You have received Learner of the week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You have been inclusive of others, considerate of their needs. Well done!





Miss Gardiner

Blue Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

This fortnight, students in Blue Homegroup have been learning about number and place value in mathematics. Students have been learning to order, partition and rename two, three, four and five digit numbers. Students participated

in a hands-on challenge on Tuesday where they had to estimate the number of Unifix cubes and then experiment with efficient ways to count the collection. Students decided that it was more efficient to stack Unifix cubes into twos, threes, fives and tens as this made it easier to count. Students also partitioned into tens and ones, and renamed their collections.

Check out some photos of students below!

Term 1- Week 2

Blue Home Group

You have received Learner of the week for being responsible learners by bringing back your diaries and LAUGH tasks. Well done!

Term 1-Week 3

Sonny Benson



You have received Learner of the week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You take on new challenges with a positive approach, ready to extend your learning. Well done, Sonny!





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Miss Morrison

Yellow Homegroup LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 6 leaders have received their new hoodies, a symbol of their leadership and dedication to their learning at our school. The Year 6 student would like to extend their heartfelt thank you to the Guy family for their continued support, which has helped make this possible. The Year 6 leaders are excited to wear their hoodies with pride as they continue to lead by example and make a positive impact on our school.

Term 2 – Week 2

Yellow Home Group

You have received Learner of the week for displaying the qualities of REAL Learners. You show that you are responsible in that you take care of your Foundation Buddies.

Term 1 -Week 3

Rhishaya



You have received Learner of the week for displaying the qualities of a REAL learner. You are constant in your courteous manner, speaking politely and respectfully to others.



Yellow Homegroup has been actively engaged in learning about the importance of creating a positive gaming culture and staying safe online as part of Safer Internet Day. This day aims to promote online safety by educating students on how to connect safely in the digital world. The students have shown great interest and understanding, and their commitment to creating a safer online environment.



The Yellow Homegroup has been hard at work practising team games in preparation for the upcoming athletic carnival. Students have been focusing on developing their teamwork and game sense, honing their skills for the big day. It's inspiring to see their dedication and collaboration as they strive for success. We can't wait to see them in action!



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SUSTAINABILITY

Chook House Preparation

Harvesting Produce



Mulching



Preparing Garden Beds



Watering



Pruning



Recycling Bin

Compost Bin

Hothouse Building

- Pizzas
- Apple Cinnamon Muffins
- Seasonal Salad
- Zucchini Slice

PIC-COLLAGE



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Impressionism

Students have been learning about Impressionism – a famous style of art that was popular in the late 1800s. Impressionist paintings are usually of the countryside or images of everyday life. Impressionist artists liked to paint outdoors, painting the effects of the daylight. They used short brush strokes. Impressionist artists painted their idea of how something looked to them at that moment. They didn't try to paint an exact copy of the subject matter.

Students have also been learning about Claude Monet – a renowned impressionist painter. His painting *Impression, sunrise* was one of the first impressionist paintings, and likely where the name Impressionism came from.



"The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance." - Aristotle

Visual Arts



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MARC LIBRARY NEWS



The MARC Library van visits Nilma Primary School on Thursdays. During library sessions students celebrate books and reading. During Term 1 all students will celebrate Library Lovers' Week, sharing with their class what they love about books and reading and encouraging peers to read books. The senior students awarded a G.O.A.T. award for the best book.

Book tastings will be offered each week to encourage wider reading habits.



Nilma families do a super job of supporting the MARC Library, I encourage you to remind students to return books weekly and to take good care of them, a library bag is a great way of caring and storing books.

Looking forward to sharing amazing books throughout 2024,

Kim
James





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OFFICE NEWS

Mon, Tue and Thu 8.30—4pm

DUE NOW

2024 FEES (PARENT PAYMENTS)

Thank you to parents who have made their \$225 payments. *These payments are due now.*
If you require a payment plan please contact the office.

School Photographs for 2024

Annual school photos were taken today, **Thursday the 22nd of February.**

School Photo Information Flyers with Access Keys had previously been sent home with students.

You can still place your orders online. Please note that the special pricing is only available until 5pm today.

See the packages available and place your online.

To place your order **Go to our website** or scan the QR code;



www.spargophoto.com.au

Select> [School Photo Pack Orders](#)

Enter your **Access Key as Provided** on the flyer sent home.

Select the pack you want and complete the form.

You do not need to return any paperwork.

Lost or replacement Access Keys can be requested

www.spargophoto.com.au, Select> [Student Access Code Request](#)

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 5942 5234

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Happy Birthday

Jax, Darcee, Tye, Kendal, Ms Matarczyk



OSHC

Outside School Hours Care

The first few weeks of Term have been very, very busy, I think we have used every piece of sports equipment that lives in the shed. The weather has been perfect for being outside and enjoying the sunshine.

Cricket and tennis have been very popular and it has been rewarding watching the children's ball skills improve whilst participating in these activities. We also found some small trolleys that the children can sit on and ride down the small slopes they found around the grounds. This activity has seen them work out how to connect the trolleys so they can go down in pairs and also a team of 4.

Inside we have begun to build roller coasters using boxes and straws. This has been a bit challenging but again rewarding watching the children work out how to get the balls to roll down like a roller coaster.

Please note that OSHC now has its own mobile contact number 0466 256 056. If you need to contact OSHC please do so at an acceptable time and only in an emergency or if you are unable to book via Xplor.





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COMMUNITY NEWS



What is in your lunchbox?

Remember to pack fruit or vegetables for our Brain Breaks. Grapes, carrot or celery sticks, strawberries, mini cucumbers, small apple or small banana to name a few.

Small, clean & easy to eat—what a treat!

MEET OUR COACHES



SAVE THE DATE:
WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
LOCATION: MARIST SION OVAL
TIME: 5-6PM

ALL REGISTERED PLAYERS GET A SNAG AND SOFT DRINK

Just click the link to secure your spot:
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/6ace2f>

#warragulblues #thefamilyclub #goblues



Year 7 Scholarships

Current Year 6 students who excel are encouraged to apply for our Academic Scholarships and an extended range of Personal Excellence Scholarships.

Whether you love Sport, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, STEM, Business/Entrepreneurship, Leadership/Community Service or Environmental Awareness, consider joining Gippsland's leading school to pursue your potential.

Visit stpaulsags.vic.edu.au or contact us on 5623 5833 for more information.

Applications close Friday 8 March 2024

Time for Secondary?

Choosing a secondary school that will best suit your child is one of the most important decisions you can make.

At St Paul's, we understand that each and every student has their own educational journey. Caring teachers provide tailored extension and support within our academic program, while our breadth of co-curricular activities challenge all students to pursue their potential beyond the classroom.

Year 7 2024 Information Evening

Wednesday, 6 March 2024, Warragul Campus
Tours from 6pm, Presentation 7pm

Register now at stpaulsags.vic.edu.au



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What's On @ Nilma!

FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19	20 School Lunch Orders Year 6 Badguation Ceremony	21 Breakfast Club Foundation Rest Day	22 MARC Newsletter School Photo Day	23 Breakfast Club
26 Breakfast Club Questacon Science Circus Incursion	27 School Lunch Orders	28 Breakfast Club Foundation Rest Day	29 MARC WGSSAS Small Schools Sports Day	

MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Assembly
4 Breakfast Club	5 School Lunch Orders	6 Breakfast Club	7 MARC	8 JSC Ice cream Day
11 LABOUR DAY Public Holiday Student Free	12 School Lunch Orders School Council	13 Breakfast Club NAPLAN	14 MARC Newsletter NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN Assembly
18 Breakfast Club NAPLAN	19 School Lunch Order NAPLAN	20 Breakfast Club NAPLAN	21 MARC	22
25 Breakfast Club	26 School Lunch Orders	27 Breakfast Club	28 MARC End of term	