

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter #3
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REAL News

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Celebrating REAL Learners @ Nilma!



CONGRATULATIONS

It has been fantastic to give so many of our students Principal Awards over the past three weeks for demonstrating the 'REAL' values of Nilma PS to an exemplary level.

Congratulations to all of the students that have already achieved their 25 Night Reading Awards. This is a huge achievement and such a positive life skill to develop.

SMALL SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Nilma Primary School participated in the West Gippsland Small Schools Athletics Sports' Day on Thursday 29th February at the Geoff Watt Track, Burke St Warragul. I have had so many positive reports from parents, grandparents and carers about the sportsmanship, respect and resilience shown on the day. Congratulations to all students on a highly successful day with Nilma claiming the shield. Thank you to all staff for your continued hard work and dedication to our students.

SPORTING SCHOOLS—GOLF

This term we were successful in our application for a Sporting School grant for four sessions of golf. Students in Years 3-6 will attend four, 45 minute sessions whilst students in F-2 will get to experience one Introduction to Golf session on Tuesday 19th March. We are very lucky to have Travis from GeckoSport facilitate these sessions.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo proofs have already been sent to school to be checked and are now being printed ready for individual student packs. If you would still like to order you can do so via the link sent home earlier in the term.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 have begun the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), completing the Writing assessment on Wednesday. Other assessments cover Reading, Numeracy and Language Conventions. Individual results will be provided to schools and parents later in the year.

QUESTACON TRAVELLING SCIENCE INCURSION

The Questacon Incursion was enjoyed by all. There were so many engaging and educational experiments and experiences for all. Lots of laughter and cheering was heard coming from the STEAM room!

SENTRAL

You will notice that you are now able to consent for school events online through Sentral. We aim to move away from printing permission forms. If you have difficulties with this process or navigating the Sentral App, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Junior School Council—Wear something Orange for Harmony Day—Thursday 21st March 2024. Bring a gold 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 Guy, 2023.



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

Welcome back to another year at Nilma! It was great to see a number of parents at the Grade 6 Badguation and Community night – thank you to everyone who could make it.

This week we held our School Council Annual General Meeting, where we welcome new members on board and role were re-established. We welcome Barb Walker to our School Council for a 2 year term.

The 2024 office bearers are:

- President – Shannon Gibbons
- Vice President – Kate Campbell
- Secretary – Sam Cross

Committees and members:

- Finance – Kirsti Farr, Lee Steenholdt, Shannon Gibbons, Helen Brown, Kate Campbell
- Buildings & Grounds: Kirsti Farr, Lee Steenholdt, Sam Cross, Angela Tumino
- Out of School Hours Care: Kirsti Farr, Lee Steenholdt, Shannon Gibbons

I'm looking forward to another year serving as School Council President and working with the team over the year ahead. If you have questions around school council at any time, please feel free to get in touch.

Shannon Gibbons

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**Junior School Council
Semester 1 Members**



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 #Everyone Belongs.

Thursday 21st March is HARMONY Day—Junior School Council would like everyone to wear something ORANGE to celebrate #Everyone Belongs. School Uniform remains however an orange ribbon or socks could be your touch of Orange worn to represent #Everyone Belongs.

A Gold Coin donation on the day will raise money towards a 'Buddy Bench' to support student wellbeing and inclusivity.

Cuddles

Last year money raised went to Sponsoring a Koala for conservation. We received a Koala and named it Cuddles.



Cuddles has spent time with families previously and will be sent home once again with families to spend time with. When Cuddles visits we ask that you record the activities and time spent with Cuddles with photos and words in a diary entry.

Thank you.



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Student Wellbeing

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

We have launched our first week of lunchtime activities with the senior students (3,4,5,6) and Lego being the first activity. The following week we will run the same activity with our junior levels. We're excited to continue to offer a number of lunch time activities for the students to provide them different opportunities to interact and engage with others.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

A reminder that breakfast club is operating on a Monday and Wednesday in the STEAM Room from 8:30am. On **Wednesday 27th** of March we will do the final breakfast club for Term 1 and **pancakes** are on the menu! Everyone is welcome at breakfast club and no bookings are required.



Gratitude

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, and helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.



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Mrs Brown

Red Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1 - Week 4

Name: **Stella Blaney**



You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You continue to try your best when presented with learning tasks.

Term 1 - Week 5

Name: **James McDevitt**



You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You approach everything with a positive disposition and proudly represented the school on our Athletics Day.

Term 1 - Week 6

Name: **Saxon Dreyer**



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.

Students in Red Homegroup were very excited to finally come to school on Wednesdays! They have handled the full weeks very well and have been very engaged in a range

of different learning activities. We continue to focus on the grapheme (letter) and phoneme (sound) correspondences for our 8 focus sounds /s/, /m/, /c/, /t/, /g/, /p/, /a/, /o/. Students are using these sounds to read and write a range of words as well as practising our Set 1 Camera Words the, I, was, she, to and are. In Numeracy we have been focusing on the different ways we can represent numbers to 10 with a different focus number each week. Check in with your child and see if they can share with you some of the different ways we can represent numbers! Students have also been exploring shapes and really enjoyed our school yard hunt where they went out looking for a range of shapes in the playground. The photos below share some of these examples.





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Miss De Jong

Green Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1- Week 4

Aydin

You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You continue to **try your best** when presented with learning tasks.



Term 1- Week 5

Olivia

You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You have demonstrated your ability to **speak politely** and **respectfully** to others.



Term 1-Week 6

Tayte

You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You are beginning to **display confidence** in your delivering of ideas to the class. Congratulations on sharing your thinking!



We have been hard at work in Green Group, the term is just flying by!

Students have confidently settled into the school routine and are all consistently demonstrating their ability and willingness to learn and give things a go!

During our phonics time, students have either been learning about the 'long e' vowel sound or the 'oi' sound, depending on which group they are in. Students have enjoyed having fun with this and exploring the different ways in which these sounds appear in words.

During numeracy time, students have been investigating number patterns and skip counting.

Students have been enjoying the challenge of starting from a number other than 0 when skip counting. They have found great success in recognising the patterns that occur.





Miss Gardiner

Blue Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1– Week 4

Ted Phillips

You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You participated **actively** in class by **sharing your learning, ideas, and opinions.**



Term 1– Week 5

Lucy Buckler

You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You continue to **try your best** when presented with learning tasks.



Term 1-Week 6

Amelia Pell

You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You approach your learning with a positive attitude, constantly **following instructions and meeting expectations** set.



Students in Blue Homegroup had a wonderful time meeting up with their grade 2/1 buddies last week. Grade 4/3 students taught their buddies to play Queah, a traditional Liberian board game that is all about strategy. This game is a favourite in Blue Homegroup so students were very excited to share this with their buddies. It was wonderful to see the buddy pairs/groups enjoying a fun time playing together, whilst also getting to know each other even better.



In Literacy, students have been exploring narratives and have been both reading narrative texts, and planning and drafting their own text. As a class, we have been reading the excellent novel, Flat Stanley– his original adventure, by Jeff Brown which has recently had it's 50th anniversary. Students have loved learning about the many hilarious adventures of Flat Stanley and many students are hoping to read more of this series in the future!





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Miss Morrison

Yellow Homegroup LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1 - Week 4

**Nate
Larkman**



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 in helping the Foundation students with their Athletics practise.

Term 2 - Week 5

**Ellie
Tatchell**



You have received Learner of the week for displaying the qualities of a REAL learner. You have been challenging yourself by setting goals and working hard to achieve them.

Term 1 - Week 6

**Kane
Thomas**



You have received Learner of the week for displaying the qualities of a REAL learner. You demonstrate the ability to work independently on tasks when necessary.

On Friday, we played golf with Trv from Gecko Sport, and we learned how to chip/drive with a seven-iron. First, we learned about the stance we needed and how to swing the club. We also learned about safety and played some games afterwards. We played Bullseye, target, and who could hit the farthest. (By Nate and Henry)

Athletics Day was a day full of excitement and competition. We participated in various events, earning ribbons and extra points. As the day progressed, we grew more eager for the team games. When our school's name was finally called for the top spot, the jubilant cheers erupted, announcing our victory. Despite facing unexpected challenges, we persevered with enthusiasm and positivity, ultimately clinching the first-place victory. (By Tori)



Questacon & Buddies

Yellow homegroup had a blast at the Questacon Science Circus, diving into thrilling experiments and enjoying every moment with their Red homegroup buddies!





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Congratulations on your Reading Nights!

NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Noah, Harrison,
Ruby M, Ruby W

50 Nights

75 Nights

NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Jase, Madison, Tayte
Noah M, Cooper, Olivia G,
Mason

50 Nights

75 Nights

NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Willow, Koby
Blair, Darcee
Annie, Jai

50 Nights

75 Nights

NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Nate
Ada
Tori

50 Nights

75 Nights



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SUSTAINABILITY

Garden Pests

Preparing Garden Beds

Weeding

Snail Traps

Harvesting Produce



Wheel Barrow & Tool Licence

Planting

Rubbish Rangers

Worm Farm

Chookhouse Maintenance

PIC-COLLAGE



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The Brown Hut and maze — by Red HG



The bridge — by Green HG



By Hannah

Visual Arts



Paper Mache

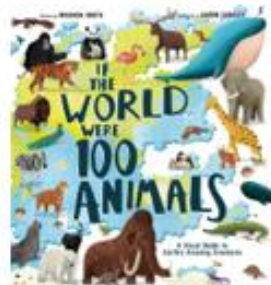


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MARC LIBRARY NEWS



Do you know which animal is responsible for the most human deaths in the World? Blue and Yellow Homegroup have been reading non fiction books to learn information. **Mosquitos** is the correct answer! Students learnt about the important role of the 12,000 species of native wasps found in Australia.



Red and Green group have enjoyed books illustrated by Lucinda Gifford, they noticed that she loves drawing animals, in particular cats. The title **Too Many Cats** was a favourite. Meanwhile, Mrs James got to meet, internationally renowned author Aaron Blabey, Bad Guys, Pig the Pug and Thelma the Unicorn are some of Aaron's very popular books in the MARC Libray!





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OFFICE NEWS

Mon, Tue and Thu 8.30—4pm

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Happy Birthday

Felicity, Mayla, Olivia G, Willow S, Jai, Lahna, Ruby M,
Miss Matarczyk, Mrs Uren, Jess



OSHC

Outside School Hours Care

We have continued with outside play as the weather has been so lovely. The improvement in their ball skills and fair play has been lovely to watch. Taking turns to bat and bowl in cricket and showing fairness in their interactions which is resulting in stronger connections between the children.

Our puzzle is ongoing and the children are enjoying seeing it evolve. We have had some fun with music, using the instruments in the STEAM room to make some very interesting sounds.

Last week we had a visit from Bec and Angela from the Shire who run the Vic Kids Eat Well program. We have been involved with this since late last year with the aim to reflect on our Menu to ensure we are offering healthy choices for the children. They brought along a bike that had a blender attachment and the children had to cycle to blend their smoothies. It was great fun and the smoothies were very tasty.

Some of the older children are very interested in fashion and we had a spontaneous fashion show this week but are very short on costumes. If any one has any dresses or costume jewellery that they are no longer using and would like to donate we would love them.

Cheers Peta





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COMMUNITY NEWS

Can you give us a hand to manage our Brigade?

We're looking for help in a number of volunteer roles. You can use your existing skills to perform a vital service for your community. You'll also gain new skills and experience as you become part of an exciting team.

Brigade Name: Nilma North (cnr of Bloomfield and Old Sale Rds) Rob 0400 497 923

Available Roles: Administrative Roles (non-operational) - Secretary,

Coordinators, Fundraising, Community Engagement, Communications.

Experience on committee's most welcome!



Scan the QR code to find out how you can help.



NEERIM DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE

INFORMATION NIGHT & TOUR

We would like to invite all prospective Year 7 Students and their families to attend our 2025 Year 7 Information Night and School Tour



WHEN MONDAY 18/03/2024

TIME 5.30-6.30PM

WHERE Neerim District Secondary College,
20 Neerim E Rd, Neerim South VIC 3831



All are welcome to attend, if you would like to register your interest please contact the admin office.

 03 5628 1455

 neerim.sc@education.vic.gov.au

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COMMUNITY NEWS

REGISTRATION OPEN
2024

MORE INFO
CONTACT CLUB PRESIDENT MANDY
MOORE DIRECTLY ON 0400 000 336



WARRAGUL
BLUES
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION

INCLUSIVE OF TRAINING TOPS, INSURANCE, LEAGUE
FEES AND TRANSACTION FEES.

CLUB MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
DIRECTLY FROM THE CLUB IN EARLY 2024.



#warragulblues
#goblues
#thefamilyclub





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What's On @ Nilma!

MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 LABOUR DAY Public Holiday Student Free	12 School Lunch Orders Gecko Golf Clinic 3-6 School Council	13 Breakfast Club NAPLAN	14 MARC Newsletter NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN Assembly
18 Breakfast Club NAPLAN	19 Gecko Golf Clinic F-6 School Lunch Order NAPLAN	20 Breakfast Club NAPLAN	21 MARC	22
25 Breakfast Club	26 Gecko Golf Clinic 3-6 School Lunch Orders	27 Breakfast Club	28 MARC End of term 1:15pm Finish	

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

29th March – 14th April

APRIL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Start of Term 2 Breakfast Club	16 School Lunch Orders	17 Breakfast Club	18 MARC Newsletter	19 Assembly
22 Breakfast Club	23 School Lunch Orders Warragul Regional College Transition Day	24 Breakfast Club	25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26
29 Breakfast Club	30 School Lunch Order District Sports Day			