

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter #6
9th of May 2024

REAL News

We are a Respectful Relationships School

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Kirsti Farr - Acting Principal



Walk to School Tomorrow, Friday 10th May, students and staff will meet at the bus shelter on Bloomfield Road at 8:30 AM to walk to school



together. Parents and care givers are encouraged to walk with us. Students will receive a 'Walk to School' tattoo on arrival. We hope to see as many students and parents as possible.

Professional Practice Day A Professional Practice Day for Term 2, will be held on **Friday 7th June**. Students **will not** be required to attend school on this day. Staff at Nilma Primary School will take part in Professional Learning on this day. The focus for this day will be Building Mathematical understanding and Practices through the use of the Inclusive practices Continue.

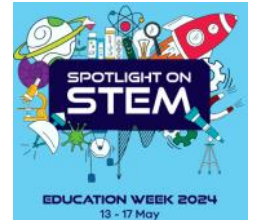
Visiting Dentist The visiting dentist from Australian Dental Health will come to Nilma Primary School to see those students for whom permission forms were completed in the week beginning Monday 20th May. If you have a question or would like to check to see if your child's name is on the list please make contact with the school office.

2025 ENROLMENTS Current families with children that will be attending Foundation at Nilma PS in 2025, please contact the Office to collect an enrolment pack. Enrolments and applications 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. Please be vigilant and watch out for symptoms. The Department of Health recommends that students who test positive for COVID-19 isolate for a minimum of 5 days and do not attend school until their symptoms resolve.

EDUCATION WEEK

Nilma Primary School will celebrate Education Week on Tuesday 14th May with an open 'Science' afternoon starting at 2:30pm.



ANZAC Day - April 25th

Thank you to Ada, Nate, Tori and Erika for representing Nilma Primary School at the ANZAC Day Service at the Warragul Cenotaph on Thursday 25th April. It was fantastic to see all the students participate in the march and ceremony, well done and thank you.



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ENROLMENTS ACCEPTED NOW
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Nilma Primary School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we work and learn, the Gunaikurnai Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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WEST GIPPSLAND CROSS COUNTRY Selected students in Years 4-6 will represent Nilma PS at the West Gippsland Cross Country to be held on Monday 20th May at Chairo Christian School in Drouin East. Trials were held at Nilma on Thursday 2nd May and selected students were sent a permission form through Sentral, and a car travel form to be signed and returned to school by Wednesday 15th May 2024.

Division Athletics Four students from Years 3-6 represented Nilma at the Division Athletics Day in Newborough on Tuesday 30th April. Congratulations to Nate, Ada, Tori and Ted, you all should be very proud of yourselves. I have heard that you all displayed fantastic sportsmanship and skill. A special mention to Ted as he has been selected to go through to the Gippsland Regional Athletics day in October in the 200m and long jump. Well done Ted!



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 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. This year's book is 'Bowerbird Blues' by Aura Parker. This book will be read in all classrooms at Nilma PS at 12 noon on Wednesday 22nd May. Students will also make a Bower Bird in Marc with Mrs James.

MILL VALLEY CAMP—Wednesday 23rd October to Friday 25th October Information has gone out to all students in Years 3-6. This looks like an amazing camp and we hope that all students are able to attend.

Premiers' Reading Challenge All students have been registered and teachers will either log books for students in the junior grades or provide time for senior students to log 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>. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Buckler.

Building a national picture of child health From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

All students in Foundation were given a letter and information flier explaining the census.

Attitudes to School Survey The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. This year our school will be conducting the survey in the week beginning Monday 13th May. Information was sent home with all students in Years 4-6.



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Mrs Brown

During Term 1 students were introduced to Phonics Hero, an online learning platform which aligns with Nilma Primary School's Synthetic Phonics

Red Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 2- Week 1

Name
Ethan
Fairbairn



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 2- Week 2

Name
Mayla Velevski



You have received Learner of the week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You approach learning with a positive mindset and proudly represented the school at the Warragul ANZAC Day March and Service.

Term 2-Week 3

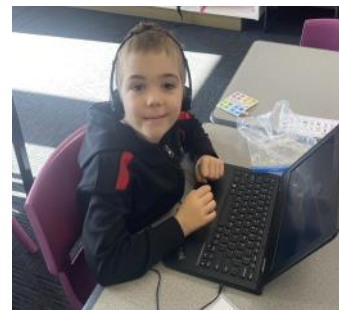
Name
Noah
Harrison



You have received Learner of the week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You continue to try your best and have shown excellent growth with your blending abilities when

Program. Students develop confidence with reading and spelling as they complete the engaging activities. Phonics Hero is Nilma Primary School's app of choice for reading and spelling as it is step-by-step, building from sounds to single words and then sentences, allowing students to develop skills in reading and spelling. Red Homegroup students find the Phonics Hero activities engaging and enjoy logging into the computers or iPads to complete the tasks. Students are able to access their Phonics Hero accounts at home, login credentials can be found on the inside cover of student diaries.

Go to <https://phonicshero.com/new-login/> to login and please let us know if you have any questions.



We would like to welcome Louisa Morris to Nilma Primary School. Louisa is currently studying Teaching and will be spending time in Red Homegroup during Term 2 and Term 3 to complete her 2nd Year Pre-Service Teacher Placement. We look forward to having Louisa in our classroom as she builds her teaching skills and immerses herself in all things Nilma!





Miss De Jong

Green Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 2- Week 1

Jasper



You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You display qualities of a respectful person, forming and maintaining **positive and equitable relationships**.

Term 2 - Week 2

Beau



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.

Term 2- Week 3

Jase



You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You proudly **share your learning and celebrate achievements** obtained through your efforts.

Green Home Group have had a fabulous start to the term!

During writing time, students

have been developing their skills in persuasive writing. This week, students are working on writing a piece on why their mum is the best! Some of the reasons students have come up with have been very insightful, so make sure to ask your child why they think you're the best!

Students have also enjoyed exploring different science concepts and ideas every Wednesday afternoon. This term, we have been exploring the 5 senses—sight, smell, touch, taste and feel.

Students especially loved exploring these senses using pieces of popcorn. The students had the opportunity to



look at, smell, feel, touch and even taste the differences between popped and un-popped pieces of popcorn.

It was a lot of fun!





Miss Gardiner

Blue Homegroup

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 2- Week 1

Wyatt Cobbledick

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.



Term 2- Week 2

Jai Walker

You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You present as a **keen** and eager learner seeking and attempting **learning challenges**.



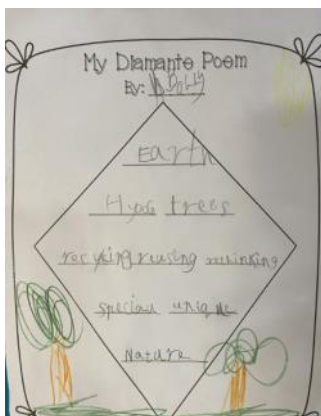
Term 2-Week 3

Sienna Bailey

You have received Learner of the Week for displaying the qualities of a REAL Learner. You are an active **listener**, taking on your peers' ideas and **listen attentively** to explicit teaching and instructions from the teacher.



Students in Blue Homegroup have become awesome poets over the last few weeks! Students have learnt about different types of poems including acrostic poems, haiku poems, diamante poems and shape poems, as well as some language features of poetry. Students have created several poems about topics of their choice and created a poem about Earth Day. Students then published their work, considering engaging ways to display their poems. You can find these poems displayed on the windows of our classroom.





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Miss Morrison

Yellow Homegroup has had a bustling start to the term. Our students have been actively involved in various activities, including Somers Camp, representing the school at divisional athletics, and

preparing for the district cross country. We were fortunate to have Mrs. Hodge visit our class to share her experiences hiking the Kokoda Trail, which tied into our learning about Anzac Day and the importance of commemorating the Anzacs.

The students also enjoyed mad Anzac biscuits.

Yellow Homegroup LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 2 – Week 1

Dakota Stanton

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.

Term 2 – Week 2

Lincoln Guy



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.

Term 1 -Week 3

Felicity Falconer



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.



During our Friday afternoon buddy sessions, the Year 5 students have taken on leadership roles by planning, preparing, and running fun activities. Last week, our buddies learned how to play Pony Express and Rob the Nest.



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Congratulations on your Reading Nights!

NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Stella, Bella,
James

50 Nights

Ethan, Noah,
Ruby M

75 Nights

Noah, Ruby W
Harrison

NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Arlo

50 Nights

Lacey

NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights

Sonny Benson
Wyatt Cobbledick
Brooke Flynn
Bobby Tumino

50 Nights

Lucy Buckler
Willow Campbell
Kendal Larkman
Sienna Bailey
Ted Phillips

75 Nights

Annie Kelly
Jai Walker

NIGHTLY READING

50 Nights

Ada Cross
Erika Bailey

100 Nights

Lahna Best
Hannah Flynn



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Student Wellbeing

Lunchtime activities: This term we continue with our lunch time activities and LEGO is making its way back by popular demand. Chess and checkers was a hit with so many students from different levels participating and playing. Below is the schedule that we will follow for the next fortnight with allocated times and days for the activities.

CASEA Program: The parent information session for CASEA has been rescheduled for the following date Monday the 13th of May, 2:15pm in the STEAM room. We apologize again for the reschedule.

Further parenting support: Anglicare Victoria run a ParentZone program with lots of free parenting support programs. Below is a link of programs running this term some face to face and some in via Zoom. These programs cover a range of topics each term and provide some valuable information.

Program	Dates	Location
Let's Talk about Parenting (3 Week Program)	Tuesday 04/06/2024 to Tuesday 18/06/2024	Anglicare Victoria 190 Commercial Road Morwell 3840
Parenting Anxious Teens & Tweens (3 Week Program)	Tuesday 11/06/2024- Tuesday 25/06/2024	Anglicare Victoria 190 Commercial Road Morwell 3840
Living with Autism (3 Week program)	Wednesday 05/06/2024 to Wednesday 19/06/2024	Anglicare Victoria 190 Commercial Road Morwell 3840
Parenting preps 4 -6 years (3 Week program)	When: Monday 03/6/2024 to Monday 17/06/2024 Time: 09:30am-1:30pm	Anglicare Victoria 190 Commercial Road Morwell 3840
Encouraging School Participation (Once off session)	When: Friday 21/06/2024 Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm	ZOOM
Sibling Rivalry (Once of Session)	When: Friday 21/06/204 Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm	ZOOM
Family Meetings (Once off session)	When: Tuesday 18/06/2024 Time: 11:30am-1:30pm	ZOOM
Risky Business Suitable for parents and caregivers of teens 12-18 (once off)	When: Friday 31/05/2024 Time: 11:00am-1:00pm	ZOOM
Dealing with transitions (Once off)	When: Friday 14/06/2024 Time: 9:30am-11:30am	ZOOM



To register contact Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au P: (03) 5135 9555 or contact Taylah who can support you to do so.



Clay

Over the past two weeks, students have been learning about clay.

The two main **characteristics** of clay:

Clay can be moulded and will keep the shape created.

When hardened (or kiln-fired), clay is protected from the effects of water.

Challenges when working with clay:

Modelling with clay can get very messy.

Without the right tools, the final product of the project can be quite limited.

It can be tricky to master the techniques of working with clay.

Working with clay takes time – preparation time, the actual making of the product and the final drying or firing.

Tools and equipment used:

- Wooden board
- Sponges
- Rolling pin
- Sculpting and carving tools
- Other objects such as sticks, straws, and plastic knives.

Techniques learned and used:

- Kneading
- Stretching
- Carving



Visual Arts



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Outside School Hours Care

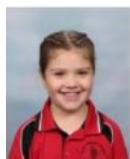
Well we have finally finished our awesome glow in the dark Unicorn puzzle. What a great achievement it has been and the children have enjoyed the somewhat frustrating but rewarding activity. We have continued with smaller puzzles and if anyone has any 500 or 1000 piece puzzles at home that might be suitable we would love to borrow them for the upcoming winter nights. Tennis and basketball has been popular as outside activities and inside we have done homework, made Pom Poms, played UNO and built racing car tracks to race our cars and trucks.

We would love to see more children in the program so if you have been thinking about OSHC please come and have a chat. With the new financial year approaching please see below and activate if you need to.

Confirm your child's enrolment details for Child Care Subsidy

We can only pay your Child Care Subsidy (CCS) if your child's enrolment is current.

Read more on how to check and confirm your child's enrolment details for CCS on [the Services Australia website](#). Estimate your 2024–25 family income You need to estimate your family income, so we pay you the right amount of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) and CCS. If you get FTB or CCS, you need to tell us how much your and your partner's income will be for the 2024–25 financial year. Read more on how to estimate your 2024–25 family income online on [the Services Australia website](#)



**Junior School Council
Semester 1 Members**



Tomorrow (Friday the 10th of May) is Walk Safely to School Day. Students and parents/carers are invited to meet at the bus shelter at the end of Bloomfield Road at 8.30am so we can all walk to school together.

The next Junior School Council meeting will be held on Monday the 13th of May.

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HEALTHY KIDS**



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SUSTAINABILITY

Mulching



Mini Hothouses



Weeding



Snail Traps



Fruit Platter

Homemade Lemon Cordial

Preparing Garden Bed



Watering



Fried Rice

Pruning



Snail Traps



Turning Compost Bays



Lettuce Cups

Happy Birthday

Mrs Beckley.

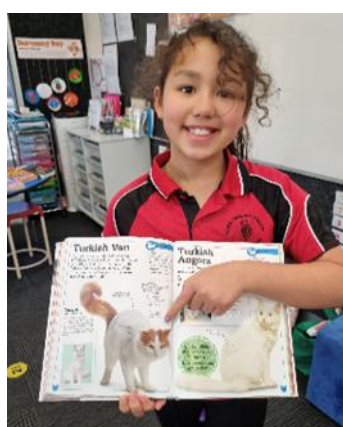
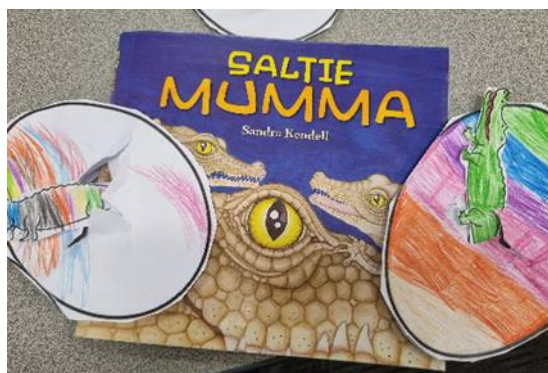


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MARC LIBRARY NEWS



Saltwater crocs, cute quokkas and shy platypuses are some of the animals Red and Green Homegroups have been reading about. Fun facts we have read include salties growing to 6m long, laying up to 70 eggs and attacking people, lucky for us they only inhabit northern Australia!

Blue and Yellow Homegroups have explored lots of new books in the MARC collection, graphic novels and 'Weird but True' books have been very popular. Students have been researching significant people, the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series have provided information on famous people. Did you know Michael Jordan also played baseball and has 5 children, a sporting notable famous across many generations. He is now 61 years old.





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COMMUNITY NEWS



GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE **FEMALE FOOTBALL CELEBRATION**



**Come and meet
Alex Chidiac,
Melbourne Victory player
& Matilda**



3PM: Round 4 Under 13 Girls matches
Drouin Dragons V Wonthaggi United
Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Breakers



4:30PM: Free Skills Clinic run by Alex & club volunteers. Limited places, registration essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/CRKNT>



5PM: Meet & Greet opportunity with Alex
Bring a ball or a poster for her to sign
Get a photo with Alex to brag to your mates



6PM: Q&A session with Alex
Have you ever wanted to ask a question of a professional player, here's your chance!



7PM: Round 4 Senior Women's match
Phillip Island Breakers V Mirboo North United

**FEMALE
FOOTBALL
WEEK**

**SATURDAY 11 MAY
FROM 3PM
AT KORUMBURRA
RECREATION RESERVE**

**OUR
GAME**

**CELEBRATING WOMEN
& GIRLS IN FOOTBALL**

#WeRise



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What's On @ Nilma!

May 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Breakfast Club	2 MARC	3 Assembly
6 Breakfast Club	7 School Lunch Orders	8 Breakfast Club	9 MARC	10 Walk to School Day
13 Breakfast Club	14 School Lunch Orders	15 Breakfast Club	16 MARC	17 Assembly
20 Breakfast Club	21 School Lunch Orders	22 Breakfast Club	23 MARC	24
27 Breakfast Club	28 School Lunch Orders	29 Breakfast Club	30 MARC	31

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		5 Breakfast Club	6 MARC	7 Assembly
10 Kings Birthday Public Holiday	11 School Lunch Orders	8 Breakfast Club	9 MARC	10