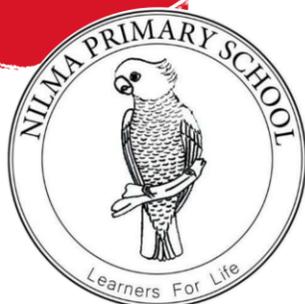


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## REAL NEWS @ NILMA

**EDUCATION WEEK FUN! Let's have a GAMES afternoon!**

**Parents and Grandparents Afternoon**

**Let's Celebrate Maths / Learning!**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 2.00pm**

**Come along and play some board games / games with the children**

**Students can dress up as anything that reminds you of a 'Learner'**

### DUET MUSIC PROGRAM

We are very excited to announce that Nilma Primary School was successful in receiving a grant through the DUET Music Program to undertake music sessions at Nilma! The grant of \$4000 will provide Nilma with equipment and training in partnership with 'The Song Room' for Ms Sutherland and Mrs Brown to be able to teach the sessions, starting with the Red and Green homegroups on Wednesday afternoons for Term 2. In Terms 3 and 4 we hope to be able to expand the program with Blue and Yellow homegroups too.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – Today!

Congratulations to all students and parents who participated in the 'Walk Safely to School Day Initiative' today! The Tattoos were great!



**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMON DAY  
FRIDAY 20th MAY  
TOMORROW**

**STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to The Song Room! This year your child will take part in a music program with a Song Room Teaching Artist. Our programs aim to help improve student learning outcomes and enhance school culture through quality music education.

The Song Room program will start in Semester 1 as part of 10-week program at your school. During this time your child will participate in curriculum-aligned music classes designed to connect students with their learning, improve education standards across a range of subject areas, and help enhance well-being and resilience. When students participate in our music programs we often see a great improvement in confidence, communication and collaboration skills.

This program will also give participating teachers the opportunity to progressively build their music teaching skills through supported team-teaching and assist them to independently deliver quality music education.

For over fourteen years The Song Room has been working in partnership with schools and communities across Australia to deliver highly effective, evidence-based, Arts Learning programs in all art forms of the Australian Curriculum.

Over a 12-month period, our programs are shown to deliver:

- Reduced absenteeism by 65%
- Significant increases in socio-emotional well-being, particularly increased confidence and self-esteem, with children coming to school eager to learn and ready to participate.

I would like to welcome you and your child to The Song Room! I look forward to working with your school community to build a positive, collaborative learning environment from which all members of the school community can benefit.

If you have any questions about the program or The Song Room, please feel free to contact me on (03) 9521 3990 or at [enquiries@songroom.org.au](mailto:enquiries@songroom.org.au).



### *A word from the Principal...*

#### **WELCOME TO NILMA**

We extend a warm welcome to Saige Birrell who will be supporting our OSHC program along with Meg and the ES team. Welcome Saige! Students may remember Saige from her time in the Green Homegroup (Year 2/1) earlier this term while she has been completing her placement.



We also welcome Lauren Ing to Nilma who is completing placement in the Red Homegroup (Year 1/F). Lauren is studying Certificate III in Education Support. She will be completing placement on Wednesday and Fridays for Term 2.

Mrs Lyn Weller (photograph) will be available the Office on Wednesdays to support the business management of the school.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING #4**

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM**

***No FINANCE MEETING***

#### **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was held over the last two weeks. Congratulations to all year 3 and 5 students who completed the assessments to the best of their ability. Remember it is one assessment on one day!

#### **2022 STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY**

##### **PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER**

Students in Year 4 to 6 will receive a letter to inform parents about the 2022 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at our school over the period May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> 2022.

#### **SMILING MIND – STUDENT WELLBEING**

This week, Sharon Faulds and I will commence the Smiling Mind Course to support the student wellbeing at Nilma. The vision of Smiling Mind is to help every mind thrive, through providing lifelong tools to support healthy minds. Smiling Mind supports educators to bring mindfulness-based Social and Emotional learning into the learning environment.

The course will enable children to grow up with skills they need to navigate our modern changing world.

Children should know how to look after their minds, as well as their physical bodies.

Mindfulness helps develop skills of attention, self-regulation, self-awareness and resilience.

It fosters skills needed to manage difficult emotions and reduce reactivity so that learning can take place.

Sharon and I will look forward to becoming Mindful Champions to support Nilma to implement strategies to enhance student wellbeing at Nilma.

We will keep families informed of strategies in the newsletter. Smiling Mind has a free app which families can access too. You can all download the App for FREE!

#### **PARENT - TEACHER DISCUSSIONS**

Parent Teacher Discussions for Semester 1 will be held on Thursday 23rd June at Nilma.

Parents can book in through SENTRAL. The booking system **will become active on Monday 6th June 2022** and close at 11.59pm on Wednesday 22nd June 2022.

If you require a discussion to be held on an alternate day, please notify the Office.

# What's happening..

## RED/GREEN HOMEGROUP

### Teddy Bear Sleepover and Friday Picnic / PJ Dress Up Day!



Thursday 09/06 – Friday 10/06

Students in F-2 will be participating in a range of teddy-bear based activities on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

Students will be required to bring a teddy bear to school on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June which they are happy to leave at school. Teddy bears will sleepover at school on the Thursday night. On the Friday, students can come dressed in PJs (Free Dress) and will enjoy a range of activities with their teddy bears including a Teddy Bears Picnic and teddy bears will return home with students on Friday afternoon.

## Junior School Council

### Junior School Council Meeting 4

We met with Ms Sutherland on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May to discuss what we would like to do for the term. There were lots of suggestions and ideas.

Lunch orders – hotdogs and pizzas, free dress days – Foodbank fundraiser, Education Week dress up, PJ day – bring a toy, movie day, scooter day and a soccer clinic for all homegroups.

Next week is Education week – on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm to celebrate learning, we want to invite parents into school to celebrate our learning and have a board game/games afternoon to celebrate our Mathematics at Nilma. We look forward to seeing all our parents or grandparents at school for the afternoon! All students are encouraged to dress up on this day to celebrate learning! Maybe dress up as a mathematician! Or anything that reminds you of a 'Learner!'



### Scooter Day and Hot Dog Day – Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>



**HOT DOG LUNCH ORDER DAY – FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**

**1 x Hot Dog & Juice Box \$4.00, Extra Hot Dog \$3**

**Orders & Payment must be in by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**Please write your name, homegroup & order on an envelope, enclose the money inside and hand into the Office.**

This term is only a nine-week term and with so many ideas we may have to group some. We have put all the ideas and dates on the school calendar in the newsletter.

**Please check the calendar page of the newsletter!**

# Red Homegroup

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Year 1/F  
Mrs Brown

Term 2 – Week 2

**Lacey**



*For using excellent mathematical language when sharing using groups. Keep up the great work Lacey!*

Term 2 – Week 3

**Blair**



*For the improvement you have shown with your writing. Well done on writing down the sounds you hear in the words.*

Term 2 – Week 4

**Mason**



*For the improvement you have shown when blending phonemes together to read words. Well Done Mason!*

Red Home Group were very fortunate to take part in the Baw Baw Shire Council's Paint the Town REaD initiative.

On Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, the 'EGG' visited us in class and we read the book 'The Mysterious Baw Baw Egg' by Valerie Jarred. This was a very exciting time for Red Home Group and we are very excited to find out what hatches out of the egg. The hatching will be taking place at the Paint Baw Baw REaD Expo on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May from 9-2pm.

More details about this community event are included in this newsletter.

"I think a platypus will hatch out of the egg" – Wyatt

"I think it is a platypus" – Alexis

"I think it is a dragon" – Mason

"I think a bunny rabbit will come out of the egg" – David

"I think a tadpole is in the egg" – Willow

"I think it is a bunny and a platypus" – Gypsy

"I think it will be a lizard" – Aubrey

"I think it is a lizard" – Arlo

"I think it is a tadpole" – Blair

"I think it is a bunny" – Madison



### Come along to our very first Paint Baw Baw REaD Expo.

Young families are invited to come along to this free, not-for-profit event to discover some of the kid friendly businesses and services on offer within the Shire!

#### What's on

Free face painting all day!

9.30am Live reading of 'The Mysterious Baw Baw Egg' by Valerie Jarred

10am Hatching of the Baw Baw Egg, revealing who's been growing inside

10.30am Australia Reptiles show

11am Fun Fins & Feathers reptile show

Visit up to 40 business stalls showcasing a range of products and services varying from physical activity, education, creativity and performing arts for little ones aged 0-7 years.

Scan the QR code for more event details!



**Saturday 21 May**  
**9-2 pm**

**West Gippsland Arts Centre**  
**Free event**

Paint the Town REaD is an early years literacy initiative that encourages the community to read, rhyme, talk and sing with children from birth to pre-settled children to ensure all children will be ready for reading and writing at school. Baw Baw Shire Council is committed to providing and actively promoting a safe environment for children.



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## NIGHTLY READING

**25 Nights**

Mason Aubrey

**50 Nights**

Blair Willow



# Green Homegroup

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Year 2/1  
Mrs Wilson

Term 2 – Week 2

**Tanner**



*You have received  
Learner of the  
Week for the  
improvement you  
have shown with  
your reading.  
Keep up the great  
work Tanner!*

Term 2 – Week 3

**Koby**



*You have received  
Learner of the  
Week for the  
improvement you  
have shown with  
your handwriting.  
Awesome effort,  
Koby!*

Term 2 – Week 4

**Darcee**



*You have  
received learner  
of the week for  
using your  
phonics  
knowledge to  
decode words  
while reading.  
Congratulations  
Darcee!*

Green Group have been learning about multiplication and sharing during Magnificent Math's. Here are some of the equations:

2 groups of 7 brownies make 14 – Willow

7 groups of 2 brownies equals 14 – Michael

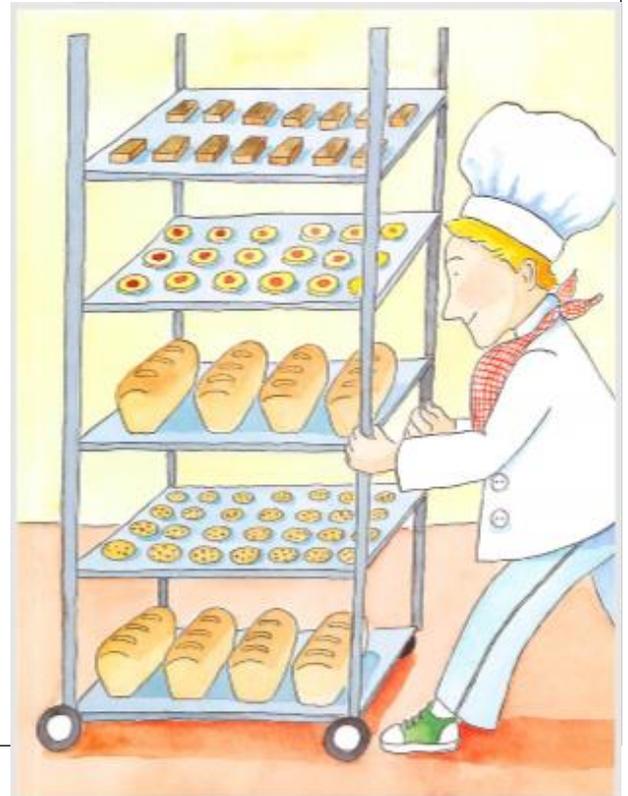
2 groups of 4 loaves of bread makes 8 – Jai

4 groups of 7 cookies equals 28 – Amelia.

3 groups of 6 jam drops make 18 jam drops

altogether - Charlie

The students thought of these sums to match pictures in the book 'Amanda Beans Amazing Dream'.



The students have been writing letters to persuade Duncan to either use them more or less!

During our history sessions we have been learning about how families are different and how the roles in families have changed over time.

# Blue Homegroup

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Year 4/3  
Miss Gardiner

Term 2 – Week 2

**Amelia**



*For your excellent contributions during class discussions when learning about persuasive writing. Keep up the great work, Amelia!*

Term 2 – Week 3

**Ada**



*You have received Learner of the week for your excellent work in mathematics when learning both time and multiplication this week. Keep up the great work, Ada!*

Term 2 – Week 4

**Ellie**



*You have received Learner of the week for your excellent work in literacy when learning about authors and their books in preparation for the Mini-Writers Festival. You are a respectful and responsible learner. Well done, Ellie!*

This fortnight, students in Blue Home Group have been continuing to learn about coding in Digital Technologies. Students have been learning to connect Little Bits hardware to an online program to build and apply code to their Little Bits light box panel. Students have experimented and discovered how to create their own pattern which is then transferred to the light box. Some students have also been able to program the software and hardware to produce sound!

This week in literacy, students have started learning about three authors in preparation for the Mini Writers Festival which is only two weeks away. Students have been completing activities such as summarising author's biographies, writing book reviews and responding to the author's writing challenge! We are looking forward to learning more from these authors when the writing festival begins!



### NIGHTLY READING

50 Nights

Charlotte

75 Nights

Ada

100 Nights

Tori Hannah

# Yellow Homegroup

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Year 6/5

Mrs Buckler & Mrs Farr

Term 2 – Week 2

**Layla**



*You have received Learner of the Week for always approaching tasks with enthusiasm and for the positive attitude that you bring to Mathematics sessions. Well done Layla!*

Term 2 – Week 3

**Visnja**



*You have received Learning of the Week for your active engagement in Visual Arts sessions and for demonstrating highlighted techniques and use of colour in your artwork. Well done Visnja!*

Term 2 – Week 4

**Lachlan**



*You have received Learner of the Week for your valuable contribution to group work during Maths. You were able to articulate your strategies to the group and listened well to others. Well done Lachy!*

Yellow HG welcomed Amelia Fathers back into our classroom this term for the first three weeks. Amelia is working towards finishing her teaching degree at Deakin University. Amelia joined in with planning and facilitated lessons with the students.

During Amelia's placement, she ran three Visual Arts lessons looking at the life and artworks of Vincent Van Gogh. Students were involved in recreating the famous painting 'Starry Nights' by studying the colours and techniques used.



Layla



Amelia



Mackenzie



Visnja

### NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights  
Cooper Caleb  
50 Nights  
Makkie  
75 Nights  
Mackenzie



# SUSTAINABILITY



Sieving composted soil

Seasonal salad

Chook house maintenance

Pizza



Harvesting produce



Planting seedlings

Making dough



Kale chips

Weeding

Mulching

PIC-COLLAGES

# NATIONAL BEE DAY

*Nilma students have been as busy as bees!*

*Today we celebrated National Bee Day! (although the official day is tomorrow – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May!)*

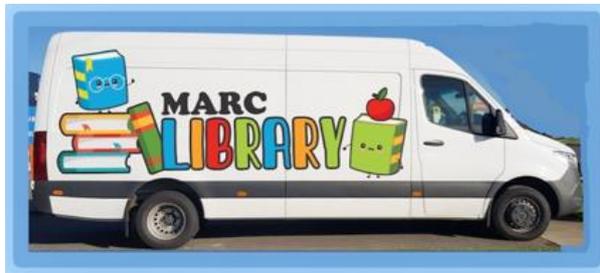
*The Red and Green homegroup were lucky to have a visit from Paul, a local Bee Keeper, to learn lots about the significance of the bees to our community.*



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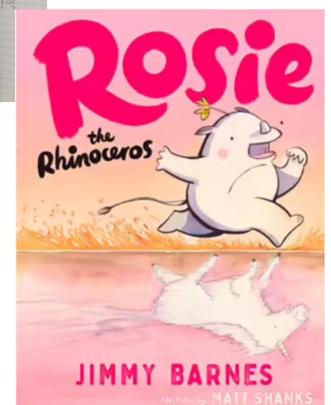
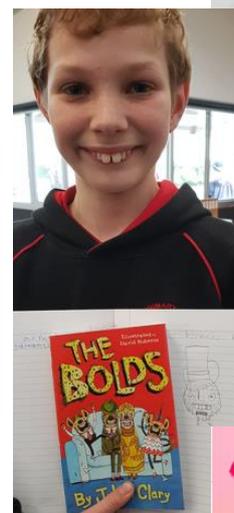
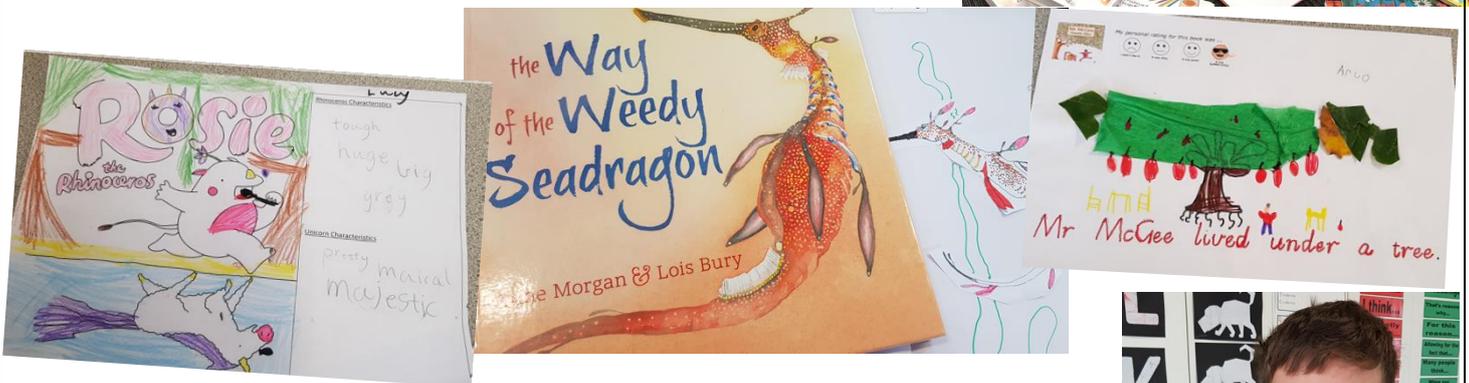


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# MARC LIBRARY NEWS

Nilma students have enjoyed reading lots of new books in the MARC Library collection. Yellow and Blue groups are focusing on Nonfiction books this term, they are learning about the Dewey Decimal system (the method of organising books in libraries). The Way of the Weedy Seadragon was a favourite book about the fascinating sea creature that lives in the waters of Southern Australia. Green group have been looking at character descriptions, Rosie the Rhinoceros by Jimmy Barnes was a popular book about a Rhino that wanted to be a unicorn. Red group are enjoying Mr McGee books by Pamela Allen these engaging books have been voted 'The Best' by Red group.



# AUSLAN

Mr Sparkes has commenced our AUSLAN program – this week Colours will be our focus.



 **ALPHABET**

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X
Y	Z		

 **COLOURS**

 RED	 BROWN	 YELLOW	 PINK
 GREEN	 WHITE	 ORANGE	 BLUE
 BLACK	 PURPLE	 GREY	
 SILVER	 GOLD		
 RAINBOW			

# SPORTING SCHOOLS

## GYMNASTICS

*For the next 6 weeks we will be doing Gymnastics for our PASE Program on Thursdays.*

*Pip from REACH Gymnastics will bring his expertise to Nilma!*



*Gymnastics was so much fun!*

*From the Office....*

### **YEAR 3 – 6 ‘POSITIVE START IN 2022’ CAMP – CAMP RUMBUG**

It isn't long now until we head to camp! Thank you to all students who have returned their permission forms. A note outlining drop off and pick up times has been distributed to students along with a 'what to pack' list. Students that require medication whilst on camp, we ask that parents please have medication clearly labelled and stored and hand the medication to Vicki on the morning of Wednesday 8th June. If you have any questions or concerns regarding camp, please speak with your child's homegroup teacher. We also encourage families to have a look together at the camp's website; <https://www.pgladventurecamps.com.au/rumbug/> to check out the activities, sample menu and photos of the camp!

### **WEST GIPPSLAND CROSS COUNTRY**

Good luck to Zach, Jaxon, Caleb, Mackenzie, Makayla, Nate and Jenni who are representing Nilma PS at the West Gippsland Cross Country to be held on Tuesday 24th May at Chairo Christian School in Drouin East. Students will be supervised by Mr Eeles and transported by Mr Eeles and Vicki on the day. Students will leave Nilma at approx. 10am and return by 2.30pm. Don't forget to pack your lunch, drinks and snacks for the day. We also suggest bringing a towel and a spare change of clothes and shoes in case the track is muddy!

### **WEST GIPPSLAND RURAL SCHOOLS**

#### **SPORTS ASSOCIATION (WGRSSA)**

#### **FOOTBALL & NETBALL TEAMS**

Nominations for the WGRSSA Football and Netball teams are now open! Students that are interested in participating must attend the training/organising session on Monday 30th at 4pm at Darnum PS. Parents are to provide the transportation and supervision at the training session. **Please note that nomination does not guarantee participation as there are a number of students nominated from all schools within the WGRSSA (Darnum, Nilma, Ellinbank, Bona Vista, Ripplebrook and Lardner).**

Students that are selected to represent WGRSSA will play a challenge game against Buln Buln Primary School on Wednesday 1st June at the Buln Buln Recreation Reserve, to determine which school team will participate in the Division Sports Round Robin on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Bellbird Park in Drouin. Transportation and supervision at these events must be provided by parents also.

Further information will be given to students after the training session. If you have any further queries, please contact the Office.

*Thank you to our 2022 Student  
Diary Sponsors!*



**Happy Birthday**

Nate

David

Ted

# What's On @ Nilma!

MAY 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	17	18 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	19 Sporting Schools - Gymnastics Newsletter MARC	20 <b>PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMON DAY - NUMERACY NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL</b>
23 <b>EDUCATION WEEK Breakfast Club</b>	24 West Gippsland Cross Country	25 National Simultaneous Story Time <b>Breakfast Club</b>	26 Sporting Schools - Gymnastics MARC	27 Let's Celebrate Learning @ Nilma - DRESS UP / Parent Fun Maths Games Afternoon - 2pm
30 <b>MINI WRITER'S FESTIVAL WEEK WGRSSA Football/Netball Training Session @ Darnum Breakfast Club</b>	31 <b>MINI WRITER'S FESTIVAL WEEK</b>			

JUNE 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 WGRSSA Football/Netball Practice Game @ Buln Buln <b>Breakfast Club</b>	2 Sporting Schools - Gymnastics MARC	3 <b>SCOOTER DAY &amp; HOT DOG DAY</b>
6 School Council Meeting #4 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	7 WGRSSA Football/Netball	8 <b>YEAR 3-6 CAMP Breakfast Club</b>	9 SPECIALIST PLANNING DAY - modified timetable for RED/GREEN Newsletter <b>YEAR 3-6 CAMP</b>	10 <b>P-2 PJ / FREE DRESS DAY - Teddy Bear Picnic YEAR 3-6 CAMP</b>
13 <b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	14	15 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	16 Sporting Schools - Gymnastics MARC Homegroup Planning Day	17 <b>FOODBANK FUNDRAISER Free Dress Gold Coin Day</b>
20 Reports Sent Home <b>Breakfast Club</b>	21	22 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	23 Parent Teacher Discussions 1pm - 5pm	24 Assembly <b>LAST DAY TERM 2 1.15PM FINISH</b>
27	28	29	30	

JULY 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
11 <b>START TERM 3 Breakfast Club</b>	12	13 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	14 Newsletter MARC	15 Assembly
18 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	19	20 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	21 MARC	22
25 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	26	27 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	28 MARC	29 Assembly