



Niland News

Term 2 2015

Safety

Respectful

Learning

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A Word from our Relieving **PRINCIPAL**

It has yet again been a very exciting term at Niland. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers, DEC staff and external staff for the amazing support I have received whilst relieving as Principal.

As you are probably already aware, our Principal Renee Culgan has been supporting another school this term and will return shortly.

Some of the highlights this term have been:

- The huge improvement of behaviour at our assemblies every Friday.

- The ongoing PBL rewards excursion on a Friday.
- Jie Pittman's Liven Deadly program with room 2.
- The return of Interest Groups.

These are just a few examples of the many great things our students at Niland are achieving. We look forward to much more progress within the classrooms where students are being safe, respectful learners.

Our core business is teaching and learning and the planning

that goes into all things Niland stems from this fact. We endeavour to provide a learning environment where willing students can engage in lessons that are planned with their academic and social interests in mind.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Your in Partnership

Acting Principal

Tim Gardner

About our **INTEREST GROUPS!**

At Niland, it's important to find as many ways as we can to encourage the individual interests of our students, giving them every opportunity to engage and achieve in areas of their ability and talent.

So this term, under the amazing organisation of Mr Finch, Thursday afternoon becomes a hive of different groups around the school, all looking at

different areas of the curriculum and syllabus.

Groups include: **Dance, Fitness, Board Games, Movie Making, Drumming, Table Tennis, Creative Arts, Gardening, Drama and Team Sport.** It's

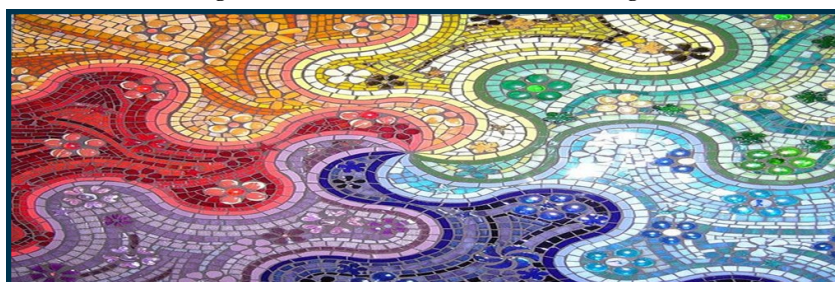
amazing to walk around the school during these activities and see the kids so excited and engaged in the groups they've selected. We'll be continuing

this program next term, look for pictures of your awesome kids participating in these activities on our website very soon.

Well done everyone for your enthusiasm and positivity around this program!

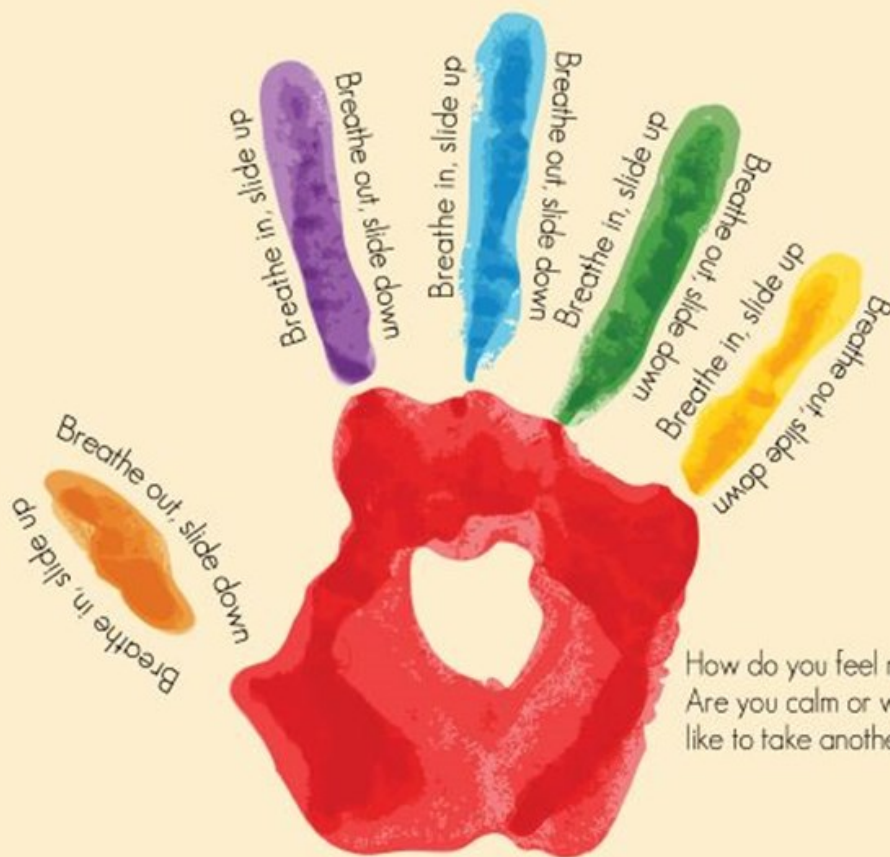
Lyssa Davis

Relieving Assistant Principal

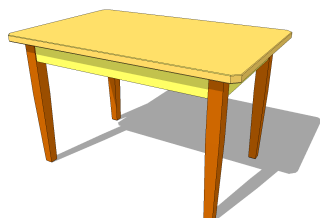


CALM DOWN WITH TAKE 5 BREATHING

1. Stretch your hand out like a star.
2. Get your pointer finger ready to trace your fingers up and down.
3. Slide up each finger slowly ~ slide down the other side.
4. Breathe in through your nose ~ out through your mouth.
5. Put it together and breathe in as you slide up and breathe out as you slide down.
Keep going until you have finished tracing your hand.



From MRS
SPEDDING'S



SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

MONDAY 30th June– FRIDAY 10th July

Have a happy safe time.

MONDAY 13th July

Staff Development Day

NO STUDENTS

TUESDAY 14th July **STUDENTS RETURN**

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday

23rd July 2015

Naidoc Day Celebrations

Niland School

All families welcome

Activities begin in hall from 9:30

Bush Tucker provided 12:30pm



Niland Work Training 2015

We would like to congratulate our the senior students who are participating in work training this year. You are showing that you have the skills and attitude needed to enter the workforce when you leave school.

Special congratulations to Jaid who has successfully completed her 10 week program at **Coles** with outstanding results. She is continuing her placement at **Coles** on Wednesday and has also started a new work placement at **Best and Less Mt Druitt**. Well done Jaid, you should be proud of your achievements so far.

Kane is continuing his placement at **Volvo** and we are currently negotiating for a second day per week.

Daniel and Corey are both keen workers who have received positive feedback from their employers and continue to set a good example to the younger students at Niland who will be joining the work training program next year.

Bailey has just started a new work placement at **Foodworks** in **Whalan** and we wish him good luck and hope that he is able to gain some part time work as a result.

The **Nova** School to work program has been running during term 2 and students are gearing up for their transition to post school options and hopefully paid employment.

Mrs Kennedy and Mr Finch

SAVE THE DATE! **FRIDAY 31ST JULY 2015**



LADIES PAMPER SESSION

WHERE: Niland School

WHEN: Friday 31st July 2015

TIME: 10:00am– 12:00noon

COST: **FREE**

RSVP: Friday 24th July

Light refreshments will be provided.

If transport is an issue, please call our office and discuss the options.

For catering purposes, could you please RSVP to:

Kisane Wilson

Community Co-ordinator on (M) 0419 831 490

Or

Call Niland School on PH: 9628 6885



R oom One

Term 2, wow!

Time has certainly flown this year. Let me start by saying it is good to be back and it has also been great getting to know everyone in Class 1.

We welcomed a new student, Tyrone, to our class and he is settling in nicely.

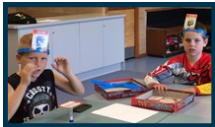
Interest Groups are back, which sees Archie and Brayden testing out their acting skills in Drama while Josh, Harley and Tyrone are getting active in Fitness.

As usual, Friday Rewards are very popular, especially Planet X and Kaos.

Class 1 boys have been lucky enough to attend multiple excursions and they represent Niland with pride.

Ms Piper

Co-operating



Headbanz



Planet X Roller Blading

R oom Two



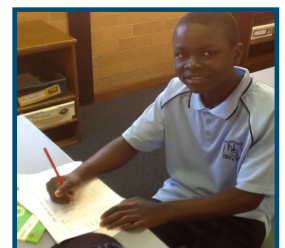
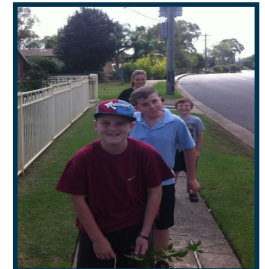
Term 2 has seen an exciting program that is run by Jie Pittman called **Liven' Deadly**. The **'Liven' Deadly program** is a program open to all Aboriginal students. Jie has been coming to our class every Tuesday teaching students about culture, fun activities, art, dancing and a good yarn.

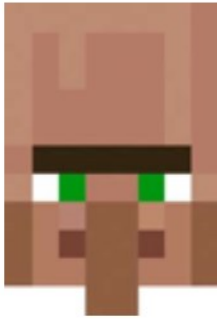
Mr Seddon

R oom Four

Welcome back Conradd, Wilson, Jake, Sam, Jayden and Aaron. In term 2 we have undertaken a unit of work on different sporting codes including NRL, AFL and A-league. Students have enhanced their chronological skills in learning about the origins of football clubs. We have also engaged with a variety of multimedia demonstrating game rules and club anthems. Our weekly footy tipping program has continued into term 2 with some surprising results. All students are continually developing their financial literacy by walking down to the shops every week and purchasing ingredients for cooking. In the afternoon sessions we have been engaging with a range of group based activities to enhance literacy and numeracy including a variety of board games, art creation and food preparation. Most of Class 4 has attended weekly reward excursions due to their positive behaviour in class, school and the wider community. Term 2 saw the departure of Sam for a new school. Class 4 and Niland wish him all the best at his new setting and for his future education.

Mr Dunn





Room 3

VILLAGER NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

Students and staff had a great time preparing for and participating in the annual Cross Country Carnival, creating motivational posters to inspire others and proudly wearing their house colours during the event.



TRICKY TASTEBUDS SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

As part of our healthy living unit, students developed an experiment to answer the question “Does our sense of smell influence what we eat?” During our weekly excursion to Emerton Shopping Centre we purchased capers, spicy salsa, condensed milk, anchovy spread, lemon butter and sour lollies to use to test our hypothesis.

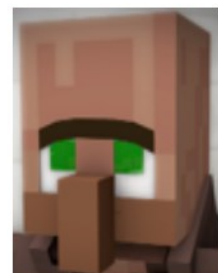
After a fun filled afternoon we discovered that when you block your nose while you eat, you cannot taste if something is sweet, bitter, spicy or sour. The only taste we were all able to detect was the saltiness of the capers.

Students and staff also participated in the Happy Meal challenge to test if they could consume all of the food items in a cheeseburger Happy Meal (including a chocolate shake) once they have been blended together to form a liquid meal. The taste was totally terrible, however we concluded that Max must have an iron stomach as he loved it so much that he even drank the remaining contents after the experiment was over!



FAREWELL VILLAGER # 10

A student from room 3 returned to his mainstream setting after achieving many personal goals, with the help of his classmates.



Ms Muzycka

R oom Five

The students in room five have had a very busy term engaging with learning both in and out of the classroom. This term the girls have really enjoyed our Girl's Group program where we were joined by some ladies from Karabi Centre and we learnt about the importance of good self-esteem, setting goals and making positive relationships. It was good to see how actively the girls engaged with this program and how much they got out of it. The girls particularly enjoyed the team building challenges and group work it was brilliant to see how involved the girls were in their learning and entertaining to see how many of our Niland boys wanted to be in the girls group. As well as this we have recently started preparing for our annual senior art exhibition. The girls this term are looking at using art as an expression for their feelings and emotions. It is great to see their skills develop in this area and the team work it fosters as the girls assist each other with the design and problem solving processes. Stay tuned for the exhibition/ auction in the upcoming future.

Ms Higgs & Mrs Brown



R oom Six



Class six has been working with literacy kits to improve student engagement. Kits are changed week to week so as to give students a different experience learning grammar, writing and spelling. A main objective for students is to have the reading, writing and listening skills to successfully complete a ten week work experience program. After ten weeks students may be placed in paid work with the assistance of a supported employment program such as Nova employment.

Some students in class six are also successfully completing their Life Skills HSC. This award is issued by the NSW Board of Studies and students are looking forward to holding their newly gained qualification. From this point some students will either enrol in TAFE or start permanent employment that has been organised before they leave school.

Mr Jahn

Room Seven

In Room 7, we support each other. We've enjoyed many awesome activities this term and have been really keen to work on our boxing skills for co-ordination and fitness. We've looked at some of the greatest mysteries of the world and have lots of discussions about if that can be solved and if we can solve them. For example, do you think mermaids exist? Some in Room 7 do, others really don't!! We've raced well in Cross Country and we've been really keen to be part of our interest groups on Thursdays. The dance group really know how to work it! From term 1, sport is still a favourite. Lets hope we can continue to rack those points up for our teams. Niland bucks are BRILLIANT. One of us was even fortunate enough to save enough money for a phone. A great achievement! Still, the most important part of Room 7 is respect, safety and a love of learning. That is what we are here for and most of the time we're able to achieve those goals. We so look forward to next term, where more adventures, learning and fun await!

Until then,
Room Seven!



Room Eight

Term 2 has been a time for our class to work together as a team and learn to accept each other as unique and individual. It's a work in progress, but we are getting there.

Ability Options and NOVA Employment have been working with members of our class on a weekly basis, teaching the Senior Boys about strengths, ethics and safety in the workplace. This will continue throughout the remainder of the term.

It's pleasing to write that half our class have received the weekly PBL award for the playground and we believe Mr Gardner has taken great joy in giving this reward.

Interest Groups have been a hit with our class. Everyone enjoys the freedom of choosing their interest activity and doing this each week. Activities include Niland TV, visual arts, dance and fitness. We have all enjoyed learning with a variety of teachers and students.

Table tennis and science experiments are the real winners this term. Mr Syed regularly trains our class to strengthen the skills in table tennis. You never know, one of our senior boys may play for Australia one day, just like Mr Syed.

Ms Zorzo & Mr Syed

Room Nine

Another term has passed at Niland School.

Yes you are right, semester one has gone and students will get their reports soon.

It has been a good semester for all students in our class. We continued to work hard on improving Behaviour, English and Maths as well as make learning fun. In History/Geography we are learning about Perth beginnings and how it evolved. In science/Physics we took a closer look at the different states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) and how it relates to every day objects.

A big thank you goes to Timothy, Chloe, Daniel, David, Travis and Jason, we Learn a lot, we Respect each other and we are being Safe. We are looking forward to working with you term 3 / semester 2.

Mr Winkelmolen, Mrs Sonter, Mrs Thelan.

Caring for our Community

Call Jo (M) 0423 739 945

To organise your food hamper



Homelessness & social housing

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SUPPORTING at HOME:

for the better of our Community!

We have also been busy supporting families within their homes. It is **fantastic** that some families feel **comfortable** enough to ask for support. We have been able to support with doctors appointments, food hampers even blankets and quilts. So please, don't be afraid , just come and chat to us. If we can help you, with needs external from school and it's possible, we certainly will!

REMEMBER: Your secret is our secret...nobody needs to know!!!



For any support just call our Community

Co-ordinator

Kisane Wilson

(M) 0419 831 490

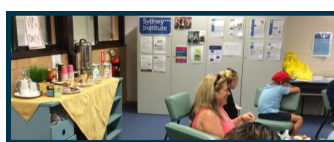
she will gladly support you and your family.

COMMUNITY ROOM

Every Student Every School

Term 2 has been extremely busy "behind the scenes" of our Niland Community Room.

Having said that ,we took the time out to thank the **Very Important Ladies** ,(in the lives of our students), and treat them to a lovely morning tea. In our setting, it is sometimes difficult for the families to connect together and form friendships. It was a pleasure to host such a friendly, happy morning and see a number of the guests exchange phone numbers and leave with new friendships and smiles on their faces. We even had a very surprised "Lucky Door Prize" winner. Jessica's Nan Chris won herself a double movie pass and a scented candle, simply for coming along. So next time we send out an invitation, you never know what you may win.



Karabi
Community & Development Services Inc

Karabi Community Group spent Term 2 with our senior girls presenting the "**Girls Only**" program. Workshops have been around self respect, self worth, hygiene, what's a healthy relationship, what's a healthy friendship all key factors whilst going through your teen years. The program was delivered in an understanding and respectful manner to our girls and a respectful , trusting relationship has now been established with our girls and Sherie from Karabi. In Term 3 our Niland girls will be partnering with Mt Druitt Tutorial Centre girls for their introduction to the Karabi Program. Take a look at our advertisement on the next page, for more girls groups that you may like to be part of. Alternatively, why not check out their webpage for more information and introduce this fantastic service to your school environment.



TRY TIME JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE.

Established in 2013, Try Time Junior Rugby League provides a safe and enjoyable environment where children with special needs can play Rugby League. (non-contact)

Contact :

Brothers J.R.L.C Penrith.

Barry Costa

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Junior Rugby League for People with Special Needs & Intellectual Disabilities

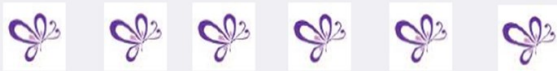
Community News

Girls Group

For Ages 12 to 16 years
Activities and talks by girls for girls
Every Friday at our Seven Hills Centre from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

NO BOYS ALLOWED

Food and Drink provided
Learn new skills
+
Meet new friends.
Call Sherie on 9631 7055
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Sue: 0423 108 466 (9:30 am - 4:30 pm)	Sharon: 0408 584 186 (6 pm - 10 pm)
Tina: 9629 2485/0413 305 523 (12 pm - 7 pm)	Jeanette: 0401 148 076 (7 pm - 9 pm)
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Info sessions

Thurs 25th June 2015

Thurs 16th July 2015

Thurs 23rd July 2015

Thurs 30th July 2015

@ 10am

Room K 1 24 O'Connell Street

Kingswood,

Proposed Timetable

Full-time for 17 weeks – starting late July

9:30 am to 2:30 pm, 4 days @

Kingswood with school holidays off.

\$320 and \$80 conc. if eligible

Fee-Free Scholarships available

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<http://wsi.tafensw.edu.au/courses-and-careers/course-search/13868/>

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Contact: Liz Agars 92089416



Free Groceries

Sound too good to be true...well it's not!! Come along to a location near you and simply BYO bags and fill up!

MONDAY

9am – 11am (please bring your own bag)
Iregeer Presbyterian Community Church
Iregeer 117 Ellsworth Drive,

7pm-8pm
Outside Blacktown Post Office Main St (Opp Train Station), Blacktown
Love of Jesus Christian Church
Radiance Of Jesus Christ

TUESDAY

9am – 12pm
The Rock Community Centre 32 Copeland Street,
Kingswood

FRIDAY

3:30pm – 4:30pm
In the Park (Winds Of Freedom) Cnr Birdwood Ave & Rosenthal St Doonside

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Judges Car Park, Penrith

9:30am – 12n
St James Anglican Church Cnr Halinda & Karangi Rd, Whalan

SATURDAY

12n – 1:30pm
PCYC Mt Druitt, 453a Luxford Rd, Mt Druitt

9am – 10am
Rooty Hill Shops (opp Train Station) Rooty Hill Rd Nth, Rooty Hill
Reflections Christian Ministry

3:30pm – 4:30pm
Koolyangarra Aboriginal Child & Family Centre,
1 Kingston Pl, Cranbrook (The Rock Community Centre)

8am – 9am
Whalan Community Centre (Behind Shops) Bulolo Drive, Whalan
Tabernacle Worship Centre

THURSDAY

4pm-5:30pm
Emerton Youth Centre 56 Copeland Rd, Emerton

11am – 1pm
Mt Druitt Train Station at the Train Station Mt Druitt
Calvary Life Christian Church Int

SUNDAY (Every Second Week)

6pm - 8pm
Outside Commonwealth Bank Dawson Mall Mt Druitt
Plumpton Community Church

12pm Plus a free Meal
Coachman's Park Queen Street, St Mary's
Jesus Is Lord - Worship Centres



*"With man this
is impossible
but with GOD all
things are
possible"*
Matthew 19:26



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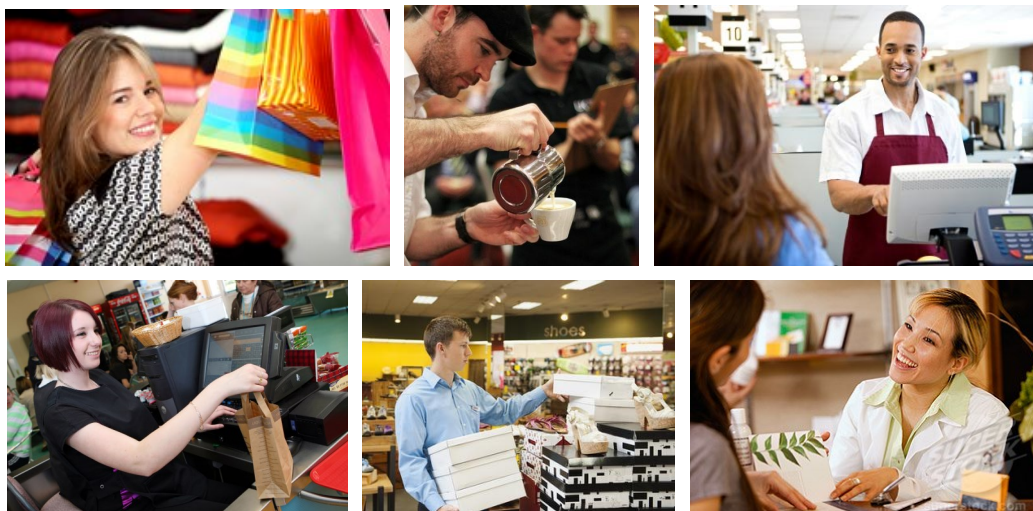
CERTIFICATE II IN RETAIL SERVICES

Get a real advantage when applying for that job!

The training course runs for 8 weeks – with two days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday) of classroom training, plus self-directed learning and assessments.

This course covers the skills required in a retail workplace, including:

- Customer service skills
- Food safety practices
- Food Safety Supervisors Certificate
- Merchandising and displays
- Prepare and serve espresso coffee
(includes making coffees in a Cafe)
- Selling products and services
- Marketing and promotion



Start Date: Tuesday 21st July 2015

Venue: Youthlink Centre: 13 Walters Road Blacktown

Contact: Kerri-Ann Natrass

0437 846 152



This training is subsidised by the NSW Government

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Medals and Trophies



It is very exciting to see so many students receiving awards during term 2 and spending their points on rewards such as – Canteen vouchers, Niland bucks, iTunes cards and movie tickets.

The following students have received major awards this term

Silver Medal

Mokotoa

Jessica

Tye

Silver Trophy

Maxwell

James

Corey

Kasey

It's fantastic to see these students achieve their levels and receive the gifts they are working so hard for.

Keep up the great work!

Gold Medal

Bailey

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