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A Word from our PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Niland School

What a fantastic term we have had!

I was reflecting on Term 2, and what stood out the most was the vast number of activities Niland School students had been involved in this term.

I was amazed when I thought of the wide range of opportunities that staff had provided but also at the fact that students have accepted these opportunities and participated with enthusiasm, respect and pride.

These opportunities include our Anzac Day Service, where students showed respect to the Diggers that came into Niland and told their War stories our behaviour reflected our school expectations of respect, safety and learning.

We have also participated in interschool sports competitions and shown such fantastic sportsmanship that staff from other schools complimented our students on their behaviour, manners and sportsmanship.

It is when I am able to sit back and reflect on the term that I realise just how much our students have grown. This is a true reflection of not only the staff's dedication to the students success but also the partnership between Niland our parent community and for this I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Have a safe and happy holidays.

Your in Partnership

Renee Culgan

A Word from our Assistant Principals

Term 2 has been busy with in the Community Room with Minecraft. The students have been thoroughly enthralled with Survival Mode, almost as much as Mr Finch. It's wonderful to be part of their challenges and watch them share, communicate and help build each other's homes in Minecraft.

We have enjoyed sport and the

many great games of cricket and soccer played each sport session and break times. Our junior students need to be commended on their increased participation in both games. Well done!

Another big thank you goes out to many of our junior boys who have spent many break times volunteering to clean up our school and playground. They

have new tools to pick up all rubbish and make our school a lovely place.

We look forward to continued enjoyment in term 3.

Mr Finch, Mr Prasad and Mrs Zorzo



raisingchildren.net.au
the australian parenting website

Stressful School Mornings?

How to get kids ready for school without a fight

From raisingchildren.net.au

How things go at home in the morning can set the tone for the day ahead. Children who arrive at school feeling calm, relaxed, fed and ready can make the most of the first few hours of the day.

Children don't understand time in the same way as grown-ups. This can make school mornings a stressful time of day for families. Time pressures and competing demands can turn mornings into a combat zone. Getting along in the morning at home will also help you. Research shows that fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at work. Here are some ideas to take some of the pressure out of school mornings even if things don't always go smoothly!



The night before

Prepare lunches and set the breakfast table ready for the morning rush.

Get your child to have a **bath the night before**. This means you won't have to worry about this in the morning.

You could also try to **prepare clothes, sign school notes, and get schoolbags ready** the night before.

Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there is something special going on at school.

You might know something is going to come up that could cause conflict (such as buying lunch or choosing which clothes to wear). **Talk about it the night before** when everybody has time and is less likely to be stressed.

Make sure your child gets **enough sleep** to be fresh for the next school day. A **consistent bedtime** can help with this.

In the morning

Getting up an extra 15-30 minutes earlier might help things run more smoothly. Also try to allow plenty of time to get from home to school. Rushing can really increase stress levels.

Good moods can be infectious. Tackle the morning as positively and as optimistically as you can.

Mornings are easier if your children can do things for themselves. Once your children are old enough, getting dressed on their own, making their own breakfast, and tidying up after themselves can all make things easier. If your children are young, **remind them what they are meant to be doing** and when. Simple 'to do' checklists, even with pictures, can help as a reminder.

Some children get up more easily if they have an **alarm clock**.

Try to **cut down on distractions**. Television is one of the culprits that can distract children from getting ready. Consider leaving it off, unless it's a special treat for being ready on time.

Focus on the positives. A rule of thumb here is six positives for every negative. Look for good behaviour and try to ensure that positive comments outweigh instructions and reprimands.

Use surprises to celebrate cooperation and being ready on time. A treat in the lunch box, or an extra story at bedtime might be all it takes.

Try not to give your children extra attention for arguing, whining or stalling. Even negative attention is an incentive for them to keep arguing, whining and stalling.



Go to raisingchildren.net.au for other great information for parents

Counsellors: Daisy Robb & Rebecca Falzon

PSC

The **Premier Sporting Challenge** includes a range of initiatives with one common purpose - to have more students, more active, more of the time! The Premier's Sporting Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

Sport plays an important role at Niland in developing regular physical activity, provides positive health outcomes and is a fun and healthy way to connect with our local community of schools. Niland schools involvement in

this program was through an interschool sporting competition with other schools, Roland Hassall SSP, Blacktown Tuition centre, Penrith adolescent Centre, Casuarina SSP, Plumpton House and Coreen SSP.

The students travelled to the different schools and participated in the designated sport for the term.

The Sport for this term has been Soccer and was hosted by

Casuarina School in Riverstone. Students enjoyed this familiar sport as last term they had to learn Flag Gridiron. All students that participated showed a high level of respect, sportsmanship and also represented Niland in a very positive manner.

I would like to personally congratulate all students that chose to participate this term and encourage them to stay active and make healthy choices.

Mr Amit Prasad

Niland Work Training 2016

Wow another term is nearly over and our work training program is in full swing.

Our students have been very eager to participate in the programs and we have had some outstanding results.

This term our year 11 & 12 students have engaged in NOVA's Transition to Work Program. Each Thursday Karen from NOVA comes to Niland and works with our students to develop skills and strategies associated with developing a successful transition to work plan. Thank you to Miss Higgs for her support.

The following students are engaged in Work Training this term:

Destiny & Jessica – Coles

Chloe & Jai & James – Thorndale, (thank you to Miss Thelan who supports the students at Thorndale.)

Tye – Catholic Care Catering

Dylan & Brendan – TAFE (Electronics)

We look forward to the continued success of this program in term 3.

Mr Amit Prasad & Mrs Tracy Kennedy

ROOM 1 NEWS

LEARNING IN A SAFE, RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT



TAFE Success

Our senior students Brendon and Dylan have been achieving great results at TAFE and building upon their knowledge and skills, recently reconfiguring circuit boards.

Achieving goals and earning rewards

Students have been working hard towards achieving their individual and classroom group goals. For their ongoing effort, persistence and application in class they have selected two hammocks as a reward. Students have developed their own rules and expectations for the safe use of the hammocks and are doing a great job following them.

The Growth Mindset

Students have been introduced to The Growth Mindset. They have been learning about the benefits of a positive mindset over a fixed mindset and the implications for learning new information and skills.



Dylan completing a 3D puzzle



Room 2 Math



This Term Room 2 have been learning their Numeracy and Literacy skills through Mathletics and Reading Eggs. A new program which is accessed on our ipads, smartboards and computers.



Daniel, Hunter and Jai enjoying wheelchair basketball. Wheelchair Sports NSW Roadshow visited Niland School. What a great day!

ball. Brett from



Room Five

Term two has come and gone very quickly for the students in room 5. This term Niland had a class shuffle; meaning that the students in room five got some new friends, a new room and a new teacher. With all of that happening we had to find our feet fast and get under way with some serious catch up on relationship building, school and classroom expectations and most importantly our learning.

A big focus this term in room 5 has been working towards the achievement of goals that are individualised to each of our student's specific needs. We also worked on completing our work independently so that we can see what skills we have and what we will need to work on to help ready us for life after school. Jaid Roach Reid and Corey Budd have shown excellence in their studies this term and are definitely well on their way to achieving some big things this year.

As a part of the Class 5 program the students also recently started working with the NOVA employment agency with thanks to our very dedicated work training coordinator Tracy Kennedy. With the NOVA agency we are working on developing our knowledge and skills to assist us with a transition program for life after school.

Looking forward to term three will see room five students getting out and about in the community. We have proven our maturity and independence successfully in the classroom and now look forward to showing it again in some more adventurous and fun places.



On 4 May, 2016 Mt Druitt Local Area Command hosted a visit by teachers and students from Niland Primary School (class six). The three students handed Superintendent Philippi an invitation for him and the officers at his Command to come to their school and be involved in some of the schools activities. Officers will be invited to attend Breakfast Club of a morning and from these contacts with the students and staff hope to build a stronger relationship leading to other projects at Niland School with Mt Druitt Police. A number of officers from Mt Druitt LAC are very interested to be involved within the school and with its students on a regular basis. While the school has only a small number of students the NSW Police Force hopes to work together with the Department of Education and the staff and students at Niland Primary School to improve the understanding of the role police play in communities, healthy choices and how the police might assist the students and their families.

The students enjoyed a tour of the Commands Custody Area with Sergeant Martin and Constable Moore followed by some activities with Senior Constable Kowaczyk from the Highway Patrol before returning to school. A number of officers from Mt Druitt LAC are very interested to be involved within the school and with its students on a regular basis.

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ROOM 7 UPDATE

And another wonderful term at Niland comes to a close! WHERE has the first half of the year gone?

For Ms Thelan and myself, we make everyday at school welcoming and turn our class into a space of respect, safety and most importantly learning - designed just for them.

We've had a blast looking at the poem, "The Highway Man" by Alfred Noyes. We've discussed the language, the story, the themes and predicted how we would have ended the story if we had wrote it. It was fantastic to work as a whole class to really get into such an interesting poem.

This term has seen us create some incredible pieces of artwork. We've collaged, decoupaged, painted, used natural materials, marbelled awesome colours together and along the way incorporated our artworks into our personal writing, Math activities and general discussions. We're looking forward to a fantastic Term 3!

OUR CLASS MOTTO:
WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN STORIES

Room 8

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Room Nine

Semester one is about to end and we are getting ready for the second half of the year. It has been a good start to the learning year for all students in our class. We have worked hard on improving Behaviour, English and Maths, the foundation of all learning. We have been working on two projects, one about Australian deserts and the other about



Jayden at work



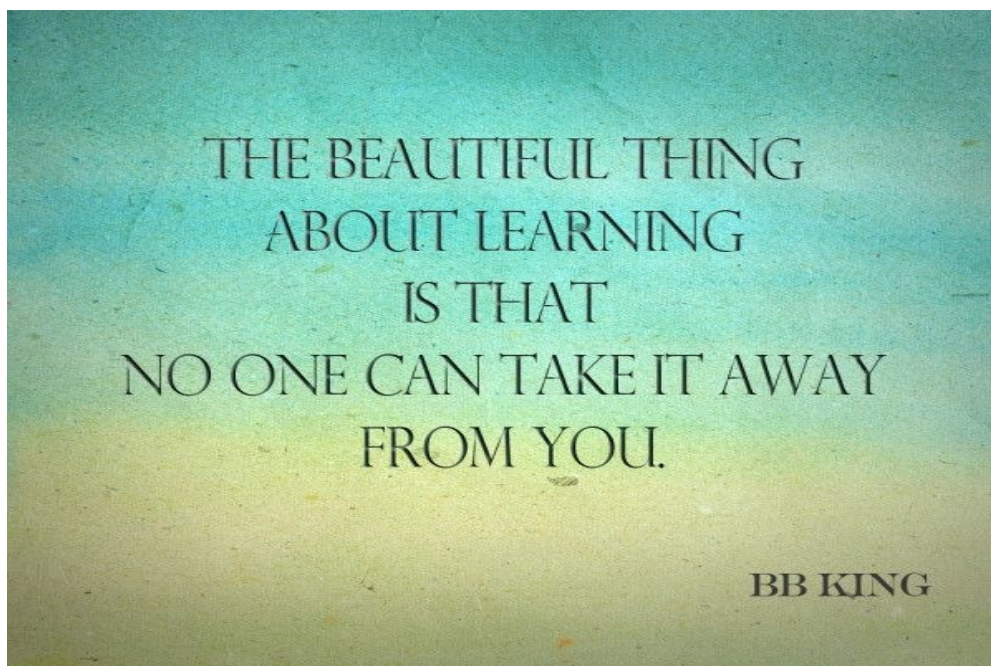
Jacob's Desert location map



Class Desert location map

A big thank you goes to Timothy, Chloe, Jayden, Blake and Alex for making this class, your class, the Learning centre where we respect each other and feel safe. We are looking forward to working with you for the remainder of the year.

Mr Winkelmolen and Mrs Sonter.



Room 10 Term 2



Welcome back Leon and Tyler. This term we also welcomed Daniel, Peter and TJ to Class 10. We have continued on with our superhero theme by beginning to write stories and create posters based on the students own

designs. We will soon start creating masks based on their characters. Students have recently attended and excursion to [The Powerhouse Museum](#) to view some Lego

sculptures based on DC comics e.g. batman and superman. The Batmobile seemed to be a favourite among the students which was constructed from more than 469,000 individual Lego bricks. We also took the opportunity to practice our travel training through

purchasing our own train tickets and planning our trip using the trip-planner website.

Students have continued their weekly shopping trips to gather ingredients for cooking a

Range of dishes including spaghetti bolognaise, nachos and chicken rolls. An extra big thank you to Ms Brownjohn for her help this term. I wish all of class 10 a safe and happy holiday!



Medals and Trophies

Bronze Medal

Connor Chamberlain-
Jones Level 20

Tyler Johnson Level 20

Corey Gorman Level 20

Silver Medal

Bradley Shepherd

Brayden Bates

Gold Medal

Brendon Southam

Destiny John



Bronze Trophy

Archibald Winkels

Silver Trophy

Tye Lupica

Dorian Reeves

Gold Trophy

Jaid Roach-Reid

Kasey Fisher - Snellman

It is fantastic to see
these students achieve
their levels.

PARENT MORNING TEA: Two weeks ago we put on our “once a term “once a term” morning tea and had 6 parents/carers come along and enjoy our morning. It’s always nice to have our families connect. To show our appreciation for them coming along, each was provided with a food hamper or two, to take home. Foods were provided by local **Food bank Organisation** for their ongoing generosity.



Foodbank Organisation have generously supported **Niland School** this term and supplied the food for students Brekky Club but also have allowed us to provide other hampers to families in need. If you have fallen on some hard times and need some support in this area, just give Mrs Cheryl Brown a call on (M) 0419 831 490 or call and speak to Mrs Spedding and we will organise you some food to support you. ***Your call will be treated confidentially.***



Do you have fines and want to reduce them? Give Cheryl a call to find out more.

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Free Library Events

Stories and Craft with Mrs Millis

Come and enjoy stories and craft with local Education Officer Mrs Millis based on the stories: Class 2 at the Zoo, The Hairy Toe, Pig the Ribber, Stanley Patis The Wolf's Story, and Picanhas Don't like Bananas.
Ages 5-9.



Jitterbugs Adventure

Join the Jitterbugs as they sing and dance about a BBQ adventure that starts in the Jitterbugs' garden. Share in the excitement of growing your own organic fruit and vegetables in your very own backyard.
Ages 5-9.

Dennis Johnson Library, Stanhope Gardens

Tuesday, 5 July - Stanley Patis - 2pm-3pm
Bookings: julystanley@eventbrite.com.au

Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub

Thursday, 7 July - Pig the Ribber - 11.30am-12.30pm
Bookings: pigtheribber@eventbrite.com.au

Max Webber Library, Blacktown

Friday, 8 July - Class 2 at the Zoo - 2pm-3pm
Bookings: class2atthetoo@eventbrite.com.au

Dennis Johnson Library, Stanhope Gardens

Tuesday, 12 July - The Wolf's Story - 2pm-3pm
Bookings: thewolfstory@eventbrite.com.au

Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub

Thursday, 14 July - Picanhas don't like bananas - 11.30am-12.30pm
Bookings: picanhas@eventbrite.com.au

Max Webber Library, Blacktown

Friday, 15 July - The Hairy Toe - 2pm-3pm
Bookings: thehairytoe@eventbrite.com.au

Cost: FREE - Booking are essential

Blacktown City Libraries

For more information on our fun and exciting school holiday events and activities of your local library you can visit
Website: www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au Facebook: Blacktown City Libraries Contact: 9839 6677

Blacktown Visitor Information & Heritage Centre

Visit the school where there are no teachers and no homework, but interesting exhibitions about Blacktown's early history.

Dates: Tuesday to Saturday

Time: 10am to 3pm

Venue: Civic Plaza, Rushcombe Road, Blacktown (Just outside Westpoint)

Contact: 1300 302 888

Website: www.visitblacktown.com



Westlink M7 Blacktown Running Festival

Are you a keen runner and ready to compete in a 2km marathon? All students 17 and under are invited to participate in the Kids Marathon, part of the 2016 Blacktown Running Festival!

Dates: Sunday, 31 July

Time: Kids Marathon starts 7.55am

Venue: Start and finish at Blacktown International Sports Park, Eastern Road, Rook Hill

Contact: Community Events Team 9839 6000

Cost: \$15 entry fee - bookings essential

Website: www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/runningfestival

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Doonside Village Festival

Blacktown City Council together with Doonside Festival Committee invites you to attend the Doonside Village Festival on Saturday, 23 July 2016 from 9am-3pm. The Doonside Village Festival is a great day out for the family. Some featured activities include: stage entertainment, food and craft stalls, FREE rides, Blacktown Memories booth and plenty more. Join in on an exciting day with wonderful company, great food and lots of fun!



Dates:

Saturday 23 July

Time:

9am - 3pm

Venue: Corner Hill End Road and

Cross Street, Doonside

Contact: Community Events Team 9839 6000

Cost: FREE

Website: www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Aqua Learn to Swim - Enrolling now!

Aqua Learn to Swim provides a safe, rewarding, fun and educational experience for infant, preschool and school aged children. We are now enrolling for Term 3, 2016! Visit the Aqua Learn to Swim website or contact your local Centre.

Website: www.aqualearntoswim.com.au



Blacktown City Council

School Holiday Guide WINTER 2016

MUSIC = DANCE = MUSIC

Join musician Eric Fortalezza and dancer/choreographer Thomas E. S. Kelly for an electrifying, experimental jam series that explores the relationship between music and movement! High school students are invited to share the stage, collaborate and learn from these talented young artists, who are both recipients of a 2016 Performing Arts Residency at Blacktown Arts Centre.

Dates:

Tuesday, 5 July - 11am-12.30pm

Music | Ages 12-17

Jam! Improvised Collaborative! Bring your own instruments for a jam session. Some instruments will be available to borrow on the day.

Wednesday, 6 July - 11am-3pm

Dance | Ages 12-17

Explore how music can inform movement, and how movement can inform music.

Thursday, 7 July - 11am-12.30pm

Music + Dance | Ages 12-17

Break new ground, influence and be inspired by sound and movement in a collaborative dance/music jam session.

Venue: Blacktown Arts Centre,

78 Rushcombe Road Blacktown

Contact: Blacktown Arts Centre, 9839 6558

Cost: FREE, spaces are limited, bookings are essential

Website: www.blacktownartscentre.eventbrite.com.au



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SAVE THE DATES

**INTER-SCHOOL FUTSAL
COMPETITION
5TH AUGUST**

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**

**YEAR 12 LUNCH
10TH NOVEMBER**

**PRESENTATION DAY
12TH NOVEMBER**

**SENIOR DINNER
12TH NOVEMBER**

**V8 SUPERCARS
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

**YEAR 6 CELEBRATIONS
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

Educating
the mind
without
educating the
heart is no
education
at all.
—Aristotle
curiano.com



Principal: Mr Renee Culgan

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