



Niland News

Term 2 2017

A Word from our PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of Niland School,

Term two has come to an end and as such you will be receiving a report that will show you your child's efforts in the classroom. Please take the time read the report with your child and celebrate the learning that they have done throughout semester 1. Remember to be positive when talking with your child about their learning and to focus on the things they enjoy at school. It is important that your child feels that what they are learning is valuable and that you are interested in hearing about the success they are having in their education.

I would like to congratulate the students who have had significant improvement in their attendance in term 2 and strongly encourage students to keep up their attendance.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

School resumes on Tuesday 18th July 2017.

Yours 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.

Mr Prasad and Mr Finch

PSC

The Premier Sporting regular physical activity, House and Coreen SSP. The Challenge includes a range provides positive health students travelled to the of initiatives with one outcomes and is a fun and different schools and common purpose - to have healthy way to connect with participated in the more students, more active, our local community of designated sport for the more of the time! The schools. Niland schools term. The Sport for this Premier's Sporting involvement in this program term has been Oz tag. Challenge aims to engage was through an interschool Students young people in sport and sporting competition with physical activity and other schools, Roland PSC Co-ordinator encourages them to lead Hassall SSP, Blacktown Mr Prasad healthy, active lifestyles. Tuition centre, Penrith Sport plays an important adolescent Centre, role at Niland in developing Casuarina SSP, Plumpton

Niland Work Training 2017

Three Senior students from Niland School have enrolled in the LEARN YOUR L'S Course at Mt Druitt TAFE.

In this program students learn the "get licenced get legal " hand-book. On completion of the program, students will sit the learners knowledge examination at the RMS to obtain their learners permit.

The students have now completed the course and all have booked in to sit the test.

Congratulations to the students and we wish them luck in passing.

We are very proud of the maturity that they have shown over the pass two weeks.

Mrs Kennedy

Room One

Term 2 has been both busy and productive for the students in Room 1. A regular routine was consistently used in the class where students firstly completed set tasks then received free time or other appropriate incentives. Both Jayden A and Matt R took part in the NAPLAN assessment and all students completed assessment tasks for the 1st semester reports.

It was encouraging to see most students take part in the soccer matches played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I also was pleased to see all students regularly breaking a sweat during their break times in their free choice of sporting activity. Corey C, Corey G and Jayden A stood out with their ongoing involvement in the Premier Sporting Challenge (PSC)

Understanding and applying Century learning. Students introduced to Scratch and

Students quizzes were effective in adding to team format where one and educational outcome



technology is an important part of 21st completed work using Mathletics, were enthusiastically played Minecraft.

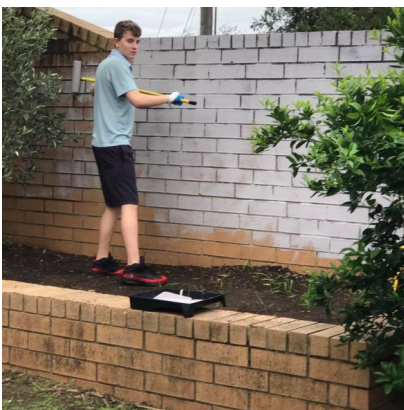
introduced for the first time and were students general knowledge. We used a team competed against another. A fun was the result!

Thank you to each and every student in Room 1 for your efforts this term and a special thank you to the SLSO's and Penrith Panthers players who supported myself and the students in Room 1

Mr Paul Awramenko

Room Two

Room 2 has been active this term in the garden. Planting lots of herbs that the school can use for cooking classes. We have beetroot and broccoli coming along and ready to pick next term. We will have plantings of tomatoes, carrots, lettuce and potatoes early next term for the students to plant.



Mr Seddon and Mrs Sonter

Room Four

This has been a busy term for Room 4. Congratulations to all students who have worked hard and have tried their personal best. The students have very much enjoyed a range of activities over the last 10 weeks. These include school sport, Thursday training and carnivals, lunches, work the cross country Many student's impressive awards at earning their points. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!



Room seven

What you can see in this photo may not look like much. But look closer. Here we are working together, independently putting together a fantastic art display that truly has made our classroom look as awesome as a museum! It's not always easy to get along in this world—sometimes even in this school, but for Ms Thelan and myself, what we have in Room 7 is “awesomely” priceless. This term, we have worked hard as a class to be **safe**, show **respect**



and to **learn** to the best of our ability. At the beginning of our time together, there was no way we could have all worked together without teacher assistance to finish a project. Now, we are unstoppable!

It's been a busy and mostly happy term. A special thank you to Mr Winterstein for being part of our team and as always we are so blessed to have the incredible Ms Thelan in our lives. Congratulations to all students for

bringing their personal best this term, so looking forward to Term 3! *Lyssa Davis—R7*



Room Eight

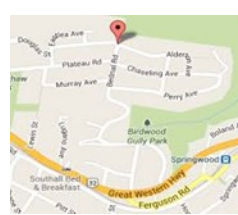
Welcome Back!! This term we have continued with our unit of work on Music styles with students developing their skills in guitar. We have learnt a few guitar riffs this term including *Smoke on the Water*, *Come as you are* and *Seven Nation Army*. Class 8 have enjoyed listening to a range of music styles including Australian Indigenous Music, Blues and Alternative Rock.

We have continued to participate in a range of literacy activities based upon our blend of the week e.g. “tr” including charades, word match and our word wall creation. Students have also enjoyed engaging with various group numeracy activities as part of our morning circle routines.

As part of our unit of work on Australia we have researched different landmarks and icons. We have practiced reading maps in class and completing quizzes to enhance our knowledge of Australia. Recently we got the opportunity to complete a bushwalk at Birdwood Gully with our peers from Class 7 where we viewed a range of native flora. All students should be extremely proud of themselves for completing the 2.6km circuit. We hope to complete another bushwalk soon.

A special thank you goes out to Ms Wood for all your support this term and Ms Wilson for helping on the Bushwalk.

I wish all of Class 8 a safe and happy holiday.



Mr Dunn and Ms Wood

Room 10 has been very patient with all the changes happening around the school and we comment them for this.

This term some of room 10 students have had the opportunity to participate in getting license. They have been completing the pre-to attending the Learners on obtaining their drivers



their learners drivers off site at TAFE NSW knowledge learning prior test. I wish them good luck licenses.

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Mathletics and Reading Eggs

Did you know that Niland School subscribes to both Mathletics and Reading Eggs? Contact your child's teacher for home logins or any questions you may have.

ABC Reading Eggs

Reading Eggs is a web-based learning program that integrates home and school learning via the Internet. It is one of the world's leading education websites and can be accessed by your child on any computer or tablet device. As an online resource it is the next generation in learning, hundreds of fun lessons, comprehensive activities and almost 2,000 eBooks are just a click away.

Mathletics

Mathletics is the world's leading educational resource for mathematics. Students are captivated and gain confidence in mathematics while moving through curriculum aligned courses, accessing available support and practice and tracking their own progress.

Medals and Trophies



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

Keep up the great work!

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