

Niland News

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Learning

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A Word from our PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Niland School

We are fast approaching term 4. It seems like time is flying by here at Niland. Our students are a little taller, a little brighter and just that little bit older than they were this time last term. This term we have had a strong focus on literacy and numeracy with students engaging in online programs to boost their skills as well as participating in many concrete activities to build their conceptual knowledge in mathematics and in English. Many joint constructions have been created with a personal favourite of mine coming from Miss Higg's class.

This term has also seen our staff

professional learning including myself and our lovely office manager Mrs Spedding who have spent most of term three learning a whole new computer system for student enrolments, payments and record keeping. This has been challenging at the best of times but it has given me fresh perspective when dealing with students who are struggling with a difficult concept or a new skill that maybe a little hard to get the hang of. Patience is a key skill to master when new concepts are to be learnt and consequently mastered.

I have enjoyed spending time in the playground over the last few

weeks talking to the students. I have asked many questions especially around what they like to do in their spare time, surprisingly most of them said spending time with their families, how lovely to hear that in this exciting world the very best experience our students can imagine is spending time with you, their loved ones. I hope you can find a little extra time to spend with your children these school holidays.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Yours in Partnership

Renee Culgan

A Word from our Assistant Principals

Term 3 has provided plenty of opportunity for the assistant principals (Mr Finch, Mrs Zorzo and Mr Prasad) to positively engage with the students through the use of the community room during breaks. In this space students are able to engage with minecraft or sit and have a chat in a quiet space.

Students this term have also been great in their participation in whole school sport. They

have been very keen on playing cricket and soccer, and have demonstrated excellent sportsmanship during this time. Special mention goes out to our sports coordinator Mr W for organising these activities.

Finally we would just like to mention that the assistant principals have been working hard in encouraging students to make positive choices in the playground and in their classes.

This has been achieved through continual reference to the Niland Positive Behaviour for Learning program, particularly these three areas; RESPECT, SAFETY AND LEARNING.

Have a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready in term 4

Mr Finch, Mr Prasad & Ms Zorzo

Healthy Minds!

We hear lots of reminders about how to keep our bodies healthy, but when was the last time you thought about the health of your mind? Keeping **your mind fit** and **fantastic** is important because:

1. When you have **a healthy mind** it **helps you remember things better and learn the best** that you can
2. A **healthy mind can make better decisions** about **how to tackle situations and challenges** that we all face each day

Here are some tips for helping your mind to be healthy. Which ones do you already do? Which ones could you try? If you have more ideas, come and let us know so we can add them to the list!

10 tips to help you stay mentally healthy



Counsellors: Aimee Tang and Stephen McFadden

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 Basketball and was hosted by Roland Hassall SSP in Parramatta. 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

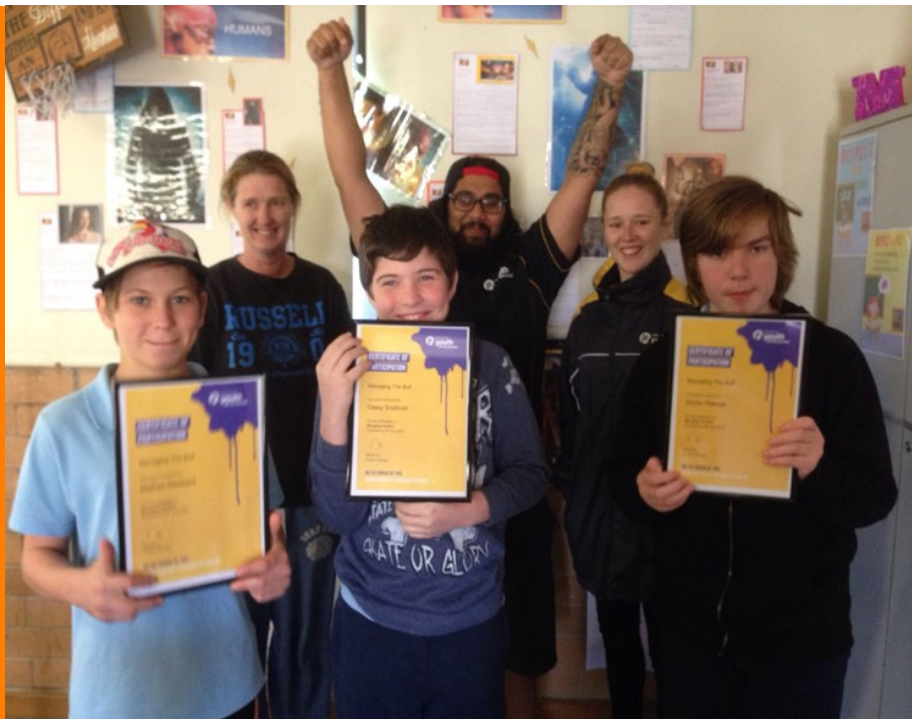
Niland Work Training 2016

This term we have a number of students out at work training on a Wednesday, at a number of venues. All of which have been very successful. Students have demonstrated that they have the ability to engage in a positive and respectful manner in a workplace environment. Ms Kennedy has done a great job organising all of the placements and courses for the students and we look forward to the continued success of the program in term 2.

The following students have engaged in work experience this term:

- Destiny - Coles
- Jessica - Coles
- Chloe - Thorndale
- Jai - Thorndale
- Tye - Catholic care catering
- Dylan- T-Vet course (electronics)
- Brendan - T-Vet course (electronics)

Mr Amit Prasad & Ms Tracy Kennedy



Students have studied the 2016 Olympic Games and have investigated what it takes to be a champion.

Students explored the many healthy habits of Olympians and recently competed in Niland's first ever Wheelchair Basketball Competition.

Where is the Love?

Students in Room 1 are currently completing a unit of work titled "Where is the Love?"

Students have been exploring how the media influences our thoughts and opinions by drawing our attention to negative images and propaganda.

Students have investigated topics including racism, terrorism, Donald Trump running for President of the United States of America, police brutality, gun violence and marriage equality.

Students will complete a lyric study of "Where is the love?" by the Black Eyed Peas and compare the original song lyrics to the recently released 2016 song and lyrics.



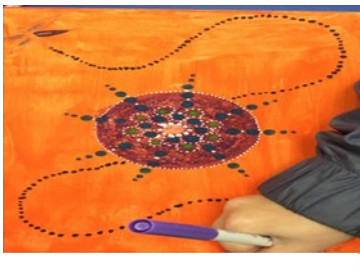
Ms Muzyczka & Ms Walkington

Room Two

Term 3 has come around very quickly. All our students are working well on their set tasks.

- Archie loves playing Minecraft after he finishes his work.
- Jessica is completing her work and then designing some beautiful artwork with Miss Daley.
- Aaron is learning about maths, but loves to play wrestling with his wrestling figures.
- Conradd or CB as he likes to be called is also learning some awesome maths skills. He also loves to play Uno and hold a great conversation.
- Kira-lee is completing some beautiful artwork with Miss Daley that she is going to display all around her house.

Well done to room 2 as you guys are all fantastic students and learning heaps.

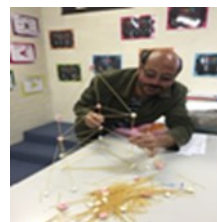
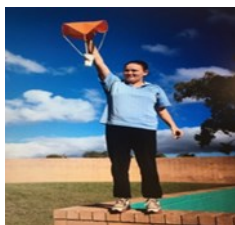


Mr Seddon & Ms Daley

Room Five

Term three has seen class five students packing away the books to get into some hands on activities and learning. We have spent this term taking an enquiry based approach to our studies across all subjects in the curriculum, but most particularly in Science and with our core study unit on the Olympics. The students in room five have really responded well to this and are engaged in higher learning tasks for the majority of the day. The students really love the science challenges as is shown in some of the photos below. Students are set a challenge or an experiment and they challenge the teachers to get the best and most accurate results.

We also really enjoyed learning about the Olympics this term. We have learnt about Rio and the Olympics for a few weeks and have got really involved in our mapping studies and comparisons between us and the athletes. We need a bit more practice before we can run as fast as Usain Bolt, jump as high as Derek Drouin or be as tall as Andrew Bogut; but it won't stop us trying.



Ms Higgs & Mr Syed

R oom Six



Class six have been working well with Mathletics (targeting numeracy) and Reading Eggs (targeting literacy) on the computers and I pads. Students' engagement has been high, using technology in the classroom resulting in more work done in class. It is hoped to increase the literacy and numeracy levels of the class leading to a better chance of entering the workforce when students leave school.



Metal detecting has also been introduced each Wednesday as a reward for working in class. These excursions also target the history of Sydney and the geographical layout of Sydney in relation to where government buildings are located. Class six's most interesting find is a one cent piece but we hope to build on this find to more interesting artefacts in the future. Well done class six!!

Mr Jahn & Mrs Wood

R oom Seven

Greetings from Room 7!

Can you guess what we've been focussing on this term? Yep, Mathematics! We've been investigating and strengthening our skills in this area, using technology, lots of hands on equipment and plenty of experimentation, we've been having heaps of fun! We were so happy to welcome two new students to our class and want to warmly thank both Nick and Fatih for all the positivity they bring to the class. This term, it's also been great to focus on our school culture by wearing our Niland uniform with pride. Seriously, just try to find a class who looks better than us when we're all wearing our Niland jackets (you won't be able to!)

And finally, one of the most amazing things about our class is our wonderful Ms Thelan who gives all her attention and heart to us, every day. All of us (Ms D, too!) are blessed by her care and commitment – thank you so much, Ms Thelan!

Looking forward to a great Term Four!
Ms Davis, for Ms Thelan and all of the wonderful members of Team Seven.



Ms Davis & Ms Thelan

R oom Seven

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of term three. Our class has started this term with great enthusiasm. We are working hard and learning a lot. Chloe and James are trying to work together and they respect each other. They sit together to play Uno after they finish their work. James always stays in class and he puts a lot of effort to finish his tasks in class.

James started playing soccer and also enjoys playing Minecraft.

He has used his spare time to construct a model house.

As part of our whole school PBL program James has been attending a range of reward excursions on Fridays.

It is good to note that Chloe is trying to display positive behaviours in class. She shows skills in playing basketball.

Well Done Class 8

Thank you to parents/carers for your valued support in working together with school



Mr Katta

R oom Nine

Firstly welcome to our new students Jayden C and Alex. We farewell Chloe who has moved into a new class. As always our class has been working hard on literacy and numeracy. We are continuing our main topic, Australia. Students will complete a project about Australian rainforests using computer technology. Our class is also working on thinking creatively as well as completing some work experience tasks at school in preparation for future possible positions with companies in the area. I would like to thank the hard working students of class 9, Alex, Daniel, Jayden C, Jacob, Jayden A and Timothy for being who you are and allowing us to be part of your learning.



Jayden being creative with building blocks

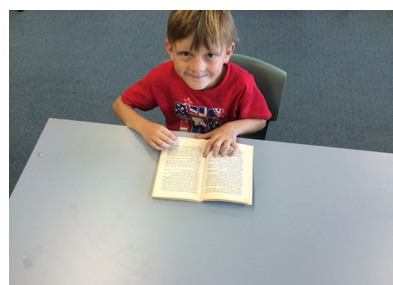


Alex loves to hunt for Pokemon in his spare time

Mr Winkelmolen and Mrs Sonter.

Room Ten

Welcome Back Class 10!! We have had some changes this term with a couple more students joining the fold. Students and staff have welcomed Simon and Dawson to our class. Students have embarked on some new topics this term including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and investigating Australian History and Geography. We have had some opportunities for some good discussions on these topics and have completed some tasks that the students should be proud of. Students have continued their weekly shopping trips to gather ingredients for cooking a range of dishes including hamburgers and pizza muffins.



All students are working hard to achieve their class points based on their behaviour goals. These points equate to bidding power in which students can attain prizes at the end of term for their hard work. It's already great to see that most students are working real hard to achieve their class goals.

An extra big thank you goes out to Ms Brownjohn for her help this term; I wish all of class 10 a safe and happy holiday.

Mr Dunn and Ms Brownjohn

SWIM SCHOOL 2016



In Term 3, Students participated in the Swim School program for two weeks for an hour a day. The scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

All students learnt new skills and have increased their confidence in the water as a result.



Medals and Trophies

COMMUNITY ROOM

Bronze Medal

Jayden Appleby

Huntar Taylor Level 20

Gold Medal

Jessica Goldsbro

Jai Flack/Boggett



Bronze Trophy

Travis Bourke

Gold Trophy

Corey Budd

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!

We have had some fantastic programs running this term from Headspace, WAAT and seasons for growth. All the students involved have enjoyed their time in the groups, and learnt new skills. We have an awesome cricket workshop for next term and I'm sure all students will enjoy it.



We have had generous support once again from Foodbank helping us out with different goodies for breakfast club, lunches etc. With the support of Foodbank we have been able to help out our school community when needed. If you need any support please contact

Mrs Brown at school.

Pröspër

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Do you have fines and want to reduce them? Feeling overwhelmed and it is stressing you out? Maybe we can support you to reduce them! Give us a call here at Niland School- Cheryl Brown (M) 0419 831 490 and see if we can help you along?

Fun SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES begin here-

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Youth School Holiday Program's!

For young people
aged 12—17yrs

Western Sydney Wanderer's Soccer Clinic!

When: Monday 26th Sept 2016

Time: 1pm—4pm

Where: Bennelong Park, Ryde NSW

Cost: Free

For Registration and more information please contact **Alison**—29 Aleta Way, Seven Hills (9688 1084) or **Coralie**—1 Lurgan Street, Constitution Hill (9631 7055)

Movie Day @ HOYTS

Wetherill Park

When: Thursday 29th Sept 2016

Time: 10am—2pm

Where: Hoyts Cinema, Wetherill Park

Cost: Free

Snack's will be provided, please bring your lunch or money to purchase from the kiosk.

Day Trip 2 Riverside Park Homebush

When: Thursday 6th Oct 2016

Time: 9:30am— 3:30pm

Where: Riverside Park, , Homebush NSW

Cost: Free Lunch & Water provided. Please wear comfortable footwear & clothing.

Transport provided to and from both Karabi Centres. Karabi Seven Hills—29 Aleta Way, Seven Hills & Karabi Constitution Hill—1 Lurgan St, Constitution Hill.

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Girls Only Program



TERM 3: ARTS, HEALTH, & WELLBEING

Savvy is a **GIRLS ONLY PROGRAM** for 12-18 year old girls that meet every tuesday afternoon at BYSA.
 Come down and get Savvy!

TUESDAYS FROM 3:30 - 5:30PM @ BYSA
15 FIRST AVENUE, BLACKTOWN 2148

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WHATS ON FOR TERM 4?

- Thunder leadership program (Week 4 to Week 8 every Thursday)
- Drumbeat program (Week 4 - Week 8 every Thursday)
- School Lunch (every Thursday)
- Work Training (every Wednesday)
- Senior Dinner (Week 5 Friday)
- Presentation Day (Week 5 Friday)
- Swimming Carnival (Week 8 Thursday)



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