



Nullawil Primary School

October 30th, 2020

RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT ACCEPTANCE HONESTY COOPERATION



The staff and students at Nullawil Primary School would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

November 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	4	5 Mallee Principals Forum	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Whole School Sleepover	13	14	15
16	17 Principals' Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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Junior Class: Daily Reading **Senior Class: 30 mins Daily Reading + Times tables or Spelling**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and members of the School Community,

Apologies for not publishing a newsletter last week! Unfortunately I was hit with a sudden on-set bout of the flu ... as is common now, I also had a COVID test and while it was reassuring to know I still don't have COVID19, it didn't make the flu symptoms disappear any more quickly.

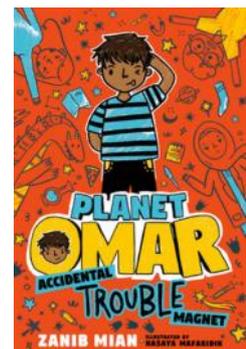
Curriculum News



The Department of Education encourage schools to develop a sense of community engagement in students not only in their local communities but also as global citizens. One of the activities we participate in on a global level is the annual Global Read Aloud.

The senior students are currently reading a book called Planet Omar. We read 4 chapters a week on the same schedule as approximately 200 schools across the world.

Each week we participate in a Kahoot quiz which is being run by a teacher in Canada. We are also making and writing postcards to send to 50 schools in the USA, Canada, Sweden and Mongolia.



The senior sleepover gives us a chance to connect with schools from other countries in real time. So far we have scheduled connections with three schools. We will start with the mystery game, asking questions to try to work out where in the world they are and then we will share some questions and wonderings about the book.

The students have continued to work on our Integrated Studies of plants. The junior students have been using scientific eyes to look closely at the parts of plants. They have tried to draw what they see and then written about it in their writer's notebooks. The senior students have been reading articles about native and introduced plants as part of their literacy focus groups. They have then used this information to write their own detailed paragraphs using the P-E-E structure.

Health & Wellbeing

No matter how much we try to shield and protect our children they do pick up on how much stress their important adults are under. Since returning to school the children have shown they are keen for us to get our normal routines going as soon as possible.

When the weather is good we have been giving the children longer breaks at recess to let them play and reconnect with each other. They can play games that were not possible during our lockdowns.

The sandpit is certainly a great place for showing the school value of cooperation and some of the students spent time this week creating the land of *Fairyville*.



Elijah Stokes, Tory Pollington, Cooper Harrison and Isabella Pollington creating *Fairyville* in the sandpit.

School Council

School Council was held last week and one of the items of discussion was the use of our remaining PFDs. We traditionally have a PFD the day before Melbourne Cup Day but the feeling was it seemed too close to the Grand Final public holiday. Instead parents decided to declare **Monday 7th December** as a **PFD** which staff will use to finalise end of year reports.

A concern was also raised about this year's Parent/Teacher interviews. Given the restrictions throughout the year School Council had earlier agreed to follow the DET recommendation not to hold formal Parent/Teacher Interviews but to encourage parents to contact the school if they had concerns or questions. I apologise if we had not communicated that sufficiently to families. Mrs. Curnow and I continue to encourage you to come and talk to us at any time throughout the year if you have concerns or questions about your child's progress.

You will see that we have scheduled the **whole school sleepover for Thursday 12th November**. Notices will be sent home next week.

We are also planning a small graduation ceremony for our grade 6 student, in line with current advice from DET and DHHS. Our operational guidelines currently do not allow us to hold large gatherings and primary schools specifically have been told to plan for remote/virtual ceremonies. This may change as restrictions are being lifted more quickly, but since events take a considerable amount of organization plans are not always easy to change once in place. We do not intend to hold a community concert event this year.

Have a good weekend, everyone.
Helen Digby