



Message from Jacqui

The term is certainly running away and what an amazing term it has been. Students have been so enthusiastic about their learning and shared the joy of exploring a range of activities both inside the classroom and outside. As we prepare for the final fortnight boy it is going to be action packed.

Today was our final swimming lesson. Well done to all the students who have given it their best efforts for each of the seven lessons your amazing attitudes and behaviour has been appreciated and acknowledged by all Involved including members of the public. Thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school. A massive thank you to the parents who have assisted with transporting students each week, this support allowed each of our students to participate in an intensive swimming program with no cost to our families. My most sincere thanks.

This week has also seen the beginning of the basketball court transformation, this process will take approximately 2 weeks. Thank you to everyone for their co-operation during this time. To ensure the safety of our students we have an alternative pedestrian entry from the top of our drive way. Please take extra care in the carpark during these times as there will be additional pedestrian traffic at drop off and pick up times.

Next week we have been offered the opportunity to host a community consultation for Nillumbik Council to collect input from the Christmas Hills community to inform their future planning. I hope to see many of you there, this session is a open to the wider community so if you are interested in attending please join us at 3:40.

On Wednesday 24th March I would like to invite all parents to our 2021 Parent Information Night this will be a terrific opportunity to discuss how our school community can work together in 2021 to support the learning and development of each student.



Important Dates for 2021

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March 23rd - Nillumbik's community consultation
3:40pm

March 24th - Parent Information Night

March 25th - Bush tucker garden planting

TBC - Bush tucker feast

April 2nd - Last day of Term
(2:30pm finish)

2021 Term Dates

Term 1- 28th January-1st April

Term 2- 19th April-25th June

Term 3 -12th July-17th

September

Term 4 - 4th October -

17th December



Our Bush Tucker garden is coming along and will be planted before the end of the term. There will be a launch of this garden to culminate our Bush Tucker unit. Keep your eyes on Sentral for more details.

President report

Our first Meeting for 2021 was a lovely face to face occasion. The afternoon started with saying goodbye to our lovely 2020 President, Annie as the previous school council concluded their term. I will try to live up to the amazing job that Annie did last year. We were all so grateful for all of her hard work.

The first meeting for the year is always a longer one, making sure that most of our policies and procedures are up to date and relevant for the coming year. Past our policies, other items and topics of discussion were:

- The resurfacing of the basketball court
- Challenges that face our families during the fire season
- Enrolments
- The new classroom structure
- Student and Staff well-being
- Bush school and the bush tucker garden
- Grants being applied for
- The school FAIR (Oct 24th – put it in your diary!)

Your school councillors are here to make sure that you are able to discuss any concerns, ideas and achievements you have or know about, on your behalf, at the regular council meetings. Please come and see one of us if you would like to discuss anything that is important to you.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful 2021!

Happy Days,

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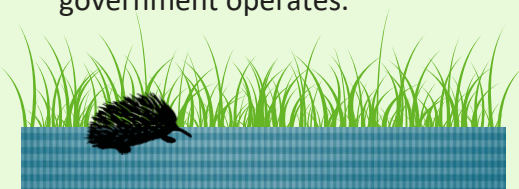
Have Your Say

How can we make Nillumbik a healthy, happy place to live now and in the future?

We would like to hear from any as many people who live, work and play in Nillumbik to help shape our future and various Council plans.

Come along for an in-person chat with one of Nillumbik's Council Officers on 23 March at 3:40pm or complete the survey online at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/our-future. This community consultation is open to all members of the community including local residents who may be interested.

As part of Nillumbik's consultation process they will also be meeting with our students to ensure their ideas and opinions are also included. This will also allow student to receive a real world insight into how the local government operates.



A Message From Our School Leaders

Dear Parents and Families,

On March 25th CHPs will be having a Japanese food day where we will be eating Chirashizushi (sushi bowls) and Mochi!

The kids will be cooking this in class. All kids are welcome to have bowl but obviously they don't have to if they don't want to. There is a cost of \$5 per child to pay for the ingredients.

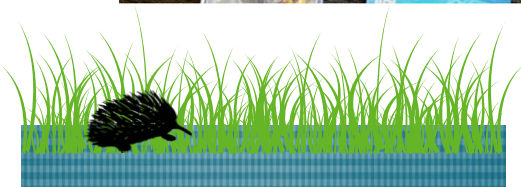
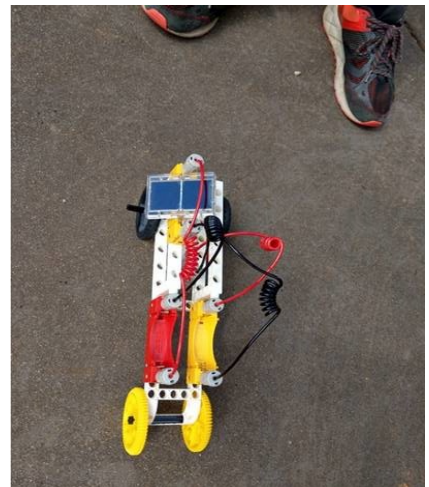
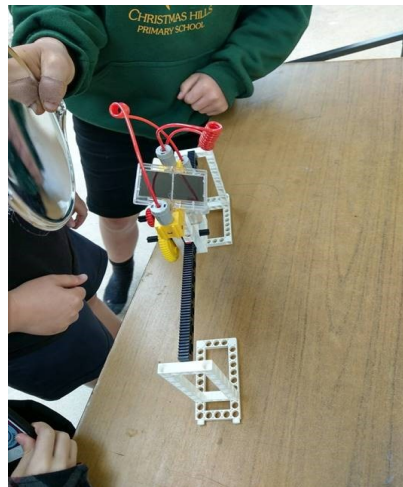
Thank you!

From your school captains

Flynn and Luka



The Sun's energy is a amazing thing! We looked at how much of it falls onto the earth and how we can harness it into usable forms. The younger students had a look at how the sun's energy can warm different materials and thought about why different materials might heat up at different speeds. The older students had a go at using solar energy kits and creating functional solar powered machines. Some of them were grand creations including ferris wheels, cars, motorbikes and tight rope walkers. While the sun wasn't out in full force, we still managed to get them to work quite well!



Diamond Valley branch to close for renovations

18 February 2021

Diamond Valley Library Closure



Diamond Valley Library will close on 22 February for extensive renovations.

We expect to reopen mid-winter and will open a Click & Collect service from the Nillumbik Council offices at 34 Civic Drive for the duration of the renovations.



Yarra Plenty Regional Library has announced that the Diamond Valley Library will close in February for an exciting renovation! Work will begin on 22 February and is expected to be complete by mid-winter. The library will close to the public from close of business Sunday 21 February 2021.

We ask that you please collect any holds between Thursday 18 and Sunday 21 February, as the library will be closed for the next few months. The return chute will also not be available during this time.

From Monday 1 March, we will be operating a Click & Collect service from the Nillumbik Council offices, just next door to the library.

If you still want to browse our collection or use a computer, we have eight other branches across Yarra Plenty Regional Library, as well as the Mobile Library and the Hurstbridge Hub. The closest branches to Diamond Valley Library are Watsonia Library and Eltham Library.

For further details, please visit our website.

