A Word from our PRINCIPAL

It is with a sense of pride that I welcome you to the 2015 school year.

This year we have put on another class taking our total student capacity to 70. The increase in students is a strong indicator that the work that Niland is doing with the students is being recognized by others in the educational community.

I would like to welcome our new staff members Miss Davis, Mr. Dunn, Miss Muzyczka and Mrs. Newtown. All our new staff members have come from a vast range of professional backgrounds and brought with them a wealth of knowledge and experience which is being well utilized at Niland.

Classes have buckled down and are learning new and exciting things everyday. The amount of students that come up to me on a daily basis and tell me what they have been learning is pleasing as is the quality of work they are producing.

Niland is a PBL school and as such we have three simple school rules which include:

- Safety
- Respect
- Learning

We are constantly encouraging students to do their best both academically and behaviourally. The beginning of the year is always a difficult period for students as they settle back into school for another year and this year has been no exception but the tough stance we have taken with the students has meant that they are aware of the expectations and if they stick to them they will have a fabulous year with many outings, awards and most importantly a sense of pride for what they have achieved.

This year’s work experience program is off to a flying start and most of our students (15 and over) have been attending work experience on Wednesday for most of the term. The feedback we are getting from employers is exceptional, many of them saying our students are the hardest working students they have come across.

As always I would like to remind you that if you would like to talk to us about anything please do not hesitate to call and set up an appointment.

Yours in Partnership

Renee Culgan

A word from our ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

2015 has got off to a great start with so many new faces in our Niland school community. Attendance has also improved and this has resulted in the staff being able to introduce a lot more variety in our learning activities and whole school events for our students.

One such activity is school sport. This term Mr Gardner and Mr Prasad have had the great privilege in leading sport every Tuesday & Thursday with Mr Finch chief motivator and mascot. We started the term with cricket and it was great to see so many of the students emulating their favourite stars from the World Cup. Particular mention has to go to Corey, Dallas and our wicket keeper Adrian who were outstanding at not only playing the game but supporting others as well.

We then moved onto our current sport of T-Ball and it has been the girls turn to shine with Jaid & Rebecca leading the way and Jessica not far behind. The boys still get a mention though as Harley has been lightning in the field, running from base to base and keeping all the batters honest.

All students have been rewarded for their participation, giving others a fair go and staying in the right place.

Bring on next term and the winter sports!
To ensure the families and carers of students at Niland are continually updated on the events of Niland School, we would like to begin sending our Niland news via email. This is a more efficient and effective method of communication.

If you would like to receive your mail this way, could you please complete and return this section to Niland School office or your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Student Name:........................................................................................................................................
Parent /Carer Name:...................................................................................................................................
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From MRS SPEDDING'S DESK

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
and /OR
CONTACT NUMBERS...

We understand moving house can be a very challenging time. However, it is a Department of Education requirement all student's details, address and contact numbers are current and updated. Unfortunately, we have learnt that some contacts are out-dated and this is creating much difficulty when we need to contact parents or carers.

If you feel your details have changed and you have forgotten to advise us, please give our office ladies a call on PH: 9628 6885 and they will update your details over the phone. Thank you for your support.

ASTHMA and
ANAPHYLAXIS RECORDS

Anaphylaxis awareness can be the difference between life and death.

If you are a parent or carer of a child who has Asthma or suffers from an Anaphylactic reaction, to ensure your child receives correct treatment in the event of a reaction or an attack, please ensure you have been to your doctor and provide our school a copy of the appropriate Health Care Plan. Please treat this as a matter of URGENCY.

NILAND NEWSLETTER: VIA EMAIL

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My role as Community Room Co-ordinator 2015 has been shared across a number of other schools of the same settings. Whilst it has been extremely busy co-ordinating programs and services for our students and their families, I am thoroughly enjoying the challenge. It has allowed me to be exposed to services in areas that I may not have reached before and the support from these services has been overwhelming.

Not only have we now connected with Marrin Weejali Aboriginal Support Service who will be tailoring programs to our students needs but we have also connected with Riverstone Community Centre and North Richmond Community Centre. This is wonderful for any of our students who may live close to these services, they have fantastic after school programs for the kids and better still, they are FREE. Why not look them up and check it out for yourself or take a look on our webpage.

Please remember our original services Mission Australia Yellow Door Program & Disability Services Australia, they still remain committed to our school and working intensely with our students and families.

If you ever feel you need support and are unsure where to turn to, please just give our school or myself a call and we will connect you with any of these dedicated services.

Kisane Wilson

Niland Work Training 2015

We have started our Work Training for 2015 and off to a fantastic start.

Jaid, Dylan & Rebecca have started Work Training at Coles Ropes Crossing and are really enjoying the challenge. To see their eagerness to start work and to see them in their work uniforms put a smile on all our faces. Jaid, Dylan and Rebecca will continue at Coles for ten weeks and then move on to another work site. Well done Jaid, Dylan & Rebecca.

Kane is working at Volvo on Wednesdays where he is assisting the mechanics in the work shop. Kane is so excited to be working with such large trucks, he is now ‘living the dream’.

Daniel is also doing Work Training and I was told by his boss that he is an asset to the company. That makes us very proud Daniel!

Corey has an interview at Bunning’s, Minchinbury tomorrow, we wish him all the best of luck Corey.

Destiny started this week at Thorndale where she will stay for 10 weeks. After 10 weeks Destiny can move on to another employee.

Brendan will be starting at Bunning’s North Penrith in the next couple of weeks, we will keep you posted on his progress.

Mrs Kennedy & Mr Finch
Room One

Harley and Joshua are our new students who have settled well to the class routine. Dorian is completing his literacy and numeracy activities and he is showing enthusiasm to do extended work in class. Brayden is very confident of finishing his work with minimum assistance and he enjoys drawing during his free time. Joshua and Archie stay in class and complete their set tasks. Joshua loves table tennis. Harley enjoys Tuesdays and Thursdays sport and Fridays PSC. The students of Room 1 have all started playing table tennis. Good on you Class 1.

Mr Katta & Ms Newton

Room Two

This term has seen Class 2 doing some amazing stuff. We have been to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre, where we did some dip netting for water bugs, looked for possums in their boxes, recorded the weather, checked out some native plants and even went kayaking on the beautiful Hawkesbury River. We have been attending Muru Mittigar which is an Aboriginal cultural Centre where the boys have been painting Didgeridoos, throwing Boomerangs and looking at some bush tucker. We also have had a couple of trips up to the Colo River to observe the natural beauty and wilderness that this area provides for us. We have seen Wallabies, Blue Wrens, Bowerbirds, Sulphur Crested Cockatoos and Black Cockatoos just to name a few.

Mr Seddon & Mr Earl

Room Three

Welcome to Class 4; a brand new year with a brand new teacher (Mr Dunn). This term we have already had the opportunity to engage with a range of educational activities including walking down to the shops to practice our financial literacy. In the afternoon sessions we have been engaging with a performing arts program to enhance our team building skills and resilience. As part of our whole school positive behaviour for learning (PBL) program we have been attending a range of reward excursions on the Friday of each week. This year will offer more positive experiences and opportunities for our educational development.

Mr Dunn & Ms Thelan

Room Four

Ms Muzyczka & Mrs Wood
Room Five

The girls of room five have been taking a different look at some classic fairy tales this term. We have looked at some of our old favourites and pulled them apart to look at how they were written. Did you know that some Fairy Tales like Snow White and Cinderella are actually based on real people? Did you know that Snow White was based upon a miner girl who was poisoned by toxic gases but was saved by her gnomes who were really child miners? The girls in room five have really enjoyed this unit of work and are really enjoying finding out these real life facts. We thought it was kind of cool looking at the gross history that inspired these stories.

Ms Higgs & Mrs Brown

Room Six

Kane Palmer has started work experience with Volvo Commercial Vehicles (VCV) in Blacktown every Wednesday.

VCV sell, service and finance Volvo, Mack and UD trucks. The facility is a modern purpose built workshop and is central to Western Sydney. Full sales, parts and service for Mack, UD and Volvo is available.

Kane has been matched up with one of the first year apprentices at the facility so as to get an idea what is involved in servicing large trucks.

Mr John & Ms Daley

Room Seven

It’s hard to believe we’re almost at the end of Term 1 - and what a journey so far! All students in this class have been very kind in showing the new Ms Davis all the ropes of Niland School. It’s been fantastic joining such a busy and positive learning community. Ms Wilson has been such a champion in looking after all of us (including Ms D) and bringing such a lovely calming presence to our very busy room. We are very lucky to have her!

In class, we’ve been all getting to know each other. Mostly we’ve been working hard at being respectful, safe and engaged learners. We’ve begun investigating the fascinating world of Greek Mythology, looking at the way ancient maps were created and most importantly, increasing our times of maths and English activities throughout our day.

We’ve cheered our lungs out during our two sports mornings per week, both in cricket and tee-ball, with lots of “animated” discussion around who is on the best team (green of course – from Ms D). Dance group is awesome with most of our class attending; we’re all progressing with our points and love the Friday choices we earn and the Niland dollars we spend.

The best part of Room 7 is the respect we’re building upon and the friendships we’re creating with each other. The second best part of Room 7 is the awesome enthusiasm and fun we have when we make great choices and work together.

Bring on Term 2!

Lyssa Davis, Ms Wilson and Team 7.
First of all we would like to say Welcome Back to Niland School. It already 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. In History/Geography we are learning about Sydney beginnings and how it evolved. At the same time we are taking a closer look at the story of Australia, Aboriginal life and the influence European settlement had on it and the country. In science/Physics we are taking a closer look at how and why things work the way they do as well as looking at what drives them, energy. A big thank you goes to Timothy, Chloe, Daniel, David, Travis and Jason 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, Mrs Santer, Mrs Thelan
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school and advise us. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

**Norbert Jahn**  
Classroom Teacher.

It is very exciting to see so many students receiving awards during term and spending their Points on rewards such as - Canteen vouchers, Niland bucks, Itunes cards and movie tickets.

The following students have received major awards this term:

- **Bronze Medal**  
  Adrian

- **Bronze Trophy**  
  Nicky

- **Silver Medal**  
  Jai

- **Silver Trophy**  
  Brendan
  Jaid

- **Gold Medal**  
  Brennan

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES**

FRIDAY 3RD April– FRIDAY 17th April  
Have a happy safe time.

MONDAY 20th April-Staff Development Day- NO STUDENTS  
TUESDAY 21st April– STUDENTS RETURN
## Niland School

### Tuckshop Price List – 2015

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