Welcome back to the 2014 school year. Great to hear everyone had a restful and relaxing break. Students have settled back into school nicely and sound very happy to be back!

Welcome to all our new students and families. I look forward to introducing parents and students to our school community, through the school Working Bee / BBQ on Tuesday 25th February. We will also present the year 6 Leaders with their badges on this evening.

Welcome to Miss Emily Matarczyk – our new teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCIL — Decision Making at NPS

The culture of Nilma Primary School is to work in partnership with parents for the benefit of all students and families. There will be many opportunities for parents to have some input into decision making for the future of the students at NPS. One avenue of input is involvement at a School Council level.

School Council Elections

The School Council is looking for new members for 2014. We have parent vacancies available. The Nomination Forms are attached to the newsletter.

School Council Meeting (Annual General Meeting – AGM) will be held on Wednesday 12th February 6.00pm.

Parents will be welcome to the meeting.

We have 4 parent vacancies. Please consider this as an opportunity to contribute to your child’s education. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to me.

SCHOOL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

The new parent handbook is being updated at present and will be available next week. This book has a lot of information on what happens at Nilma and may answer questions you may have about the school and our programs.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees information will be distributed after the first school council meeting on 12th February — to approve information.

All Foundation students will come home with a satchel/diary and a storybook for students to read to parents. All Foundation students have been provided with a hat from the school. Additional hats can be purchased from Hip Pocket in Warragul.

SCHOOL SAFETY

With the 2014 school year formally commencing on 28 January 2014, it is an opportune time for a reminder of the importance of road safety around schools. School Speed Zones will be enforced from the commencement of the school year and schools are requested to alert parents/carers to this along with messages about appropriate local conditions.

PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

Get to know parent–teacher discussions will be held early this term. Thursday 20th February has been set aside for this. Information attached to the newsletter.
Homegroup Red

Will McGrath
For being such a fantastic worker and helper on your first day back. You showed yourself to be a great role model, well done and keep it up Will!

Homegroup Green

Nataly Santo
Welcome to Nilma Primary School. You have worked so hard in class and put a fantastic effort into your work especially your dairy writing.

Homegroup Blue

5/4/3 Blue
For all the class making such a great start to the year and your learning.

Homegroup Yellow

6/5 Yellow
For a positive and productive start to 2014.

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING
Recognition Certificates
25 nights
50 nights
As part of our Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home LAUGH Program certificates will be awarded to all students who complete the nightly reading awards. Awards will begin at 25 nights and will be awarded for every 25 nights thereafter.
Happy Home Reading Kids.!!!

Parents please refer to our Curriculum Corner (page 4) with a list of handy ideas and suggestions to support the school—home reading program. Later in the term we will also conduct some parent information sessions to support reading and also the understanding of school programs such as THRASS (Teaching of Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Strategies)

Happy Birthday

Bayley Gunton
Callum Adams
Jade Mammolito
Emma Crook
Welcome Back Emerald.

Students have been discussing REAL @ Nilma, playing games, Art and diary writing. Here is what a few students had to say about their time at school:

My first in Year 1 was good. I am happy Ashton is in my classroom. I like playing with Ashton at school.
By Aiden

We have been at school for 2 days. They have been good. I have been playing with Jack. We have been playing tiggy. We have been playing games in class.
By Rieley

I been doing Art and we made circle. Matilda and I have been making a big circle. I been doing some drawing and writing in class. Year 3/2/1 is awesome.
By Holly

In class we have been doing diary writing. I wrote about doing hunting and getting 7 rabbits. We played a dice game and it was good fun.
By Ashton

We played a dice game in class. It was lots of fun. We did diary writing today. I wrote about playing Minecraft.
By Zaic

Welcome Back Lemon Yellow.

What a wonderful start to 2014 for the lemon yellow home group. It has been great getting to know the interests of each student and hearing about their holidays.

Here is what a few students had to say about their holiday adventures;

Well, Christmas was awesome. I finally got an iPod touch. I went to my Nan’s so I had wifi to get games.
By Jack McGrath

On the holidays Lachy A and I went to the cricket. It was Stars V Scorchers. We went right below the MCG Superstore.
By Angus

I went to the beach and swam. The water was hot in the shallow end but extremely cold in the deep.
By Dominick

First Day Happenings!

We had a fantastic first day in the red home group room. The grade 1’s worked hard to show the new foundation students how we are REAL @ Nilma. We talked about our holidays, had show and tell. We discussed classroom values and had fun in Investigation Time and the foundation students learnt how many letters were in their names! Here’s a few snaps from their day.

I was so excited when my Mum told me I was going to the Reece Mastin concert so we went to go and pick up the tickets. I was going to go with Tayla Lochie but she had to go to her Nana’s house. We left at 7:45 because the concert started at 8:00. Jimmy Barnes’ daughter opened up for him. He sang lots of songs and there were lots of people screaming. Shelby

On the holidays I went to the Murray River. I went on a houseboat with Mum, Dad, Matilda and my friend and his family. We took our boat and went skiing up the river.
By Bailey

I went to New Zealand on a boat. I can hear the waves crash on the boat, they were 8 meters. I was looking through the windows at the waves crashing on the boat.
By Kiandra

On my holidays I went to Movie World. I went on the Superman ride, Green Lantern and Arkham Asylum and all the other rides.
By Riley

I had a basketball tournament in the holidays. We won 2 games and we lost 3 games. We played at Cranbourne. Between the games we went to the Cranbourne pool.
By Ella
Teaching and Learning Programs

SPECIALIST TEACHERS / TIMETABLES
This year to date we have coordinated specialists as follows:
Art—Mrs Meredith Krygger
Science/Gardening—Mrs Leanne Hodge
MARC VAN— Mr Phillip Bucknall

JAPANESE INTERN
A new Japanese Intern will start at Nilma in term 2. We will be looking for a host family (or Families) for term 3 or 4 in 2014.

NO HAT NO PLAY!
Just a reminder to parents—if a child does not have a school hat—he/she will have to remain in the undercover area outside the staffroom for recess and lunch. Students cannot share or borrow hats off others.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Please make sure all school uniform items are clearly named so students can find misplaced items. Parents can buy uniform items from Hip Pocket in Warragul, 139 Queen St. Hats, shorts and black pants can also be purchased from Hip Pocket. Our new Foundation students will receive a hat when they begin school.

EMA FORMS (EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)
Attached to the newsletter are EMA Forms. These forms must be signed and returned to the school by the end of February. A photocopy of the Concession Card must also be attached. Late forms cannot be accepted. All EMA families must tick the ‘direct deposit to school’ box on the EMA form so the EMA can be used to pay most of the school fees. If this box is not ticked, then parents will have to pay for the full amount of fees. Any enquiries regarding the EMA please see Rachel at the office.

CONVEYANCE FORMS
Private Conveyance Forms are attached to the newsletter. These forms must be returned by the end of February for those families who live further than 4.8km from the nearest school.

HOCKEY CLINIC
All students at Nilma PS will be participating in a Hockey Clinic to be held at the school on Thursday 13th February.

BOOKCLUB ORDERS
Attached to the newsletter are bookclub orders. All orders with payment are due back to the office by next Thursday 6th February.

SUNSMART SCHOOL
Reminder to all students to bring to school their school hats, a drink bottle (can be refilled during the day), healthy lunch and snack and sunglasses (optional).
PS. Don’t forget to put on sunscreen in the morning too as we no longer supply sunscreen to students at school due to allergies.
**Hey Kids!**

Summer is still with us here so it is important to remember your sun safety tricks.

*Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and slide!*

*Most of us don’t apply enough sunscreen – check out this clip*


*Ask your parents to get the SunSmart app on their phone – it will remind you when to reapply sunscreen.*

Avoid being out in the sun between 10am-4pm.

Pop some sunscreen in your school bag and always wear your hat

If you are swimming or sweating lots reapply sunscreen every 2 hours.

Make sure you drink water regularly.

*Courtesy of Health Promotion Officer – Angela Greenall*

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**Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people?**

Anglicare Victoria Gippsland is looking for couples or single people who can provide a safe and secure home for children aged 0 - 18 years needing care for weekends, emergency, short term and long term.

Our next Foster Carer training is being held on:

**Saturdays 15th February, 1st & 29th March 2014**

10am – 4pm

65 Church Street, Morwell

Bookings are essential.

For further information and to receive an information package please contact the Carer Recruitment Team on 5133 9998 or email [gippsland.carers@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:gippsland.carers@anglicarevic.org.au)

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**Pack safe lunches – keeping kids healthy**

Use insulated lunch boxes or cooler bags

Pack a frozen drink bottle (popper) or ‘built-in’ water bottle or freezer brick inside the lunch box or bag, next to the food that should be kept cold

Freeze the water bottle half filled, then top up with cold water before school so there’s liquid to drink

If making lunches ahead of time such as the night before, keep them in the fridge until leaving for school

Ask children to keep packed lunches in a cool, dark place such as a locker and out of direct sunlight and away from heat

Pack lunches that don’t need to be kept cold, such as sandwiches with spreads like Vegemite™, jam, UHT dairy products, whole uncut fruits and vegetables. For older children who can open cans safely try tuna and crackers.

*Courtesy of Health Promotion Officer – Angela Greenall*

On Saturday 1st February the NPS Parent Club have been given the opportunity to cater at the Warragul Rodeo. This fundraiser has the potential to raise quite a substantial amount for the school which will be contributed towards subsidizing the Swimming Program for 2014. The more we raise the more the program will be subsidized. Therefore we are asking all families to help support this fundraiser.

Thank you to all the families that have already volunteered to help but we still require more helpers on the day/night. If you are able to help please put your name on the roster below and return to school ASAP so the final roster can be sent to volunteers on Friday 31st. Volunteers are given free entry into the rodeo so it is essential that your name is on the roster to obtain the free entry, other family members will incur the entry fee.

It is anticipated that we will be at the grounds from 3pm till approx. 10pm depending on food levels.

There will be many jobs to do at the event, cooking on the bbq, serving, drinks, runners, cleaners etc. We will require approx. 15 people per shift, you can either volunteer for a shift or stay all night it is up to you. We also require helpers to pack trailers on Friday afternoon at school.

There will be a meeting at school at 2pm on Friday 31st January to finalize everything for the rodeo. All volunteers are encouraged to attend, we understand that some volunteers may not be able to make it due to other commitments but please confirm that you will be helping out by Friday afternoon so passes can be handed out.

**CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE CATERING AREA DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE TRAINING SESSION AT


If you require any further information please speak to the event coordinators;

Kelly Chesterfield 0400 000 000
Nicki Kimm 0427 563 009
Belinda Smythe 0407 308 833

| 3.30PM—5PM | SMYTHE | KIMM | CHESTERFIELD | CROOK |
| 5PM—6.30PM | SMITH/ GILMORE | PERRY | MULCONRY | AXFORD |
| 6.30PM—8PM | KILGOUR | YOUNG |
| 8PM—9.30PM |  |  |  |  |

**MENU**

SAUSAGE WITH OR WITHOUT ONION $2.50

PLAIN HAMBURGER $4.00

HAMBURGER WITH COLESLAW AND ONION $5.00

COLD DRINKS $2.00
Welcome back to School for 2014! Hope you all had lots of fun over the holidays!

For new families to the school, the Active After School Communities program is a government funded initiative that enables schools to provide 2 free weekly activity sessions every term throughout the school year. Activities vary every term catering for all year levels. The sessions run for an hour on each of the afternoons they are held on. Our supervisor is Sophie Milner, Sophie supervises the sessions and works alongside a community coach to deliver the sessions. If you would like any further information regarding the AASC program please speak to me in the office.

For Term 1 the program for Active After School will be Badminton and Hockey.

Badminton will be on Wednesdays, 3.45pm – 4.45pm. Parents will need to transport students to and from the Warragul Badminton Hall.

Hockey will be held at Nilma Primary, day to be confirmed.

Could you please complete the Expression of Interest Form below and return to school by Wednesday 12th February so that the lists of participants can go in the Newsletter on the following Thursday.

Consent forms will also have to be filled out before the commencement of the programs, and are attached to the newsletter, these must be signed and returned to enable students to participate in the sessions, these consent forms will cover students for the year.

Remember that places are limited to the first 20, so get in quick!

More information will be in the Newsletter along with the list of participants.

Thanks, Belinda Smythe.

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

**Badminton**  
**Hockey**

Student ___________________________  _______  _______  

Student ___________________________  _______  _______  

Student ___________________________  _______  _______  

Signed by parent: _____________________________  Date:___________

Please put down which activity you would prefer to participate in using 1 and/or 2. (1 being 1st preference) and return no later then Wednesday 12th February.
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