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 2016. We have 4 parent vacancies available. Self Nomination Forms are attached to the newsletter. These will need to be returned to the office by Friday 12th February.

School Council Meeting
Nilma’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 16th February 2016. Parents are welcome to the meeting. Please consider this as an opportunity to contribute to your child’s education.

PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS
‘Get to Know You’ parent - teacher discussions will be held on Thursday 18th February. Confirmation times will be sent home today. These informal discussions allow parents to discuss how their child/ren are settling in to school and to talk about any questions or concerns that you may have with teachers. Please contact the office to arrange a time if you have not already returned your form. Some students will be participating in Student Support Group meetings. These will be conducted next Wednesday 17th February.

WHOLE SCHOOL BBQ / YEAR 6 LEADERS BADGE PRESENTATION
Tuesday 23rd February at 6.00pm we will be holding our whole school BBQ and Year 6 Leaders Badge presentation evening—Place the date in your diary. Please fill out the attached form on page 4 if you are able to attend and help out on the evening.

UNIFORM
Have you seen our jumper samples yet? They are on display in the office for parents to view before the final decision is made at the first school council meeting on Tuesday 16th February. We would love to get as much feedback as possible from the school community about the uniform update on page 7 of this newsletter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thursday 25th February has been chosen as our school photo day. Information packages were attached to last weeks newsletter. All payment envelopes must be brought back by Thursday 25th or on the day. More envelopes are available at the office. If families would like to have a family photo taken on the day, a separate envelope is available from the Office.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
On Monday 8th February, a text message was sent to parents as part of our Emergency Management practices and procedures. We received a great response to the message, we thank parents for their quick response and cooperation with this. Messages were sent to the mobile number of families which is registered with the school as the ‘SMS Emergency Contact’. If your contact details have changed please update them in the Student Permission Booklet that was sent home with last weeks newsletter or contact the Office.

NILMA PATHWAY
Last week I met with Baw Baw Shire Council representatives about the construction of the concrete pathway along Bloomfield Road to the school. Over the next few weeks the Shire will be conducting surveys and designs in anticipation of approval for the path. Stay tuned for further updates! We have the Plan of the pathway on display in the Office.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA
Learner of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red
Mia Wood
For setting excellent examples for other students in your learning. You work hard, help others and are a fantastic role model. Keep it up Mia

Homegroup 2/1 Green
Blake Hanmer
For putting a huge effort into your learning, especially your writing. What a great start to Year 2!

Homegroup 4/3 Blue
Amelia Scanlon
For making such a great start to your learning this year. You are willing to challenge yourself to “have a go” and are showing responsibility in all areas of your learning. A “REAL” Visible Learner. Well done Amelia!

Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow
Bailey Dent
For challenging yourself as a mathematics learner, and attempting all the higher level questions on your place value assessment. Well done!

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING
Students will be bringing home books for nightly reading as part of their LAUGH (Learning Activities Under the Guidance of Home) program. Please support your child with their reading by sharing these books at home. Your child has already been introduced to the texts being sent home and are encouraged to discuss the pictures and think about what is happening in the book. Praise your child’s attempts at reading the words and sharing their thinking. Sounding out the words and looking at the pictures for support, are both good strategies for effective readers. Once read, the title of the book needs to be recorded in the student diary provided and signed (on the day read). Books are to be returned to school the following day in the school satchel.

PLAYGROUND AWARDS
Winners
- Ty Kindermann
- Ryan Cane
- Ashton Kimm
- Rhilie Lott

Happy Birthday
Aiden Smythe
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

We continued on our theme of team work and team building, with this week's activity challenging us on how we treat each other in group settings, and how it makes us feel and contribute to the group.

Students had a stick note stuck to their forehead, instructing their teammates on how to treat them (but the individual didn't know what their note said). Some of the notes were positive; ask me, build on my ideas, thank me. Some were more negative; ignore me, criticise my ideas, laugh at me.

After the task of planning a mock school fun day, we discussed how the behaviours and treatment of each other helped or hindered the group, then we tried again without the notes. It was interesting to see the difference.

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Scallywag ....by Sheree

1…Scallywag was a very cheeky cat, he went to 4 different houses to get fed.
2…When Scallywag went to all those houses the owners all fed him, then he got FAT!!!
3…One day Scallywag disappeared and no one knew where he was.
4…All of the owners looked everywhere for him.
5…When all the owners found him they decided to share Scallywag, then they gave Scallywag less food.
6… Scallywag left again and went back to his real home to get fed fish.

Scallywag ....by Jasmine

1…Scallywag was a cat who went to different homes to get fed.
2…Scallywag ate so much food that he got very fat.
3…One day Scallywag disappeared.
4…Then his fake owners looked and looked everywhere for him.
5…They found Scallywag and decided to share him and feed him less food.
6…His real owner fed him more than a little!

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On the holidays I went to Echuca. Jai M
I went to Inflatable World. Jai W
I went to the pub for dinner and I saw the old steam train. Alex

On the holidays I went to EB Games. I got a Yoki Watch. Lewis

On the holidays I went to Big W. I hurt my toe nail. Blake S

On the holidays I went to Echuca and I made new friends, Zara and Lilli. She played with me. Mia

On the holidays I went to the beach and I went fishing on the boat. Blake Hanmer.


On the holidays we went to my grandma’s beach house. Emma Brown.

On the holidays I went to Emma’s. Ashlee Cooke.
ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS
In developing the 2016 Essential Education Items (Subject Contributions), all aspects of the Schools Resource Package from the Department of Education and Training and the needs of the school in providing the necessary extras to provide a quality educational program, has been considered.

The amount for Essential Education Items for 2016 will be $140.00 per child. The excursion levy for 2016 will be $50 per child.

The amount for Essential Education Items is used to purchase all books and stationery used by each child in their classrooms for the year. It is also used to cover costs of purchasing materials for Art, English, Music, Mathematics, Technology, Science, and Health and PE, MARC Van and Sports Levies. Information was sent home with last weeks newsletter outlining the cost breakdown for subject contributions.

Nilma Primary School would appreciate payment for all Essential Education Items and Excursion Levies by the end of first term 2016. The amount of $190.00 can be paid to the office in cash, cheque, or by bank deposit. A payment plan can be arranged for those who wish to pay in instalments. Please speak to the office for more information.

This year families with students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will also have the additional cost of school camp. Anticipated costs of these camps are - Year 6/5 Ballarat Camp, $265 per student and Year 4/3 Mill Valley Ranch Camp approximately $150 per student. These prices may change once final numbers are confirmed with the camps and other schools in the Mt Worth cluster.

Other costs involved in the school year will include school photos, some excursions and fundraising ventures. If families would like to know further information in regards to subject contributions, camps and excursions please speak to the Office staff or to Annette.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion) FUNDS
CSEF Funds are used to help pay for Camps, Sports and Excursions throughout the year. If your child does not attend a camp, this money will be rolled over for the next year. Eligible families must have a current Health Care Card. All forms must be returned to the office by Tuesday 23rd February 2016. Late forms cannot be accepted.

MARC VAN BOOKS
Our mobile library van (MARC Van) will begin on Thursday 18th February 2016. Students will be able to borrow books and return them every fortnight for other books. Could students please return all MARC Van books from last year.

CONVEYANCE FORMS
Private Conveyance Forms are attached to last weeks newsletter. These forms must be returned to the office by Friday 26th February. These forms are only eligible to families who live 4.8km from their nearest government school.

YEAR 6/5 BALLARAT CAMP
The Year 6/5 Camp will be held at Ballarat on Wednesday 20th until Friday 22nd April 2016. Could parents please fill out and return the forms to the office by Friday 12th February.

SOMERS CAMP
The Somers Camp is available to selected Year 5 & 6 students and will be held from Tuesday 12th April until Wednesday 20th April 2016. More information will be sent to students who have expressed an interest in attending this camp closer to the date.

STUDENT PERMISSION BOOKLET AND MEDICATION FORMS
Student Permission Booklets were sent home with the newsletter last week. These booklets, once signed and returned, give students consent to such things as; participating in the Sporting Schools program, having their photos published in the newsletter and local papers, watching visual media in the classroom and accessing our Chaplaincy program. It also allows parents to inform and update their contact details and any medical conditions and/or allergies that students may have. These booklets are to be returned by tomorrow, Friday 12th February. If you require a new booklet please ask at the Office.

NPS WHOLE SCHOOL BBQ/LEADERSHIP BADGE PRESENTATION

Family Name:_____________________________________________________

How many attending:_______________________________________________

I can/cannot (please circle) help out with the BBQ on the night.

Signed by Parent:_________________________________________________
**SCHOOL BANKING**

There have been numerous enquiries about the School Banking program. To sign up to the program just open an account at your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch and bring in your bank book on school banking day. If you already have an account with the Commonwealth Bank, just bring in your bank book and we will register you in the program! For any further information please speak to Belinda in the Office on Monday or Friday.

**JEWELLERY**

Our school policy on Jewellery understands that some forms of jewellery pose potential health, safety and school image problems. These types of jewellery are not to be worn at school, or have limitations placed upon the wearing of them. As a result, some restrictions exist whilst at school or whilst involved in school related activities. Permitted jewellery includes; ear studs or sleepers earrings only - earrings that hang or dangle are not to be worn at any time, rings are not to be worn, necklaces can be worn but must be underneath clothing at all times and are to be removed for safety reasons during certain programs, watches may be worn but also may need to be removed for safety reasons. If you have any further questions in regards to the schools jewellery policy please speak to Annette.

**FUNDRAISING @ NILMA**

**HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE**

Our first fundraiser for 2016 is a Hot Cross Bun Drive with Bakers Delight. Attached to the newsletter are order forms which are due back, with payment, on Tuesday 8th March. Delivery for the orders will be on Tuesday 22nd March. There are 4 varieties to choose from; Traditional, Choc Chip, Mocha and Fruitless, all are $7.00 for a pack of 6. For extra order forms please contact the Office.

**VISION PORTRAITS**

Put this date in your diary! - Saturday 16th April 2016 - we have booked in Vision Portraits to come to the school and do family portraits as a fundraiser. More information will be sent home to families closer to the date. This is a great opportunity to get some photos done in time for Mothers Day!

**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN - FEEDBACK**

**CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM - PARENT FEEDBACK**

*please complete and return by Wednesday 17th February 2016.*

The Chaplaincy Program at Nilma Primary School is 75% Federally funded with the school investing in the remainder 25% ($7000). We are seeking feedback on the program for our review and future application.

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO GIVE US FEEDBACK**

My child/ren or our family has had access to the chaplain at Nilma    Yes  / No

I believe the chaplaincy program has been very beneficial to my child/ren at Nilma PS    Yes  / No

**OTHER COMMENTS**

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Mrs Uren and Mrs Hodge will be coordinating the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This program will be held every Thursday. During cooking sessions (fortnightly for students in years 3 and 4) students will be making yummy treats such as; salads of the imagination, tarts, tortes, curries, breads, fritters, gnocchi and pastas. In the garden students will be pruning, composting, mulching, planting, creating a worm farm, creating a no dig garden, weeding, fertilising and harvesting.

Below is a roster for this terms program. It would be great if we could have 3 volunteers for every session, you may be able to help for the while day or you may only be able to help for one session. If you are able to volunteer on any of the dates indicated, please fill out the roster below and return to school. Thank You!

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**PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

At Nilma we believe that involving parents/families in their child’s education is of great benefits for not only children and their families but also the school and it’s community. Over the years we have offered parents the opportunity to learn about education programs and the curriculum through ‘Parent Education Programs’ and we are looking forward to offering them again in 2016.

To tailor these programs to suit the needs of our community we are asking parents to give us feedback, by letting us know what programs and/or areas of the curriculum that you would like to know more about and what times and days suit.

Please fill out and return the form below by **Wednesday 17th February**.

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NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

FAMILY NAME: ________________________________

The information that I would like to know more about and the times/days that suit are:

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Signed by Parent: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confident Parents, Confident Children
A parenting program that helps parents to learn new parenting strategies and build positive relationships in their family.

PROGRAM DETAILS
2015 DATES:
Thursday afternoons for five weeks:
19th February
25th February
3rd March
10th March
17th March
TIME:
1.30pm - 3.30pm
VENUE:
Warragul Primary School
48 - 62 Bowen Street

For more information or to register please contact:
Warragul Primary School on 56223103

Hook in 2 Hockey
A fun, safe and inclusive environment for children to learn basic hockey skills in a modified game-based environment.
Hockey Field, Bellbird Park, Drouin
Monday afternoons, 4 weeks
Feb 29, Mar 7,14 & 21.
Time 5-6pm
Cost $60
For info Contact Natalie 0499 601 411
Presented by West Gippsland Hockey Association & Gippsland Bulls Hockey club.

Get a head start on your football season!
Brown & Makepeace Coaching
Specific coaching for football fundamentals - handball, kicking, marking, ground ball, fitness & tackling
For boys & girls aged 12, 13 & 14 years in 2016
With 30 years combined of AFL playing & coaching experience Leigh & Troy are well placed to teach football fundamentals & develop footballers ahead of 2016 season

For info Contact Leigh 0400 811 064
Troy Makepeace 0418 285 116

UNIFORM—PARENT FEEDBACK
Have you seen our jumper samples yet? They are on display in the office for parents to view before the final decision is made at the first school council meeting on Tuesday 16th February.

Circle Family Option
Option 1—Hoodie no zip
Option 2 - Hoodie with Zip
Option 3 - Both

COMMENTS

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NPS UNIFORM OPTIONS FEEDBACK

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**IMPORTANT DATES - SCHOOL CAMPS!**

- Year 6/5 Camp at Ballarat - 20th - 22nd April 2016
- Year 6/5 Somers Camp - 12th - 20th April 2016
- Year 4/3 Camp at Mill Valley Ranch - 13th - 14th Oct 2016