SCHOOL COUNCIL
The School Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th February at 6.00pm at the school. The first council meeting for the year will follow after this meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Parents are advised if there is an emergency the school follows emergency management guidelines as set out by DEECD. Today we practised a school evacuation drill where students evacuated buildings to our assembly area on the oval. Students stopped and listened to the announcement, followed teacher instructions and co-operated well. After each practice students and staff discussed the exercise to review our evacuation procedures. Families may like to talk about your own home emergency practices and what can be done in an emergency situation in the home.

EXCURSIONS
We have several excursions coming up which relate to our school curriculum and learning. On Wednesday March 5th we will be travelling to Walhalla as part of our study of local and Australian history. On Thursday 27th March we will be visiting Farm World at Lardner Park. As part of the day students will be attending a special presentation by the West Gippsland Health Care Group Community Dietician looking at healthy drink choices. In Term 2 on Wednesday 23rd April we will be attending a performance of ‘The 13th storey tree house’ based around the popular children’s novel by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. Each home group will also be visiting a range of community businesses and services in Warragul for the day.

BUDDIES
Our “Buddies” peer Support program is back in operation for 2014. All the new and younger students have been allocated an older “Buddy” who will work with them through the year. This term the focus is getting to know each other. On Friday afternoons when we break for buddies we have been working with computers to design Portfolio Covers and explore Mathletics and Reading Eggs together and begin to practise for our coming Rural Sports Day Friday 28th March.

PARENT/TEACHER DISCUSSIONS
Attached to the newsletter today are the times for the parent/teacher discussions which will be held next Thursday 20th February. Thanks to all parents who have returned notices. A reminder if parents have not made an appointment to contact the office to organise a time.

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT BOOK
A reminder to all parents to sign late students in the late book every morning. Students are then to take a late slip and give this to the class room teacher. If a student is leaving early, the sign in book must also be used to sign out the student. Thanks for your co-operation with this.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup Red

Oliver Turner
For your wonderful reading and persistence with holding your pencil correctly. Well done Oliver, keep it up!

Homegroup Green

Sheree Casey Wilson
For always putting a fantastic effort into her work and producing some excellent results.

Homegroup Blue

Tahlia Witney
For demonstrating all the REAL @ Nilma values and acting as a great role model for her fellow students.

Homegroup Yellow

Jack Chesterfield
For conducting yourself exceptionally well while interviewing police officer Paula Linford for your biography. Well done.

Michael Farnham
For outstanding videography and professionalism during the interview of police officer Paula Linford.

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.

Further information was provided in the last newsletter, under the ‘Curriculum Corner’, with suggestions and ideas listed to support the program.

Happy Birthday

Matilda Dent
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

Time to get our learning caps on!
This week in the RED room we started our reading circles and literacy rotations. I was very impressed with how all the students are settling in the routine and working so hard! Here’s a few highlights from their week.

My monkey was a waving monkey. I made it in the first literacy time. Anthony

I had to cut letters from the magazine. I cut M and C. Oliver

I went on the computer. I played some games with the letter A, M and C. Shila

I went on Starfall, there were letters. Lilly

On Sunday night we had a black out. Mum packed all the candles so we had to use Mum’s torches. We have 2 torches. One for the toilet, one for the kitchen and mum found a candle. We put the candle in the kitchen and put the torch in Mum’s room. I wasn’t scared but, my little sister was. When we went outside the cats were going crazy.

By Brianna

We have been at school for 3 weeks now and teachers already planning 2 excursions! 1st of them is to Walhalla, and the 2nd is to Farm World. I am so excited. Last year went to Farm World we went with class partners. I haven’t been to Walhalla yet. I am so excited. I wonder what we are going to do in Walhalla? By Tahlia

On the 28th of Jan we went back to school. On the weekend I went to a family friend’s place. Her name is Ange. She has a little baby girl named Alena. She also has a bigger daughter named Montana. We are going on a tip to Walhalla. I cannot wait.

By Megan Griggs

History of Wahalla
We have been learning about Walhalla. We will have an excursion there. There is a train there.

People looked for gold there. 2500 people once lived there. I am looking forward to visiting Walhalla.
By Emma

I am excited about going to Wahalla. They dug for gold there. I hope I find some gold. Lots of people lived in Walhalla.
By Sheree

Wow! The pool is warm and you can see underwater. Peter and I made a floatable Lego boat. Then we tested in on the water. “The boat is floating Peter.” “Wow!,” I yelled. “Ok,” yelled back Peter. One hour later.

The family was inside on the couch watching the news on the fires for the rest of the day. Then we had tea. Then Mum said, “There was a car on fire on Bloomfield Road.”

The next day.
“Where are you going?,” I whispered to Dad. “I’m going to fix the pipe,” said Dad. “Ok,” I said. Dad got back in the afternoon and the family sat outside at the pool. The kids went for a swim. IT WAS SO FUN!

By Shelley Brown.
Last week a small group of students became Master Chef’s in the kitchen. After tasting the end product both students and staff requested a copy of the recipe. So here it is, 'Julie Goodwin's Zucchini Slice':

**Zucchini Slice**  
**Julie Goodwin**

**Makes 1 slice** - 12 pieces  
**Prep time:** 10 minutes  
**Cooking time:** 35 minutes

Zucchini slice is ridiculously easy to make, and it's really tasty and versatile too. It's great hot or cold, which means it's perfect for school lunches or afternoon tea.

**Ingredients**
- 2 zucchini, grated
- 1 large onion finely chopped
- 3 rashers bacon finely chopped
- 1 cup tasty cheese grated
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- ½ cup of oil
- 5 eggs
- salt/pepper

**Method**

Preheat oven to 170°C. Grease and line a non-stick lamington tin.

Combine zucchini, onion, bacon, flour and cheese in a large bowl. Add oil and lightly beaten eggs, and mix. Season with a little salt and pepper. Pour into lamington tin.

Bake for 35-40 mins until golden and set. Allow to cool slightly before cutting.

**Note:** the vegetables can be substituted or added to – try corn kernels, grated carrot, shallots, shredded beans, and leave out the bacon for a vegetarian version.

**WHOLE SCHOOL NUMERACY GROUPS**

Our Whole School Numeracy Groups will be start next week with students focusing on place value and number. In there numeracy groups, students will be focusing on Place Value and number. Students have just completed assessments and will be placed into numeracy groups with a common teaching focus to most effectively meet and support each student’s learning needs in mathematics. This will guide teachers in their teaching. These groups will allow students develop their knowledge of number and place value and grow in their mathematical skills and knowledge.
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Your Child's School Photographs for 2014 will be on **Tuesday 25th February** by our School Photographers, Spargo Photography. To ensure that your photos are returned back as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines. Please write clearly on your child's envelope (Block letters preferred) If possible please don't use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope, if this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope. All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed. Please **don't** use one envelope for multiple children. Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name. Any envelopes handed to the school after we have left will incur a $15 late order processing fee. For Family/Siblings Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope. Please **do not** place a family envelope in another envelope or an individual envelope. We will only photograph family/siblings with a completed family envelope.

**ONLINE PRE-ORDER**

We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child's photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child's envelope. **Order online and Save $2.00.** Note; online orders do not incur the $2.00 bank fee charge. To order;

- **Individual Photograph Packs:**
- **Family Photograph Orders:**
  www.spargophoto.com/schoolfamily

If you have any inquiries please contact us on (03) 5942 5234

STUDENT PERMISSION FORMS AND MEDICATION FORMS

The 2014 Student Permission Booklets will be sent home with this week's newsletter. These booklets must be correctly filled out and returned to school by Wednesday 19th February.

This booklet contains the annual permission notices for many aspects of the school. It also contains some medical management plans if required. Secondly if your child has ongoing medication that staff is required to administer—parents please update the 2014 Medication Request form.

If your family details have changed over the holiday period could you please provide the school—in writing any information that may need changing in our records eg. telephone numbers, contact details addresses etc.
The Ellinbank Football & Netball Club is holding its Junior Registration Day on Sunday February 16th @ 12 noon, for all junior sides. All boys U 18 & girls U 17 @ January 1st 2014 are required to register. A BBQ lunch will be provided. If you can’t attend or require more info please call Stef Backman 0403 606039 Netball or Steve Pratt 0419 562875 Football.

Mums’ Program
Only $35 for five weeks of group tennis coaching*
Tennis Victoria’s Mums’ Program is run by a Tennis Australia qualified coach which means that you will be in good hands to develop your tennis skills. In addition, save time and money on childcare by enrolling your child(ren) in the Tiny Tots program** for just $15 for the same five weeks. Open to beginners and those who would like to resume playing tennis, the Mum’s Program allows you to take some time out for yourself and get fit and active whilst socialising with other mums in your area.
Benefits of the Mums’ Program:
Improve your health, have fun and get fit
No need to find or pay for childcare to participate
Receive expert tennis coaching
Save money as you don’t have to purchase any equipment to participate
Get a great taste of Cardio Tennis and get involved with your local tennis club for a minimal cost

Tiny Tots Program
Enrol your child in our Tiny Tots Program**
The Tiny Tots Program is targeted at children aged 3–5 and helps them develop fundamental motor skills whilst allowing you to participate in tennis, without the burden of having to find childcare.

Program Registration
To register for the Mums’ Program (and the Tiny Tots Program**), please contact your nearest venue. Places are limited so please register early.

For further information please contact Tennis Victoria on (03) 8420 8420 or visit: tennis.com.au/vic/play-tennis/getting-started.
* This program is open to new participants only.
** Subject to coach availability and mums must be participating in the Program for their child to participate in the Tiny Tots Program.
For more information contact:

Tennis Victoria
Locked Bag 6001 Richmond, Vic 3121
T +61 3 8420 8420F +61 3 8420 8499E tvreception@tennis.com.au
facebook.com/tennisvic
twitter.com/tennis_vic
instagram.com/tennisvic
**Dates and days have been confirmed for term 1’s programs and as are follows;**

**Badminton** will be on Wednesdays, 3.45pm – 4.45pm. Parents will need to transport students to and from the Warragul Badminton Hall, starting on Wednesday 19th February until 2nd April.

Participants are; Matilda Dent, Rieley Gunton, Aiden Smythe, Bailey Dent, Sine Salt., Olivia Addison

**Hockey** will be held at Nilma Primary on Tuesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm commencing on Tuesday 18th February until 1st April.

Participants are; Shila Bundle, Zavier Allsopp, Piper Bundle, Matilda Dent, Rieley Gunton, Bailey Dent, Kael Mason, Deklan Majcherzak, Mitchell Gilmore,

There are still places available for both activities, please fill out the expression of interest form and return to the office. Please see Belinda if you require a new form.

Consent forms will also have to be filled out before the commencement of the programs, these must be signed and returned to enable students to participate in the sessions, these consent forms will cover students for the year. If you require a form please collect one from the Office.
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