WOORABINDA CAMPERS RETURN.....
Campers - Lachlan, Axford, Andrew, Burdett, Jack, Chesterfield, Shakira Kimm, Angus, Mulconry, Harrison Perry, Patrick Smythe and Sine Salt all left for Woorabinda on Monday morning. Feedback from the Teachers and Leaders at camp was that the students were very well behaved and all had a great time! Photos to come!
At Woorabinda my favourite thing to do was the Zip-wire. We had Fish and Chips for tea. We did a lot of walking. Canoeing was fun, someone leaned over too far and they fell out! Woorabinda was awesome!
By Patrick Smythe.

PARENTS CLUB MORNING TEA
All parents are invited to attend a morning tea at the school on Friday 22nd February at 9.00am at the school. The Parents Club will be bringing morning tea to share. A Parents Club meeting will follow the morning tea. Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL WELCOME BBQ/WORKING BEE
On Tuesday 26th February we will be having our Welcome BBQ and Working Bee. On this night we will also be presenting the Grade 6 students with their ‘Student Leader Badges’. A list of jobs that need doing around the school grounds will be available on the day, the working bee will start at 2pm and BBQ will commence at 6.30pm. Please send back your return slips for catering purposes by Friday 22nd.

Jade Mammolito with a ‘school grown’ cucumber!!

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R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep

Emma Crook
For working hard to learning a new addition strategy in Mathematics. Well done Emma!

Homegroup 3/2

Teagan George
For your persistence and ‘have a go attitude’ towards your learning. You are trying very hard and getting some great results.

Homegroup 4

Sarwan Harvey
For settling in well to his new school at Nilma and making a great effort in his learning

Homegroup 6/5

Bayley Gunton
For having a positive attitude towards her learning and working really hard in class.

Happy Birthday

Aiden S

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

L.A.U.G.H

NIGHTLY READING Recognition certificates

We are all heading for 25 nightly award—look in the diary on home reading parent support information

R.E.A.L SPECIALIST Awards

ARTS

SCIENCE

MARC VAN

MARC VAN will be held again next Thursday 21st February

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**HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!**

**I love playing in the playground. It is lots of fun.**
By Chloe Behncke

**I like learning at school. I like writing and counting.**
By Ava Williams

**We love playing Dodgeball at recess and lunchtime.**
By Ty Ward & Jack Moss

**I love playing ‘Duck, Duck, Goose’. It is really fun running around the circle.**
By Jade Mammolito

**This week we have been doing lots of fun learning and the students have been working very hard to show me how clever they are!**
Miss Closter

**On Thursday I had lots of fun making paper flowers with Mrs Buckler when lots of people were away.**
By Daniel

**This week I enjoyed everything we learned in maths.**
By Bailey

**I had lots of fun playing with my friends and working on my maths.**
By Mitchell

**We did writing groups and I had to convince Ms Sutherland that school holidays should be shorter.**
By Mitch C

**Today I am doing Aim online. I have nearly finished it. I have done 7 tests and today I did Mathematics General and now I need to do Space. I am getting better at it. In writing groups I was colouring my folder than we were talking about what we had written.**
By Max

**Guess what? I am reading about Minton. If you don’t know who Minton is he is a salamander. He has a friend. His name is Turtle. Their books are great. I give the books 10/10. I am writing my own Minton book. The title is, “Mintin Goes to Outer Space”. I have half typed the story up on Mum’s computer.**
By Kael

**On the holidays I went to the Pines in Mansfield. I got to go in the river. I also went kayaking but I do not have kayaks. I made some new friends and they let me go on their kayaks. It was lots of fun. On the kayaks we went out to the buoy. At the Pines we saw the Desy boys. They are some old friends. The Desy boys are great people.**
By Megan Griggs

On holiday I went camping. We went camping at Heyfield. We had a big cloud of smoke above us from the bushfires. The next day we had embers and little bits of ash were flying down on us. I found a cows head. We went on the 4 wheelers. Dad and I went down a steep hill. We went to a river. By Kirsty Wooster

**We got out the T-Ball equipment and played. It was fun and active. I hit a home run. It is Dodge Ball season again. We have got the Dodge ball equipment out now. It is awesome.**
By Dominick

On Tuesday we were playing T-Ball. I hit the ball and hurt my knee. But I still had fun. Our team got 75 runs. By Savanna

**We are doing 3D shapes in class. We have done fractions in class. I think fractions is difficult.**
By Bayley

We have been doing THRASS in class. I helped make the school port teams which was fun. I am looking forward to the school sport. By Kylie
PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS
Thursday 21st February 11.00am to 5.00pm—times will be available for Parent—Teacher Discussions. This time provides an opportunity for parents to have a ‘Get to Know you’ meeting with teachers. Attached to the newsletter are the parent forms with the times allocated. If you have not made an appointment and wish to do so, please contact the office.

SCHOOL EXCURSION
On Monday 25th February the school will be going on an excursion to Community gardens in the Jindivick area. Parents are asked to drop children at the Burke Street park at 9.00am and pick up form here at 3.00pm. Attached to the newsletter are permission forms which must be signed and returned to school by next Thursday 21st February. Parents are reminded to pay the annual excursion levy before the 25th Feb so your child may attend this excursion.

PROPOSED SCHOOL EXCURSION
On Friday 22nd March we are planning a school excursion to Farm World at Lardner Park. More details and confirmation of this excursion will be provided at a later date.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Attached to the newsletter are school photo envelopes for our school photo day on Tuesday 26th February. These can be brought to the office beforehand but must be handed in on the day.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
This year the canteen will continue to sell icy-poles and fruit boxes at recess and lunch-times.

Icy pole or Drink box-50c each.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
There are only a few sizes left at the office. We have size 6, 8 and size Medium adults. The price is $23 per shirt. Parents can purchase other sizes directly from Hip Pocket Workwear on Queen St Warragul.

EMA FORMS
(EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)
EMA 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. There have been significant changes to the EMA system for 2013. All EMA families must tick the ‘direct deposit to school’ box on the EMA form so the EMA can be used to pay the school fees. If this box is not ticked, then parents will have to pay for school fees. School fees and excursions will be $150. Any enquiries regarding the EMA please see Rachel at the office.

CONVEYANCE FORMS
Conveyance Forms need to be returned to school by the end of February.

SCHOOL FEES
School Fees are now due, statements were attached to last week’s newsletter. If you have any further queries please contact the school.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Could everyone please look at home to check if they have any Nilma Primary School Library books. Thanks, Barb Vagg.

STUDENT PERMISSION BOOKLET 2013
Could all families please return the Permission Booklets that were sent out at the beginning of the year. If families need another booklet please collect a new one from the office.

WANTED
Video cases to be used for library shelf dividers. Thanks Barb Vagg.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT—SMS and PICK UPS.
As part of our strategy for emergency management, in the event we need to contact all parents in case of a school closure, we will be updating the school mobile phone to SMS every family. Please find details on pages 7-8.

PARENT CLUB
A huge Thank You to the McGrath/Blackney, Gilmore/Smith, Poiglaze, Burdett, Kilgour, Crook, Smythe, Perry, Giblin and Mulconry families and Ms Sutherland, for their help at the Clearing Sale on the 9th Feb. Your help is greatly appreciated, it was a fantastic team effort, raising nearly $700! This money will go towards the purchase of new catering equipment for Parent Club to be used at future catering events.
The activities for Term 1 are Soccer on Tuesday and Taekwondo on Thursday. Participants are;


**TAEKWONDO** – Tahlia Witney, Jack Hall, Kael Mason, Sarwan Harvey, Jai Harvey, Cooper Allsopp, Zavier Allsopp, Callum Adams, Kylie Griggs, Dominick Johnstone-Witney, Megan Griggs, Chloe Behncke, Holly Behncke, Ashley Griggs, Bayley Gunton, Rieley Gunton, Shelby McGrath, Will McGrath, Jack McGrath, Riley Kleeven and Mitchell Gilmore

Please remember that we will only be having 6 weeks of Taekwondo.

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The **Yarragon Junior Football Club** invites all children, boys and girls, to come and join in a season of footy at your local club. There are 3 age groups—Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 1/2.

We have an enthusiastic administration and coaching group ready to get the football season under way. Our focus will be on participation, improving our skills and having fun!

**FIRST TRAINING RUN**; 5.30pm - 6.30pm, this Thursday 14th Feb at Downton Park, Yarragon.

Any enquiries please contact;

Paul Regester - 0409 929 428
Rod Bundle - 0419 395 985

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**WELCOME BBQ RETURN SLIP**

Welcome BBQ and Student Leader Presentation Tuesday 26th February at Nilma Primary School

For catering purposes, please return the slip below by Friday 22nd February.

Family Name:_________________________________

How many attending:___________________________
**SCHOOL NURSE**

PREPS - Could all parents please make sure that the School Nursing Program forms are completed and returned by Tuesday 19th February. Cheryl Fernandez our School Nurse will be visiting our prep students once all the forms have been returned to school.

GRADES 1-6 - Parents of students in grades 1-6 also have the opportunity to have their children seen by the school nurse, you can collect a Student Referral Form from the office and return it with any with any concerns that you may have regarding sight and hearing problems.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

The school banking program will commence on Wednesday 27th February. It will then run fortnightly throughout the term. On banking days students will need to bring in their bank books and money which will then be deposited & recorded then books will be given back to students at the end of the day. If you haven’t opened and account already and would like to participate in the program you will need to open a ‘Youthsaver’ account at the Commonwealth Bank in Warragul. Parent Information Booklets are available at the office.

**GARDENING/SCIENCE PROGRAM**

Dear family and friends,
We are building a chook pen to help with our garden for the manure and eggs, and to learn about raising chooks.

If you can, can you please come and help us build a chook pen on 28th Feb 2013, and/or on the 7th March 2013. If you have any wood wire, roofing or doors, please call the school office.

Thankyou from the Grade 6/5 class and Nilma Primary School.

**LETTER WRITTEN TO CHOICES FROM THE STUDENTS**

Thankyou Choices for the colourful tiles in the box and the adhesive glue and grout. Grade 6/5 has made sculptures and there is a kangaroo, wombat, goanna and a dragon we all have fun making them. We are going to put your colourful tiles on them. The kangaroo might be a bright red tile and the wombat might be bright black and red tiles and the goanna might be a bright green and dark blue and the dragon might be a bright yellow and blue.
As part of our strategy for emergency management, in the event we need to contact all parents in case of a school closure, we will be setting up a new school procedure. We will be using the school mobile phone to SMS every family.

In the event of needing to activate our plan, families will receive an SMS to a Designated Mobile phone. Once each family receives the message we will ask for a notification SMS response from families indicating they have received the message. If we do not receive a notification of receipt of message we will then use other emergency contact details.

This process will be used only in emergency situations—school closure notification at this stage. We will need to make sure that all school information is accurate.

Please return the attached slip (front and back) to the office indicating the mobile phone number for this process.

The number is ‘usually’ Parent A—mobile on our school records, but we will use the number you return on the form below. In the situation where your family does not have a mobile phone—the school will contact the individual family’s landline.

If your family has changed any personal contact details such as phone number (mobile or landline), address or occupation details please notify the Office in writing so all of our details are up to date.

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2013-14

FAMILY NAME: ______________________________________________________

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER FOR SCHOOL SMS EMERGENCY CONTACT:

PHONE NUMBER: _____________________________________________________

NAME OF OWNER: ___________________________________________________

Parent Signature: ______________________________ Date: _____________
As part of our strategy for Emergency Management, we are just following up on a number of practices to keep all students safe.

In the event a parent/guardian is unable to pick up a student from school or another parent has been arranged to do so, it would be best if parents could advise the school on the day through the diary or by phone.

Some parents have permanent arrangements for pick ups—a note in writing would be appreciated in this case as unplanned things happen.

Could all parents please complete this ‘Authorised persons to pick up students from school’ form.

**PLEASE RETURN SLIP BELOW TO OFFICE BY FRIDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2013**

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Nilma Primary School

**AUTHORISED PERSON TO PICK UP STUDENT/S FROM SCHOOL**

**FAMILY NAME:** ____________________________

**STUDENT NAMES:** ____________________________

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**AUTHORISED PERSONS:**

**NAME:** ____________________________

**NAME:** ____________________________

**NAME:** ____________________________

**NAME:** ____________________________

**Parent/ Guardian**

Signature___________________________ Date__________
## Curriculum Corner
### School Timetable

**Nilma Primary School**

**CURRICULUM TIMETABLE - 2013 - Term 1**

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NB: MARC Van and T/L Coach same fortnight – Coaching / PLT meeting / Team Planning Cycle

**ARTS** – Mrs Kryger-Art Room
**MUSIC** – Mr Bucknell
**SCIENCE** – Ms McLennan / Mrs Hodge
**WOODWORK** – Mr Salt / Art Room
**CRE** – Fridays Year P-6, 1-5, 6-3, 11.30-12.00. Year 3/2 and 6/5 12.00-12.30
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