We have lots of new faces around the school—how about we introduce some to our school community—Firstly we have our fantastic new prep Students: Zavier Allsopp, Holly Behncke, Sheree Casey Wilson, Emma Crook, Matilda Dent, Zaic Farmer, Ashley Griggs, Rieley Gunton, Lucas Motton, Bailey Stephens & Elosie Warenycia.

Across the school we also have many new students—
Year 2 Students: Olivia Maunder, Ella Perry, Kiara Perry & Kiandra Polglaze. Year 3 students: Angus Mulconry & Astrid Smith, Year 4 Students: Harrison Perry & Alan Smith Year 5 student: Savanna maunder, Year 6 student: Brytnie Duff . Thank you to all the other students for being great role models and supporting all the students to learn all about life at Nilma Primary School.

As well as students we also welcome—Mrs Meredith Krygger to our school. Mrs Krygger will be teaching Visual Arts. We look forward to lots of creative experiences and an exciting program.

THANK YOU— Lisa Giblin for taking student photos to be used for portfolios and posters around the school.

Principal
Ms Annette Sutherland

Business Manager
Mrs Rachel Hammond

School Council
President
Mrs Leigh Wooster

NEW FACES OF NILMA PS

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SCHOOL COUNCIL 2012
Our 2012 School Council has been elected, and we have new office bearers. We have 6 parents: Nikki Kimm (President), Leigh Wooster (Vice- President), Belinda Smythe (Secretary), Rosa Burdett, Kelly Chesterfield and Julie Young. Annette Sutherland and Kerry Williams represent the DEECD. Kerry Williams, Nicki Kimm, Leigh Wooster, Belinda Smythe have been re-elected while Kelly Chesterfield is a new member to the council this year. I thank all parents for their commitment to Nilma, and look forward to the continuing partnership to build a fantastic school.

BEGINNING YEAR BBQ—Next Tuesday
All families and friends are invited to a 4.30-6.00pm Working Bee and then free school BBQ to celebrate the great beginning of the school year. We will be introducing our new year six leaders and our new School Council.

List of jobs for working bee is on page 6.
Parking- Once again—Jacki Elliott has been kind enough to allow the school community to use her driveway to access parking on the Oval for next Tuesday night. For new families—the entrance is East of the school grounds-(Queen street into Bloomfield Road—driveway across from the 60 km/h sign) if in doubt—ask others—we will place signs up. Thank you Jackie! Please return attendance slip on back of newsletter– for BBQ catering purposes.

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Teaching and Learning Programs

SPECIALIST TEACHERS / TIMETABLES
This year to date we have coordinated specialists as follows:

- **Visual Arts**—Thursdays
- **Science**—Thursdays
- **MARC VAN/Music**—Thursdays (fortnightly)
- **Japanese**—Wednesdays—Commencing term 2

**Instrumental Music**—Friday mornings—we will notify parents of groupings today. Payments will need to be made prior to commencing the lessons—on a term by term basis.

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS 2012**

Norm Cottrell will be teaching private Instrumental Music lessons at Nilma.

Due to popular demand of Guitar—there will be 3 or 4 groups.

Below is a list of students and the instrument they will be learning. Invoices will be sent out next week - term fees to be paid in advance. Could all students please bring their musical instrument with them tomorrow.

Lessons will be rotated during Friday morning—so children do not miss the same part of classroom lessons each week.

Instrumental Music students will be expected to be at school before 9.00am—so instruments can be set up and tuned before lessons in the morning.

Instruments to be clearly labelled and placed in the Multipurpose /Arts Room before school.

**Guitar**
- Twain McClounan
- Dale Butler
- Jack McGrath
- Ashton Kimm
- Reece Motton
- Jack Chesterfield
- Holly Farnham

**Flute**
- Savanna Maunder

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**HEART KIDS AWARENESS DAY**

On Friday the 24th February we are raising awareness for young kids with heart disease. This will be a free dress day for the whole school to participate in to raise money. Below is a list of items you can purchase on the day.

- **Stickers**: $2.00
- **Magnets**: .50 cents
- **Cards**: $1.00

Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Students may bring a gold coin donation which will be sent to the Heart Foundation.
We have been making Autobiographies on the computer. I brought photos from home to add to it. By Meg

In Science I learnt that the roots on Pea Pods grow first. By Emma

I made my Autobiography on the computer. I printed it and made it into a book. By Lane

At home I planted seeds with Glenn like we did in Science. By Sheree

I like playing the computers at school. They are my favourite. By Holly

During our first week we began learning about how to use a calendar and our diaries. From Miss Watts

Yesterday Kirsty’s Mum brought two Guinea Pigs to school. Their names were maggie and Charlie. They ran around. We got to hold Maggie and Charlie. Lucky they didn’t poo on the floor.

By Lachlan Axford

Our classroom is more open now so we can do more stuff and it is better than the other classroom. By Patrick Smythe.

We are getting new furniture for the classroom and they will be great coloured seats. By Lachlan Crook.

It’s cool but really hot in the new classroom. We were sick of being in a tin shed. By Kylie Griggs.

Our new classroom is comfortable and it has lots of space. By Harrison Perry.

I am starting to like our new classroom and the building and we ware getting new furniture soon. By Jack Chesterfield.

If I were the principal I would have no rules so we can do whatever we want. I also would have a spa at school so we can keep warm on cold days and a pool for hot days. My last thing I would do is have dodgem cars at school so no one gets bored. By Mckayla

If I were the principal I would get a brand new playground made out of jelly rubber so no one could get hurt and it would be like a jumping castle. Another thing I would do is put a go-kart track with V8 go-karts so I can race all of my friends. I am also going to have a gigantic trampoline to replace all of the ground in the school so you don’t need shoes. My last thing I would do is put a rollercoaster above the go-kart track and put in dodgem cars because it would make school fun. By Laura
**WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION**

‘HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON’—Arena Spectacular to be held at HISENSE ARENA in Melbourne.

The cost of this excursion is quite expensive but this will be an opportunity of a life time for some. Parent Club will subsidise some of the expense.

The cost for this excursion is $20 per student.

Permission forms are attached to the newsletter and returned with payment please.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The school photos will be held on Tuesday 28th February at 9.00am. Forms were attached to the newsletter last week and must be brought back on photo day. The correct money must be enclosed in the envelopes.

Family photo forms are available from the office if needed.

**OLD FURNITURE**

We have some old furniture available for parents who would be interested. Items include: a T.V, desks, computers. If you are interested then please contact the office.

**HEAD LICE WEEKEND CHECK**

Let’s be proactive here! During the year we have decided to nominate some weekends during the year—If all parents use this weekend as a HL Hunt! We will keep HL at bay!

Could parents please check your children’s hair for head lice. Checking weekly helps. If you suspect your child to have head lice, then please use a treatment and advise the school when your child has been treated. If you would like more information—see Annette for ways to support with treatments.

**ABSENCE NOTES**

If your child is absent from the school, please advise on the day and then a written note must be sent to the school.

Attached to the newsletter are attendance slips (page 5) for your convenience.

**EMA FORMS**

A reminder that all EMA forms will need to be returned to the office by the end of February. Late orders cannot be accepted. A copy of the Health Care Card must also be handed in with the EMA form.

**CONVEYANCE FORMS**

Private Conveyance Forms must be handed into the office by the end of February.

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**WORKING BEES JOBS**

(More hands make light work!)

- Weeding garden beds
- Prune Roses
- Clean out back shed
- Move bark chips—garden and under playground equipment
- Move Books and sort books
- Cleaning
- Sweeping
- Pruning of trees around oval
- Fix Brown Hut
- Remove tyres
- Fix fences
- General clean up
- Fix leak in toilet
- Replace tap washers

**BRING ALONG**

- Wheel barrows
- Gloves, Rakes, Brooms
- Pruners
- Shovels
- Hammers

Jobs will be listed and people can nominate area to work. Any amount of time to come along and work as a community would be much appreciated.

Thank you

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Next year we will be bringing in new uniforms for the students. If parents have any uniforms at home which are too small and would like to donate them for children to wear this year, it would be most appreciated. The parents club will then be holding a 2nd hand uniform sale for parents wishing to buy these uniforms. Items which may be donated can be: red polo tops, jumpers and jackets.

**PARENT CLUB MEETING**

**Tomorrow morning**

**Friday 17th February**

**9.00am**

**All parents welcome**

**Morning tea provided**

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION**

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Date of Absence:________________________________________________________

Reason for Absence:______________________________________________________

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ANTIQUE FAIR
The Antique and Collectables Fair will be held on Sunday 15th April 2012 from 9.00am to 4.00pm. For further information please contact 0425 829 351

Reference—Shine@Home—201 Literacy and Maths tips to help your child.—for other suggestions visit www.education.vic.gov.au/primary
PARENT PAYMENTS FOR 2012

In developing the 2012 Subject Contributions, all aspects of the Schools Resource Package from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the needs of the school in providing the necessary extras to provide a quality educational program, has been considered.

The amount for Parent Payments for 2012 will be $117.50 per child.

The amount for Parent Payments is used to purchase all books and stationery used by each child in their classrooms for the year. The amount also covers costs for one excursion per term for each child, as well as Marc Van, and affiliations such as Sport, RE, and Mathletics.

Families who receive EMA payments throughout the year will not have to pay the above fees, as the Schools portion of the EMA will cover these costs.

Nilma Primary School would appreciate payment for all Subject Contributions by the end of Term one. The amount can be paid as a lump sum, or in instalments.

Parent Payments do not cover costs associated with the Swimming Program, Winter Sport Program or School Camps.

Your receipt for Parent Payments will also include an itemised account so you may claim the Education Tax Refund.
## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**Working Bee and BBQ**

**Name of family:**

**How many attending:**