SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
With all the works nearing completion—we will be able to build on more of the school environment projects in the coming weeks and terms. As I walk around the grounds I note lots of variety of activities students are able to engage in during playtimes—we currently have an archaeological dig happening in the Magic Forrest—wonder what they might find! There was a magnificent T-ball game going for a couple of weeks, recently replaced by the mighty football! Sandpit has always attracted groups building and digging. The artificial grass area has a game of Dodge ball back on deck! The vegetable garden has been producing lots of produce—with children picking and eating and generally caring for the garden so beautifully. On the weekend and into next Monday—the school will be closed so the asphalt works around the main building can be completed—so remember next Monday students are to be dropped at Burke Street park (across from Leisure Centre) for our excursion. If you have any questions—give the office a call.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
At last night’s School Council meeting we elected new office bearers. Our school Council office bearers are President — Nicole Kimm, Secretary —Belinda Smythe, and Vice President —Kelly Chesterfield. Other parent members include; Julie Young, Rosa Burdett and Natalie Axford. Kerry Williams is the Department Representative. Please do not hesitate to speak to any members of School Council if you would like to make a suggestion or raise a concern—all members would be glad to support the great learning environment for all at Nilma.

I look forward to another exciting year for Nilma.

PARENTS CLUB MORNING TEA—
TOMORROW—all parents welcome—new parents—bring toddlers for a play too. All parents are invited to attend a morning tea at the school on Friday 22nd February at 9.00am. 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 PHOTOS
The school photos will be held next Tuesday 26th February at 9.00am. Forms 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.

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.

Some of the jobs -
◆ Moving the 1/P classroom
◆ Putting on new door handles
◆ Filling the sand pit
◆ Cutting back garden beds/weeding
◆ Cutting back branches on trees—picking up sticks!
◆ Building a seating area around the drain near basketball court
◆ Putting up pin boards and white boards in rooms
◆ Clearing shed area of junk (for the last time!)
◆ And lots more— Lots of hands make light work…. 
R.E.A.L
STUDENTS @ NILMA
Student of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
Chloe Behncke
For being such an enthusiastic learner and helpful class member.

Homegroup 3/2
Meg Devlin
For working so hard to master your thousands this week in maths. You are a champion.

Homegroup 4
Annwn Williams
For making a great start to the year and being prepared to try his hardest in all areas of his learning.

Homegroup 6/5
Lachlan Crook
For challenging himself in all areas of his learning to try his hardest, showing a caring and considerate attitude to others and being an excellent role model for his fellow students.

Happy Birthday
Annwn
Sarwan
Matilda

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
• Ashton Kimm
• Sheree Casey-Wilson
• Lachlan Axford
• Kylie Griggs

SCIENCE
• Aiden Smythe
• Ella Perry
• Ryan Young
• Dominick Johnstone-Witney

MARC VAN
• Sheree Casey - Wilson
• Aiden Smythe
• Ashley Griggs
• Zavier Allopp
Dear Panda,

Listen up, I Michael want you panda to be my pet. If you except this once in a life time opportunity you will have luxuries like lots of bamboo, a personal butler and a chance of becoming a life kung fu panda. Also if you want, my Nana can knit you a costume. Plus if it is a thirty degree day, I have a swimming pool for you to swim in and there is a giant slide as well. Also if you're a gamer like me, you can play games on a one hundred and fifty inch flat screen television. You can play the xbox, a playstation or a wii. Also I have some of the older games like space invaders or pac man. If you like to read books, I have the biggest library on the planet so you can read when ever you want. I have the biggest relaxing, heating, vibrating bed in the world. That is why you should be my pet. From Michael

My 5 Days at Woorabinda

At camp my roommate was Jade. I was in room number six. It took me ages to pack. I was in yellow group. The activities started on Tuesday. Yellow group’s first activity was ropes. I wasn’t scared but on the high ropes I was scared. At assembly there was a girl and boy competition. The girls won the first time but then the boys won twice in a row. There was a hot seat and the hot seat was funny. We went on a zip line I landed backwards without getting bark down my pants. We went canoeing in a lake with leeches in it.

By Sine Salt.

I went to Woorabinda camp, it was really fun! My roommate was Riley White. I was in group red. The activities I did were canoeing, zip wire, high ropes and low ropes. We also did art night hikes, long walks, a trivia race quest, hut building and more. I liked zip wire best. It was 179 meters long, it was really fun. The new kids I met were Harry, Phoenix and Luke.

By Andrew Burdett

Yesterday I got new shoes. They are pink and white. When I walk they light up.

By Ava Williams

I am really excited about the excursion on Monday because I really enjoy gardening.

By Carolyn

In maths we played a fun pirate activity with hundred numbers and thousand numbers.

By Ella

Today I am finishing a test. I find it tricky but I'm working hard.

By Kiara

Yesterday we finished our Aim Online Testing and it was tricky.

By Olivia

In maths we did a pirate game and two people would move two spaces when they got the highest and lowest number. The person who got the middle number would move one space.

By Meg

Yesterday I went to the hospital. The doctor took four teeth out. I have them in a jar at home. The nurse gave me a Bravery Award and a sticker.

By Olivia Addison

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SCHOOL EXCURSIONS
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 from Burke Street Park at 3.00pm. Attached to the newsletter is a map of our trip and additional information.

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
Our school photo day will be next Tuesday 26th February. Forms can be brought to the office beforehand but must be handed in on the day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
There are only a few sizes left at the office. We have sizes 6, 8, and 14. They are $20 each. Parents can purchase other sizes directly from Hip Pocket Workwear on Queen St Warragul.

EMA FORMS
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.

SCHOOL FEES
School Fees are now due, statements have been sent to all families. If you have any further queries please contact the school.

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.

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—thank you for the speedy return of information.

OUR GRADE 6 STUDENT LEADERS
Cooper Allsopp, Savanna Maunder, Ryan Young, Mckayla Lindsay, Jai Harvey, Jasmin Williams and Jack Hall.

HEART KIDS
The month of February is Heart Awareness Month.
FREE DRESS DAY (gold coin donation)
Thursday 28th February
and to help raise money for this cause. Children will be making support cards to send to children with Heart Disease
Your help will support families who have a child with heart disease.

HeartKids is a support group for families of children with heart disease, be it congenital (born with) or acquired. We have grown to an organisation of some strength with a presence in almost every state of Australia, as well as a National body - HeartKids Australia. Over the years, HeartKids Victoria including Tasmania, with the help of members, sponsors and friends, has been able to help out the children's hospitals by way of donations of money, equipment and research grants.

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 9) for your convenience.
Remaining dates;
SOCcer - Tuesday: 26th Feb, Tues 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March
TaeKwonDo - Thursday: 28th Feb, 7th, 14th, 21st March

Students are enjoying this terms activities, learning new skills and having fun! We will be introducing ‘AASC Participation Awards’ which will be given to students who are using their new skills, encouraging other students and being a good team player.

**AASC Participation Awards**

- Megan Griggs
- Sarwan Harvey
- Jai Harvey
- Chloe Behncke

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:___________________________

Has your child got music on the brain?? Then come along to Leading Notes Youth Choir. Rehearsals are every Monday night during term. For more information contact sing@leadingnotesyouthchoir.com.au

F.L.I Educational Services - Tutoring & After School Study. Individual tutoring for all levels, Secondary & Primary. For more information call 0419 317 591

Piano and Keyboard Tutor, Hilary Margaret Maney. Phone 0415 594 765 or info@happykeystuition.com.au
PREP PARENTS
New Weekly Email Subscription for Prep Parents. ‘Prep for parents’ is a new free email subscription specifically for parents whose child started school this year. Subscribers will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term. Topics covered will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom as well as how and what they learn during their first year of school.


‘ARTS & GARDENS’ School Excursion Itinerary

9am - Meet at Burke Street Park

9.30am - Depart Burke Street Park on 2 buses,

10am - 11am - Group 1 will go to Laurie Collins’s Garden (1) 420 Main Jindivick Rd, Jindivick
Group 2 will go to Jindivick Community Gardens with Ruth McGowan (4) Jacksons Track, Jindivick

11am - Morning Tea at Jindivick Primary School (2) Jacksons Track, Jindivick

11.30am - Nangara Reserve for lunch and activities (3) Nangara Rd, Jindivick

1pm - 2pm- Group 1 will go to Jindivick Community Gardens with Ruth McGowan (4)
Group 2 will go to Laurie Collins’s Garden (1)

2.30pm - Visit to Warragul Community Garden (5) George Street, Warragul

3.15pm - Pick up from Burke Street Park
**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.

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**GARDENING/SCIENCE PROGRAM**

Busy in the garden were the Grade 1/P Gardeners!

We picked beans and we ate them - Holly

We pretended we were chickens when we measured out the chook pen - Aiden

We were digging the bark to make room for the sandpit - Zavier

We saw a huge zucchini - Emma

It was 50cm long - Ty

Aiden found 2 strawberries. I ate that strawberry - Zaic

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**WOODWORK**
This year Nilma has been given the opportunity to run the canteen at the Rural School Sports Day on Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} March. This is a great opportunity for our school to raise funds to go towards school programs. As this is a major event we need as many helpers as we can! Jobs on the day will range from food preparation, serving, cleaning, tea & coffee, cooking, re-stocking supplies etc. If you are able to help out on the day at any stage please fill out the time available below. We will also be having meetings prior to the day which everyone is welcome to attend, all ideas and suggestions are greatly appreciated! At this stage we are looking at selling Tea/Coffee, Steamed Dim Sims, Party Pies, Sausage Rolls, Hot Dogs, Icy Poles, Cold Drinks and Lollies, we are also looking into a Coffee Van and Slushies. More information about the canteen duties will be in next weeks’ newsletter.

**WGRSSA Sports Day Canteen Duty**

Please return this form to school by Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} February.

Please tick times you will be available

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**AN HOUR PER FAMILY WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT GOAL**

Thank you  \textit{Belinda Smythe}
NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE SLIP

Name of student:______________________________________________________________

Date of Absence:_______________________________________________________________

Reason for Absence:____________________________________________________________

Signed by Parent:_______________________________________________________________

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