YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEADERS
Congratulations to our year 6 student leaders—who received their school leadership badges at the school BBQ/Working Bee on Tuesday night. We know all students will have the opportunity to take on many roles as responsible school leaders, role models or mentors to others. It is a school expectation that all year 6 students will be given civics and citizenship roles to support the healthy learning culture of Nilma Primary School.

WORKING BEE SUCCESS
THANK YOU  THANK YOU
Thank you to the families who helped with the Working Bee at the school on Tuesday night. Your help around the school yard was most appreciated. We achieved a great deal in a short period of time—most immediate maintenance jobs were completed and we can now look forward to some more project based jobs to provide a warm inviting safe school yard and learning environment.

Thank you to Jinine Kilgour, Nicole Kimm and Belinda Smythe for cooking the BBQ. Thanks also to the students who sold drinks for the parents club.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
The school photos will be held next Tuesday 28th 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.

NPS Parent-Teacher Discussions
—Parent FEEDBACK Form
Thank you to all families who have had an opportunity to sit with teachers and discuss learning—social, emotion and academic needs, as well as simply get to know teachers. We hope this proved useful and informative for the family. Your feedback helps staff to shape the school’s communication processes and build effective home-school partnerships to support students education. Please take 2 minutes to answer a few questions and/or make comments/suggestions. Return slip—ON BACK PAGE -Thank you.

Breakfast @ School
Wednesday 29th February.
Be early, breakfast starts at 8:10 am
All preps are required to be at school on this day as it is

Above Grade 6 Leaders—Taylor Lawry, Rachael Lawry, Laura Young, Bailey Kleveen, Olivia Quinn, Jessica Gilbertson, Justin Axford and Savanna Maunder. Absent—Twain McClounan. Also in the photo Grade 6/5 Teacher—Miss Berkelmans and Principal—Ms Sutherland.

HEART KIDS
The month of February is Heart Awareness Month.
FREE DRESS DAY to raise awareness—TOMORROW and to help raise money for this cause.

Please help support this cause, and purchase a magnet for 50 cents, stickers for $2.00 or cards for $1.00. Your help will support families who have a child with heart disease.

Thank you Aiden for sharing your story with us.
R.E.A.L
STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
EMMA CROOK
for working hard in class and always being a good learner.

Homegroup 3/2
JAMIE GARTEN
for being voted by his peers for being helpful.

Homegroup 4/3
KYLE GRIGGS
for demonstrating good learning skills, respect and responsibility.

Homegroup 6/5
BAILEY KLEEVEN
has worked hard this week and done some fantastic maths work.

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.


SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP
YEAR 4-6 STUDENTS

This is an early notification for our School Camp which will be held on Monday 21st May until Wednesday 23rd May. This year students will be travelling to Ballarat, including a visit to Sovereign Hill and the Wildlife Park. The cost for this camp will be around the $220 mark.

A payment plan, finalisation of forms and payment will be included in next weeks newsletter.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday the 9th of March is Crazy Hair Day so go a little wild and create a weird and wacky hairstyle. Support the Leukaemia foundation by having a bit of fun and making a Gold Coin Donation. Both students and staff are invited to take part in the day and show off their hair.

The Leukaemia Foundation supports the people with Cystic Fibrosis. CF is a chronic illness that affects the lungs and digestive system of young people in Australia today. Treatment is relentless, day in and day out.
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

I brought in a sunflower from home. We watered it and it is heaps bigger than us. By Daniel

We asked all the kids in the school what they would like in the playground and we are putting it into a bar graph to see which thing is the most popular. By Lane

I finished my Autobiography today. I put photos of me swimming, me with my brother Lewis and mum and dad’s wedding photo. By Meg

We are learning about plants in science. They need sun, soil and water to grow. By Aiden

We made books about us, Autobiographies. I liked making the my friends page. By Ashton

On the 8th of March 2012 the whole of Nilma Primary School are going to Hisense Arena to see ‘How To Train Your Dragon Arena Spectacular’ World Premier!! I am so excited!!! It will be so cool!!! My brother will LOVE it. I can’t wait, it’s only in a week or two!!! By Shakira Kimm.

On March the 8th the whole school is going to Melbourne to see ‘HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON ARENA SPECTACULAR’ in the Hisense Arena. The whole school is “excited”!!! By Dominick Johnstone.

Today we did lots of division in maths.

By Savanna

On the weekend Laura came over and we played on the computer.

By Jessica

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By Mckayla.

We have 8 mice ready to sell. There is a hairy one.

By Bailey

The whole school is going on the train to Melbourne on the 8th March to see ‘How to Train Your Dragon’. By Aaron

Mitch, Jack, Lachlan and I are playing football for Warranor. By Max

Rose-Ann, Mitch, Astrid and I want to do a play about the 4 dragons for our class.

By Sine

We have Art, MARC Van and Science on Thursdays. By Mitch

We have new people in our grade. They are fun. By Bailey

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**SCHOOL ORGANISATION**

**EMA FORMS**
A reminder that all EMA forms will need to be returned to the office by next Tuesday 28th 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 Tuesday 28th February. If your child lives 4.8km from the nearest school, families are entitled to Private Conveyance allowance. Please check at the office if you are not sure.

**SCHOOL FEES**
The School fees have been set for $117.50. The EMA payments will pay for the school fees for those families on EMA. Statements will be sent home with today’s newsletter. All families will receive a receipt for subject contributions and a receipt for class materials should they wish to claim for tax purposes. Should you have any queries regarding the school fees, then please check with Rachel or Annette in the Office. Thankyou to those families who have already paid. Payment for school fees would be appreciated by the end of 1st term.

**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. The cost for parents is $60.
The parents who are attending are: Nicole Kimm, Brian Mulconry, Julie Young, Natalie Axford, Leanne Perry. If your name does not appear on the list and you would like to attend please see Annette. Parents must pay in full by Wednesday 29th February.

**Damage to the school**
Over the past 2 weekends we have experienced some unexpected visitors to the school. If you are driving past the school on the weekends and you do have a couple of extra minutes—please take the time to just drive into the car park for a look. This would be appreciated.
A bit like neighbourhood watch — in your car!

**Last week newsletter error!**
I was thanking the Elliott family for the use of the driveway for our school BBQ—a big thank you to Paula Elliott not Jackie as suggested by last week’s newsletter—What was I thinking? Apology Paula!
Ms Sutherland

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**PARENT CLUB NEWS**

**Uniforms:** Donations of pre-loved uniforms can be made at the office until Wednesday 29th February. The 2nd hand uniform sale will be held in the staffroom on Friday 2nd March from 2.30-4.00pm. Please note: Only the red polo tops will be changing in 2013. All other items of clothing will remain the same.

**Easter Raffle:** This will be drawn the last day of Term 1. Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be made at the office. Raffle books will be sent home in the next few weeks.

**Hot Lunch day:** On Friday 16th March the parents will be holding a Hot Lunch Day. Students may order a hot dog and flavoured drink (chocolate or strawberry) for $5.00. For catering purposes, all orders must be in by Wednesday 14th March.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**
At the recent School Council meeting we elected new office bearers. Our school Council office bearers are President —Nicole Kimm, Secretary —Belinda Smythe , and Vice President —Leigh Wooster. We welcome Kelly Chesterfield as a new member to our school council. Meetings are held once every month at the school.
PARENT INVOLVEMENT—WORKING BEE

THANK YOU
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home LAUGH @ NILMA

As part of our Home Learning Program (Homework!), we have expected students to be reading on a nightly basis and this has had pleasing results in student attitudes to reading and improvement in skills. Many children are achieving their 100’s Club Awards!! We will also be sending home some activities with a difference! We have purchased a number of games for students to take home and share with families. We encourage families to share in the LAUGH program!! Students will bring games home each week and be expected to return them the following week. This will allow families to have some share time during the week—if not once but several times!

Games are a fun way to develop many social skills, oral language skills and problem solving strategies which are essential to learning literacy and numeracy.

This program has been established on the belief that Home Learning should support the school learning programs, be an enjoyable experiences and involve conversation with family or friends to develop learning strategies that can be transferred to other activities.

LAUGH @ NILMA intends to:

- **Engage students**—Through enjoyable, interactive and challenging experiences. Encourage development of social skills—e.g. turn taking, cooperation and praise. Develop shared expectations for learning and interacting in a game.
- **Explore**—learning opportunities for each activity and possible solutions to games.
- **Explain**—children get the opportunity to talk about what they are learning.
- **Elaborate**—on activities through conversation and listening to other ideas to develop other alternative ways of thinking.
- **Evaluate**—encourage your child to talk about, and reflect on his/her learning. Be supportive and provide positive comments.

GAMES AND NILMA PRIMARY LIBRARY BORROWING DAY WILL BE MONDAYS
WORLD EDUCATION GAMES
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Chance to be a rock star (no experience necessary).
Would you like to be in a band even though you can’t play an instrument? Would you like to perform at gigs locally? Would you like to play big loud drums in a team? Would you like to do this at minimal or zero cost? If the answer to any of these is ‘yes’ then we need you. We’ve had a grant from the Youth Foundations, Victoria to set up a Youth Samba School. We’ve got the drums, all we need is the players. All young people in Grade 6 to Year 9 can come and play. No experience or talent required. We provide everything you need. Rehearsals start Thursday, 1st March and we already have our first gig. Call Sue 5628 1045 for details and to register.

Gulls Netball Club.
Affiliated with the Warragul and District Netball Association.
WINTER SEASON REGISTRATION NIGHT
Wednesday 7th March 4.00- 6.00PM.
At Burke Street Netball courts.
All past, present and new players welcome.
We are a very family orientated club and are always looking to encourage people to become involved.
For more information contact:
Lisa Williamson 0428 999 931

FOR SALE
A brand new Gasmate 4 Burner BBQ (as pictured). This BBQ is assembled, and has never been used. It was won in a raffle and not needed. Complete with hose and regulator, side burner, warming rack, and lots more features.
Enquiries to Annie Lochki 0408 394 569.

COMMUNITY HEAD LICE WEEKEND CHECK
This weekend—Let’s all be proactive and check our heads this weekend—this will keep them out of our school!
### NPS Parent Teacher Discussions—Parent FEEDBACK Form

Your feedback helps to shape the school's communication processes and builds effective home-school partnerships to support child's/rens education.

**Family** (optional) __________________________________________ (tick box below)

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**Comment/Suggestion**