CeREAL @ Nilma
Thank you to all the students who came in to school early to share in a healthy breakfast. Thank you to staff who came in early to serve the breakfast. Having a healthy breakfast in the morning provides food for the brain creating a positive start to the beginning of the day.

FINANCIAL AUDIT
Congratulations to our Business Manager—Rachel Hammond. Last week we had our school financial Audit to find our processes, procedures and quality of work to be exceptionally high at Nilma. This is a reflection of the great work Rachel does to keep the business side of the school functioning smoothly.

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION
‘HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON’—Arena Spectacular to be held at HISENSE ARENA in Melbourne. Children must be at the train station by 8.30am. next Thursday. The train will be arriving back at the station at 4.00pm. All money and forms are due back at the school TODAY. We will talk to students and staff about safe travel on trains and expectations this week. We are all very excited!

CAR PARK ISSUES
Yesterday, School Council president—Nicki Kimm and myself met with representatives of Baw Baw Shire and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to discuss the many impacting factors of the parking, bus issues and infrastructure of Nilma. We have discussed several options and will look forward to addressing concerns on a long term basis. In the short term—just drive slowly—parents are be very patient and staggering pick up times which has helped. Thank you. Also a reminder, students wishing to access parent vehicles on the far side of the car-park need to walk around the outside of the car—park behind the rails please. Adults are the role models for the students so please use the crossing appropriately and also move around the car-park on the footpath.

PORTABLES TO BE MOVED.
There is possibility portables will be moved next Thursday—Tomorrow we will bump out of staffroom—any help would be great to reorganise things!

Enjoying CeREAL @ school are: Kiara Perry, Kiandra Polglaze and Sheree Casey-Wilson

Above Grade 6 Leaders—Tayla Lawry, Rachael Lawry, Laura Young, Tayla Lochki, Bailey Kleeven, Olivia Quinn, Jessica Gilbertson, Justin Axford and Brytnie Duff.
Absent—Twain McClounan.
Also in the photo Grade 6/5 Teacher—Miss Berkelmans

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY 12th
As we are attending the school excursion next Thursday 8th March, we will be having Marc Van next Wednesday 7th March. Please ensure children bring books to school so others may borrow them.

Preps are not required at school next Wednesday 7th March. All preps are required to attend the following Wednesday 14th March.

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**R.E.A.L Students @ NILMA**

**Student of the Week**

**Recognitions**

Homegroup 1 / Prep

**SHEREE CASEY WILSON**
For always working well in class and trying her best

Homegroup 3/2

**ASTRID SMITH**
For settling into school so well and for being a friendly helpful member of our class.

Homegroup 4/3

**MICHAEL FARNHAM**
Who has been willing to take responsibility and apply himself well to his learning.

**KYLIE GRIGGS**
for demonstrating good learning skills, respect and responsibility. *(Last week)*

Homegroup 6/5

**COREY MOTTON**
For doing a fantastic job with his narrative writing and putting a great effort into his Maths.

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**SCIENCE**

To help students learn more about plants, some family homework activities called “Science Share” have been designed for you to do at home as a family. Discuss with your child/ren what has happened in the experiment. Let them bring the

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**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.
I like playing with the foam shapes. By Zavier Allsopp.

We are going on the train to see How to Train your Dragon. By Daniel Axford.

I played with my jelly fish at home which I made at school. By Bailey Witney.

I had a big cup of juice at breakfast at school. By Emma Crook.

We are learning to write Narratives. My story is about aliens. By Aaron Cooper.

We had breakfast at school on Wednesday. I had weetbix, Tahlia had vanilla yoghurt and Miss Watts had Raisin toast. By Kirsty Wooster.

My Mum helped cook the Raisin toast for our school breakfast, while my friends and I played with Alex. By Mitch Chesterfield.

We are learning to spell new words every week. We write our spelling words into our diaries. Then we can practise them at home. By Kiara Perry.

On Wednesday, Grade 3/2 learnt how to do a code-breaker. It was hard, I enjoyed the challenge. By Angus Mulconry.

On The 29th Of February the whole of Nilma primary school had breakfast at school. The event was called CEREAL @ Nilma. It stands for Children Eating REAL @t Nilma.

When I interviewed the Principal, Miss Sutherland, I asked her, “Why did you organise this event?” Ms Sutherland said, “Two reasons. One because it makes kids eat healthy and it also gives a reason for them to get to school early.” By: Shakira Kimm

I am looking forward to seeing ‘How to Train a Dragon’. By Olivia

We have a new art teacher. She is a great teacher. By Dale

We have art today. Last week we drew dragons. By Corey

On the weekend I might be going to the Warragul show with Laura. By Jessica

On the weekend I will go to the Warragul show even if it is raining. By Laura
JAPANESE INTERN
Our new intern, Miss Arisa Kawamura will arrive soon after the holidays and should start in the second week of Term 2. She will be at Nilma on Wednesdays. We are asking if any parents are interested in hosting our Japanese Intern during Term 2 or Term 3, please see Annette.

Darnum and Nilma Primary Schools are due to return to Japan in November 2012. We do not have much information as yet, but if you are interested, please let Annette know. The cost for this trip would be approx $2,000 per student and $2,500 per adult. The trip would last 12-14 days, and students will be staying with host families. This is a trip of a lifetime if your child would like to attend.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE-ABSENCE PROCEDURES
In line with Department guidelines, we are updating our school procedures. Documented records of student absence is compulsory. Attendance slips are attached with today’s newsletter for your convenience. A slip will need to be filled out and signed when a student is absent.

We do appreciate a phone call—but a document of absence is necessary for new school procedures. Thank you for your attention to this. We will endeavour to place some extra copies of the absence notes in student diaries for your convenience too.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES
A reminder to all parents, that all students must be signed in when arriving late, (anytime after 9.00am) or leaving early. Parents must sign the student into the book, so staff are aware who is present at the school.

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
The next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday 15th March at 1.45pm at the school.
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
Students participating in Triathlon sessions for AASC are able to bring along their scooters to use in the sessions for the next few weeks. Scooters must be safe and working correctly and all students must bring along their helmets to be able to participate. Scooters are to be brought along on Tuesday mornings, with helmets, and will be stored in the Multi-Purpose Room until 3.30pm. **Scooters are NOT to be ridden on school grounds, they must be carried to the Multi-Purpose Room.** I will be at school from 8.45am Tuesday morning to help students put the scooters inside. If students do not have a scooter or are unable to bring them along, please still bring your helmet. Thanks, Belinda.

BOOKCLUB
Attached to the newsletter are Bookclub orders. Please ensure that all money and orders are returned to the school by Tuesday 13th March.

LONG WEEKEND
Just a reminder that there will be no school on Monday 12th March, due to the Labour Day Long Weekend.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS
The School Athletic Sports will be held at the Geoff Watt Track in Warragul on Wednesday 21st March. The back up day is Friday 23rd March. Permission forms and other information regarding the sports will be sent out next week.

HELP REQUIRED–LETTERBOX
Would any parent be able to fix our school letter box—it has taken a tumble—the stand has broken. Please see Annette.

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

INVITATION TO FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS.
Parents are invited to attend a workshop to learn more about family engagement and how to make it work for you, to be held at Gippsland Region (Traralgon) on Tuesday 24th April from 9.15am-3.30pm (RSVP by 3rd April)
Please find an invitation attached, if you require anymore information you can contact Education Partnerships Division on 96372719 or applications can be emailed to education.partnerships@edumail.vic.gov.au indicating which workshop you wish to attend.
RSVP’s are due back 3 weeks prior to the workshop.

ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE
Attached to the newsletter is information regarding the Active Families Challenge. By participating in this challenge, Nilma PS will have the opportunity to earn a Rebel sports voucher. Schools will also have the chance to win some great prizes. Checkout the Active Families Challenge website on...
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