WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY WELCOME BBQ!

It was fantastic to see so many families at the whole school BBQ last Tuesday, although the weather was so hot! Our BBQ being slightly modified to a to BBQ/ Hot Dog night due to the Total Fire Ban!

It was a good time for staff and parents to talk in a relaxed setting and parents to get to know one another, in our beautiful school surroundings.

Huge thanks to all the parents who helped with the BBQ; Andy Kinsey, Nicki Kimm, Tarra Williams and Staff, without this support the evening would not have been so successful.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP @NILMA

Congratulations to students in year 6 who attended the School family BBQ to receive their badges for 2016.

We look forward to outstanding leadership skills from these students—Mitchell Smith, Ryan Cane, Mitch Chesterfield, Riley Kleeven, Teagan George, Sabrina Thompson, Ella Perry, Charlotte Brown, Bailey Dent, Kiara Perry and Kiandra Polglaze.

PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

At last night’s School Council AGM meeting we elected new office bearers.

Our 2016 School Council Office Bearers are; President — Natalie Axford, Secretary — Sara Cogo and Vice President — Nicki Kimm.

Our parent members include; Natalie Axford, Nicki Kimm, Sarah Cogo, Rebecca McCabe, Andrew Kinsey and Katie Farmer. Kerry Williams, Emily Matarczyk and myself are our Department Representatives.

Welcome to our new parent members: Sara Cogo, Rebecca McCabe, Andrew Kinsey and to Nicki Kimm for taking up another term as a School Councillor.

The culture of Nilma Primary School is to work in partnership with parents for the benefit of all students and families.

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.

We would like to also thank outgoing School Councillors; Kelly Chesterfield, Phil Mammolito and Leanne Perry for their commitment to the school and supporting to shape the vision, policies and future of the school.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA
Learner of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red
Dylan Bradshaw
For concentrating on your learning tasks and working hard to write neatly. Keep it up Dylan!

Homegroup 2/1 Green
Ty Kindermann
for showing such a positive attitude to all aspects of your learning and always considering and respecting your fellow students.

Homegroup 4/3 Blue
Sheree Casey Wilson
For demonstrating such a responsible attitude to all areas of your learning and school life. Your positive attitude sets a fine example for your fellow students. A “REAL” Visible Learner. Well done Sheree!

Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow
Ryan Cane
For the amazing result you achieved on your TORCH assessment. What a spectacular REAL Learner you are!

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING

25 Nights
Olivia Addison
Ashley Griggs
Ella Perry

PLAYGROUND AWARDS
Winners

- Daniel
- Ashton
- Nataly
- Amelia

Happy Birthday
Miller Bundle
Nicholas Addson
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

On the weekend I went to bowling alley with Pa.
Jessie McCabe

On the holidays I went to the beach and I went fishing on the boat.
Blake Hanmer

On the weekend I might get my remote control car.
Deklan Machjerzak

On the weekend some people came around with a little baby boy and they had a sleep over.
Shila Bundle

On the weekend I went to Melbourne. I went ice-skating with mum and dad (Mel and Stuart). On the way I got to play on my iPad Mini 2, the same on the way back. It was fun.
Oliver Turner

If I was a dinosaur I would be a pterodactyl. I would fly. Alex
If I was a dinosaur I would be a velociraptor. Jai W
If I was a dinosaur I would be a brachiosaurus. Miller
If I was a dinosaur I would be a triceratops. I would eat grass. Charlotte
If I was a dinosaur I would be a brachiosaurus. Savannah
If I was a dinosaur I would be a tyrannosaurus rex. I would jump in the lake. Blake
If I was a dinosaur I would be a stegosaurus. I would flick my tail. Lewis
If I was a dinosaur I would be a tyrannosaurus rex. Jai M
If I was a dinosaur I would be a brachiosaurus. :) Mrs Evans

Gardening
On Thursday the 18th of February we made a brand new scarecrow. I took him apart and Will C and I filled his pants with straw and I also did his t-shirt. By Sheree and Will C.
Hey!!! Guess what? Amelia and I helped make the school scarecrow and we did the head. Amelia joked around because we were using wire so Amelia gave him a needle (but it was only pretend) and we used thinner wire because the other wire was too thick. It made it easier to stitch on the eyes nose and mouth. By Matilda and Amelia

Students shared and consolidated their knowledge and understanding about solid shapes, and their matching nets. They then explored making different solid shapes using Geofix pieces. Some of the nets were incredible, and some shapes were sadly too large to finish.
PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS—Please return by Thursday 3rd March 2016.

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Comments/Feedback:
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FREE DRESS DAY - MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY
Nilma will be having a ‘Free Dress Day’ on Monday 29th February. Bring along a gold coin donation on the day, money raised will go towards ...........

JAPANESE EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING
For any families interested in the proposed Japanese Exchange Program for 2016 there will be an information session at Darnum Primary School on Tuesday March 22nd from 7pm.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS
In developing the 2016 Essential Education Items (Subject Contributions), all aspects of the Schools Resource Package from the Department of Education and Training and the needs of the school in providing the necessary extras to provide a quality educational program, has been considered.
The amount for Essential Education Items for 2016 will be $140.00 per child. The excursion levy for 2016 will be $50 per child.
The amount for Essential Education Items is used to purchase all books and stationery used by each child in their classrooms for the year. It is also used to cover costs of purchasing materials for Art, English, Music, Mathematics, Technology, Science, and Health and PE, MARC Van and Sports Levies. Information was sent home with last weeks newsletter outlining the cost breakdown for subject contributions.
Nilma Primary School would appreciate payment for all Essential Education Items and Excursion Levies by the end of first term 2016. The amount of $190.00 can be paid to the office in cash, cheque, or by bank deposit.
A payment plan can be arranged for those who wish to pay in instalments. Please speak to the office for more information.

YEAR 6/5 BALLARAT CAMP
The Year 6/5 Camp will be held at Ballarat on Wednesday 20th until Friday 22nd April 2016. Good news! - The cost of the camp has been reduced as we now only have to take one bus to the camp as there are several children attending the Somers camp from across the cluster. The camp will now cost $250. The payment plan is attached to the newsletter this week. All camps need to be finalised before attending—full payment due on 14th April 2016.

SOMERS CAMP
The SomersCamp is available to selected Year 5 & 6 students and will be held from Tuesday 12th April until Wednesday 20th April 2016. Three students from Nilma will attend this camp. More information will be sent to the individual families soon.

LIBRARY & MARC VAN BOOKS
Could students please return any outstanding Library and MARC Van books next week. MARC Van book are to be returned every fortnight, on Marc day to allow students to re-borrow other books. Nilma’s library system runs on a weekly basis, with each homegroup borrowing on different days. Students are to return books on their nominated days to re-borrow from the schools library.

MELBOURNE MUSEUM EXCURSION
On Monday 21st March, the whole school will be participating in an excursion to the Melbourne Museum. Students will travel to and from the Museum by bus. There is an opportunity for parents to help on this excursion, if you are interested in helping, and have a current Working with Childrens Check, please leave your name at the Office by Friday 4th March. More information about the excursion will be in next weeks newsletter.

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE
Our first fundraiser for 2016 is a Hot Cross Bun Drive with Bakers Delight. Attached to last weeks newsletter were the order forms which are due back, with payment, on Tuesday 8th March. Delivery for the orders will be on Tuesday 22nd March. There are 4 varieties to choose from; Traditional, Choc Chip, Mocha and Fruitless, all are $7.00 for a pack of 6. For extra order forms please contact the Office.

VISION PORTRAITS
Vision Portraits will be at Nilma on Saturday 16th April for a ‘$15 Photo Fundraiser’. Families are now able to book sessions online or with cash at the Office. Photos can be taken both indoors and outdoors, and includes a 10” X 13” photo and frame. An information flyer for the bookings and Vision Portraits is attached to the newsletter.
Mrs Uren and Mrs Hodge will be coordinating the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This program will be held every Thursday. During cooking sessions (fortnightly for students in years 3 and 4) students will be making yummy treats such as; salads of the imagination, tarts, tortes, curries, breads, fritters, gnocchi and pastas. In the garden students will be pruning, composting, mulching, planting, creating a worm farm, creating a no dig garden, weeding, fertilising and harvesting.

Below is a roster for this terms program. It would be great if we could have 3 volunteers for every session, you may be able to help for the while day or you may only be able to help for one session.

If you are able to volunteer on any of the dates indicated, please fill out the roster below and return to school. Thank You!

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It’s been a delight to welcome a newborn baby into our extended family, but oh how tiny she is when you look at her!

The challenge of helping this child grow is the same for all parents and now that they are at school, as parents we need to be continually challenging them, giving verbal encouragement, some restrictions as well as teaching. It’s an ongoing process.

When a child gets to Grade 5 and 6 and doesn’t understand that staying up until 5am playing X-box on Friday night will affect his/her behaviour for the next three or four days (grumpy, belligerent, unco-operative and tired) then it’s time for the parent or responsible adult to exercise some authority. How? Perhaps an agreement from visiting children before they arrive that lights will be out at midnight. At home no Playstation after 10pm if the childs behaviour is extreme at school. It’s always a good way to settle a child at night with a book and a night light so as not to intrude on others sleep – head must be on the pillow though. It goes without saying that the book must be interesting to the child.

Mrs Anne Prime, our School Chaplain is at Nilma on Mondays and Wednesdays.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPS UNIFORM OPTIONS FEEDBACK

SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR 2016 NEW JACKETS @ NILMA

At School Council on Wednesday 24th February we presented the feedback from the parents with regard to the choices for the new school jacket - after reviewing the feedback - 19 families responses - 6 for both the zipper and non zipper jacket and 7 responses for both options.

At School Council meeting on Wednesday 24th February, the Council decided that we would provide both jackets to suit all.

Approximate costs for the new jackets are; Zipped Jacket $31 and Non Zipped (Hoodie) $35.

We will finalise the costs and provide full information next week. Families who have the previous school jacket will still be able to continue to wear these tops too.
Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian

As you may be aware, there has recently been a measles outbreak in the Brunswick area of Melbourne, including cases at a primary school.

In light of this, I am seeking your co-operation in ensuring we have a record of your child’s immunisation status on file. This will ensure the school can respond quickly should a member of the school community contract a vaccine-preventable disease. In the event of a disease outbreak immunisation status certificates help us quickly identify the immunisation status of each child and implement the advice received from the Victorian Chief Health Officer and the Department of Health and Human Services, which may include sending your child home until the risk of infection has passed.

Our records show that the school does not have a record of your child’s immunisation status. All primary schools are required to request an immunisation status certificate for each child prior to enrolment and to keep a copy of this certificate on record. Even if your child has not received any vaccinations, it is still expected that parents/carers/guardians provide a certificate.

Please provide this certificate to the school as soon as possible. The most commonly provided immunisation status certificate is an Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Childhood Register (ACIR). You can get a copy of your child’s Immunisation History Statement:
- through Medicare online accounts or the Express Plus Medicare mobile app
- by requesting a statement to be posted to you in the mail
- Email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- Telephone ACIR on 1800 653 809
- by visiting a local Medicare service centre

Please be aware that your child may be excluded from attending school for up to 14 days if there is an outbreak in the school community and the school does not have evidence showing your child has received two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Further information on primary school immunisation requirements can be found at <www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children-adolescents/primary-school-immunisation-requirements>

Reliable information on measles symptoms and measles vaccine is available at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

If you think your child may require immunisations or you have questions or concerns about immunisation or particular vaccines, see your doctor or contact your local council. Immunisations are provided free to children under the National Immunisation Program.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school and make an appointment to see me.

Kind Regards

Annette Sutherland
Principal
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### IMPORTANT DATES - SCHOOL CAMPS!

Year 4/3 Camp at Mill Valley Ranch - 13th - 14th Oct 2016