Congratulations to students in year 6 who attended the School family BBQ to receive their badges for 2014. We look forward to outstanding leadership skills from these children—Callum Adams, Shelley Brown, Jack Chesterfield, Lachlan Crook, James Dungey, Michael Farnham, Kylie Griggs, Bayley Gunton, Shakira Kimm, Jack McGrath, Harrison Perry, Alan Smith, Patrick Smythe, Jordan Stone and Blake Witney.

Many, many thanks to the Smythe, Brown, Ward, Cook and Collins families as well as the children from Mr Williams’ grade who, despite the heat, were able to complete quite a few tasks on the Working Bee list. The school looks even more schmick for your work!!

Thankyou to all families who attended the BBQ on Tuesday evening. It was terrific to have members of our school mixing socially in our beautiful school surrounds.

We have some old chairs, trolleys and BIG blackboards—free to good homes!! Please inquire at the Office.

The $25 cost of the excursion will be covered as part of your child’s 2014 Excursion Levy. Children are to -
* Come in uniform
* Have their hats
* Bring own lunches, snacks and drinks for the day packed separately in a named disposable bags.
* Be prepared for a great day for all!
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup Red
Clint Scott
For working so hard to hold your pencil correctly and write your name. You are working hard to write, read and recognise your letters, well done!

Homegroup Green
Olivia Addison
For making a great effort in all areas of your learning and always being willing to “have a go” and do your best. You’re a great learner, keep it up.

Homegroup Blue
Holly Farnham
for showing such a great effort and enthusiasm in all areas of your learning. It has been great to see you making a contribution to discussions and demonstrating such a responsible attitude. Congratulations mate!

Homegroup Yellow
Shelley Brown
Taking on leadership roles with pride and enthusiasm. Well done Shelley!

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING
Recognition Certificates
25 nights
Olivia Addison
Brianna Burnett
Meg Devlin
Holly Farnham
Kael Mason

Art awards
- Clint Scott, Cody Ward
- Ashton Kimm, Jack Moss, Bailey Stephens
- Meg Devlin, Ella Perry, Kiara Perry
- Bayley Gunton
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

What a weekend!

On the weekend I went to the BMX track. I went with Jack and Paul. William
On the weekend I played outside. Deklan
On the weekend I played some games with mummy. Jessie
On the weekend I stayed home and did gardening. We saw our fish. Beth
On the weekend I went camping. Cody
On the weekend I went to the train station. Shila
On the weekend I went to two parties and I played games. I got to smash a piñata and lots of lollies came out. I also played duck, duck goose. Jade

Next Wednesday we are going to Walhalla. I am a little scared because I have never been to the places we are going. I think it will be fun. The train ride will be good. I have been on the train before. By Matilda
I am excited about going to Walhalla. It should be good fun. The train ride will be great.
By Emma
I am looking forward to going to Walhalla. I have been to Walhalla before. By Piper

On Saturday my Dad went to a party and Alan and I were so happy because we had a movie night with Mum. YEAH!! When Dad left we went to Sanity and we got DVD’S. I bought 3 DVD’S. It cost me $20.00 and then we went to the shops where we bought chicken and chips, chocolate and more. That cost me all my money. By Astrid
On the 5th March we are going to Walhalla. I’m excited! We are going to go on the old train. We are going to visit the cemetery. I am looking a forward to going to Walhalla and going on the train. by Kiara
Last Saturday Carolyn slept over at my place. We did a “My Kitchen Rules” sleep over. For entree we made Zucchini Slice. For mains we made Chicken Schnitzel with chips. For desert we made Black and White Fondant. We went shopping for the ingredients. Then when we got back we set up the restaurant. Our restaurant was called “Outdoor Living” because it was outside. By Rose-Ann Scott

Students in the Lemon home group comment about the text they have been reading.

From this book I learnt;
Not to be a sticky beak.
By Lachy Axford.

Describe the most exciting or enjoyable part;
Well it would have to be the part where they were stuck in the basement and Miss Allen said, “we need your brains”. Otto the museum tour guide was there too and Eric thought they were aliens so he drenched Miss Allen in water but it was all a misunderstanding.
By Alan Smith.

From this book I learnt;
Not to be so greedy, save my money for when I need it and don’t forget your friends.
By Jack M.
A big thank you to Graham Cameron Cabinetmaker Extraordinaire for making Nilma Primary School’s additional shelving and cupboards—free of charge.

10 Ways to Be a Good Friend

1. Be there for your friends when they need you. It’s easy to be around when times are good but only the best of friends are there when the going gets hard!
2. Be honest. Being a true friend means being truthful.
3. Everyone needs help from time to time. Be a helpful friend.
4. If you make a promise ……..Keep it!
5. Respect your friends, their feelings and their possessions.
6. Don’t talk about your friends behind their backs unless you’re saying something nice.
7. Be a forgiving friend. Everyone makes mistakes from time to time.
8. Be a generous, kind and caring friend.
9. Tell your friends how you feel. Good friends can talk to each other about anything.
10. Involve your friends in your activities and in your life.
Within our Whole School Writing sessions students are working hard to record information on themselves for their autobiography. Illustrations to support their ideas have been drawn for their ‘All About Me Book’. It is nice for students to share information about themselves, learning about each others families, interests and experiences.

Students writing Biographies have been developing their questioning skills and hosting an interview. They are now in the process of using the information from the interview to compose the biography. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and interest from students who have had to select a person to interview, prepare and present their questions. Some students have videoed their interview while others recorded the responses with pen and paper. At this stage, while writing their biography, students are focusing on engaging their audience with an interesting orientation and making conscious decisions on the language being used to share the information about their subject.

Next week will be the last week for students to revise and publish their biography or autobiography. Students will then have the opportunity to share their pieces of writing. Beginning week 7, as a whole school, we will look at persuasive texts and discuss the text type and purpose. Students will begin by forming opinions and presenting their arguments verbally, with some debates being held within the Whole School Literacy session.

Thankyou to the Parent’s Club who helped at the BBQ on Tuesday evening.

A reminder that the next Parent Club meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 9.00am in the staff room.
ICAS - UNSW ASSESSMENTS

Students in years 2-6 have the opportunity to participate in the ICAS/UNSW Assessments for 2014. There are 6 assessments available to sit, prices vary depending on the subject. If parents are interested in these assessments please speak to the office for further information.

EMA FORMS

For those parents who receive the EMA payment, forms are due back at the office by Friday 28th February 2014. Late forms cannot be accepted.

LATE ARRIVALS—EARLY DEPARTURES

Students that arrive late to school must be signed in at the office and are required to take a late slip with them to hand to classroom teachers. Early Departures from school must be signed out from the office and an early departure slip is to be given to the classroom teacher. A note to let staff know of the early departure, if possible, is also appreciated. Upon returning to school students must be signed back in to the student register at the office. If you are collecting your child during recess or lunch times please see a staff member to make the school aware that your child is leaving. Please make sure that your contact details are up to date in case of emergency, illness or injury and your child needs to be collected from school. Staff will endeavour to contact you as quickly as possible if there is a situation involving your child.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you to all students who were well behaved during our school photos on Tuesday. The school photos will be delivered before the end of Term 1. If students did not hand in an envelope on the day, then a proof will be sent home so parents can order them online.

BOOKLCUB ORDERS

Attached to the newsletter are Bookclub orders. All orders with payment are due back at the office by next Thursday 6th March.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those parents who have promptly paid school fees. If you receive EMA for Year 1-6 children the EMA is $150. The total for school fees and excursion levy is $180. Parents are asked to pay the $30 difference. EMA for Foundation students is $200, which will cover school fees, excursions and part payment for the swimming program. Parents can pay school fees by cash, cheque or bank deposit. Please contact the office for bank details.
AASC has begun for term 1, students have had fun during their first sessions. Please remember to bring your drink bottles and wear appropriate footwear. During the warmer weather students are given more drink breaks and rest periods.

Please also ensure that your child does want to participate in the sessions, a student that doesn’t want to participate can become quite disruptive to the sessions, interrupting other students who do want to learn and have fun!

**Badminton** will be on Wednesdays, 3.45pm – 4.45pm. Parents will need to transport students to and from the Warragul Badminton Hall, starting on Wednesday 19th February until 2nd April.

Participants are: Matilda Dent, Rieley Gunton, Aiden Olsson, Bailey Dent, Sine Salt, Olivia Addison, Tahlia Witney, Ashely Griggs.

**Hockey** will be held at Nilma Primary on Tuesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm commencing on Tuesday 18th February until 1st April.


There are still places available for both activities, please fill out the expression of interest form and return to the office. Please see Belinda if you require a new form.

Consent forms will also have to be filled out before the commencement of the programs, these must be signed and returned to enable students to participate in the sessions, these consent forms will cover students for the year. If you require a form please collect one from the Office.
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|         |         |           | School Banking | |    |    |

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| AASC    |         | School Council | MARC VAN | School Banking |    |    |
|         |         | 6pm       | AASC     |         |    |    |
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| 21      | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26 | 27 |
| Easter Monday | Staff PD - No students at school | Students begin Term 2 | Proposed Excursion | ANZAC Day | | |