PEER SUPPORT / BUDDY PROGRAM
This term our whole school Peer Support Program has been very effective in building student relationships and sense of belonging in the school. The ‘Buddies’ have been working together on various games and activities to get to know each other. Nilma has also been fortunate to be sponsored by NAB to take part in the Alannah and Madeline Foundation (Keeping Children Safe from Violence) Better Buddies Program, creating a friendly and caring school. Our year 6 Leaders will be project managing our Better Buddies Launch—Purple Day on Friday 20th March as part of their Civics and citizen roles. Keep your eyes out for the posters, information and activities!

CAR PARKING—Safety
Just a reminder to parents—Please do not park your cars at the front of the school—this area is considered a pathway and driveway.

Cars parking here impair vision for drivers exiting. Parents please note we can have some staggered pick up times—this practice has supported parents at drop off and pick up times. We recognise we have several parents who have a couple of school runs and come to Nilma after the Secondary School pick up. While we finish at 3.15 pm please be aware you can pick up later—some parents waiting until 3.30 pm. Thanks for the understanding with this matter. Please don’t hesitate to discuss with me. Thanks for the vigilant parents giving feedback to me—looking out for the safety of all.

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NO SCHOOL
MONDAY 9TH MARCH
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions
Homegroup F Red
Harrison Jones

For demonstrating all of the REAL @ Nilma Values. You are a great role model both in and outside of the classroom. You are kind and caring. Well done Harrison!

Homegroup 2/1/ Green
Olivia Addison
This week you have been so determined to complete all your learning tasks and you have done this with a great attitude and smile as well. Fantastic work!

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Meg Devlin
For always being prepared to apply yourself so well to your learning and do your best. You set a great example to your fellow students. A great effort at your retells of “Clever Duck”. Well done Meg!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Angus Mulconry
For your descriptive and very emotive persuasive pieces. You have used a variety of persuasive techniques very well. We look forward to hearing your next finished piece.

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

25 nights

Lachlan Axford        Beth Axford
Angus Mulconry        Oliver Turner
Mitch Chesterfield    Jessie McCabe
Daniel Axford         Alex Chesterfield
Sheree Casey Wilson   Harrison Jones

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners

Emma Brown
Alex Chesterfield
Piper Bundle
Jade Mammolito

Happy Birthday
Angus Mulconry
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

Our Weekend...
I can hear the big rumbling coming from the planes as I stand there waiting for my big sister Jessica to come off the plane. My whole family is there except for dad because there was no room. I have not seen my sister for six months as she had gone to Brazil with her boyfriend who is Brazilian. He is not allowed in Australia for six months. After she got off the plane we had to go on a lift. I hate lifts as they are very scary. We went and got McDonalds for breakfast. We ate at my aunty Cathy's. When we were on our way home someone called my sister Carlie and said her dog got out so we had to go tie her dog up at her house. When we got to her house there were horses there because she was looking after them. By Kirsty.

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I’m waiting and waiting and waiting a little more until I’m FREE! It’s Friday and school’s out and I can go home. Well in a minute I have to wait a little more because my mum is picking me up. I go home and want to cry and rip my hair out; my little brother is annoying me like hell.

“It’s a new day!” I yell without realising that there was one person in bed. It’s Bailey. “Oh well” I say. Pay back is a pain. I can’t wait till 5:00pm because I’m going to an ‘all you can eat’ restaurant. By Tahlia.

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Number Facts
We have been learning about tens frames in math and how they help us keep count and subitise ‘instantly see how many’. One of the math games we have been playing is ‘Race to 10’. Students roll a dice and place that many counters on their tens frame. They have to say how many they have and how many more they need to reach 10. The first player to 10 is the winner.

We have also been shaking hands at the end of a game and saying ‘good game’ as a way of showing good sportsmanship.

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Kitchen Garden News
Last week in Kitchen Garden we made a Greek salad, hummus and tortillas. We worked in groups with five people in groups. Our group made Greek salad with feta cheese and olives in it. We all sat at the table while Mrs McLennan told us what we were cooking for the day. We had to set the tables with cutlery and plates for our meal. We invited Mr Williams and Mrs Kittely to lunch with us. Ella and Kiara’s mum came into help us. One of the groups made hummus but we didn’t really like it that much but we loved the tortillas. After the meal we had to wash and dry the dishes! Ella’s mum got Ella to do the dishes with her. We look forward to each Kitchen Garden session. Emma likes doing the dishes because there is not too many but Ella doesn’t! Emma and Ella

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We picked the big zucchini.
We all held the big zucchini. It is going to the Warragul Show.
We picked tomatoes and beans.
We picked beetroot.
We planted seeds.
We put holes in the soil, put snow peas seeds in it and covered them up with soil and then watered them.

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**Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser**

Attached to last week's newsletter was a Hot Cross Bun Order Form. All varieties are per 1/2 dozen. Varieties include Traditional $4.00, No Fruit $4.00, Apple/Cinnamon $5.00 and Choc Chip $5.00.

All orders with correct payment are due at the office by Friday 13th March. Late orders cannot be accepted. Delivery will be on Wednesday 25th March. More order forms are available from the office.

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**‘Snax with Attitude’ Fundraiser**

An order form was attached to last week's newsletter for our ‘Snax with Attitude Fundraiser’. All orders and correct payment are due at the office by Friday 13th March. Late orders cannot be accepted. Delivery for this fundraiser will be on Wednesday 25th March. More order forms are available from the office if needed.
The West Gippsland Rural School Sports Association (WGRSSA) Athletic Sports Day will be held on Friday 13th March at the Geoff Watt Track in Warragul. The back up day for the sports is Tuesday 17th March. Parents can drop students directly at the grounds from 9.00am. The sports day will conclude at 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to stay and watch children compete for the day. Attached to the newsletter are permission forms for the Athletic Sports.

Please return signed permission forms by Tuesday 10th March.

Athletic Sports Organisation
During the morning students participate in individual events with students from other schools. These events are in age groups for boys and girls. Children rotate around various events and receive ribbons depending on places.
During the afternoon, Buln Buln, Nilma and Darnum schools compete in team events to compete for the WGRSSA Shield. Good luck Nilma!

Athletic Sports Parking
This year the parking at the Geoff Watt track is somewhat compromised by sewerage works. You may need to park further away than in previous years.
It would be appreciated if drivers arriving at the Athletic Sports adhered to the following directions:-
Enter via the entry closest to the bus depot (next to the Regional College pedestrian crossing). If dropping off children turn to the left and after dropping children exit at the other end. If parking follow the instructions of the parking marshalls (in orange vests) and turn right onto the large grass area adjacent to the tennis courts. Please note there will be a section through the treed area (marked with bunting) that acts as a laneway to the parking area and must be kept clear at all times. Please respect the parking marshalls who are trying to ensure the safety of the children and the smooth and efficient movement of many vehicles.

Notice to Parents
The attendance and support of parents, other relatives and friends at the Athletic Sports is certainly appreciated and encouraged by the staff and students. It is wonderful to see and hear so many people supporting the children. It is important to remember that the emphasis at our Athletic Sports is on participation, enjoyment and ‘trying your best’ rather than on winning. Some events may be run in a different way to competitions you have seen or experienced at other Athletic events. We ask parents to encourage and support all children and teachers in their efforts at the sports.

Timetable & Map
Attached to the newsletter is a map and timetable for the sports. Parents are asked to bring a copy of these with them on the day.

Canteen
Students may bring lunch on the day, however a canteen is available for those students wishing to purchase lunch on day. Students are advised to bring snacks and drinks for the day.
Canteen Menu

West Gippsland Rural School Sports

SNACKS
- Slice $1.00
- Lolly Bags $1.00
- Snack Size Pkt Chips $0.70
- Ice Pole $1.00

DRINKS
- Juice Box $1.50
- Bottled Water $2.00
- Soft Drink $2.00
- Tea/ Coffee $2.00

SANDWICHES
- Vegemite & Cheese $2.00
- Ham & Cheese $2.50
- Ham Cheese & Tomato $3.00

HOT FOOD
- Sausage Sizzle $2.00
- Party Pies $0.50
- Hot Dog $2.50

Pricing:
- Entry $4.00
- No Vehicles $1.00
- Tuesday Notes Block $1.00

Note: All proceeds go to the P&F.
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**Events**

- Turbo Jav
- Distance Run
- Shot Put (4kg)
- Shot Put (2kg)
- Hurdles
- Long Jump
- Shot Put (100m)
- Sprint (100m)
- Discuss (760g)
- Discuss (609g)
- Sprint (760g)
- Sprint (609g)

**Groups**

- Fives
- Sives
- Nines
- Eights
- Sevens
- Twelves
- Tens
- Elevens

**Official Welcome / Children Assemble in Age Groups**
SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Neerim District Secondary College (NDSC) Discovery Day

Selected year 6/5 students will attend the Discovery Day at NDSC on Wednesday 18th March. Students will experience secondary school for the day, with the focus on Science and Technology. Students will experiment, make and cook on the day. This is a great opportunity for students who may be considering attending NDCS in 2016 and beyond, and also to experience a day at secondary school as part of the transition for 2015/16. Students will attend the school from 9am until 3.20pm. Permission forms will be sent home next week. Students will be travelling by private car to and from the venue.

MARC VAN

Thankyou to all the Foundation Students who brought all their MARC Van books back, which meant they could all borrow 2 books!......Well Done!... From Mr Bucknall

STUDENT PERMISSION FORMS AND MEDICATION FORMS

The 2015 Student Permission Booklets were sent home with a previous copy of the newsletter. The booklets must be correctly filled out and have been returned to school by Friday 13th February. This booklet contains the annual permission notices for many aspects of the school. It also contains some medical management plans if required.

If you have not already returned the booklet could they please be returned ASAP so your child’s information and confidential file be updated and maintained accordingly.

If you require another booklet or would like more information regarding this, please speak to the office staff.

If your family details have changed over the holiday period could you please provide the school in writing any information that may need changing in our records e.g. telephone numbers, contact details, addresses, emergency contacts etc.

JAPANESE INTERN—HOST FAMILIES

Our Japanese Intern will be coming over in term 2, Darnum PS has organised 2 host families. Nilma PS will need to provide host families in terms 3 and 4, if you are interested in hosting this year or would like more information, please speak to Annette.

At this stage, unfortunately, it looks as though the exchange with families from Innai will not occur this year due to unforeseen circumstances. We will keep interested families up to date with this information.

BOOKCLUB

Attached to the newsletter are Bookclub orders. All orders with correct payment must be brought back to the office by next Thursday 12th March. Late orders cannot be accepted.

SOCCER

Under 8’s Junior Soccer ‘Come & Try’
Mornings
9am to 10am
For Boys and Girls
Saturday March 7 & Saturday March 14
Geoff Watt Track, Burke St Warragul
Contact
Tim: 0405 761 632

MT WORTH CLUSTER CAMPS - YEAR 6/5 AND YEAR 4/3

YEAR 4/3 CAMP

Attached to the newsletter today is information regarding the Year 4/3 Camp to Forest Edge. Please return these forms with final payment by Thursday March 26th 2015.

YEAR 6/5 CAMP

Information regarding the Year 5 & 6 camp to Phillip Island was attached to last weeks newsletter. If your child is interested in attending this camp, please return the form with first payment by 26th March 2015. More information for this camp will be sent home at a later date.
**CHAPLAIN’S CHAT**

As we continue this series about “love languages”, I’m including a list of ways to let your child/children experience love through touch. For some children, this is the most important way that they know you love them. However, it is really important for all children. Try some of these this week!

- Hug your child every day when they leave or return from school, kneel down for small children
- If your child is under stress, gently stroke their head to relax them. Rub their back when they are upset over a difficult day.
- Snuggle closely together on the couch when watching TV together.
- Give a “high-five” whenever your child does something worth congratulating (celebrating)
- Play games together that require physical touch
- Purchase a gift for your child that is touch-orientated, such as a soft pillow, blanket or sweater.
- Sing action songs together that require touching and action, such as dancing around holding hands, spinning, jumping. Many children’s videos make this easy.
- Occasionally yell out ‘group hug’ for your family—to add more fun, include the dog or cat.
- When your child is sick or gets hurt, spend extra time holding them or sitting with them.

**PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

We will be holding a Parent Education program at the school next Thursday 12th March from 9am until 10am.

This program will be designed for parents to understand how you can best help in the classroom and with reading.

All parents who attend must have a Working With Children Check to volunteer in the school.

Could you please fill out the reply slip and return to the office by next Tuesday 10th March 2015.

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**NILMA PRIMARY PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM—Classroom helpers 2015**

Name of Parent: ____________________________________________________________

I can/cannot (please circle) attend the Parent Education Program on Thursday 12th March from 9am until 10am.

Signed by Parent: __________________________________________________________

Date: ________________________________
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