Principal Notes

'SCHOOL VALUES’ STICKER COMPETITION
Over the next week we will be encouraging students to take part in designing our new School Values REAL Stickers.
Our core values of Respect and Responsibility, Environment, Achievement and Learning will be the basis of development and review of our Student Learning and Wellbeing programs at Nilma. Students will have the opportunity to draw a picture to reflect one of the values—students will choose 4 pictures to be printed in the centre of our new school sticker awards.
Students will be talking in class about what the values mean—look like, sound like and feel like. This will then become the basis of our school expectations and rewards.
We will be revisiting and using these values throughout our school. Happy Drawing kids—Mum or Dad may give you some ideas to capture your thinking!
I will be collecting the drawings late next week. Students will look at all displays and choose 4 pictures that represent these values.
Have a REAL go kids!
Sample below.

STAFFING FOR TERM 2
During term 2, I will be on Long Service Leave and Mr Kerry Williams will be acting principal for the term. We will be having a new teacher in for the term—Ms Brodie Ewen. Brodie has been working around other schools, especially Buln Buln and Garfield Primary Schools. Students will meet her at the end of this term.

JAPANESE INTERN
Miss Shiori Ikeda will arrive on the last weekend of the term holidays. She will be our new intern for 2013. Japanese program will commence term 2 on Wednesdays.
Darnum will host in term two, maybe a share of hosts in term three, and Nilma in term four. If you are interested in hosting Shiori for 3 or 4 weeks please let me know—Host families do receive weekly allowance to support with hosting expenses. The ‘Burdett’ and ‘Kimm’ families have hosted in past—please speak to Rosa Burdett or Nicky Kimm as to the positive experience for the family it has been.

WORLD MATHS DAY
Yesterday students were involved in World Maths Day using Mathletics. The students completed Mathletics challenges to improve their maths skills. Students can continue to use Mathletics at home. Students can find their Mathletics user name and password in their diaries.

GIPPY FARM LIFE PHOTO COMPETITION
All you have to do is think about Farm Life and take a photo! There are great prizes on offer. Refer to page 5 for details.
Bring or send a photo to school nilma.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
We have the entry form here and can help with sending.

SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AUDIT
Next Wednesday Nilma will undergo an OHS audit—this will provide us with information on the directions and actions we will need to ensure a safe school environment and what needs to be put in place to enhance our learning environment.

LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL
MONDAY 11th March 2013
STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
Ava Williams
For working hard to learn how to write. Well done on writing your name yesterday all by yourself!!!

Homegroup 3/2
Carolyn Dungey
For your amazing written recount of our school excursion to Jindivick Gardens. You worked very hard to make it sound exciting and accurate. Well done

Homegroup 4
Holly Farnham
For your cheerful nature, sense of humour and willingness to do your best and try your hardest in all areas of your learning.

Homegroup 6/5
Callum Adams
For putting in a fantastic effort into his mathematics and challenging himself.

Happy Birthday
Angus Mulconry
Kristy Uren

R.E.A.L SPECIALIST Awards

ARTS
• Jade Mammolito
• Aiden Olsson
• Angus Mulconry
• James Dungey

SCIENCE
• Ava Williams
• Ashton Kimm
• Holly Farnham
• Bayley Gunton

MARC VAN
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• Max Chesterfield
• Ryan Young
• Harrison Perry

STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA

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NIGHTLY READING
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Mitch Chesterfield
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This week we have been learning about location/direction words such as: under, over, above, beside, next too, through, across up and down. We went to the playground and Miss Watts gave directions (go over something, under something, around something and down something). It was lots of fun and all the students are getting better following instructions each time we do it.

Yesterday our class brainstormed what we would like our Whole Class R.E.A.L Reward to be. After we made the list the each student got to cast their vote. Two students were away yesterday, so we are all excited about finishing the voting on Friday. Next week we will let you know what the result is. By Miss Watts

Yesterday was World Maths Day. It was like doing maths in a mathematics class but even more fun on the computer. It had time tables, addition, subtraction and lots of other stuff. You got to vs. people around the world. I played against China, Australia, New Zealand and other places. I was good at it. I enjoyed it and I think the rest of the class enjoyed it. It was online (on the internet) by Tahlia.

On the 6th March 2013 Nilma Primary School participated in world literacy day. I versed students from Mexico, Japanese people and Aussies. It was fun and hard. By Sine

Guess what I did today? I went on World Education Games for World Maths Day. I played against Jamie Garten and people from different countries. I won 4 times in a row. Sarvan Harvey

Guess what! Today at school it was world Literacy day. I won a bronze medal. It took me forever. I was competing against kids all around the world. It was not that hard. Level 5 was probably the hardest. Level 1 was the easiest. Kael Mason

The crocodile chicken

Crack crack!

“Finally my little chickies will hatch soon,” Clucked Mother hen excitedly. First to hatch was a girl. Mother named her Henrietta. Next was a boy. Then two more girls. Mother hen looked at the last egg. It was bigger than the other eggs. Crack crack. The egg popped open and out came…

A crocodile!!!!

“How strange,” Mother hen muttered under her breath.

“Oh well,” added Mother hen. The next day Mother hen took Henrietta, Bob, Mia, Charlie and Snappy outside to play. Snappy went for a swim. Five years later and Snappy was getting so big and Mother hen could not find enough food to feed him. So Snappy ate Mother hen and the chicks.

THE END!

And the end for Mother hen and the chicks.

By Shakira

Yesterday we did maths and we had to do some hard maths. I had to count forwards and backwards. Some was even thousand numbers. By Kiara

Yesterday I signed up for hoop time. It starts soon. I have to play basketball games. I’m not sure who we play but I’m looking forward to playing it. By Mitch

We have been doing maths. We have been Doing more and less and we have been doing higher and lower numbers. By Meg

I am looking forward to the Farmworld Excursion in a couple of weeks. I am going to see my mum because she is going to be there. By Bailey

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Remaining dates;
**SOCCER** - Tuesday: 26th Feb, Tues 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March
**TAEKWONDO** - Thursday: 28th Feb, 7th, 14th, 21st March

Students are enjoying this terms activities, learning new skills and having fun! We will be introducing ‘AASC Participation Awards’ which will be given to students who are using their new skills, encouraging other students and being a good team player.

The Active After School rewards this week are:
Jack McGrath, Bayley Gunton (Thurs 28/2) and Meg Griggs and Tahlia Witney (Tues 5/3)

**WGRSSA SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS**

The sports will be held on Friday 15th March at the Geoff Watt Track in Warragul. The back up day for the sports is Tuesday 19th March. Parents can drop students directly at the grounds from 8.45am. Attached to the newsletter last week were permission forms for the School Athletic Sports.

Please return signed forms to the office by Tuesday 12th March.

The Canteen Menu, maps and timetable are attached to the newsletter today.

**Athletic Sports Parking**

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.

**FARM WORLD EXCURSION**

EXCURSION TO FARM WORLD

Attached to the newsletter last week were permission forms for the Excursion to Farm World on Friday 22nd March. A small levy of $5 per student is required for this excursion. Please return the permission form and payment to the office by Monday 18th March.

There will be AN opportunity for parents to support learning on this excursion. Please return the slip below if you as a parent would be interested in coming along. The cost would be approx. $15.00 per person for entry. (Parent helpers must have working with Children Check completed—see Rachel or Belinda for information about this)

Families would need to make their own way to and from Lardner Park if attending.

Family Name:__________________________________________________________

How many family members attending : (not including students)__________________
Entry forms are available from the school office for the Photo Competition.

GULLS NETBALL CLUB
(affiliated with the Warragul and District Netball Association)

WINTER SEASON REGISTRATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 13th March 4:30-6:30 pm
at Burke St Netball courts

All past, present and new players very welcome
We are a very friendly family orientated club and would love for you to be a part of our club.

For more information or if you can’t make it on the night please contact:
President - Bronwyn Gray: 0400 057020
Treasurer - Sharon Magyar 0419 333 981

WARRAGUL BADMINTON CLUB
Galloway St. Warragul 2013
JUNIOR REGISTRATION
March 2013
5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
Teams cater for all ages and skills in 5 different grades.
Training provided.
Competition night-Friday night. $20.00 deposit required on registration.
Contact: Julie Young
5627 8512/0438 302 167

BOOKCLUB ORDERS
Bookclub orders are attached to the newsletter and must be returned to the office with payment by Thursday 14th March 2013.

Autism & Behaviour
Training for Teachers, Early Childhood Professionals & Parents

Claire (Wonthaggi) “I found the information provided extremely useful, and the strategies were helpful and reinforced ideas”
Jodie (Inverloch) “The presenters were easy to understand and the anecdotal stories were really relevant and easy to relate to”
Sue (Wonthaggi) “Fantastic explanations in a language that I could easily understand”

Term 1 2013
Friday March 15 Old Shire Hall 72 Queen St Warragul
Friday March 22 Gippstafe Academy Traralgon
Cost $150 9am-3pm
For further information and to register
www.absolutelyautism.com
e-mail info@absolut
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.

School Banking

The school banking program has commenced! Our next School Banking day will be on Wednesday 20th March, which will be our last school banking day for this term. On banking days students will need to bring in their bank books and money which will then be deposited & recorded then books will be given back to students at the end of the day. If you haven’t opened and account already and would like to participate in the program you will need to open a ‘Youth-saver’ account at the Commonwealth Bank in Warragul. Parent Information Booklets are available at the office.

School Council

Our first school council meeting, the councillors discussed the development of a new “Healthy Lunches” policy for the school. A draft will be attached to the newsletter next week for parent consultation/then to be ratified at the next school council meeting at the end of this term.

Parents Club

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting at school on Tuesday 5th March. A copy of the Canteen Roster for the school athletic sports will be attached to the newsletter next week. If you are able to help at the Canteen on sports day, please fill in the attached form and return to the office by this Friday.

The Parents Club have decided to hold an Easter Raffle. The raffle Tickets will be going out with the newsletter next week. Could parents please donate a gift for our raffle. All donations can be made at the office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March (last day of term).

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013

This year our school will again be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students from year Prep to 6 are able to participate in the challenge which involves students reading a set number of books by 31st August. Last year approximately 60 students from Nilma successfully completed the challenge. This year we expect ALL students to participate in the Challenge as part of our classroom reading and literature enrichment program. Year 3 -6 will read a total of 15 books, at least 10 of which must be from the titles on the Challenge booklist and 5 of their own choice. Year Prep -2 will read or “experience” 30 books with 20 or more coming from the Challenge list and the remaining can be their own choice. “Experiencing” a book for Prep -2 can include a range of class or home activities such as sharing of a Big Book, shared reading at school and home, reading along with a text and being read to with parents, siblings and others.

To participate in the Reader’s Challenge students will need to have parents complete the Registration and Consent form and return to school. A copy of this form and an invitation from the Premier to participate in the challenge is attached to next week’s newsletter. Upon completion of the Premier’s Reading Challenge students will receive a certificate from the Premier and have their names published in “The Age” in September. We will also be recognizing the achievement of participating students through the construction of a “Reading Challenge” giant bookworm that will be displayed outside the office, each segment of which will feature the name of a student who has successfully completed the Reading Challenge.

Students will be able to begin to borrow many of the titles on the Challenge list from the library in the coming weeks as they register. The Warragul Library will also be an excellent source of books for the Challenge.

The Challenge provides students with a great opportunity to read a range of literature and a real focus for their own reading for pleasure. Thanks for your support. Good reading!

Thanks for your support,

Kerry Williams
This year Nilma has been given the opportunity to run the canteen at the Rural School Sports Day on Friday 15th March. This is a great opportunity for our school to raise funds to go towards school programs. As this is a major event we need as many helpers as we can! Jobs on the day will range from food preparation, serving, cleaning, tea & coffee, cooking, re-stocking supplies etc. If you are able to help out on the day at any stage please fill out the time available below. We will also be having meetings prior to the day which everyone is welcome to attend, all ideas and suggestions are greatly appreciated! At this stage we are looking at selling Tea/Coffee, Steamed Dim Sims, Party Pies, Sausage Rolls, Hot Dogs, Icy Poles, Cold Drinks and Lollies, we are also looking into a Coffee Van and Slushies.

**WGRSSA Sports Day Canteen Duty**

Please return this form to school by Monday 4th March.

Please tick times you will be available

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AN HOUR PER FAMILY WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT GOAL

Thank you  *Belinda Smythe*
Nilma Primary School

School Sports Day Canteen Menu

HOT FOOD

Party Pies $ .50c
Party Sausage Rolls $ .50c
Hot Dogs $ 2.50

SANDWICHES

Ham & Cheese $ 2.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato $ 2.50
Vegemite $ 2.50
Tomato $ 2.50

DRINKS

Tea / Coffee $ 2.00
Soft drink $ 2.00
Water (bottled) $ 2.00
Juice Boxes $ 1.00
Slushies $ 2.00

SNACKS

Snack Sized Pkt chips $ .50
Muffins $ 2.50
Jam Donuts $ 2.00
Iced Donuts $ 1.50
Lolly Bags $ 1.00
Icypoles $ .50c
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**Afternoon Events Begin**

### Afternoon Events

**1:30 PM**

Big Schools: Buln Buln, Darnum
Small Schools: Athlone, Ellinbank, Bona Vista, Nilma, Lardner, & Dist. & Ripplebrook

**11:05 AM**

ORDER OF EVENTS:
1. OBSTACLE (Open, U/58, U/46)
2. EGG & SPOON (Gr. 4/5/6, Gr. P/1/2/3)
3. TUNNELBALL
4. POTATO RACE
5. BOBBALL
6. SHUTTLE

**Lunch**

**12:20 PM**

GUMBOOT THROW |

**12:50 PM**

CHAMPIONSHIP RACE (ADULTS 3-LEGGED RACE)
Last week we have had a new bell & phone system installed. This included an updated phone system, now connecting all buildings and a very comprehensive new updated bell system. This created the perfect opportunity for staff to reinstall to all our students the Nilma Primary Schools Emergency Management Procedures. During the next few weeks we will also be completing a walk through of our schools evacuation procedures. While the school is discussing our own emergency procedures this presents a good time for families to discuss their own home emergency plans & procedures.
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