Congratulations Nilma!
Our entries at the Warragul Show were very successful, with 7 sections winning prizes.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS
From next week, beginning Tuesday 14th March, Foundation students will attend Nilma for a full week!

PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS
The Parent Teacher Discussions for the Red, Blue & Green Homegroup have been held today, Thursday 9th March. Thank you to everyone making the effort to attend these meetings and getting to know our teaching staff.

HATS
All school hats will be sent home with students on Friday to be washed. Could parents please ensure that hats are returned to school on Tuesday.

NO SCHOOL
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2017

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
Communication between home and school is a vital component of this school’s curriculum program. Students are given a red Satchel and Diary when they commence school, this is to be used for communication purposes. Students will bring the satchel home daily, containing any homework, reading books, notes and/or newsletters for parents. If Diaries or Satchels have been misplaced, parents can purchase replacement ones. Diaries are $7.00 each and Satchels are $10 each and are available from the Office.

WEST GIPPSLAND RURAL SCHOOL
SPORTS—ATHLETIC DAY. Years 3-6 Only.
The West Gippsland Rural School Sports Athletic Day will be held on Friday 17th March. Students are to be dropped off at the Geoff Watt Track by 9am and collected by 3pm. Parents are most welcome to come along for the day and support students. If in the event the Athletics Day is cancelled due to weather conditions, all families will be notified by the school and it will be a normal school day with students expected back at school. Back up day for the Athletics Sports is on Tuesday 21st March 2017.

THANK YOU TO OUR DIARY SPONSORS
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA
Learner of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red
Dylan Bradshaw
For persisting during your learning activities and working hard to display the qualities of a good listener.
Keep it up Dylan.

Homegroup 2 Green
Jai Williams
For your teamwork and enthusiasm during our Science lesson this week.
Well done Jai.

Homegroup 4/3 Blue
Jade Mammolito
For the enthusiastic and positive attitude you show to your learning. You willingly accept challenges and persist with tasks to achieve your best. Your responsible and respectful attitude sets a fine example for others.
Congratulations Jade!

Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow
Amelia Scanlon
For your increasing level of persistence when learning and applying new concepts. Your energy and enthusiasm during team games.

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING
Students will be bringing home books for nightly reading as part of their LAUGH (Learning Activities Under the Guidance of Home) program. Please support your child with their reading by sharing these books at home.

25 Nights

Meg Devlin           Isobella Salsbury - Challons
Sheree Casey Wilson  Jasmine Cane
Daniel Axford        Ashlee Cooke
Savannah Farmer      Shyla Quigley
Vivien Turner        Kurtis Giblin
Caleb Brown          Blake Sammutt
Beth Axford          Taleah Hammond
Alice-Ann Simon      Jessie McCabe

PLAYGROUND AWARDS
Winners

• Ty Kinderman
• Jai MacFarlane
• Jesse Matthews
• Leaigha Archer
• Shyla Quigley

Happy Birthday
No Birthdays this week!
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

All about Animals

My favourite animal is a unicorn because they have powers and are pink. Lucinda

My favourite animal is a giraffe because it has a long neck. Tyson

My favourite animal is a unicorn because it is a magical creature. Vivien

My favourite animals are spider and a dolphin because the dolphin goes squeak squeak. Caleb

My favourite animal is a dolphin because it is pretty. Layla

My favourite animal is red dog because he is red. Isaac

My favourite animal is a cat. Makayla

My favourite animal is a guinea pig because it is cute. Patrick

My favourite animal is a squirrel because it digs in the snow. James

In my Whole School Writing Group we watched Mrs Buckler make a Milo. I had to write the procedure up and type it up. We made Milo’s. I brought Marshmallows to share.

By Robbie Kurray

In class we have been learning about punctuation and we’ve been playing a game called Kung Fu Punctuation. Recently, we have been battling. This is where we say a sentence while doing the actions for the punctuation in the sentence. It’s really fun and it’s a great way for everyone to improve their punctuation.

By Isobella Salsbury-Challons

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Students constructed a range of objects in their Sustainability session with Miss Grass. There were some very creative ideas including a bird feeder, tool box and elevator.

Kitchen Garden

Last week, Thursday 2nd March, the Year 4/3 did cooking in the Kitchen Garden. In my group there was Anthony, Blake, Olivia and we made Asian Coleslaw. I cut the spring onions, Anthony shredded the carrot.

We mixed all the ingredients and I placed some on the plate. I enjoyed eating it. It was scrumdiddlyumptious!

By Natasha Salsbury-Challons

In my Whole School Writing Group we watched Mrs Buckler make a Milo. I had to write the procedure up and type it up. We made Milo’s. I brought Marshmallows to share.

By Robbie Kurray
Once again, Hi everyone from the MARC Library, This fortnight **Senior Students** have continued with a unit on True Australian History Mysteries. The true story this time is, ‘The Lost Explorer’ also by Mark Greenwood. This story is an account of Ludwig Leichhardt’s journeys in the North of Australia during the mid 1800’s, and of his attempts to travel from Queensland to the West Coast of the continent.

**Middle School Students** will continue with studying the work of A.B. (Banjo) Patterson. This session introduces the hilarious story/poem, ‘The Man from Ironbark’. This version is beautifully illustrated by Quentin Hole.

**Junior Students** will again learn a little about differences, both large and small. The story emphasises that we are perfect the way we are and that all sizes of people have their advantages and disadvantages. The introductory text will be Author, Jonathon Bentley’s, ‘Little Big’.

Until next time. Cheers,
Philip Bucknall
Tarago MARC Teacher/Librarian.

**FARM WORLD EXCURSION**
Students will be required to be dropped off at the top gate at Farm World – Lardner Park at 8.45am and be picked up at 2.00pm. The cost of the excursion will be covered by the Mothers Day Fundraiser.

**SPORTS DAY—FOUNDATION—Year 2**
The Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day will be held on Friday 24th March at Nilma Primary School. Lunch order forms will be sent home today. If your child would like to order lunch, please return the form to the office by Wednesday 22nd March.

This special Lunch pack for $5 is available for all Nilma Primary School Students to order.

*One form for student please.*

**CHAPLAINS’ CHAT**

*Two homes, one heart* from *Insights* is Michael Grose’s topic this week. Here he speaks of ‘a couple in Canada who constructed a duplex-style home – at the centre of which are the bedrooms of their children …. doors at either end of the dulex’s central hallway lead to each parent’s self contained ‘wing’. Each week, one parent has custody of the children; during that week the door to the other parent’s wing is locked, maintaining a relative privacy for that parent. This arrangement provides stability for the kids, who don’t have two home but rather two parents who alternate their care from week to week.’

Sounds great? But of course this isn’t how it goes for adults in relationship where angst to volatility become the new norm, with accusations flying between partners and the children in the middle, often overhearing it all and being constantly pushed or manipulated into taking sides.

With the number of Australian children of separated parents exceeding one million, there’s much at stake when coordinating their back-and–forth movement between two homes and if distance of the commute to one parent’s home is great then not only are study time and sporting events affected, so are the children’s routines, eating habits and disciplines. Pretty soon the kids learn to play off one parent against another and run the risk of becoming cynical. Here at Nilma Primary School where “Kids Matter”, it’s good to know that there is a program in place called ‘Rainbows’, where kids of similar ages come together for support and encouragement for 45 minutes once a week and work through, not the details of the situation, but their feelings and possible choices. As the leader introduces topics from the booklet (yes you can come and have a look first), each listens, shares and responds. The five main characters in the story have had to struggle and make decisions in their limited capacity as life changed for their adult world. This in turn encourages the children in that they are not alone and many have succeeded and developed empathy along the way. If you are interested, there are pamphlets available at the main office and you are encouraged to enrol earlier in the year or as circumstances permit. The cost of $20 covers the booklet and any activities during the year, but don’t let the cost put you off. Speak to your Principal or Chaplain.

Anne Prime
TEAM APP

Nilma Primary School is now on Team App!

Follow the instructions as listed in the poster to download the app and then install Nilma Primary School on your home screen.

Once installed, you can set your device to allow you to receive notifications from Nilma Primary School on Team App.

We will be uploading items such as newsletters, policies, sponsor information and events.

Please speak to the Office staff for any further information.

You are invited to School Councillor Training:
Improving School Governance
Are you familiar with the legislative framework within which school councils operate?
The School Governance Training will:
- Discuss roles and responsibilities
- Clarify legislative requirements
- Help develop skills and knowledge to support your work in strategic planning, finance, policy development and review
- Encourage discussion to understand common issues for school councils
- Assist school councillors to support the principal in achieving the best possible outcomes for students

Who should attend?
All members of school councils are encouraged to attend Governance training

- Confirmed Dates: Thursday 16th March
- School: Trafalgar Primary School
- Address: School Road, Trafalgar, 3824
- Time: 6.30pm registration & refreshments, 7pm – 9pm training
Nilma Primary School
Movie Night Fundraiser

Thursday 23rd March
6.45pm arrival for 7pm movie showing.
Tickets $20 a person—from the school or on the night.

Please contact the school 56232963 or Sara 0429609078 with any enquires.
Thank you for the fantastic support and donations made for our Silver Coin Trail.

On Wednesday, students were busy lining up coins, measuring the length of each class’s trail, and counting money. A fantastic real life application of students’ mathematic skills!

Yellow Home Group students added the length of each of the silver coin trails and came up with a total length of 16.11m!
Both Blue and Yellow Home Group students (with the help of some greenies) then counted the money donated.
Students (Isobella and Aiden) added each groups money together, with a grand total of $103.30 raised.
The money raised is being donated to ‘Graphite Rocks’ trail walker team.
This is the team Mrs Buckler is a part of for the Oxfam 100km Walk.

By Isobella and Aiden
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**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 for any length of time 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.

**Parent statement for Athletic Sports**

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.

**Hay bales for School Sports**

We are asking if any parents are able to supply 12 hay bales for our school sports. These will need to be delivered to the Geoff Watt Track on Thursday 16th March. If you are able to help, please contact the office.
WGRSSA Athletic Sports Timetable 2017

8.45am Children arrive and assemble in school area

9.15am Welcome and children line up in age groups with teacher supervisor

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12.20pm Championship Races

200m Boys, Girls
800m Boys, Girls
4 x 100m Relay – school teams

Lunch

1.15pm Afternoon team competition

Obstacle Relay Gr 5/6, Gr ¾
Tunnelball ‘ ‘
Bobball ‘ ‘
Egg & Spoon ‘ ‘
Shuttle Relay ‘ ‘

2.55pm Presentations and Finish