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WELCOME BACK!

The start of term 2 has been really smooth given the children have returned so eager to learn and so caring and considerate of each other. Students have been able to get out and play together while the weather is still so beautiful. Congratulations kids! Keep up being REAL Kids @ Nilma.

ANZAC DAY

Next Wednesday is a school closure day for ANZAC Day. Our school leaders will accompany Ms Sutherland to the Cenotaph in Warragul to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. We will meet at 9.40am on Corner of Queen and Mason Street. All families and students are welcome to march with us too.

LET'S CELEBRATE STUDENT LEARNING

Students have been planning an art piece that reflects their understanding of ANZAC Day and their feelings towards commemorating those who risked their lives for our freedoms. Exposed to various art works students explored different mediums and materials to create their art work. Students were also presented with some examples of art using various techniques and mediums. *To recognise and celebrate our student's art work we would like to invite you in to view an arts display next Thursday the 26th and Friday the 27th of April.*

This display will be held in the 'STEAM' Room from 2- 3.30pm.

We all look forward to seeing you there!

ANNUAL REPORT TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY 2017

All parents are invited to the next school council meeting to be held on Monday 23rd April at 6.30pm. The ratified Annual Report to School Community 2017 will be presented. A copy of the Annual Report will also be available from the Office and placed on our school website after the meeting.



ANZAC EXCURSION

Students in Years 3 -6 will participate in Melbourne Legacy's 87th Annual ANZAC Commemoration for Students at the Shrine of Remembrance on **Friday 20th April (TOMORROW).** **Students are to be dropped at the Warragul Train Station by 8am and collected from the same location at approx. 4pm.** Students will need to be in full school uniform and bring with them their snacks, lunch and drinks for the day. It's going to be warm so don't forget your hats and drinks! Students will be accompanied by seven staff members: Mrs Buckler, Miss Berkelmans, Miss Matarczyk, Belinda Smythe, Sharon Faulds, Kalinda (Student Teacher) and a special guest, Mr Williams! While at the commemoration students

will lay a poppy representing the soldiers from Nilma named on our Honor Roll. This week students have been learning about the history of the ANZAC's and the importance of ANZAC Day.

'FAST' WHEELS PROGRAM

On Friday 20th April (TOMORROW) students in Years F-2 will participate in a 'Friday Awesome Scooter Time' program, as suggested by Dylan in Year 2 - thanks for the idea Dylan, it's great! Students can bring along their scooter to use, and a helmet! Balance bikes will be supplied by the school for students to use also. The program will be run by Ms Sutherland.



**NO STUDENTS
AT SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY
25th APRIL
ANZAC DAY**

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ABSENCES AND ATTENDANCE

In line with new department guidelines all absences must be explained on the day that they occur. Could parents please advise of any absences by 9.30am on the day of the absence (or prior). This can be done by phone call or note/letter. Absences that have not been reported to the school by 9.30am will be followed up by staff with a phone call. We thank you for your assistance with these new procedures whilst we implement them at Nilma.



R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Learner of the Week

RED HOMEGROUP

Caleb



You have received Learner of the Week for always doing your best with your learning and for great organisation and consideration towards other children. Well done Caleb!

Only one Learner of the Week this newsletter!

GREEN HOMEGROUP

Nick



You have received Learner of the Week for the positive attitude towards your learning. It has been wonderful to see and hear your enthusiasm coming in to Term 2.

Only one Learner of the Week this newsletter!

BLUE HOMEGROUP

Oliver



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

Only one Learner of the Week this newsletter!

YELLOW HOMEGROUP

Teylah



For your refreshing and positive approach to learning. Prompt and motivated to begin tasks, showing persistence and focused attention to your work. It is lovely to have you contribute to discussions and support others with their learning. You should feel very proud of yourself!

Only one Learner of the Week this newsletter!

L.A.U.G.H Program

Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING

50 and 75 Nights



PLAYGROUND AWARDS

It has been great to see the positive way in which students have settled back in to school routines. All parents should be all very proud of their children!



Happy Birthday



Blake Hanmer Caleb Brown
Jai Williames Ty Kindermann
Mrs Hodge Miss B
Vicki Belinda

HAPPENINGS IN OUR HOMEGROUPS!

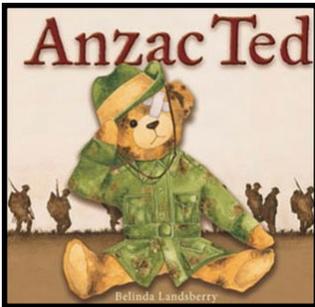


Home Group
- 1/F -
Ruby
Red

It is lovely to be working with the delightful children in the Ruby Red classroom. We have been talking and learning about ANZAC Day. We have read some special books like 'Anzac Ted' and 'Lone Pine' that tell us about the lives and

hardships of the soldiers at Gallipoli. Ms Sutherland showed us a bugle, so we listened to the Last Post - they really loved it.

Judi Collins



Home Group
- 3/2 -
Emerald
Green

On the weekend my family and I had an Easter party with friends. At the party we had sausages, hamburgers, salad and bread for lunch.

On Easter night I wrote a note to the Easter bunny to do an Easter hunt for us. When he ate the carrot he stole a hot cross bun. I was astounded when he stole the bun. Was it someone else or was it the Easter bunny?

By Chrissy

On Friday I had a party. Asher and her sister and brothers came over for a fire.

The kids stayed inside and watched Croods and played kittens but one of the boys got winded.

By Mia

I got to go on the Puffing Billy with my nanny and Peter. Also, I went to Mia's house for a night and Taleah and Kaylee came to my house. Ben and Jane came up with the boys for a fire. I got a new cubby.

By Ashlee

Yay it's Easter. I got 53 eggs. I went to the skate park 5 times and I had my first lesson of ukulele class. I got to keep my own ukulele. Its blue and it's made of wood. I got to learn 'jingle bells' and 'happy birthday'.

By Ty



Home Group
- 4/3 -
Aqua
Blue

Holiday Writing

The pain, the pain!! I was just about to start an extremely long (1 Hour) car trip to Phillip Island (quiet pause)... without an iPad.

It was awfully boring in the car but I think it was worth the tremendous car adventure because when I step out of the car

and there was a horrendously, flabbergasting site. By Oliver

Noooooo! You'll never guess ? Mum is going to Sydney. I'm already at Dad's house. Oh! Mum just left. But she said that Auntie Alicia was coming around with Spencer (my baby cousin). When she got here, I asked "Can I please hold Spencer?" She said, "Yes".

Today she is 6 months. Spencer laughed (It was super cute) Then she sneezed. (That was also cute, super cute) She was adorable. It was unbelievable and she was so lovely. By Natasha

WRITING RECOUNTS - ANZAC



Home Group
- 6/5 -
Lemon
Yellow

For those who have fallen and those who have fought we cherish, love, care and carry the memory of the people that have fallen while fighting to save us. Lest we forget as we cherish those who have fallen. We will never forget the people that have fought for us. How could we? As we stand here honouring those many soldiers that have died trying. We honour you. Ashley

Some people might think that I want this to finish now, that my legs hurt and I am bored. That's what I used to think when I was little. And as I grew older, I learnt more and now I realise that those who fought had no choice. And the nurses and doctors also had a huge responsibility trying to save peoples lives. I can only imagine the mums and sisters and families etc. when they got the telegrams, how their hearts must've felt to know that their loved ones will never come back. Jasmine

CURRICULUM CORNER

MARC NEWS

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to term 2! I hope you had a nice break. This term, in the junior grades, we are looking at books written and illustrated by Australian author Aaron Blabey. In the senior grades, we are continuing our genre studies, and over the first few weeks will be looking at stories from the humour genre.

New books are constantly added to the MARC library. If you would like to see which books are available to borrow, the online search page can be accessed at: <http://bookmark.central.sa.edu.au/taragomarc.htm>

Please email me if you have any requests.

Happy reading,

Helen Collins

CATCHING ON EARLY

Catching On Early is an evidence-based resource founded on the latest research into sexuality education and child development. Its developmentally-based program is designed to help schools teach the sexuality education components of the Victorian Curriculum.

The program uses active learning strategies to build on students' early learning and experiences about gender, bodies and relationships. It combines the biological, social and emotional aspects of sexuality education to assist schools in meeting students' needs as they relate to sexual growth and change.

Catching On Early will make a significant contribution to the provision of the Personal and Social Learning strand. However, it is not intended to be the definitive personal development program. Schools are already providing many of the elements of sexuality education through programs designed to promote resilience, social skills, information on puberty and the life cycle.

Catching On Early aims to support and enable school communities to begin education about this important topic earlier, providing a framework in which to safely discuss health, personal, social and emotional development that may not be included in existing programs.

Catching On Early identifies six important themes in primary school sexuality education and provides 24 Learning sequences that explore these in an age-appropriate way. Year Foundation - level 1, Year 1& 2 – level 2, Year 3 & 4 – Level 3 and Year 5 & 6 – Level 4. A whole-school learning approach has been found to be the most successful way of implementing the program. A whole school learning approach views student learning in the context of the whole experience of being at school.

While sexuality education is an essential element of health education, the education about sexual health to our young will always be a responsibility shared between schools, the local health and welfare community, and parents.

Parental roles in sexuality education include providing the child with the family perspective, providing opportunistic education in the home, and supporting the child's level of comfort in discussing sexuality-related issues.

Please don't hesitate to contact the home group teachers or Annette for more information if needed.

If you do not want your child to participate in the program please notify the home group teacher in writing by Thursday 3rd May.

Further references for parents please visit the website <http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/> and search 'Catching On Early' and 'Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships'.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS

National Assessments will commence on Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th May 2018.

All Students in Year 3 and 5 will complete mathematics, reading, writing and spelling assessments. Parents will receive the results of these assessments in August/September. If you do not wish to have your child complete assessments please notify the school.

STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY

This year, Year 6, 5 and 4 students will participate in the Student Attitude to School Survey along with students across Victoria. Information from this survey is used to assess the school's performance and support decision making in the future.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

English

Our whole school focus for Literacy centres around Reading and student deep level understanding of texts read and viewed. Our teaching and learning expectations are lifted to challenge students as active readers to share their thinking within, about and beyond the text. As a whole school community we aim to increase our understandings of what active reading is and how to extend comprehension skills. Keep up to date with further information through the curriculum corner section of our newsletter.

Maths

Our whole school focus for Maths this term will be problem solving and data analysis and interpretation. Within 'problem solving' student will learn to understand what the problem is asking and select the most appropriate strategy to solve the problem. Within data analysis and interpretation students will build skills and strategies to be able to read, compare, analysis and explain a range of data sets and displays. In order to motivate and engage our students a range of opportunities will be presented for students to develop and apply their skills through rich learning tasks.

Science. Technology. Engineering. Arts. Mathematics (STEAM)

Students will be exposed to and explore the significance of historical sites, past events and the people of Australia. This unit of work will incorporate explicit teaching and student lead investigations to allow for student individual interests and learning needs. More specific information will be presented within the Curriculum Corner of the newsletter.

Health and Physical Education

Week 1, 2, 3 & 4 will see students continuing their skill development in tennis through the Sporting School program with coach Katie Scanlon.

Students have another fabulous opportunity to develop their fine and gross motor skills, hand eye coordination and general fitness with an 'In2Cricket' program facilitated by Cricket Victoria . Date to be confirmed.

Year 3-6 students will once again take part in the Winter Sports program. This is a great opportunity to try out different sports and mix with other students from the Mt Worth Cluster.

Student Wellbeing

This term student will be involved a Health and Wellbeing program 'Catching on Early' which aims to build on students' early learning and experiences about gender, bodies and relationships. The program will promote resilience, social skills, information on puberty and the life cycle. Further information will be sent home in a letter format please make note that this is an opt out program. Any questions or queries are welcome.

Excursions & Incursions

Year 3-6 students will attend a Special Legacy Service to commemorate the centenary of ANZAC at the Shrine of Remembrance on Friday 20th April . Attached to this opportunity will be a visit to the Melbourne Arts Centre where students can view and appreciate the art works on display.

On Thursday 10th May Brainstorm Production will visit Nilma Primary School to present a 'Buddies' program that develops social media and cyber safety skills to help combat bullying. Please access more information through

www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

Year 5& 6 students are attending a camp at Phillip Island on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th of May, as part of the Mt Worth Cluster.

This is a fabulous opportunity for students to build independence, resilience and social skills whilst connecting with students from other school.

Home Learning

Students are reminded to record their nightly reading, bringing their student diaries in daily to be checked off by their teacher. During the term students have a weekly opportunity to borrow from the MARC Van library, with continued access to our school books. We encourage students to select and read a variety of texts including different genres.

Thank you for continuing to support your child with the Learning Activities Under the Guidance of Home (LAUGH) tasks and for using the school diaries for communication.

Thank you for the ongoing support.

Kathryn Evans, Emily Matarczyk, Monica Berkelmans and Amanda Buckler.

FROM THE OFFICE.....



Belinda

YEAR 6/5 CAMP - PHILLIP ISLAND

Students in Years 6/5 have the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Mt Worth Cluster Camp to Phillip Island on Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th May 2018. Permission forms, medical and behaviour forms that are to be completed and returned to school by Thursday 26th April will be sent home early next week. Full payment for the camp is due by Tuesday 1st May, please speak to the Office for further information regarding payments.

Further information about camp—what to pack, itinerary, times etc. will be given to students next week.



Sara

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family statements have been sent home this week. Payment is appreciated by the end of May for the 2018 Essential Educational Items and Excursion Levy. Thank you to the families that have already paid or have a payment plan in place. Families can pay by cash, cheque or direct deposit, Centrepay is available to eligible families also. If you would like more information about Centrepay or CSEF please speak to the Office staff. CSEF applications can be processed up until the end of term 2, we require a copy of your health care card and a signed form which you can collect from the Office.

ABSENCE LETTERS

Absence letters have been sent home this week, these letters are sent home to maintain accurate attendance data for the school and the department.

**2018
STUDENT
DIARY
SPONSORS**



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Were you aware that a chaplain can help your child to:

- build a positive self esteem
- learn to recognize things about themselves that irritate others
- gain a sense of belonging
- find positive ways to round out their 'people skills',
- learn to journey with grief and loss in a healthy manner,
- provide a safe place for your child to talk about issues
- learn about 'conflict resolution' and practice strategies
- understand their family dynamic
- staying calm in light of big changes
- being respectful even when they're hurting
- build friendships
- positive care and family support
-



A Chaplain on staff is available for your child when circumstances get difficult and it's not possible for you or their teacher to give that individual time.

If your child needs help any time please let your teacher or Principal know. If I'm not on duty on the day, I am just a phone call away and ready to swap time to accommodate.

I trust your holiday has been – if not relaxing – then a positive family time. I'm looking forward to catching up with the kids.

Mr P (Anne Prime),

NILMA NEWS

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS!

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Attached to the newsletter are Mother's Day/Special Persons Stall order forms. The stall will be held on Friday 11th May. Order forms and payment are due back Friday 4th May.

BUDDIES INCURSION - CLUSTER DAY

On Thursday 10th May Nilma will join with Ellinbank and Bona Vista Primary Schools to participate in a 'Buddies' workshop. On the day students will watch a performance based around bullying and social awareness. Students will be grouped in year levels and participate in a special timetable in the afternoon.

WINTER SPORT

Winter Sport commences on Friday 11th May for students in Years 3-6 and runs for 6 weeks. Students will complete a preference form, as in past years, to determine their chosen sports/activities and confirmation will be given to students before the program commences. There is a small cost involved with certain sports activities and this will need to be paid before the commencement of the program.

WGRSSA DIVISION ATHLETICS

Nilma PS will be represented by Ashley Griggs, Beth Axford, Jade Mammolito, Jaycobb Archer, Amelia Scanlon, Mikayla Lott and Zavier Allsopp on Friday 18th May at the Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough. Permission forms will be sent home closer to the date. Parents that can assist with transportation and supervision could they please speak with Annette or leave a message at the Office.

MILO CRICKET CLINIC

Students will be participating in a Milo Cricket Clinic on Friday 27th April. Students will participate in sessions in their homegroups, developing skills in bowling, batting, fielding and catching.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Friday lunches will return to NPS on Friday 4th May. More information will be sent home next week.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

The sporting schools program will be ran again in term 2. The whole school will participate in a Tennis program, continuing on from term 1 with Katie Scanlon.

The second sport offered will be AFL and will run for 6 sessions after school on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday 9th May until Wednesday 13th June from 3.30-4.30pm. These sessions are capped at 30 students. Please complete the form below and return by Thursday 26th April. Students will be notified in the next newsletter. Students must commit to the full 6 sessions and have returned a signed Annual Permission Booklet to be able to participate. (these were sent home earlier this year).

SPORTING SCHOOLS - TERM 2

AFL PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th MAY and 6th & 13th JUNE—3.30pm - 4.30pm

CHILDS NAME _____

CHILDS NAME _____

CHILDS NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Keep the calendar on your fridge or board at home to stay up to date with the events at Nilma PS!

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR APRIL 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
23 School Council Meeting 6.30pm Breakfast Club	24	25 ANZAC DAY - Students to attend Warragul Cenotaph	26 Tennis Program MARC	27 <i>Cricket Clinic</i> ASSEMBLY 2.50pm School Banking	28	29
30 Breakfast Club						

MAY 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
	1 6/5 CAMP PAYMENT DUE Tennis Program 6/5 Homegroup	2 Year 6/5 Camp Breakfast Club	3 Tennis Program Year 6/5 Camp MARC NEWSLETTER	4 Year 6/5 Camp ASSEMBLY 2.50pm School Banking <i>Friday Lunches</i>	5	6
7 Breakfast Club	8	9 AFL Sporting Schools 3.30–4.30pm SSG Meetings Breakfast Club	10 ‘Buddies’ Show Incursion Tennis Program MARC	11 Mother’s Day Stall Winter Sport Y3-6 ASSEMBLY 2.50pm School Banking <i>Friday Lunches</i>	12	13
14 Breakfast Club	15 NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN AFL Sporting Schools 3.30–4.30pm Breakfast Club	17 NAPLAN MARC NEWSLETTER	18 Winter Sport Y3-6 Division Athletics ASSEMBLY 2.50pm School Banking <i>Friday Lunches</i>	19	20
21 Breakfast Club	22	23 AFL Sporting Schools 3.30–4.30pm Breakfast Club	24 Cross Country Run—Chairo MARC	25 Winter Sport Y3-6 ASSEMBLY 2.50pm School Banking <i>Friday Lunches</i>	26	27
28 School Council Training Breakfast Club	29	30 AFL Sporting Schools 3.30–4.30pm Breakfast Club	31 MARC NEWSLETTER			

JUNE 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
				1 Winter Sport Y3-6 ASSEMBLY 2.50pm School Banking/ <i>FL</i>	2	3
4 School Council Meeting 6.30pm Breakfast Club	5	6 AFL Sporting Schools 3.30–4.30pm Breakfast Club	7 MARC	8 Winter Sport Y3-6 ASSEMBLY 2.50pm School Banking/ <i>FL</i>	9	10
11 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12	13 AFL Sporting Schools 3.30–4.30pm Breakfast Club	14 MARC	15 Winter Sport Y3-6 ASSEMBLY 2.50pm School Banking <i>Friday Lunches</i>	16	17
18 Breakfast Club	19	20 Breakfast Club	21 MARC	22 <i>Friday Lunches</i> ASSEMBLY 2.50pm	23	24
25 Student Reports Breakfast Club	26	27 Breakfast Club	28 MARC <i>Parent-Teacher Discussions</i>	29 End of Term 2 Early Finish 1.15pm	30	