END OF TERM
As this is our last newsletter for the term due to the early finish next Thursday, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the school community for a very productive and successful school term. Please keep the calendar on this newsletter for reference as we have a busy start to term 2. We hope you all have a lovely break and happy Easter holidays.

WEST GIPPSLAND RURAL SCHOOL SPORTS - ATHLETIC DAY
Congratulations to the whole school community. What a team effort at the sports! Well Done to all students that participated in the WGRSSA Sports Day last Friday. All students participated and tried their best at both team and individual events. Feedback from our teachers and staff from other schools was extremely positive. Nilma students participated well and had excellent behaviour all day! Thanks to all the parents for coming along too! Photos are on page 7 of the newsletter.

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE
Thank you for your support of the Hot Cross Bun Drive. Nilma has raised approx. $250! Delivery of the Hot Cross Buns will be on Tuesday 22nd March from the staffroom from 2.30pm.

VISION PORTRAITS
Vision Portraits will be at Nilma on Saturday 16th April for a ‘$15 Photo Fundraiser’. Families are now able to book sessions online or with cash at the Office. Photos can be taken both indoors and outdoors, and includes a 10” X 13” photo and frame.

MELBOURNE MUSEUM EXCURSION
On Monday 21st March, the whole school will be participating in an excursion to the Melbourne Museum. Permission forms and payment are due today! Students are required to be at school by 8.45am as we will be travelling to and from the venue by bus, leaving Nilma at 9am and returning by 3.15pm. Students will need to be in full school uniform, including hats, and will need to bring with them their lunch and snacks in separate named plastic bags and drinks for the day. School bags and satchels are not required for the day. Sturdy footwear is also recommended as students will be walking around the museum.

JAPANESE INTERN
Our Japanese Intern for 2016, Kanako Yamagata, is currently working through her Visa application. Kanako will arrive on Sunday 10th April. She will then visit schools during the first week of term 2. If any families would be interested in hosting Kanako during terms 3 or 4 then please speak to Annette.

STAFF V. STUDENTS NETBALL MATCH
Students in the Yellow homegroup have been learning how to play Netball this term. As their class reward they are playing a netball match against the staff on Thursday 24th March (last day of term). Parents are invited to come along on the day to watch—or participate! - from 12pm. After the match the whole school will be participating in an Easter Egg hunt! All students will hunt for 2 eggs each in the school grounds. Money raised from the Free Dress Day held earlier in the term has been put towards the hunt.

LAST DAY TERM 1
THURSDAY 24TH MARCH
1.15PM FINISH

IMPORTANT DATES!
MONDAY 11TH APRIL
(First Day Term 2)
Student Free Day
No Students are Required at School
TUESDAY 12TH APRIL
SOMERS CAMP

THANK YOU TO OUR DIARY SPONSOR
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Learner of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red

Alex Chesterfield

For demonstrating RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY in every area of your learning at school. You are a fabulous role model to others. Keep it up Alex!

Homegroup 2/1 Green

Beth Axford

For challenging yourself with your writing. It was wonderful to see you having-a-go when planning for and when using paragraphs in your recount about Sports Day.

Homegroup 4/3 Blue

Emma Crook

For your cheerful smile and positive approach to all areas of your learning. You are demonstrating the qualities of a “REAL” learner and set a great example to others. Well done Emma!

Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow

Zaic Farmer

For your courage, persistence and determination shown during Sports Day, and participation in our homegroup netball game. Good on you Zaic!

L.A.U.G.H Program

Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home

NIGHTLY READING

25 nights

Alex Chesterfield
Blake Sammut
Dylan Bradshaw
Kaleb Majcherzak
Jai Macfarlane
Teylah Lott

50 nights

Ashley Griggs

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners

- Beth Axford
- Elizabeth Dalrymple
- Blake Hanmer
- Savannah Farmer

Happy Birthday

Jai Macfarlane
Ryan Cane
**HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!**

**Sports Day**

**It was Sports Day. I liked sprinting. Jai W**

I liked running over the hay bales. Harrison K

I liked the running and jumping. Kurtis

My favourite part was the hay bale hurdles. Maegan

Yes, I couldn’t wait for Sports Day. I got a 1st place on vortex. I came 2nd place and I came 3rd place. Lewis

I did the gumboot throw. I came first and mum and dad saw me. Charlotte

**Sports Day**

On Sports Day I came 1st in running 50 meters. In long jump and target throw I came second. I was very happy with my achievements. When I got home I put up my picture frame and put my awards under my picture frame. By Kiara Perry

I like tunnel ball. It was awesome. It was Sports Day. It was cool. By Jaycobb Archer

Yes it’s Sports Day. I have been waiting for a long time for this day! I can’t believe that it’s Sports Day. By Anthony Santo.

I was at Sports Day and I came first in the running race. By Harrison Jones.

Wow it is my best day ever. I was Sports Day. I did lots of running. By Paige Lott.

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**Highlights of Sports Day**

I could compete in target throw with one arm, and I came 3rd with a score of 5 points. By Kiara Perry

I got to be with my friends all day, and I had fun doing long jump—even though I didn’t place, I didn’t know I could jump that far! By Charlotte Brown

I liked getting ready for the championship race after my long distance run. I enjoy running and knew I had a good chance of winning. By Sabrina Thompson

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**A Sizzling Start by Ashley Griggs … “BOO!”**

I was out hunting and then I saw a magic forest…… but it wasn’t a magic forest, it was a spooky forest! There were foxes and wolves with creepy red beady eyes and vampires! The vampires had black coats and blood dripping from their fangs. Soon we saw a beat-up dog that had sores on it and only three legs.

……to be continued …. By Ashley
JAPANESE EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING
For any families interested in the proposed Japanese Exchange Program for 2016 there will be an information session at Darnum Primary School on Tuesday March 22nd from 7pm.

FAMILY STATEMENTS
Thank you to the families that have paid or that have been making payments towards the Essential Educational Items (EEI) and Excursion Levy.
Some families receive a Camps, Excursions and Sports Fund (CSEF) payment which can be used for Camps, Sports or Excursion payments through the year. For students in Years F, 1 and 2, this payment is used towards the Excursion Levy. Students in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 can use these payments for the camps they will go on this year. Any residual funds left after these payments are made are carried over to the following year.
The highlighted amounts on family statements are the outstanding amounts for EEI and the Excursion Levy (if applicable). Payments of these amounts are appreciated by the end of term 1 2016. If you would like to make a payment arrangement for any outstanding balances, please contact the Office or speak to Annette Sutherland.
The CSEF payments for 2016 will be allocated to students once they have been received and processed.

SPORTING SCHOOLS
Students have been enjoying the Athletic sessions with coach Shari over the past 2 weeks. Our last session is on Tuesday 22nd March for term 1. For our last session students will be participating in a fun activity session which parents are invited to come along and watch.

The program’s last session for this term is on Tuesday 22nd March 2016.
Participants are; Olivia & Nicholas Addison, Thomas Buckler, Zavier Allsopp, Cohen Cogo, Jessie McCabe, Ty Kindermann, Elizabeth Dalrymple, Taleah Hammond, Piper, Shila & Miller Bundle, Mia Wood, Aiden Olsson, Ella Perry, Deklan Majcherzak, Ryan, Jasmine & William Cane, Blake Sammutt and Jade Mammolito.

We will run the program again in term 2, with different sports that we can hopefully run 2 programs but this depends on funding and coach availability. All information will be advertised in the newsletter next term. For any further information please speak to Belinda in the Office.

YEAR 6/5 BALLARAT CAMP
The Year 6/5 Camp will be held at Ballarat on Wednesday 20th until Friday 22nd April 2016. Good news! -The cost of the camp has been reduced as we now only have to take one bus to the camp as there are several children attending the Somers camp from across the cluster. The camp will now cost $250. All camp payments need to be finalised before attending—full payment due on 14th April 2016. If paying with the camp payment plan, payments are due on Thursdays, for March they are due on the 3rd, 10th 17th and 24th, with the last payment due on Thursday 14th April. Permission and Medical forms are due back at school by tomorrow, FRIDAY 18TH MARCH. Please contact the office if you require more forms. More information will be sent home closer to the camp, such as packing/clothing lists and itinerary.

SOMERS CAMP
Three students from Nilma will attend Somers Camp, from Tuesday 12th until Wednesday 20th April 2016. Full payment of this camp is due by Friday 18th April. For any more information please speak to the Office. Information regarding Somers Camp will be sent home with students next week.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Mrs Uren and Mrs Hodge will be coordinating the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This program will be held every Thursday. During cooking sessions (fortnightly for students in years 3 and 4) students will be making yummy treats such as; salads of the imagination, tarts, tortes, curries, breads, fritters, gnocchi and pastas. In the garden students will be pruning, composting, mulching, planting, creating a worm farm, creating a no dig garden, weeding, fertilising and harvesting.

Below is a roster for this terms program. It would be great if we could have 3 volunteers for every session, you may be able to help for the whole day or you may only be able to help for one session.

If you are able to volunteer on any of the dates indicated, please fill out the roster below and return to school. Thank You!

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It is not uncommon for children (adults too in fact) to start something we have asked them to do but not complete it. Either they feel the pain and effort is just too much for them to bear or that it was just taking too long and they had other things to do. In a society that is wanting things done quicker everything has to be done at lightning speed and nothing takes longer than 30 minutes!

Here are some practical suggestions on helping them grow and realise that a task isn’t over until it’s over;

1. Be realistic in your expectations. Break the job down into manageable chunks. Encourage your child (or adult) to write them in list form and they cross them off as they are completed.
2. If you tend to be a perfectionist then you may be too demanding and actually the job is finished to the best of their ability.
3. Make sure that they have fully understood what you are asking them to do and what the job will look like when it is complete.
4. Help them to understand that the task is important and worthy of their time and effort.
5. Refuse to bail them out by finishing the job for them. This runs the risk of creating a habit in their mind that will actually encourage them to stop part way through and then expect you to complete it. If all else fails…
6. You could try doing only a part of a job that they expect you to complete and only half finish. Some examples would be for you to wash some their clothes but not all of them. Start to cook dinner but don’t get around to finishing it. Drive them part of the way to their friends but make them walk the final part. I am sure that these object lessons will not go unnoticed and if you explain your purpose then they will get the message loud and clear.

As they mature and seek employment they will have to learn that they can’t get away with not finishing something or else they risk losing their job. If we can motivate them early to do everything the task requires, we are serving them well for later life.
# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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