Our excursion to Farm World will be held next Thursday. Children are to be at Nilma Primary school by 8.45am and will be travelling by bus to and from Lardner Park, returning to Nilma PS by 3.15pm. Selected students will be travelling by car to and from Lardner Park. Please do not forget LUNCH and a snack in a disposable bag, named on the front. We will be storing these together in one area at Farm World. Students can bring a drink bottle to carry around.

PARENTS CLUB EASTER RAFFLE
The raffle tickets went out with the newsletter last week. Could parents please donate a gift for our raffle. All donations can be made to the office. More raffle tickets are available from the office if needed. Thanks to parents who have supported the raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March at 12.30pm. Prize winners must collect raffle prizes on the day as chocolates cannot be kept at school during the holidays.

NEWSLETTER-No Newsletter next week.
Due to the Farm World Excursion and the Athletic sports, there will not be a newsletter next week. The final newsletter for this term will go home to families on Thursday 3rd April.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Nilma Primary School will be hosting Japanese visitors at our school on Wednesday 2nd April. All students at Nilma PS will be provided with a BBQ lunch. The itinerary for the Japanese Exchange Program is on Page 12.
REAL STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions
Homegroup 1/F Red

Beth Axford
For your great cutting skills when working on your Yak, Ice Cream and sea animal cut outs. You have listened well and are showing everyone what a REAL learner at Nilma is. Well done Beth!

Homegroup 3/2/1 Green

Piper Bundle
For such a fantastic effort with your reading! You have shown great improvement through all your hard work and practice! Well done!

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue

Charlotte Brown
For making such a great start and settling in so well to the grade at Nilma. A fine effort Charlotte!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow

Bayley Gunton
For confidently speaking as Chairperson during our debates.

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

Lilli Parry-Thomas
Ella Perry
Blake Hamner
Kiandra Polglaze
Piper Bundle

Jaycobb Archer
Kiara Perry
Riley Kleeven
William McGrath
Rieley Gunton

ART AWARDS

• Cody Moss —Red Group
• Zaic Farmer —Green Group
• Charlotte Brown —Blue Group
• Lachlan Brown —Yellow Group

Happy Birthday

Larissa Hamilton-Burnett
Lilli Parry-Thomas
Shakira Kimm
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

Busy Bees
In the red class we have been working with part whole relationships in numbers and the students have loved a new learning game called Race to 10. The students work to place counters on a tens frame by rolling a dice and talking about how many counters they have and how many they have left to get.
I like playing it and rolling the dice. It's fun when you win. Shila
You win lots of times. You have to try and get to 10. If you roll a number that's to big you have to give the dice to the other person. Beth
I like playing the game. You have to put counters down and get to 10. Cody W
I like playing the game. You can also play race to 20 and keep going. Jade

Walhalla
Gee wiz! I was so tired after our trip to Walhalla on the 05/03/2014. First we went on the bus, Meg was my bus buddy and we sat on a three seater. When we arrived we stopped for a little while. Then after that we went on the train, I took some videos then I had no memory left on my camera. After that we went back on the train to the station. We walked to the cemetery and saw some cottages on the way. Then we went to the Post Office and we saw the last Postmistress’s house which was in the Post Office. After that we went to the band rotunda and got on the bus to go back home. Sine
On 5 March we went to Walhalla. We went for a ride on the old train. Rose-Ann was funny on the train taking pictures. We walked up to the old grave yard. People got photos of ghosts. We walked from the train station to the grave yard and we went to the old Post Office. When we were there we had a tour and we saw the clothes that the lady who used to be the post mistress wore.
By Carolyn and Rose-Ann

Farm World
We are going to Farm World next Thursday. I will see mum and dad there. They will be working there. I want to see a baby crocodile. Crocodiles are cool. Last year at farm world we got to bring five dollars and buy stuff. I bought a magnet of a bird.
By Ashton

Sports Day
Next Friday we have sports day. I am looking forward to jumping over the hay bales. In the team events I am in relay. I am going to run as fast as I can. I really hope our school will win the shield.
By Aiden S

Debating
ICT is better than books!

Lachlan Brown argues for the affirmative team
- If you can’t find a book you can search the internet.
- ICT is not just good for reading (like books are) it’s also good for playing games or doing school reports.
- You can play over 3,000,000 games.
- You don’t need wifi at home you can go to places like motels, McDonalds or other restaurants.

Patrick Smythe argues for the negative team
- Viruses and glitches cause computers to malfunction.
- Wifi and chargers are needed for ICT but not for books.
- ICT is expensive.
- ICT is not reliable, just pick up a book.
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge - 2014

Nilma Primary School has participated in the challenge for 5 years. With excellent participation of over 90% of students. This year we aim for 100% participation.

The tenth annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge (the Challenge) is now open. The 2014 new look Challenge website is celebrating ten years of the Challenge which promotes the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools and early childhood settings.

In 2014 we once again welcome young children from birth to five years, as well all Victorian students in Years Prep to 10, to discover the magic of books. Families and parents are encouraged to be involved with their children’s reading both in and beyond school.

The 2014 Challenge booklists have been expanded and cater for all interests. Students may also read books in other languages.

This year the Challenge will soon have a dedicated Facebook page with resources for parents, and the Challenge website will be updated with weekly videos to encourage students to stay motivated and read more throughout the Challenge.

On Tuesday 11 March, a poster size countdown calendar will be inserted into the Herald Sun so parents and children can track their reading progress, count down the time left and stay motivated throughout the Challenge.

Registration for the Challenge will be distributed in the coming weeks.

FARM WORLD EXCURSION

Permission forms were sent home with last weeks newsletter. Some students are travelling to and from Lardner Park by car and have an extra permission form, all forms need to be returned to the school by Monday 24th March.

Students are asked to be at school no later than 8.45am, normal 3.15pm departure time will apply.

Parents please be aware that the car park can becomes quite congested when students are returning from an excursion and that the bus requires safe access for entry and exit at the school. We ask that parents please use designated car parks and if the car park is full please do not park on the road or in the driveway.

There will be the opportunity for parents to support learning on this excursion. Please return the slip below if a parent would be interested in coming along. The cost would be $18.00 per person per entry. To attend, parent volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC).

Parents will need to make their own way to and from Lardner Park if attending.

Family Name:_____________________________________________________________

How many family members attending: (not including students):____________________
**SCHOOL ORGANISATION**

**PARENT CLUB**

**EASTER RAFFLE**—Thank you to those families that have already donated Easter goodies for our Easter raffle! Donations can be left at the office. There are more raffle ticket books available from the office.

Parent Club also have boxes of drinks available for purchase, 30 can packs for $15, 24 can packs for $10. There are assorted flavours, first in best dressed! Please see Belinda for more information.

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**2014 STUDENT PERMISSION BOOKLET**

Thank you to the families that have already returned their Permission Booklets. These booklets allow us to update and maintain student files and procedures that are necessary at school.

If you haven’t already returned this book could you please do so at your earliest convenience. If you require a new booklet please collect one from the office.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Welcome to the new bankers this year. Remember, the more deposits you make, the more tokens you will collect and be able to redeem a prize. If anyone else would like to join in the school banking program, you can sign up at your local Commonwealth Bank branch or see Belinda in the office for more information. Please remember that bank books must be handed in on Friday mornings to be processed, as late books will be held over until the following week.

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**TRANSITION DAY**

Today we have five of our Year 6 students attending Neerim District Secondary College. The focus of the day is Science and Technology. Activities include woodwork, magic, science and CSI—Who did it?

Lunch is provided and students will return to school at 2.30pm.

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**TERM 2 EXCURSION – WARRAGUL**

On Wednesday 23rd April, students will be going to the Warragul Arts Centre, to see a production based around the Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton book ‘The 13 Storey Tree House’ and visiting various community services in Warragul. As this excursion has to be booked and paid for in advance, could parents fill please fill in the form below and send back to the school by next Friday 21st March.

Please note that Monday 21st April is a public holiday, and Tuesday 22nd April is a student free day. Friday 25th April is a public holiday. This is the first week of term 2.

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**Excursion to Warragul Arts Centre–Wednesday 23rd April**

Please return slip to the office by Friday 21st March 2014.

Name of student/s: __________________________________________

The above mentioned student/s **will be/will not be** (please circle) attending the excursion on Wednesday 23rd April 2014.

Signed by parent: __________________________________________
Nilma Primary School is very fortunate to have Ishan Ratnayake, former under 19 Sri Lankan cricketer, coach students in Tuesdays AASC sessions. Unfortunately we were unable to secure a hockey coach for the entire term 1 program but have had the opportunity to have Ishan come along and coach cricket instead. I know we have a few excited budding cricketers keen to be shown some of the finer points of the cricketing game by Ishan. Thank you to Ishan for giving our school your time and to show our students your skills!

Planning for term 2’s programs are underway and at this stage it looks as though we will be doing AFL and Swimming. AFL will be open to all year levels while swimming will only be available for years 4 to 6 who have some water confidence. This is yet to be confirmed and more details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Hi my name is Glenda Noordam, the Chaplain her at Nilma Primary School. I work on Tuesdays and Fridays, and welcome a visit from parents, staff or students. My position here is funded through the Access Ministries.

I care about the emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing of our staff, students and wider school community, and offer pastoral care, support and a listening ear.

I love to spend time with the students, whether individually, in small groups or assisting in a classroom situation, liaising with school staff to provide the best possible care & sound practices.

As I get to know the students, staff & parents I hope all will feel comfortable coming to me for a chat at anytime. Please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment, or catch up before or after school.
The sports will be held on Friday 28th March at the Geoff Watt Track in Warragul. The back up day for the sports is Thursday 3rd April. 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 last week were permission forms for the School Athletic Sports.

**Please return signed forms to the office by Monday 24th March.**

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

**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**

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 the day, please 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.

**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.

**ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY PRACTICE**

Thanks to our Year 6 Sports Leaders, Shakira Kimm, Kylie Griggs, Jordan Stone and Michael Farnham who have been co-ordinating the practice of team events for the Sports Day on Friday 28th March.

Students have been busy competing against each other in the various team events under the guidance and coaching of our Sports Leaders. Students have also been practising for the sprints and distance runs and individual events. Go NILMA!
Bona Vista Primary School

2014 Athletics Day Canteen Menu

HOT FOOD

Party Pies $ .50c
Party Sausage Rolls $ .50c
Hot Dogs $2.50
Hash browns $1.00
Dim Sims (Steamed) $ .70c
or 3 for $2.00

SANDWICHES

Ham & Cheese $2.50
Ham, Lettuce & Pickle $2.50
Cheese & Vegemite $2.50

DRINKS

Tea / Coffee $1.00
Soft drink $2.00
Water (bottled) $2.00
Juice Boxes $1.50

SNACKS

Snack Sized Pkt chips $ .70
Lolly Bags $1.00
Icypoles $ .50c
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JAPANESE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2014  
Darnum, Nilma and Ellinbank Primary Schools.

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This year we have 6 students and 6 adults coming to Australia on school exchange. Students will be hosted by families from Nilma, Darnum and Ellinbank Primary Schools.

Proposed Itinerary for the stay,
Friday 28th March: (School Sports Day) Pick up from Melbourne airport using Noojee or Neerim St SC mini bus (Steve Pompei). Visit Scenceworks, arrive at Warragul at Geoff Watt Running track at 3.30pm or earlier. Return to Host family houses.

Saturday 29th March... HOST FAMILY DAY.

Sunday 30th March: FARM WORLD...Note...this could occur on the Saturday instead. To be discussed. Please provide cut lunch.

Monday 31st March: Warragul civic reception at 10.30am (TBC) NOOJEE area, Tooronga falls, Glen Nayook. Other local attractions TBC (Please provide cut lunch).

Annette Sutherland and Chris Eels will host (and Drive) for the day.

Tuesday 1st April: To Darnum school (8.45 to 3.00pm) EASTER craft activities. Invite Japanese playgroup parents. Please provide cut lunch.

Wednesday 2nd April to NILMA P.S: including Ellinbank School (Mini Group Day) coming over to Nilma P.S. (Suggest "Aussie" theme day, cooking etc) Lunch BBQ

Thursday 3rd April: Options day... Walhalla or BEACH, (suggest Phillip Island) fishing on pier etc. Please send lots of snacks, towel, etc. Fish and chips for lunch or tea. Depart 9.15am from Darnum P.S., return time TBA

Friday 4th April: DARNUM P.S. note earlier finish time at 1.30pm: LUNCH not required. Evening: PARTY at Pompei TBA. Salads, sweets, snacks...(Meat provided)

Sat 5th April: 9.45am: Depart To Melbourne via mini-bus. (Chris). (May need extra cars for luggage etc.) Arrive approx 11.00: Lunch and Shopping at Vic Market, etc. Then to Melbourne ZOO (To airport by 5pm approx.) All welcome of course!

Huge Thanks to the Burdett Family for being a host family for Nilma Primary School.
# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Parents, please draw over draft review document or write some notes below.
We appreciate your willingness to express ideas or suggestions so we may work as a team to support learning for all at Nilma.