NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 22nd March 2012
Issue 08–2012

Principal
Ms Annette Sutherland

Business Manager
Mrs Rachel Hammond

Welcome to our new
School Council
President
Mrs Nicole Kimm

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SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS
Unfortunately the weather has not been on our side this year. **THE SPORTS DAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED AGAIN.** Tomorrow will be a normal school day. We may have an opportunity to reschedule the sports day in term 2.

ANNUAL REPORT TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY
The Annual Report to the school community has been completed. This year the report will be available on line at 'Myschool' website in April. The report consists of 4 areas:
1. What our school is doing.
3. Financial Performance and Position
4. Smart Schools National Partnerships statement.
Copies will be available for parents to read, call into the office or let us know if you would like a copy.

ICT CLASSES
We will be creating computer generated collages in the first week of term 2 as part of our ICT Program.
All students are asked to bring to school about 7 photos of themselves or family photos, so they can be scanned and created for use with this learning task. Your family may like to email the photos to the school email above.

MARC VAN
The last MARC Van for this term will be next Thursday 22nd Thursday. Please ensure that your child brings back their books so other children may borrow them.

JAPANESE INTERN
Our Japanese Intern will be starting at Nilma Primary in Term 2. Nilma Primary is asking interested parents if they would like to host our Intern in Term 3 or 4. Information on page 8.

JAPANESE DAY—School BBQ
Next Thursday, 29th March, Nilma Primary School will be hosting the Japanese exchange students and their families for the day.
Our program is being finalised at present and we will be experiencing a range of cultural activities.
We will be also having the school BBQ, Easter raffle and treasure hunt as part of the day!

LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 30th March 2012—We will be finishing at 1.15pm.

STAFFING
Next week we have two staff members, Amanda Buckler and Paula Watts who will be absent for a few days—Jos Formby and Lyn Taranto will continue with our school programs.

THURSDAY
29th March
Japanese Day
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BBQ & Raffle Draw
(More raffle books available at the office)
R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep

Meg Devlin
for being a fantastic and caring friend and always willing to help others.

Homegroup 3/2

Kirsty Wooster
for persevering with the online testing with a positive attitude.

Homegroup 4/3

Patrick Smythe
for his cheerful approach to his learning and willingness to challenge himself and always do his best. A great role model.

Homegroup 6/5

Mckayla Lindsay
for always putting a fantastic effort into her work and being a fantastic learner.

R. E. A. L STUDENTS @ NILMA

L.A.U.G.H

NIGHTLY READING

Recognition certificates

25 nights

Lachlan Axford
Kael Mason
Holly Fanham
Kirsty Wooster
Tahlia Wooster
Sine Salt
Patrick Smythe
Blake Witney
Anthony Scott
Alan Smith
Bailey Witney
Sheree Casey Wilson
Kiara Perry
Ella Perry

CAMP NEWS

The first payment for the camp is due on Friday 23rd March. All students have received a payment plan. If you require another plan, then please contact the office.

All parents must pay the first deposit to ensure your child will be attending.

Parents who receive an EMA cheque may sign the cheque over to the school as payment for the camp.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Nilma Primary School will be participating in the Japanese Exchange program, in conjunction with Darnum primary School. The Japanese students will be spending the day at Nilma primary on Thursday 29th March. During this day, Nilma PS will be organising some Easter Activities.
We made hairy heads in Science. We put seeds in a stocking with dirt on top of it. We then sat it on a cup with water. Now we are waiting for the hair to grow.
By Daniel

We have the school sports on Friday. I’m looking forward to the running.
By Lane

We made a time book with clocks in it and what time we do things at school.
By Holly

We read Little Red Riding Hood and put the pictures in order.
By Rieley

We have sports day on Wednesday. I like to do the gumboot throw.
By Rose-Ann Scott

A few days after we went to How To Train Your Dragon, my Mum printed some photos out that I took.
By Carolyn Dungey

Jack and I are in the Egg & Spoon race. We are in different teams.
By Max Chesterfield

I am really excited that we are going up against Buln Buln and I hope our school wins the Athletics this year.
By Kiandra Polglaze

I hope the Jeff Watt Track doesn’t flood on Wednesday.
By Sine Salt

The Grade 3s have been doing lots of online tests.
By Aaron Cooper

I am very happy that the Sport Day is not on because it is raining.
By Olivia

I am in the Potato Race and Bob Ball.
By Corey

The sports day was not on today because it is raining.
By Cooper

We did Column Graphs in Excel—Justin

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**How To Train Your Dragon**

Last Thursday we went to see “How to Train your Dragon” in Richmond, Melbourne. It was awesome! I tried to take photos but it didn’t work. Anyway, when it was in the middle of the show fire blew out of the side of the area. My favourite dragons were Toothless and Red Death. The rest were pretty good but Toothless and Red Death were the best. Red Death is a black with red dots on his back to his tail. Toothless is all black and has a broken tail. The show was the best. It was AWESOME!!!!!

By Reece Motton
SCHOOL ORGANISATION

THRASS CHARTS
The Teaching of Reading and Spelling Strategies (THRASS)
If you would like to purchase a THRASS chart for $6.60 to help your child's reading, writing and spelling strategies at home, please fill in the attached form.

Name of student: _______________________
Number of THRASS Charts: _______________________

We will have a Parent Information Evening to develop better understanding of Thrass concepts in term 2.

Please return form by Thursday 19th April 2012.

EMA CHEQUES
The EMA cheques should be arriving at the office before the end of this term. These must be signed for on collection.

All EFT payments of EMA will be paid into bank accounts by the end of this term.

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 school procedures.

LATE BOOK SLIPS
When signing students in—if late to school—student will need to present an ORANGE late slip to their home group teacher to acknowledge that the LATE book has been signed.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS
Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and Guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. For further information regarding Student Accident Insurance Arrangements please contact David Pool on 9637 3533

PARENT CLUB / SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Easter Raffle: This will be drawn the second last day of Term 1, Thursday 29th March.(Japanese Day).
Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be made at the office. Raffle books were sent home last week, and must be brought back by Thursday 29th March.
Tickets may also be purchased on the day.
More raffle books are available from the office.

Hot Lunch day: $140 was raised from the Hot Dog Day. All money will be going towards the parent club component of our recent School Excursion.
Next week is our last week of AASC for Term 1. All the students have learnt new skills in Triathlon & Athletics. To show off their new skills parents/guardians are invited to come along and watch us in our last sessions. Tuesday night we will be doing a Mini ‘modified’ Triathlon and on Thursday students will be participating in a Mini Olympics. Students participating in Triathlon are allowed to bring along their bikes or scooters to use during the Triathlon, all participants must have helmets. Even if you are unable to bring along a bike/scooter, please bring a helmet as students may be able to share bikes amongst themselves.

Term 2 activities, at this stage, will be AFL on Tuesdays and Taekwondo on Thursdays. Sessions will commence on the third week of Term 2, Tuesday 1st May & Thursday 3rd May.

Could you please complete the Expression of Interest Form below and return to school by Wednesday 28th March so that the lists of participants can go in the Newsletter on the 29th. Consent forms will also need to be filled out before the commencement of the program, if students have not yet had one completed and returned. Please do so as soon as possible. Forms are available from the office.

Remember that places are limited to the first 20, so get in quick! More information will be in the Newsletter along with the list of participants. Please also remember that to make AASC fair for everyone, not all students will be able to participate in every activity every term.

Thanks, Belinda

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

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Please put down which activity you would prefer to participate in using 1st or 2nd.
**School Holiday Arts Activities**

Arts Hub 2 Murray St, Yarragon

For all other enquiries call the Arts Hub Manager Sue Murphy on 5631962 or Ingrid Thomas on 0438261381

Bookings essential and deposit required a week prior to workshop. Deposits can be made at the Arts Hub Yarragon

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**Starting Calligraphy** with Anita George

Wednesday 4th April

$15

10.30-12.30pm

All ages (min 6, max 8)

Book by calling Anita 56221510

**Fabulous Faeries** with "Faeries with Attitude"

Wednesday 4th April

$25

2-4 pm

Ages 10+ (Min 6 Max 10)

"Working over a poly-styrene body you will create your own fabulous faerie, complete with wings and an elegant gown. You get to choose your own colours for her hair and gown and a large selection of wings are available. Experience working with Paverex, a fantastic textile hardener."

Book by calling Rhona Hunt - 51221429 / 0429115595

**Memory Wire Bracelet** with Beady Wendy

Wednesday 11th April

$25

2-3.30pm

Ages 8+ (Max 8)

Design and create a unique memory wire bracelet

Book by calling Wendy 0407710180

**Animal Shapes Linocut** Print workshop

Thursday 12 April

$25

2-4pm

12+ years (Min 8 Max 8)

Design and cut an animal linocut block and create multiple prints to take home.

All materials supplied

Book by calling Helen Timbury 56251999 / 0408527943

**Wet Felting** for beginners with Barbara

Thursday 5th April

$25 inc materials. All equipment supplied (kits for further felting projects $20)

1.30 - 3.30pm

Ages 8+ (Min 6 max 10)

Participants in this workshop will use wet felting techniques to make beads, rolls and a placemat. This workshop is about fun, ideas and lots of warm soapy water.

Book by returning this form with payment to the Arts Hub, 2 Murray St, Yarragon

**African Drumming** workshop

Friday 13th April.

$10

2-3pm

All ages (min 10 max 20)

Come along and have a go at African Drumming with instructor and drummer Roger.

Book by calling Roger Terrill on Mobile 0418592986

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**Arts Hub Workshop Registration Form 2012**

Participants name ___________________________ Address ___________________________

Phone ___________________________

**Workshop (circle choice)**

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Bookings and payment required one week before workshop begins. Limited numbers.

Fee payable $ ____________ (If workshop is cancelled the full fee will be refunded).

I do / do not give permission for photographs of the participant to be used for promoting future workshops.

I would like to receive information about future workshops. My email ___________________________

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

**Additional registration details for children under 18**

Parent/Guardian Name: ___________________________

Child Age: ___________________________

Contact while workshop is running: Phone: ___________________________ Mob: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

Is there anything special we should know about your child? ___________________________

**Medical Emergencies**

I give permission to the instructor/supervisor to seek medical treatment for the participant in the event they are not able to reach myself (parent/guardian). I have also declared any physical/mental problems, restrictions, or conditions to the teacher. I’ve read the above and agree.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Please deliver this completed form with your payment to: Holiday workshops to: Bbaa Arts Hub 2 Murray Street Yarragon or PO Box 182, Yarragon, Vic 3823
COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

WARRAGUL UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

UNDER 11’s, 9’s & 7’S

“TRY BEFORE U BUY” DAYS

Saturday March 24th and 31st.

All age groups 9:00 – 10:30am

All perspective players are encouraged to come along on these days to have a kick. Scratch matches will be organised on the day. Season proper and registration will commence on April 21st.

All WUJSL enquiries to Steve Cordell
0428 512 283

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day......
But why?

Breakfast is called the most important meal of the day because it provides the energy that we need to kick-start our busy day.

Studies have shown children who eat breakfast compared to non breakfast eaters:
Have better attendance at school.
Have better concentration.
Have improved grades.
Are less likely to snack on sugary or high fat snacks.
Are more emotionally healthy.
Are less likely to be overweight.

Breakfast doesn't have to be a lavish spread; it can be as simple as a bowl of cereal, toast, yoghurt, or a piece of fruit grabbed on the way out of the door.

PLAY & LEARN PROGRAM

What is Play & Learn? These weekly two hour groups are available to families with children from birth to 5 years of age during school terms. Mums, dads, grandparents and children are encouraged to participate in the program and have fun together, while getting to know other families.

What to bring? A healthy snack and water bottle for your child.

Play & Learn allows children to:
Learn through play, increase their social skills, interact with other adults, learn simple rules and routines, develop their skills, increase their confidence, sing and play instruments, listen to stories and have access to outdoor play.

For more information contact Tracey Love, the playgroup Facilitator on 0400 650 035.

Gladiators basketball club are looking for players in the following age groups; 10 girls (born 2003, 2004) and 12 girls (born 2001, 2002). If your daughter is interested in playing or require more information please contact the club at gladiatorsbasketball-club@dcsi.net.au or phone 0437451624.
Dear Parents

As you may or may not be aware Nilma Primary School is expected as part of the Japanese Program to host the Intern for a term.

We are looking for families of Nilma to host our Intern – maybe 2 families to look after intern for 5 weeks or one family for the 10 week term.

Below is all the information about the program.

The Program:
Time: The interns arrive in time to start school in term two. In 2012, term two starts on 16th April. Arrival date arranged with Chris Eeles. The school year finishes on December 21st. Interns can generally arrange to stay over Christmas or return home prior to the end of the school year by arrangement with the school.

At School: The Japanese program is a mixture of cultural and language lessons. The lessons are taught to students from Prep to year 6.
Interns work in each school for total of 4 days (Darnum—2 days, Nilma—1 Day, Ellinbank—1 Day) and have Friday for planning/free time. Lessons are taught to all grade levels during the week. Yearly programs have been developed by previous interns and teachers to assist the planning of each lesson.

What the school will do for the intern:
- We will arrange host families and pay weekly board to the family.
- Assist with opening bank a/c.
- We will arrange to pick up from the Melbourne airport and provide an orientation program for the first weeks to assist her.
- We will pay for any classroom materials and resources needed for the lessons
- We will provide you with a mobile phone however you must pay for your personal call costs.
- You will be able to access and use the school’s internet services free of charge.
- We will assist you with your lessons and a staff member will be present in the classrooms when she is teaching.

What the Host family will provide:
- A room of your own, meals and transport to the schools.
- Generally you will be invited to family and weekend activities or even some local holidays.
- Some families may allow you access to the internet/computer, however DO NOT use this for downloads, just basic email, as you will be able to use the school computer system for higher cost downloading.

What the Intern is responsible for:
- Purchase of a return airline ticket.
- Own spending money, to pay for extra outings, going out during week and personal items.
- Organise their own holidays during school vacations, usually in conjunction with other interns, unless invited by the host families to join their vacations.
- Have medical insurance and the appropriate special class VISA to enter Australia.
- Provide the school with full contact details for your family, including your passport number, Japanese address, emergency contacts etc.

This covers most the basic information. Interested parents, could you please let Annette know as soon as possible.
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**DATES 2012**

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