END OF TERM
Wishing you all a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday and a Happy Easter. Thankyou to the whole community for supporting the school over the term. It has been a very active and enjoy term. Thanks to students for all their efforts with learning. Staff members also have a well earned break!

WGRSSA SPORTS DAY—ATHLETIC SPORTS SUCCESS
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 on Friday 28th March. All students participated and tried their best at both individual and team events. Feedback from our teachers and staff from other schools was extremely positive. Nilma students participated well and had excellent behaviour all day!
An added Bonus— we came equal first with Darnum in the afternoon team sports! Great Effort!
Thanks to year 6 leaders—Kylie Griggs, Shakira Kimm, Shelley Brown, Jordan Stone, Michael Farnham and team leaders for organising teams and team practice sessions leading up to the sports, as part of the student leadership program. Congratulations also to Patrick Smythe who came 2nd in the Boys Championship Race. Thank you to the families that came and supported students and also for helping set up and pack up our schools area.

SCHOOL COUNCIL—Annual Report to School Community 2013
At last School Council Meeting, the Annual Report to the School Community 2013 was presented. Copies will be available at the Office if any parent would like one. The report will also be available next term on the school website.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Our Japanese Exchange program commenced on Friday 28th March. We have 12 visitors from Japan. On Monday we had a welcome ceremony at Baw Baw Shire Offices, then headed to Noojee area for the day.
Yesterday, we had a group day with Ellinbank PS and our Japanese visitors. Thanks to year 6 leaders for participating in the welcome ceremony. Terry Marks, the Network Koorie Education officer shared some Aboriginal Culture with the groups, and Ellinbank Football club players conducted a football clinic. We had a special cultural day. And big thank you to Mr Williams for a scrumptious BBQ!

FARM WORLD EXCURSION
Thank you to all the students for being so good and having a wonderful time at Farm World. The excursion provided an opportunity for students to converse with many people in our community and explore some areas of farming and associated businesses of interest. The animals were also a hit! Thank you kids you should be very proud of the way you interacted with community members. Well Done Kids!

TERM 2 NEWS—EXCURSION TO WARRAGUL
Please see important information for start of term 2—on the back of the Calendar on page 9.

LAST DAY OF TERM — TOMORROW
EASTER RAFFLE—DRAWN AT 1.00pm
SCHOOL FINISH 1.15pm
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red

Jaycobb Archer
For working so hard to write your name neatly and persisting with your cutting during all our Easter craft, well done Jaycobb!

Homegroup 3/2/1/ Green

Aiden Smythe
Always having a positive attitude towards his work and being a fantastic learner.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue

Kiara Perry
For your enthusiasm to “have a go” and do your best in all your learning and demonstrating such a responsible attitude. Well done mate!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow

Alan Smith
Demonstrating great sportsmanship at the Sports Days and during our home group team games. Top effort!

STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA

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

25 nights
Emma Crook    Shila Bundle
Clint Scott    Anthony Santo
Shelby McGrath Kirsty Wooster
Carolyn Dungey

50 nights
Oliver Turner    Megan Griggs
Holly Farnham    Meg Devlin
Sheree Casey Wilson

Happy Birthday
Riley Kleeven
Lachlan Crook    Kiandra Polglaze
Harrison Perry    Jack McGrath
Blake Hanmer     Astrid Smith
Ty Ward         Jack Moss     Sine Salt
Blake Hanmer
Thank you to our Japanese visitors, Ellinbank Primary School, our KESO Terry Marks, Ms Sutherland and everyone who contributed to the organisation and management of the Japanese Exchange Day yesterday.

We had a fun filled yet educational day.

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**Excursion Mania!**

**Farm World Recounts**

I liked seeing the giant lollypops.
Larissa

I liked seeing the ducks and pigs.
William

I liked seeing the ducks and blue water in the tank.
Jessie

I liked seeing the excavators.
Clint

I liked seeing the tractors.
Deklan

**Sports Day Recounts**

My favourite sport was jumping over the hay bales.
Beth

I got a blue, 2 red and a green ribbon.
Cody W

My favourite event was the 100m race.
Blake

My favourite sport was the vortex throw.
Jaycob

I was in the egg and spoon race.
Anthony

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**Sports Day**

On Friday the 28th of March we had sports. In the relay my team came first. It was fun. I liked the hay bales. I came 3rd in hay bales.
NILMA came a draw with Darnum. We won the shield. IT WAS FUN.

I enjoy the day at Geoff Watt Track. By Ashton Kimm

I liked tennis ball throw. I came second.

By Jack

On Friday the 28th of March we had sports day. I liked long jump the best. I almost won it. My teachers name was Miss M. She was nice. Our school won the shield. Last year sports day we won the shield.

By Matilda

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**Farm World**

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SCHOOL ORGANISATION

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking will resume in term 2 on **Friday 9th May**. Well done to all our consistent savers in term 1, there have been a few rewards given out this term! Please note that if books are not filled out correctly when handed in, they will be sent home. Please ensure that slips are filled out correctly with students name, account number, date and total amount entered. Thank You.

YEARS 4, 5 and 6 CAMP 2014
This year’s camp for students in years 4, 5 and 6 will be ‘Urban Camp’. The camp will be held from Monday 2nd June till Wednesday 4th. It is anticipated that the cost of this camp will be approx. $210 per student. Invoices and payment plan arrangements will be sent out during Term 2.
Students attending the excursion will be travelling to camp by train and will be visiting the Eureka Skydeck, Immigration Museum, MSAC and other places in Melbourne. More information will be available in term 2.

KIDS TENNIS FOUNDATION PROGRAM 2014
Nilma Primary School is fortunate to be participating in the Kids Tennis Foundation Program for 2014. This program will run for two terms—term 2 and 3. All students will be involved. Mr Andrew Peavey—Tennis coach will be coming to Nilma each Wednesday afternoon for tow sessions. As the 3-6 students will be participating in Winter sports this term, years F-2 will be participating in the Tennis program as part of our Physical and Sport Education program. Year 3-6 will participate in the program in term 3. More information will be sent out next term. There is no cost for this program.

Japanese Program
Host Families Needed!
Our Japanese Intern, Ayaka Siojemia, arrives in Australia on Anzac Day. She will commence at Nilma during term 2. We are asking if there are any families that would be interested in hosting Ayaka during term 3 and part of term 4. For more information please speak to Annette. This is a great opportunity for families to learn more about the Japanese culture and being a part of the exchange program.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
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. More details will be available next term.

WINTER SPORT
The Winter Sport program will be for grade 3 to 6 students. This program will begin on Friday 3rd May and will continue for 6 Fridays. Children will be taken to and from Burke St by bus every Friday and will return to school by 3.15pm. A copy of sports and associated costs will be available next term. There will be no cost for the bus for Winter Sport, but some sports may incur a small cost.

EASTER RAFFLE
The Easter Raffle will be drawn tomorrow, Friday 4th April at 1.00pm. Winners, or a representative, will need to be available to collect prizes as they cannot be kept at school over the holidays. Thank you to all parents and families who have supported our Easter Raffle.

Grade 6 Discovery Day at Neerim District Secondary College
On Thursday the 20th of March five of our Grade 6 students spent the day at NDSC. The Science/Technology day consisted of engaging Woodwork, CSI – Who did it? and Magic Science classes. What a blast we had!
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.

Registration for the Challenge will be distributed early next term.

Nilma Primary School received this Thank You letter from the organisers of the Christmas Child initiative. Thank you to the families that generously donated towards this program, which was organised by our CRE volunteers. 1624 boxes filled with gifts were sent from the Gippsland area.
SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

Change your clocks – change your smoke alarm batteries

- Only working smoke alarms save lives.
- Change your smoke alarm batteries when you change your clocks on Sunday 6 April.
- Victoria’s fire services recommend long-lasting alkaline batteries for smoke alarms.
- This joint CFA and MFBA campaign is supported by Duracell batteries.
- Australian and New Zealand fire services recommend photoelectric smoke alarms.
- Test and clean smoke alarms regularly.
- Have at least one smoke alarm on each level of your house and one in every bedroom where someone sleeps with the door closed.
- We’re unlikely to smell smoke when asleep (our sense of smell lessens when we’re asleep) – a working smoke alarm is needed to wake people in your house if there’s smoke or a fire.
- Smoke alarms have a ten year life so you need to replace each alarm after a decade.
- The date of manufacture and/or replacement is displayed on the alarm.
- Choose a smoke alarm that meets Australian Standard AS3786.
- Building regulations state that every home in Victoria must have a smoke alarm complying with Australian Standard AS3786.
- Public housing properties are fitted with hard-wired smoke alarms with a lithium battery (ten year life) backup and do not require battery changing. It is the tenant’s responsibility to regularly clean and test the smoke alarm.
- Most fatal fires occur in the home and can be prevented.
- Plan and practice your home fire escape plan with your family.
- Get out, stay out and call 000 (triple zero).
**TUESDAY—22nd APRIL—STUDENT FREE DAY**

On Tuesday 22nd April, teachers from Nilma Primary will be attending a Visible Learning for Teachers PD (Professional Development) Day at Lardner Park with 26 schools from the West Gippsland Network area. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

**WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL—STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 2 EXCURSION TO WARRAGUL**

- On Wednesday 23rd April, students will be attending an excursion in Warragul, visiting various community services and attending the ‘13 Story Tree House’ production at the Arts Centre.
- Students will need to be dropped off at the Bourke Street Park before 9am and collected from the same venue at 3.15pm. (Staff will be at Burke Street from 8.30am)
- Students will need their snack, lunch and a drink in their schoolbag and be in full school uniform, including hats.

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**THURSDAY 24th APRIL—NORMAL SCHOOL DAY AT SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 25th APRIL—ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL**

Nilma PS will be laying a Wreath at the Anzac Day Service at the Warragul Cenotaph on Friday 25th April. The students helping with this will be: Bayley Gunton, Kylie Griggs, Patrick Smythe & James Dungey. More details regarding this day will be on the newsletter next term.
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