END OF TERM
Thank you to the school community for a very productive and successful school term. We hope you all have a lovely break and happy Easter holidays.

FARM WORLD
Students are asked to be at school no later than 8.45am, normal 3.15pm departure from school will apply. Parents please be aware that the car park 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. As the bus will be arriving at 9.00am, we ask the parents to move off promptly when they have dropped off their children.

Students are reminded to bring lunch, drinks and hat and to dress appropriately for the weather—rain is a possibility (rain jacket would be recommended). Students may bring spending money up to $5.00.

Thanks to the following parents who have volunteered to assist on the day: Stacey Armstrong, Natalie Axford, Sara Cogo, Jaye Devlin, Sophie Majcherzak Rosa Burdett & Mary-Therese Haxell (student teacher). Some Year 5 & 6 students will be travelling by car with staff.

ENERGY AUDIT
Last year Nilma received a $10,000 Sustainability grant to modify energy items to become a more Energy Efficient school.

Yesterday student school leaders along with expertise from Jessie Ablett from the Baw Baw Shire completed the whole school energy audit to identify where we can be more sustainable with our energy use.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE
At the beginning of Term 2 we will have our new maintenance person starting. Bruce Robins will provide a welcome addition to our school staffing. The completion of the playground and the ‘Brown Hut’ will be our first projects to attend to. We look forward to a productive Term 2.

FOREST EDGE CAMP
The Year 3 & 4 students will be attending the Forest Edge Camp on Thursday 30th April until Friday 1st May. Final payment for this camp is due TOMORROW, Thursday 26th March. All permission forms are due in on Thursday 26th

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP
The Year 5 & 6 students will be attending the Phillip Island Camp on Monday 25th May until Wednesday 27th May. A deposit of $50 is due for this camp by tomorrow, Thursday 26th March. Permission forms and information will be sent out early next term.

JAPAN INTERN
Our Japanese Intern, Yuuka Takeuhi will be arriving in Australia on Monday 13th April. Annette will be collecting Yuuka from the airport on this day. I have been to Australia last Summer to study English for a month. This was my university’s program. I stayed with a family in Hobart and went to a language institute of University of Tasmania. Before going back to Japan, I went sightseeing in Sydney. This will be my second time for me to go to Australia and fortunately I can stay there longer than before. I feel like Australia is my second homeland.’

BETTER BUDDY DAY
On Friday the 20th of March we launched “Better Buddies”. The program is an initiative of The Alannah & Madeline Foundation who aim is to protect children from violence and bullying and the devastating impact it has. Better Buddies is designed to enhance our buddies program and create a friendly and caring school environment where students feel safe, valued and connected at school. The Better Buddies mascot is a big furry purple bear which is really cute. The Leadership organisers and Captains for our Better Buddies launch were; Tahlia Witney, Sine Salt, Jamie Garten and Deakin Santo. The activities we organised were; Pin the Nose on the Better Buddies Bear, Obstacle Course, Egg and Spoon Race and Potato Race. We held hands with our buddies and we also held onto a mini Better Buddy Bear during each activity. The mini Better Buddy Bears were cute, purple and soft. We had an awesome time with our buddies! By Sine Salt and Tahlia Witney

LAST DAY OF TERM
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH
EARLY FINISH
1.15PM

By Sine Salt and Tahlia Witney.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS®NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions
Homegroup F Red
Cohen Cogo
For your detail and presentation with your learning tasks. You take pride in your work and make sure you complete and present everything neatly and carefully. Well done Cohen, you set a high standard!

Homegroup 2/1 Green
Levi Booth
For being such a great learner and role model for others. Your positive attitude to learning is something you should be very proud of.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Daniel Axford
For displaying all the REAL @Nilma values and a most responsible attitude to your learning. You are always prepared to challenge yourself and “have a go” to do your best and make a great role model for your fellow students. Well done mate!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Mitchell Gilmore
For putting a huge effort into your learning this week. You have been ‘on task’ and determined to achieve. Keep it up!

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

NIGHTLY READING
25 nights
Holly Farnham  Blake Stone  Charlotte Brown
Mia Wood  Piper Bundle  Sine Salt
Charlotte Goodchild  Max Chesterfield
Jai Macfarlane  Meg Griggs  Blake Hanmer

50 Nights
Ella Perry  Kiara Perry
Sheree Casey Wilson

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners

- Nick Addison
- Blake Hanmer
- Jai MacFarlane
- Alex Chesterfield

Happy Birthday

Barb Vagg
Lilli Parry-Thomas
Riley Kleeven
Easter Excitement!
Well here we are at the end of term 1! Wow! We have had a great week so far, completing some literacy and maths Easter activities. Today we made hot cross buns and made an Easter headband! Yesterday the class met our class pets, Felix and Oreo. Boy was that exciting! They will be visiting us throughout the year in the classroom. We are all super excited for our first excursion to Farm World tomorrow, it should be a great day.

Persuasive Writing
Dear Ms Sutherland,
What a great idea. The holidays should be twice as long.
I could spend more time doing the things I like. I could play with my brothers because it fun and makes me happy. You can get exercise and be fit. I would get more time to chase my dog. I would get more time to play with my brothers. I would run after my brothers. You can sleep in and can stay up late. You can watch movies. You get more sleep and have more energy. You can have more time to run.
It would be great to have the holidays twice as long.
From Beth.

Last Friday we had "Better Buddies Day". It was all about being a better buddy to people and not bulling. The grade 6 leaders made it a wearing purple and donation day. After lunch we had a sausage sizzle and we did games with our buddies. By Ashton Kimm

Last Friday we had "Better Buddies Day" at school. There were some activities to do and we had to hold hands during the course with your buddy. I did it with Sheree and we held the little purple bear that was the little mascot for the day and the events. Sheree and I named it Pip the Better Buddy Bear. By Matilda

Persuasive Writing
To Miss Matarczyk,
Home work is a terrible idea! If we didn't have homework we could do a lot more stuff. Here are my reasons.
Well my first reason is that you could spend a lot more time with family. You could also spend more time doing your hobbies like playing sport such as cricket, football, basketball and a lot more.
My second reason is we already have enough work at school! We do maths most days, we do writing/handwriting most days and we do a lot more stuff. So why do we need HOMEWORK? Seriously, homework is the worst idea EVER! We already have 6 hours at school 5 days of the week. So if you don't think we do enough work you must be stupid!
My third reason is that half the stuff we get for homework isn't very educational. Sometimes we get stuff like maths but then other days we get stuff like 'a maze' and a maze isn't educational! So what is the point of HOMEWORK if some isn't educational? So those are my reasons why we should not get homework at school. Thank you for reading and please think about it.
From Andrew.

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