Principal Notes

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK
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. Thanks to students for all their efforts with learning. Staff members also have a well earned break! I will be in Spain for Easter and will think of you all. I will keep in contact via Facebook so I’m sure staff and parents can keep you informed of my whereabouts—students can track me across Europe! Kerry Williams will do a wonderful job as school leader for the term. Thankyou

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!

SCHOOL EVACUATION—Practice
Today we practised a school evacuation drill—students evacuated buildings to our assembly area on the oval. Students stopped and listened to the announcement and followed teacher instructions well. All students and staff were calm and worked well to develop new strategies to make the process more effective. Families may like to talk about own home emergency practices and what can be done in an emergency situation in the home.

GIPPY PHOTO COMPETITION
Congratulations to Shakira Kimm for winning $250 for her winning photo in the Gippy Farm World Photo competition. Savanna Maunder was also a prize winner and won $25 for her photo.

SCHOOL COUNCIL—Annual Report to School Community 2012
The Annual Report to the school community 2012 will be available at the Office if any parent would like a copy. The report will also be available next term on the school website.

DESIGN OUR ‘VALUES’ Sticker Competition.
Congratulations to Ryan Young, Aiden Smythe, Rose Ann Scott and Meg Devlin for producing the winning designs for our new sticker representing our school REAL Values.

WINTER SPORT
Attached to the newsletter last week were Winter Sport permission forms. 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.

EARLY FINISH –Tomorrow
THURSDAY 28TH
1.15PM
This is the last day of term for all students. Term 2 will resume on Monday 15th April.
R.E.A.L
STUDENTS @ NILMA
Student of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
Olivia Addison
For being such an enthusiastic student who always tries her best. Well done on reading aloud to the class on Tuesday!!!! Great effort!

Homegroup 3/2
Daniel Axford
These last few weeks of term you have been ploughing away at your learning. Your handwriting has improved and you have been giving 100%. Well done, keep it up!

Homegroup 4
Aaron Cooper
For your cheerful nature, and being so enthusiastic and willing to do your best and try your hardest in all areas of your learning.

Homegroup 6/5
Shakira Kimm
For making such a great effort in her learning and working hard at her reading comprehension skills.
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

I like writing about pictures. By Ava

I like drawing at home. I draw pictures of our house. By Ty

Yesterday we made bunnies. I had fun making them. By Sheree

Yesterday we made an Easter Bunny. I made the real Easter Bunny because it was white and pink. By Zaic

On Monday when I was sick, I was watching tv. By Bailey

Next week it is Easter. My family and my Dad’s friends, are going up to a big paddock to camp for Easter. By Matilda

I liked going to Farmworld and seeing all the animals. My favourite animals were the sheep. I saw my Dad there, he was working. We were spending money, but I forgot to take money. Then I saw my Dad and he gave me $5. I bought a red snowcone. By Jade

At Easter, I hope Easter Bunny brings me lots of chocolate. By Aiden

When I went to Farmworld, I saw some sheep and I got to hold a duckling and a chicken. I also patted a snake and a crocodile. I saw a bird that had camouflage. I got to sit in a big new tractor. By William

Guess what I did? On the 22th of March 2013 we went to Farm World. It was the best ever! First we had to go to the school to put our lunch in the box and get organised. I went with Rose in her car. It took about 10 minutes to get there. First we went to the cows, they looked a bit scared. Next we went to see the Red Polls which are cows without horns. Then we went to the big tractors. After that it was snack time.

After our snack we went to this really big building, the Baw Baw Pavillion. It was cool, it had a blow up environment bubble. By Annwn

Last Friday the school went to Farm World, it was so much fun. There were freebies at farm world. I went in an ecomo dome it was awesome in the eco-dome. We went around a shed with partners, my partner was Sarwan. I enjoyed Animals of Oz. Animals of Oz are Australian animals. By Aaron

At Farm World I saw all the cows, they were beautiful. I even saw an Angus cow and I told Angus, “You are related to a cow.” Then someone saw Mr Potato Man off Toy Story. Then we went to a tractor display and Sarwan got his picture taken.

By Megan L. Griggs

On Friday 22th of March the school went on an exciting visit to Farm Word. My class went to together. Mr Williams told us go in to pairs, I went with Tahila. We got heaps of freebies and we went in a photo shoot and we got to dress up. We got a balloon from ANZ and jellybeans. Our class went to see Animals of Oz where we got to pat a sugar glider and a dingo. Then we had lunch then the CFA showed my class how to

Easter Excitement

We are going to Inverloch for Easter. We are going fishing there. I am going with my family. By Ashton

I am going to Yanakie with mum, dad, Justin, Lochlan, Beth, nan and poppy for Easter. I am excited about getting Easter eggs at the shop. By Daniel

I am going up Happy Valley, It is near Dargo. I’m going with dad, James and Michael. My nanna and grandad and four other kids are going to be there. There was a tornado near there not long ago. By Carolyn

I am excited about Easter. I will like the Easter Eggs. By Arawn

I’m going out of Victoria for the Easter holiday. I am going with my family. I not sure where we are going yet but I am excited! By Aiden

All children should play sport

Lots of kids don’t know how to play football, netball, basketball plus more! That is really frustrating that some kids only play Wii sport instead of actual sport, because this may have escaped their notice but Wii sport IS NOT sport!!!!!!!!

If all kids play sport it will decrease the number of obese children all around Australia and if you are fit you are healthy and joyous.

You will also be trying new things and by new things I don’t mean sitting on a different couch or a new brand of chips or a new video game!!!!

Thirdly if all children play sport they will learn to work as a team, and make lots of new friends. I didn’t have many friends but then I signed up to play basketball and made 7 new friends!!! If other children signed up for basketball or any other team sport they too would make lots of new friends.

If all kids played sport they would have the opportunity to play in the finals, and maybe they might win the GRAND FINAL!!!!!!! This year my team is in the finals and it feels so thrilling at the thought of play in the playing in the finals! So that is why all kids should play sport to lead a happy and healthy life style.

By Shakira Kimm
SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013

This year our school will again be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students from year Prep to 6 are able to participate in the challenge which involves students reading a set number of books by 31st August. Last year approximately 60 students from Nilma successfully completed the challenge.

This year we expect ALL students to participate in the Challenge as part of our classroom reading and literature enrichment program. Year 3 - 6 will read a total of 15 books, at least 10 of which must be from the titles on the Challenge booklist and 5 of their own choice. Year Prep -2 will read or “experience” 30 books with 20 or more coming from the Challenge list and the remaining can be their own choice. “Experiencing” a book for Prep -2 can include a range of class or home activities such as sharing of a Big Book, shared reading at school and home, reading along with a text and being read to with parents, siblings and others.

To participate in the Reader’s Challenge students will need to have parents complete the Registration and Consent form and return to school. A copy of this form is attached to this week’s newsletter. Upon completion of the Premier’s Reading Challenge students will receive a certificate from the Premier and have their names published in “The Age” in September. We will also be recognizing the achievement of participating students through the construction of a “Reading Challenge” giant bookworm that will be displayed outside the office, each segment of which will feature the name of a student who has successfully completed the Reading Challenge.

Students will be able to begin to borrow many of the titles on the Challenge list from the library in the coming weeks as they register. The Warragul Library will also be an excellent source of books for the Challenge.

The Challenge provides students with a great opportunity to read a range of literature and a real focus for their own reading for pleasure. Thanks for your support. Good reading!

Thanks for your support,
Kerry Williams

SCHOOL BANKING

The School Banking program is going well. We have several students who regularly participate in this program.

Our next school banking date will be: Wednesday 24th April.

The school banking program will run fortnightly from this date.

The more tokens you collect the more prizes you make!

Parents can visit any Commonwealth Bank branch to sign students up for School Banking.

Active After School Communities

Active After School for Term 2 will commence on Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 2nd May. A list of students and activities will be announced in the first newsletter of next term. Tuesday nights will be Netball and Thursday nights will be AFL. Please see Belinda if you have any enquiries. Thankyou to Ryan Witty for supervising this program.

MATHLETICS

Over the Easter break keep your brain learning and active by remembering to use your Mathletics and Reading Eggs portals. See if you can earn some more money and eggs to change your avatar and if you can reach a certificate. Go ahead, take up the challenge!

THRASS INFORMATION

Sessions to be held on Tuesday 23rd April 2.00 to 3.30pm and 4 to 5.30pm at Nilma PS.

THRASS stands for Teaching, Handwriting, Reading, And Spelling skills. At Nilma PS we use THRASS as a tool to support teaching and learning. Please come along to our Parent Information sessions. Feedback received from last years session were very positive. “I think I’m starting to understand how the chart works, and not the English language makes more sense” It is not a lecture. This is an interactive session, with laughs assured!

The session will be run by Paula Watts. Please return the slip below by Friday 19th April if you are able to attend either session.

THRASS INFORMATION SESSIONS

Name of family:__________________________________________
Session attending:________________________________________

THANK YOU!
ATTENTION: PRIMARY & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Make sure you get your entry in before Sunday 31st March!

What would you do with a $1000 CASH prize? Would you like a Kindle Fire E-Reader, an iPod Touch or an Xbox 360?

Simply write a 500 word (or less) short story or a 16 line (or less) poem and ENTER TODAY AT www.WRITE4FUN.NET.

TEACHERS!

Don't forget... The school that submits the most entries wins $1 per entry! And our winning author's school also receives a CASH prize!

Visit www.write4fun.net for the rules and details of how to enter.
### NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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