WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND NILMA?

BUILDING PROJECTS...

Building’s have been moved and settled into place—This Thursday, the playground equipment will be moved, and stored in the ‘Magic Forest’ area., under the oak trees. Children will not be able to use this equipment until next term. The cover over the playground will also be shifted to make way for the commencement of works around the new building site, which we understand will be commencing in the school holidays.

Regional Office staff came to look at the workings and condition of our car park last week—hopefully we will get support to address both staff and parent concerns.

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.
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.

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. If any families are interested then please contact Annette.

WORKING BEE

In the first few weeks of term 2 we will have a school working bee. If parents have a spare half an hour—we do have some jobs around the school that need some attention—Roses weeding and spraying would be good!

PARENT CLUB EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to parents who have dropped of a little something for the Easter Raffle—Great to see people selling the tickets and returning them promptly—if you would like more books, please call into office.

SCHOOL SPORTS....

Here we go again—Third time lucky?! The School Sports will be held WEDNESDAY, 6th April at the Geoff Watt Track in Warragul. Cross your fingers the weather will be on our side! Attached to the newsletter today are permission forms regarding the change of date for the School Sports. All forms must be back by next Tuesday. Parents are to drop children off by 9.00am and pickup by 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to stay for the day and walk around the events with children.

Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday 8th April (last day of term) from 11:30 to 12:30 we will be holding a Jump Rope For Heart skipping “Jump Off” fund raising and fitness activity. We are raising money for the Heart Foundation to help research for heart disease. McKayla, Rory, Teneka, Brittany and Tara have been working with a class each day to practise skipping skills with the children and help them get fit. Children will each have a sponsorship form for donations for their skipping “Jump Off” to help raise money. We would like students to return their sponsorship forms and donations by next Friday.

Thanks, Tara and the Jump Rope Team

HARMONY 8’S CRICKET DAY

Next Monday 4th April Nilma Primary School will be sending 18 children to Newborough for the Harmony 8’s Cricket Day. This is a cricket day for Koori kids and their mates. If your child has been chosen to participate, then please send all permission forms back to school by this Friday.

LAST DAY OF TERM

There will not be a BBQ as we will be having the Jump Rope demonstration and jump off. Parents welcome to come and join in the fun and exercise. Kids may want to bring a pair of shorts to change into for the Skipping event.
STUDENT AWARDS

Grade 1 / Prep
Teagan George

Grade 3/2
Sine Salt

Grade 4/3
Lachlan Crook

Grade 6/5
Olivia Marriott-Duncan

NIGHTLY READING AWARDS

25 Nights
Jack Hall
Kiara Warenycia
Cooper Allsopp
Michael Farnham
Sine Salt
Ben Peachey
Aaron Cooper

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WINTER SPORT—Grades 3, 4, 5, 6

Winter sports commences for grades 3 to 6 in the second week back at school being Friday 6th May. All students will be transported into the Geoff Watt track, leaving school at 1.00pm. From here, depending on what sport the children choose, children will be transported to their appropriate venue. All students return to school at 3.00pm.

Students will be choosing sports the first week of term. Some sporting activities do incur extra expenses each session.

The sports may include: Snorkelling, 10-pin bowl, Bocce, Basketball, Netball, Badminton, Gymnastics, Carpet Bowls, Gymnastics and Minor Games.

The activities and costs involved will be confirmed next term. Permission forms are attached to the newsletter and must be brought back by the end of Term 1.

URBAN CAMP—GRADE 4,5,6

JUNE 1st—3rd 2011

Camp - Years 4/5/6 - June 1st - June 3rd 2011 (Wed - Fri)

Planning for the camp is underway: activities for the camp are basically: Scienceworks, Vic Parliament Years 5/6 (older children) and a different activity for Year 4’s, Eureka Skydeck, Vic market, Imax, Melbourne Museum, MSAC, Melbourne River Cruise,

The cost per child will be $195. A payment has been sent out.

Attached to the newsletter today is an expression of interest form which must be signed and sent back to school by next Thursday 7th April.
**1-0 Hams**
On Friday it is the 1st of April and it is my mum’s birthday as well as April Fools Day. By Carolyn

We had buddies last week and played Sum Dog and Mathletics on a laptop. My buddy is Rory. It was lots of fun. By Lane

It is nearly Easter and school holidays. By Meg

We have been learning about shapes. Shapes don’t have gaps. By Ashton

Student of the week: Teagan George for showing fantastic learning skills by concentrating on her own learning and co-operating well with others.

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**3-2 Berkelmans**

We made things in art. By Shelby
I made a little cave with a snow speeder. By Reece
In Active After School we played hockey. I hit a ball. By Ben
Next month we are going to ten pin bowling for Active After School. By Sine
I am getting a new house today. By Meg
It was Reece’s birthday on Monday. We got green cupcakes and they were nice. By Shelby
We did homophones today. By Lachlan
My grandad came on the weekend. By Kirsty
I would like to do bowling in Active After School. By Holly

The student of the week is Sine for being organised and putting in a great effort into her work.

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**4-3 Williams**

Pigs Stopped Play
Rory did indeed dig a hole under the gate and asked the General to put his head under the gate. The General broke the hinges and broke the gate. The sows and the General walked down the road. They started to get tired and had a rest. Then they found a field full of sugar beets they ate until they were full. They had a sleep and when they woke up their guts were sore. They had explosive diarrhoea. Soon they walked down the road and came upon a signpost, it said “MUDDLEHAMPTON 1/2. They walked some more and came upon another signpost “MUDDLEHAMPTON CRICKET CLUB. PRIVATE. TRESPASERS WILL BE PROSECUTED”. Then a red ball appeared out of nowhere. The General started to chew on it. There they saw lots of people standing in white uniforms who were the cricketers. They seemed to get closer and closer and started whacking the pigs with bats and wickets. The cricketers kept slipping over in the pigs’ business and adding a new colour to their uniform. Finally the umpire got out his score book and wrote, ‘PIGS STOPPED PLAY’.

By Patrick Smythe

Student of the Week is Lachlan Crook for trying so hard and achieving so well with his Book Review.

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**6-5 O’Connor**

REAL @ NILMA. REAL REWARD!
On Monday we are going to Harmony Cricket and there are 2 teams, a girls team and a boys team. The girls are Peta, Brittany, Tara, Kiara, Kylie, Shakira, Tayla Lochki, Teneka and me. The boys are Matt, Rory, Tom, Bailey, Ryan, Corey, Cooper, Jack H and Patrick. By McKayla Lindsay.

On Monday I got to bring my rabbit to school for the whole day by trading in 5 tickets that I have learnt for being respectful and responsible, environmentally friendly, achievement focused and being a life long learner. By Bailey Kleeven.

Student of the Week is awarded to Olivia Marriott-Duncan for planning and composing a very entertaining Little Miss book.
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2011
This year our school will again be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students from grade 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 40 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. Grade 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. Grade 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 and an invitation from the Premier to participate in the challenge is attached to this 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

PARENTS CLUB –RECIPE BOOK
The Parents Club would like some recipe contributions for the Nilma primary School Recipe Book that will be produced later in the year. Recipes can be handed into the office or emailed to belinda.smythe@bigpond.com or to Jinine -jinine74@yahoo.com.au

ROSTER FOR HOT LUNCHES
Friday 1st April: Nikki & Belinda

Friday 8th April: No Hot Lunches

A reminder that for catering purposes, all Hot Lunches must be handed in on the Thursday before Hot Lunch Day.

This Friday 1st April the Hot Lunch is Hot Dogs for $2.00 each.

There will be no Hot Lunches next week on Friday 8th April, which is the last day of term.

PARENTS CLUB—EASTER RAFFLE
The Parents Club sent home raffle tickets last week for our Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th April (last day of term). Could parents please bring a small gift for our Easter Raffle. All contributions can be made at the office. All money for raffle tickets can be dropped in at the office in a named envelope. More raffle tickets are available at the office.

EMA CHEQUES
The EMA cheques have arrived at the office.

These must be signed for on collection. Alternatively they may be signed over to the school to pay for the school camp.

STUDENT PERMISSION BOOKLET 2011
Could all student permission books please be filled in and signed and returned to school by the end of term. It is important that all current medical and other information is up to date on our records. If you require another booklet, then please collect one from the office.
If you are interested in trying Hockey as a sport, we invite you to come along to our “Come Try Hockey and Club Information Day”.

Be part of the action – learn how to play hockey and have fun. You’ll be able to meet people from hockey clubs and find out more about playing hockey.

When: Saturday 2nd April, 2011
Time: 10.00am until 12.00 noon

Where: Bellbird Park Hockey Complex, Lampard Road, Drouin.

Cost: Nil
Sausage sizzle lunch provided for participating children.

For further information contact:

Mike Noye (Development Officer)
56222263 or dynamic@dcsi.net.au

Gwen Mulconry (Life Member)
56251979 or gandb@dcsi.net.au

For healthy bodies and teeth children only need to drink water and plain reduced fat milk. Water hydrates the body and provides no calories or sugar. Plain reduced fat milk is a healthy drink to protect teeth and provide calcium for strong bones. Aim to drink water throughout the day – a glass at each meal and between each meal and aim for 2-3 serves of dairy each day which can be plain reduced fat milk, cheese or yoghurt.
Active After School Communities

Ten Pin Bowling; (Tuesday)

Tom Harvey, Brittany Kilgour-Allsopp, McKayla Lindsay, Tara Lindsay, Tayla Lochki, Teneka Gray, Cooper Allsopp, Michael Farnham, Bayley Gunton, Holly Farnham, Kael Mason, Lane Ward, Matthew Burdett, Shakira Kimm, Andrew Burdett, Kirsty Wooster, Riley Kleeven, Sine Salt, Rose-Ann Scott and Anthony Scott.

AFL; (Thursday)

Patrick Smythe, Bailey Dent, Bailey Kleeven, Ashton Kimm and Dominick Johnstone - Whitney. There are still 15 vacancies to fill for AFL on a Thursday night if anyone is interested.

Does anyone know of any Secondary School Students that would be interested in helping with AASC? If you have any older brothers or sisters, cousins or friends that may be interested in helping throughout the year please let me know. Must be 16 years or older.

More information and the dates for Term 2’s AASC Program will be in the Newsletter at the start of next term.

Please remember that Consent Forms must also be handed in. Students are unable to participate in the program without a signed Consent Form.
# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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