NEWSLETTER
Thursday 16th April 2015
Issue 10-2015

Welcome Back
Welcome back to term 2. We hope all families had a wonderful break and students have returned all refreshed. Term 1 seemed to pass very quickly and term 2 is already looking to be very exciting. This term we have three excursions. Winter Sports and two Camps—the latter involving students from our Mt Worth Cluster. Students will participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge too.

School Incursion—Gallipoli Trip for 100th Anniversary ANZAC Day
Yesterday, Wednesday 15th April, Nilma Primary School had a visit from Michelle Snape and RSL representative Mr Ron Blair, to initiate our integrated study theme across the school. Michelle was fortunate enough to receive 2 tickets in the ballot to attend the celebrations at Gallipoli, Turkey for the 100th Anniversary. Michelle will share her journey over the next few weeks and on her return will return to school to talk to the students again. Our students will be more knowledgeable and connected to the significance of ANZAC Day. Michelle brought in lots of knitted poppies, which will be used to create a wreath, that Michelle and friend Carmen Christie, will present at the celebrations on Anzac Day in Gallipoli.

Our Honour Board has been restored and has also returned to school this week. Phil Farnham will be mounting the Board above the Fireplace outside the Office. Mr Ron Blair also answered lots of questions from students. Years 3-6 will be sharing their learning with the community through the newsletter.

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R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week
Recognitions
Homegroup F Red

Elizabeth Dalrymple
For your fantastic effort during Guided Reading. You are listening well and demonstrating learnt skills to assist you when reading. Well done Elizabeth!

Homegroup 2/1 Green

Will McGrath
For your cheerful approach to your learning and willingness to challenge yourself and always do your best.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue

Matilda Dent
For making such a great start to your learning in Term 2. It has been fantastic to see your positive attitude and effort. Well done and congratulations Matilda!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow

Riley Kleeven
For being a Visible Learner. You have been ‘on task’ and putting 100% into your learning. A great start to Term 2!

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING
25 nights
Kirsty Wooster, Andrew Burdett
Mia Wood
Shelby McGrath, Teylah Lott
50 nights
Cohen Cogo
Alex Chesterfield
Nick Addison, Thomas Buckler
Jessie McCabe
Emma Brown, Lewis Devlin, Beth Axford
Ty Kindermann, Oliver Turner
Angus Mulconry

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners
- Shila Bundle
- Max Chesterfield
- Bailey Dent
- Deklan Majcherzak

Happy Birthday
Kiandra Polglaze, Paige Lott
Jai Williams, Sine Salt
Blake Hanmer, Astrid Smith
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

Holiday happenings
Term 2 is here and we have begun with a flying start. On Monday students worked really hard to write a sentence about their holiday using known words and letters they could hear in unfamiliar words. Here are some of what the students had to say……

On the holidays I went camping. Jai M
On the holidays I made muffins with mum. Savannah
On the holidays I went to the farm. Jai W
On the holidays I went to the pool. Elizabeth
On the holidays I went to South Australia. Blake
On the holidays I did an Easter Egg hunt. Thomas

Holidays
On the holidays I played with Ninjas. By Blake
On the holidays I played with my game. By Jaycobb
On the holidays Nan and Pop came to my house for dinner. On the holidays the Easter Bunny came. By Oliver
On the holidays I went to Bendigo. I worked on 2 houses. By Clint
On the holidays I went to Geelong for two days. By Deklan

ANZAC Day
On Wednesday Ron Blair from the R.S.L. and Michelle Snape came to talk about the First World War and ANZAC Day. They talked about what the ANZAC people ate; they eat hard biscuits, ANZAC biscuits and bully beef. Michelle was going to Gallipoli on Friday to lay a wreath on the graves at Gallipoli in Turkey. In 2015 it is 100 years since the ANZAC soldiers landed at Gallipoli. Mrs Hodge is going to help make the wreath which is made out of red poppies that people have knitted.

By Kiandra, Kiara, Ella and Meg

Home Group
- F - Ruby Red
Mrs Evans

Holiday happenings
“OWWWWW”. On the day before Easter, I got dared to do a backflip by my little brother’s friend’s brother. I almost landed it but I got scared by my little brother’s friend and my hand hit the fence.

Easter morning I wasn’t home because I was at a friend’s place. As we all walked outside we could smell chocolate in the air. I don’t know why but my friend (Bayley) and I threw our Easter eggs at the wall until they smashed and then… We ate them!

The weekend after that we went to the movies. We wanted to see ‘Fast and Furious 7’ but we had an 8 year old with us so we saw ‘Home’ the movie instead. Bayley cried at the end. By Tahlia Witney.

I wake up and see a HUGE chocolate bunny and 3 eggs. I get up, walk outside and feel the brisk Easter morning air. I look around and see tons of Easter eggs 3 hours later… It’s Easter egg hunt time. I run down to the bottom of the yard. I can hear the crunch of the icy grass under my feet as I look back THE ROTTEN CHEATS! They’re following me the little rascals. I pick up the eggs as quick as possible. By the end of the hunt I had collected 48/100 eggs. That’s nearly half of the eggs!

By Deakin Santo.

Home Group
- 21 - Emerald Green
Miss Berkelmans

Home Group
- 65 - Lemon Yellow
Miss Matarczyk

Home Group
- 543 - Aqua Blue
Mr Williams

Home Group
- 21 - Emerald Green
Miss Berkelmans
SCHOOL ORGANISATION

WINTER SPORT
The Year 3,4,5 & 6 students will be participating in the Winter Sport Program. Students will shortly receive a list of sports they would like to participate in. This program will begin on Friday 8th May and will continue for 6 Fridays. Attached to the newsletter are permission forms for this program. The forms must be brought back to school by next Friday 24th April. There is no cost for the bus for this excursion, but there is a small cost for some of the sports.

MT WORTH CLUSTER CAMPS
Year 4/3 CAMP
The Year 4/3 camp to Forest Edge will be held on Thursday 30th April until Friday 1st May. Students are to be dropped off at the Burke Street Park at 9.00am on Thursday, and picked up from the park at 3.00pm Friday. Students will need to bring their own lunch for the first day. Please ensure all student medical information is up to date at the office.

TRANSITION
Attached to the newsletter are YR 6 to YR 7 transition forms. Parents are asked to fill in these forms and return to our office by Thursday 30th April 2015. If you have any queries in relation to these forms, please contact the office.

DIGITAL MEDIA – FACEBOOK etc..
Parents please take time to read the fine print when allowing children to use digital media.
Facebook clearly states that no child under 13 should be using it and doesn’t allow a student to use it if they are honest about their real age. Snapchat also has age restrictions too.
During this term we will be promoting Better Buddies and eSmart Program.
Both programs funded through Alannah and Madeline Foundation support every school in the areas of Bullying and Cybersafety respectively.
eSmart - https://www.esmartschools.org.au/Pages/eSmartPortal.aspx for more information.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOL
This note is to remind parents about the policy on electronic devices in school.
At present our policy is that we do not have iPod, mobiles etc. in the school. The devices are costly and the school does not wish to be responsible for the safety and care of these items.
As a class reward some staff have allowed electronic devices to school - if this is the case the individual staff member will be responsible for monitoring the use of devices on the day.
Students are not to use their personal devices to take photos in school.

PARENT CLUB
Parent Club will be organising a Mother’s Day/Special Person’s stall on Friday 8th May. Information regarding this stall is attached to the newsletter. All forms with correct payment must be handed to the office by Thursday 23rd April 2015.

Other fundraising events for the year will include: A BBQ at the swap meet, a Father’s Day stall, Footy Colours Day with Hot Dogs and pies, A Nilma PS adults dinner, Tough Mudder, school disco and Christmas Raffle.

Drinks for $1.00 and Icy poles for .50 cents each are available from the staffroom at recess and lunchtimes.

Should you require more information regarding our fundraising events, please contact the school office, or the fundraising co-ordinator Natalie Axford.
EXCURSIONS

HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY EXCURSION

As part of the Australian Curriculum Foundation, Year 1 and 2 students are required to learn about biological sciences. This term we are learning about animals, their needs and habitats. We will be attending an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary on Friday 8th May. Students and attending adults will be travelling by bus to and from Healesville Sanctuary. Students need to be assembled at school by 8:45am. The bus will be departing Nilma PS at 9am and returning to Nilma PS at 4pm. Permission forms and costing will go home next week. If parents have already paid the excursion levy for the year then there will be no cost for this excursion. There will be an opportunity for parents to attend this excursion as parent helpers. Please return the slip below if you are interested in coming along to assist by Monday 20th April. Parents assisting will need their Working with Children’s Check (WWCC) returned to the office prior to the excursion.

HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY—PARENT HELPERS

I would like to volunteer to help at the Healesville Sanctuary excursion on Friday 8th May 2015. I have a current WWCC.

Name:__________________________________________________
Signed:__________________________________________________Date:________________________

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE EXCURSION

As part of our study of Australian History, on Tuesday 5th May, Year 3,4,5 & 6 students will be travelling by train to Melbourne to visit the Shrine of Remembrance. Students will participate in a tour of the Shrine, its galleries and displays. Year 5 & 6 students will also be participating in an educational program called “Spirit of ANZAC”. This excursion will support and enrich the students’ history studies of Australia’s involvement in World War I. If time and weather permits, we will also make a visit to the Botanical Gardens and the Children’s Garden there. Parents are welcome to attend this excursion, providing they have a Working with Children Check. Please fill in the form below and send back to the office by Monday 20th if you are able to help out.

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE—TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2015

Attached to the newsletter are permission forms for our excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance. Year 3,4,5 & 6 students will be attending this excursion on Tuesday 5th May. If parents have already paid the excursion levy for the year then there will be NO COST for this excursion. For parents who have not paid any excursion levy, then there will be a cost of $8.00 per student for this excursion. Students will be travelling by train to and from this excursion, leaving Warragul Train Station at 8.18am and returning to Warragul station at 4pm. Students are required to be at Warragul station at 8.00am. There will be an opportunity for parents to support learning on this excursion. Please return the slip below if you would be interested in coming along to assist on the day by Monday 20th April. Parents assisting will need their Working with Children’s Check (WWCC)

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE—PARENT HELPERS

I would like to volunteer to help at the Shrine of Remembrance excursion on Tuesday 5th May 2015. I have a current WWCC.

Name:__________________________________________________
Signed:__________________________________________________Date:________________________
Nilma Primary School
Bloomfield Road
NILMA 3821

Telephone: 03 5623 2963
e-mail: nilma.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

ABN 93 378 606 495

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOTHER’S DAY/SPECIAL PERSON STALL – PARENT CLUB FUNDRAISER

Nilma Primary School Parent Club is organising a Mother’s Day Stall this year. A selection of gifts will be available for $5.00 each.

The stall will be held on Friday 8th May 2015.

Gifts will be available for Mums, Aunties, Grandmas, Nanna’s or a special person.

Please complete the order form below and return with money in a labelled envelope by Thursday 23rd April 2015.

FAMILY NAME: ______________________________________

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There is no limit to the number of gifts your child/ren would like to order.

Thankyou,

Parent Club Co-ordinator          Principal
Natalie Axford                    Annette Sutherland
This year our school will again be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students from year Foundation to 6 are able to participate in the challenge which involves students reading a set number of books by 31st August. 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 Challenge booklist and 5 of their own choice. Year Foundation—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 Foundation—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 Premier’s Reading 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 on the Reading Challenge Website. Students can borrow many of the titles on the Challenge Reading List from our library. 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!**

Kerry Williams
The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program started again today.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Nilma PS runs the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program with the blue and Yellow groups. We have created a productive organic garden and the students grow and harvest the food, prepare the food and sit together to taste and share what they have made. They are fresh seasonal foods full of flavours. We require three volunteers to work with small groups of 4 or 5 students every week for every session. If you are interested, but cannot commit to each week, please put your name down. The program needs volunteers to run.

Times:
- Yellow group: 11.30am—1pm—kitchen
- Blue group: 1.45-3.10pm—kitchen
- Yellow group: 11.30am-12.15pm—garden
- Blue Group: 1.45–2.30pm —garden

If you are able to help out, please fill out the form below and return to the office by Monday 20th April 2015. All volunteers will need a Working with Children’s Check.

**VEGIE STALL—EVERY 2ND THURSDAY**

Students have been propagating plants, growing and harvesting vegies to sell. The next Vegie stall is on April 30th. Look out for carrots, parsnip, lettuce, beetroot, silverbeet and parsley. We also have peas, coriander and other seedlings for sale.

**GARDEN EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

We are looking for some donations of for our garden:

Thanks, Jessie McLennan

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**KITCHEN/GARDEN PROGRAM—VOLUNTEER FORM**

Name of Volunteer: ____________________________________________

Please circle days you can help out:

- **Kitchen dates:** 23/4, 7/5, 21/5, 4/6, 18/6
- **Garden dates:** 16/4, 30/4, 14/5, 28/5, 11/6

Please circle preferred time:

- 11.30am and/or 1.30pm

Please return form back to the office by Monday 20th April 2015.
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