WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to Term 2. We hope all families had a wonderful beak and students have come back refreshed. Term 1 seemed to pass very quickly and this term promises to be fairly busy too. This term Winter Sports will commence with other schools from the Mount Worth Cluster. Students will be participating once again in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. For teachers, June will bring Report writing and then Parent/Teacher interviews. Active After School commences on Tuesday 30 April.

Our Environmental Science/Arts program will continue on with Mrs McLennan and Mrs Hodge, although the boom time for our vegetable growing has just about passed! At the end of term we had our excursion to Farm World which proved to be a great success with the students, allowing them the opportunity to explore a little more of the rural nature of West Gippsland.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF
This term with Ms Sutherland away on Long Service Leave Ms Brodie Ewen has joined the staff at Nilma. Brodie will be teaching Grade 4 in Ms Sutherland’s absence as I take the role of Acting Principal for the term. We also welcome our new Japanese Intern, Shiori Ikeda who will be working teaching Japanese each Wednesday.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Next Thursday there will be an ANZAC day morning service at 10:00 am in Warragul. Several students from Nilma Primary school will represent our school and lay a wreath.

ANZAC badges will also be available for purchase at school for 20 cents from tomorrow.

HATS
A reminder that all students are still required to wear hats until May 1st.

TRANSITION EVENING
The Warragul Regional College transition information evening will be held at Warragul Regional College next Monday 22nd April at 7.00pm in the Drama Room.

FARM WORLD PHOTOS

Principal Notes
BOOK CLUB ORDERS
Attached to the newsletter are Book club orders. All orders with payment must be returned to the school by Monday 29th April. Late orders cannot be accepted.

GRADE 6-yr 7 TRANSITION
Attached to the newsletter are Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition forms. These forms must be signed and returned to the office by Friday 3rd May. All Grade 6 parents must complete these forms.

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 with next week’s newsletter. There will be no cost for the bus for Winter Sport, but some sports may incur a small cost. All permission forms need to be returned to the office by Friday April 19th.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
Term 2’s AASC activities are Netball on Tuesdays and AFL on Thursdays.
All students must have a signed consent form returned to school before commencing in the AASC program. Students and Parents must also sign an AASC Guidelines form before starting this term’s programs as well. If you have not returned either of these forms they will be attached to this newsletter.

Dates are;
Netball: 30/4, 7/5, 14/5, 21/5, 28/5, 4/6, 11/6.
AFL: 2/5, 9/5, 16/5, 23/5, 30/5, 6/6, 13/6.
There are still places available in both activities, please see Belinda if you would like to participate or collect an expression of interest form from the office.
Please note that AFL is a winter sport, students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes for these sessions as students will get wet & muddy, a towel to travel home on in the car might be a good idea too!

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:________________________________________

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HOME GROUP HAPPENINGS!

Persuasive Writing
Oi you, yes you, I’m antagonized that kids all over the world aren’t playing sport and the population of obesity is through the roof!!!
To stop the obesity playing sport can help and you can become strong fit and healthy. It is scientifically proven that kids that play sport don’t get sick as much as couch potatoes. Exercising makes you happier because it releases chemicals called endorphins they make you feel happy and relaxed.
Playing a certain sport can help you later on in life, the skills can be handy, if your play good enough and play long enough you could get drafted into a bigger league.
If you like watching AFL or NBA, join a basketball or footy team. One day you could be as good as or in the same position as your favorite sports star.
Just join a sport there’s always a sport for you go to one if you don’t like it go to another. There is a perfect sport for you out there somewhere.
Sport does not cause any harm to anyone or thing so that is why playing sport is an important thing in life and remember Together Everyone Achieves More.
By Patrick

Holiday Excitement!
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Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
William McGrath
For working so hard to make sure he doesn't get distracted by others and for working hard to complete all his work. Well done!!

Homegroup 3/2
Kiandra Polglaze
You have been working so hard at improving your handwriting by taking your time and forming your letters correctly. Your work is already loads neater, well done!

Homegroup 4
Tahlia Witney
You have been so helpful within the classroom this week—always willing to lend a hand. Thank you! Well done at the effort you put into your work both at school and home—very impressive.

Homegroup 6/5
Michael Farnham
For always working hard in class and producing fantastic results especially in mathematics.

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA
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NIGHTLY READING

Recognition certificates
25 nights
Ryan Young
50 nights
Teagan George
Mitch Chesterfield
Aiden Olsson
Daniel Axford
Lachlan Axford
Dominick Johnstone—Witney
Jack Chesterfield
75 Nights
Savanna Maunder
Kylie Griggs
Dominick Johnstone Witney

Happy Birthday
Mckayla Lindsay
Monica Berkelmans
Sine Salt
Leanne Hodge
Jack Moss
The Parents Club raised $195.00 from the Easter Raffle.

Winners of the Easter Raffle:
- 1st - Rory Crook
- 2nd - Rachel Hammond
- 3rd - Levi Farmer
- 4th - Jeff Brown
- 5th - Kelly Chesterfield
- 6th - Trish Moss
- 7th - Leanne Johnstone
- 8th - Rick Smith
- 9th - Holly Farnham
- 10th - Belinda Smythe
- 11th - Trevor Hunter

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all families for participating in the Easter Raffle and supporting this fundraiser by selling tickets and with donations.

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.

Please see Belinda Smythe at the office if you have any enquiries.
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