Welcome back to term 2. Hope all families had a wonderful break. The weather was certainly on our side for lots of outdoor activities.

Over the past week staff have reviewed our learning programs—changes to the new learning environment and the impacts on learning. While there has been some adjustments for both staff and students to the new open flexible learning area—overall the students and teachers are becoming more comfortable with the flexible way students can work in the different areas. Students working across grades has been a bit of a change from the past. This will take time to get used to. If parents have any suggestions, concerns or questions please don’t hesitate to talk to myself or teachers.

Building Program
Well as you have seen the old portables have gone!! Yes! About time.

We had some new cupboards and kitchenette built in, and our new tables and chairs are due to be delivered next Monday. It is all exciting. We can now look at spending some time on building a master plan on what we would like the grounds to look like and set about achieving the goals to provide a beautiful school ground.

The next building project—the new staff room (on back of the new classrooms) and new office administration facilities have been tendered so if we are lucky this project may start soon!

Passing of Ray Young
It is with sadness that we advise the death of one of Nilma Primary School’s past students, Mr Ray Young. Ray passed away on 16th April 2012 peacefully at the West Gippsland Hospital aged 78. Ray attended Nilma P.S. in the early 1940’s, lived and farmed all his life at Nilma and was a wonderful supporter of the school. He donated numerous gifts to our Christmas raffle each year and attended the school break up every year until recently. Ray was always interested in what was happening at the school, gaining information from Young family members still attending the school. Ray and Ryan actually share the same birthday! (29th May). He will be sadly missed by our school community.

ANZAC Day Services
Next Wednesday, ANZAC day, there will be a Morning service at 10.00am that schools will present a wreath. Nilma Primary School will have a small delegation of students to officially represent our school. All families and students are welcome to attend.

ANZAC Day Badges
Year 6 leaders will be selling the ANZAC Day badges as of tomorrow—20 cents per badge.
**SCHOOL ORGANISATION**

**WINTER SPORT-Year 3-6**
Winter Sports is a program for year 3 to 6 students. Students from all the West Gippsland Rural Schools Sports network – Darnum, Ellinbank, Buln Buln, Bona Vista, Lardner etc. participate in the program.
The program runs for 6 weeks in term 2.

Attached to the newsletter are permission forms and preference forms for the Winter Sport Program. These forms must be signed and brought back to school by Friday 27th April.

Children will be advised which sports they were successful in, closer to the date. Students will be taken by bus to and from Burke Street and then taken by bus to the appropriate sports venue.

There will be a small cost for each sport which must be brought with the student on the day and taken to the venue. The dates for the Winter Sport Program are: Friday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May, and Friday 1st June, with the backup day being Friday 8th June.

**MUSIC—TERM 2**
Invoices for the music lessons are attached to the newsletter. Could invoices please be paid by Friday 27th April. Payment can be made in cash, or cheque made payable to Norm Cottrell. There is one more place for a music lesson. If interested, please see Annette.

**BALLARAT CAMP NEWS**
The Mt Worth Cluster Camp will be held on Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd May. This camp is for Grade 4, 5 & 6 students. Permission forms and medical forms are attached to the newsletter and must be brought back by Tuesday 2nd May. Payment for this camp must be paid in full by 14th May. The camp program is also attached to the newsletter. More information regarding the camp will be sent out closer to the date.

A deposit of $50.00 for the camp by the end of this week. We need numbers for catering purposes and accommodation. If parents are having trouble paying, then please see Annette. Full payment must be paid by 14th May 2012.

**ATHLETIC SPORTS—NEXT FRIDAY**
The School Athletic Sports will be held on Friday 27th April at the Geoff Watt at Burke St Warragul. (Third time lucky!!) Students must be at the Geoff Watt Track by 9.00am and must be picked up by 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to stay and walk around with students.

Attached to the newsletter is all the information regarding the Athletic Sports.

**PARENTS CLUB**
There will be a Parents Club meeting TOMORROW, Friday 20th at 9.00am at the school. This meeting is to discuss Hot Lunches and fundraising activities for this term.

The winners of the Easter Raffle were: 1st Allsopp, 2nd Lyn Mueller, 3rd Zaic Farmer, 4th Smythe, 5th Claire Young, 6th Rachel Hammond, 7th Glenn Thomas, 8th Kirsty Wooster and 9th Katrina Farnham

The Parents Club raised approx $400, which will be put towards the recent Excursion to ‘How to Train your Dragon’.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL:** The next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May at 7.00pm at the school.
KIDS SMART HANDBOOK
The official Blue Light Kidsmart Handbook is available from the office for all parents who have children in Grade 5 and 6. The Kidsmart handbook is used to promote activities within our local area, but to also offer safety information on issues our children are subjected to from day to day. Topics such as drugs, alcohol, suicide preventi and many more are covered.

SCHOOL FEES
Attached to the newsletter are statements for school fees. It would be appreciated if these were paid by Friday May 11th. Thankyou to those families who have already paid. If you receive EMA, then your fees have already been paid.

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA
Student of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
Ashton Kimm
listening and recording the sounds he hears in words really well.

Homegroup 3/2
Sine Salt
For always staying on task and having a go at all set tasks.

Homegroup 4/3
Dominick Johnstone-Witney
For demonstrating responsibility and being prepared to do work for the grade in his own time.

Homegroup 6/5
Laura Young
She has done some fantastic work and always on task.

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

25 nights
Matilda Dent
Zaic Farmer
Zavier Allsopp
Luke Motton
Sheree Casey-Wilson
Bailey Witney
Eloise Warenycia
Kiandra Polglaze
Astrid Smith
Tayla Lochki

50 nights
Lane Ward
Meg Devlin
Daniel Axford
Lachlan Axford
Olivia Quinn

75 Night
Jessica Gilbertson
I went to Manns Beach for a holiday. By Meg

On the holidays I went for a really big bike ride. By Aiden

It was Ty’s birthday last week and he got a 3D DS. By Lane.

In science we went and looked at the trees and I got some acorns. By Holly

In Science I learnt that the trees that loose their leaves are called deciduous trees and the trees that keep their leaves are called evergreen. By Daniel.

I went to Inverloch on the holidays with my sister and Nanna. By Rieley

I went camping with my family on the holidays. By Sheree

Mitch, Jack, Alex and I went camping near Dargo. By Max

This weekend we are having a garage sale. By Jamie

I went to the movies to see the Pirates on the holidays. It was good. By Sine

I went to Poppy and Grandma’s and had a sleepover. Kiara stayed there too. By Ella

Jack, Max and I played football. Max and I came runners up in the Grand Final against Garfield Green. My Mitch

My birthday was on Easter Sunday and I got heaps of DVD and money from my Nanna and Pa. By Astrid

On the holidays I went hunting for hares. By Jessica

I broke my arm doing tricks. By Jack

I was playing and I fell over. I hurt myself. By Olivia

I am going swimming on the weekend. By Savanna

I fell out of a tree on the holidays. By Tayla Lochki
# West Gippsland Rural School Sports Canteen Menu

## HOT FOOD
- **Hot Dog** $2.50
- **Party Pies** $0.50
- **Sausage Rolls** $0.50
- **Dim Sims** 3 for $2.00

## SANDWICHES
- **Ham & Cheese** 4 points
- **Egg & Lettuce** for $3.00
- **Ham & Pickle**
- **Vegemite & Cheese** $1.50

## DRINKS
- **Hot Drinks** $2.00
- **Bottled Water** $2.00
- **Prima** $1.00
- **Soft Drink** $2.00
- **SLUSHIES (Variety of Flavours)** $2.00

## SNACKS
- **Icy Pole** $0.50
- **Pack of chips** $2.00
- **Chocolate Frogs** $0.50
- **Lollies** $1.00
- **Jam Donuts** $0.70 ea.
  - 3 for $2.00

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Canteen run by Lardner & District Primary School
# School Calendar

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SMALL SCHOOLS SET-UP

LONG JUMP

Hurdles 9, 10, 11/12

Zoom Start

Hurdles 4/5, 6, 7, 8 (Hay Bales)

Shot Put / Gumbot Throw

DISCO / TENNIS BALL THROW (GIRLS)

Announcer / Referee Table

FIRST AID

LARGE SCHOOLS SET-UP

Sprints

100m Start

Finish Line

Zoom Start

Kiosk

TOILET C

TARGET THROW

Boys

DISCO / TENNIS BALL THROW

DROP-OFF ONLY

ENTRY

To Parking

Parking on Old Tennis Courts

Burke St.
Active After School Activities

Term 2 activities, at this stage, will be AFL on Tuesdays and Taekwondo on Thursdays. Sessions will commence on the third week of Term 2, Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} May & Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May.

Could you please complete the Expression of Interest Form below and return to school by Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{h} March so that the lists of participants can go in the Newsletter on the 26\textsuperscript{th}.

Consent forms will also need to be filled out before the commencement of the program, if students have not yet had one completed and returned. Please do so as soon as possible.

Forms are available from the office.

Remember that places are limited to the first 20, so get in quick! More information will be in the Newsletter along with the list of participants. Please also remember that to make AASC fair for everyone, not all students will be able to participate in every activity every term.

Thanks, Belinda

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

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Please put down which activity you would prefer to participate in using 1st or 2nd.