ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Nilma PS will be attending the Anzac Day Service at the Warragul Cenotaph on Saturday at 10.00am. Students participating in the Wreath Laying will be: Meg Griggs, Shelby McGrath and Tahlia Witney.
We will be meeting at Liberty Inn at 9.40am and marching to the Cenotaph for the 10.00am service. All parents and families are welcome to attend this event together.

ROLL OF HONOR BOARD—Nilma State School 1914-1918
Our Roll of Honor Board has been restored and has also returned to school. Phil Farnham will be mounting the Board above the Fireplace outside the Office today. We will be having an official unveiling soon.

ART ROOM ACTIVITIES
Students have been very creative this week—with our focus on ANZAC Day. Please come in next week and look at our wonderful ANZAC display. Big Thanks to Mrs Krygger.

ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY
Year 6 and 5 students will have the opportunity to complete the Student Attitude to School Survey along with students across Victoria. Information from this survey is used to assess the school’s performance and support decision making in the future.

NAPLAN
National Assessments will commence on Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May. All students in Year 3 and 5 will complete mathematics, reading, writing and spelling assessments. If you do not wish to have your child complete assessments, please notify the Office by next Thursday.

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Student of the Week

Recognitions

HOMEGROUP F RED
Ashlee Cooke
For working hard to write down words during writing groups. You used the THRASS chart and worked hard to sound out words on your own. Well done Ashlee!

HOMEGROUP 2/1 GREEN
Tari Booth
For showing such a positive attitude to all aspects of your learning and always considering and respecting your fellow students.

HOMEGROUP 5/4/3 BLUE
Bailey Stephens
For making such a brilliant start to Term 2. You have been prepared to try your hardest in your learning and demonstrated all the REAL@Nilma values. Well done Bailey!

HOMEGROUP 6/5 YELLOW
Meg Griggs
For demonstrating the characteristics of a REAL Visible Learner. You rise up to the challenge in all learning tasks and consistently produce work to a high standard. Well done Meg!

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING
25 nights
Bailey-Jack Christoph  Emma Crook
Zac Farmer  Aiden Olsson  Tablia Witney
Riley Kleeven
Mikayla Lott  Anthony Santo  Levi Booth

50 Nights
Lachlan Axford  Elizabeth Dalrymple
Ashlee Cook  Jai Williams  Daniel Axford

75 Nights
Sheree Casey Wilson  Nicholas Addison
Olivia Addison

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners
- Shila Bundle
- Declan Majcherzak
- Piper Bundle
- Tari Booth

Happy Birthday

Ty Kindermann
Ms Berkelmans
Mrs Smythe (Belinda)
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

Descriptive Writing
This term we are introducing descriptive writing. This week we have been using words to describe ourselves. We have been discussing about how we can use words to describe both our appearance and personality.
Here are some examples of what the students said and wrote.

I am 5 years old. I have brown hair. I have blue eyes. I have a favourite colour, it is pink.
I like to play mums and dads.
By Elizabeth

I am 5 years old. I have brown hair. I have blue eyes. I have a favourite colour, it is pink. I like to play the crazy dance.
By Ashlee

My Crazy Animal
My Crazy Animal’s name is Lizy. It is 10 years old. It lives in a cave. It looks like a dinosaur. It has 3 head. The colours are green, pink and blue. My animals can do lots of tricks, breathe fire, glides and digs. Its friends names are Fred, Lilly, Deklan and Rainbow.
By Jade

My Crazy Animal’s name is Dogo Donkey. Dogo Donkey is 2 years old. She lives in my backyard. It has two eyes and 4 legs.
By Piper

My Crazy Animals name is Sky. It is 17 years old. It lives in the mud. It has a dog nose, a horse’s body and a rabbit tail. It can dig for bones. Its favourite food is vegetables. It is brown. It friends are Dogo Donkey, Lizy and Chubby Cheeks.
By Mikayla.

“Come on dad, lets go” I shouted loudly to dad. Oh and by the way I’m going to golden beach today. “Yes we finally leaving” I said to myself.
We were driving on the highway then dad said “I wish I had a cushion.” Then I said “I think we have a cushion in the back seat.” So I reached into the back seat and grabbed a cushion and all that to find the cushion was two big, so I grabbed my jacket and scrunched it up so it was like a cushion and luckily it worked.
When we finally got there I got out of the car. I could fell the long green grass against my legs, I could smell the wondrous Golden Beach air, I could hear the beautiful birds whistling and I could see the sun setting over the trees.
Finally the caravan was set up so we could put the annex up. By the way the annex is a shelter that goes on both sides of the caravan. One side is for the toilet and the other side is for outdoor lounge.
Finally I get to do one of my favourite things, putting my tent up so I can sleep in it.
After all that we had a nice calm fire and had dinner. Then Siobhan played her guitar. After that I went to bed and watched The Lion King Three.
By Sine Salt

Simpson and his Donkey
In class we are learning about John Simpson Kirkpatrick at Gallipoli. All of his friends called him Jack but John Simpson Kirkpatrick was his real name. We learnt he was a very good stretcher bearer who risked his life to save the soldiers. He died the 19th of May 1915. All the soldiers gathered around his grave and put a whole bunch of flowers on his grave. When Simpson went to rescue wounded soldiers, he found a donkey and called him Duffy. Duffy helped Simpson carry the wounded soldiers to the medic’s tent.
By Ella, Kiara, Kiandra and Meg

Home Group - F - Ruby Red
Mrs Evans

Home Group - 21 - Emerald Green
Miss Berkelmans

Home Group - 543 - Aqua Blue
Mr Williams

Home Group - 65 - Lemon Yellow
Miss Matarczyk

By Sine Salt

By Ella, Kiara, Kiandra and Meg
SCHOOL ORGANISATION

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
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 the form was attached to last 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!

THANKS TO THE 20 STUDENTS WHO HAVE RETURNED THE FORM TO REGISTER FOR THE CHALLENGE.

WINTER SPORT
The Year 3,4,5, & 6 students will be participating in the Winter Sport Program. Students have received a list of sports available to participate in. The preference forms were sent home on Wednesday. As well as permission forms.

This program will begin on Friday 8th May and will continue for 6 Fridays. The forms must be brought back to school by tomorrow, Friday 24th April. There is not any cost for the bus for this program but there is a small cost for some of the sports. Preference forms need to be signed by parent/guardian.

BOOKCLUB
Attached to the newsletter are Bookclub Orders. All payment and orders are due back at the office by next Thursday 30th April.

YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION FORMS
Transition forms for our Year 6 students have been distributed. Could these forms please be signed and returned to the school by next Friday 1st May.

YEAR 7—Drouin Secondary College
Information Evening TONIGHT—for their Accelerated Pathways Program-7pm

SCHOOL BANKING INCURSION
Next week at Assembly on Monday morning, Commonwealth Bank will be coming to discuss banking with the students.

LOST PROPERTY—SCHOOL JUMPERS
Four UNNAMED jumpers are in the Office. Size 10,12,12 M

PARENT CLUB

Parent Club have organised a Mother’s Day/Special Person’s stall on to be held on Thursday 7th May
(change of date due to the Healesville excursion!).

Information regarding this stall was sent home on last week’s 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: Catering at the Warragul Swap Meet, Father’s Day Stall, Footy Colours Day with Hot Dogs and Pies, A Nilma PS Parents Dinner, Tough Mudder, School Disco and Christmas Raffle. Drinks for $1.00 and icypoles for $0.50 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

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 permit, we will also make a visit to the Botanical Gardens and the Children’s Garden there.

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 Working With Children Check.

Name:__________________________________________________________________________________________

Signed:__________________________________________________Date:___________________________________

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT
This week we’ll spend some more time looking at the third love language (or the third way our children know we love them) which is ‘quality time.’ The most important thing about quality time is simply the fact of our being with our children, focusing on them.

It’s a great time for doing active things together (as opposed to dropping them off or sending them along), but also gives us an opportunity to know our kids better and learn to talk, listen and share at an early age before the hormones rip into gear. Sharing thoughts and feelings and listening (rather than telling ’em) is the fabric of good relationships and helps your young people to relate in a positive, caring manner that respects the ideas of others.

A few practical ideas for the week:
- Stop what you are doing to make eye contact with your child a they tell you something important
- Cook something together for a snack
- Schedule a specific ‘date time’ with each of your children individually.
- Spend a few extra minutes putting your child to bed at night and chat
- Put the alarm on earlier so that you don’t become the ogre always having to yell at them to hurry up.
- Sit around the table without the TV, talking about the days highs and lows.
- Learn to share some of your ‘tough stuff’ in an appropriate way with your older young people.

Your child will learn more from talking with you than you will probably ever realize!

Anne Prime

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 are attached to the newsletter today, and must be brought back to school by next Tuesday 28th April 2015.
# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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