NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS
The term is moving very quickly! We are nearly half way through! We have had a busy week with the year 3 and 5 students successfully completing the NAPLAN assessments throughout the week. We will not have results for these back for parents until later in third term.

MOTHERS DAY/SPECIAL PERSONS STALL
We hope you all had a lovely weekend with family and friends to recognise all the Mothers or Special People in your families. Thank you to Natalie Axford for coordinating all the presents. The stall raised approximately $200 which was used to purchase new bean bags for the classrooms.
Thank you to Sara Cogo, Kylie Crook and Lisa & Jenni Giblin for your assistance on the day with the Mothers Day/Special Persons Stall.
Nilma Primary School had a basket of goodies donated to the school. We decided the basket could be raffled for the Special Persons/ Mothers Day present. Year 6/5 students coordinated the raffle with each family being placed in the raffle. The winner of our Mothers Day Basket was Lisa Giblin. Congratulations Lisa.

CYBER SAFETY INCURSION
Thank you to Senior Constable Kevin McLaren who visited each home group last Friday to build relationships in our community. From the Ruby Reds, discussing the role of police in the community, to the Yellow homegroup students specifically focusing on Cyber Safety. All students had opportunities to ask questions and gain insights from Constable McLaren.

GARDEN PROJECT
As part of Environment and Sustainability the Year 6 boys have been very busy with their interesting project. They have been working together in a cooperative group to design and build a Bamboo hut. If you get a chance to take a look—it is down the back at the end of the Magic Forest!

FOUNDATION 2017—INFORMATION EVENING
Monday 20th June at 7.00pm will be the Foundation Information Evening at school. Could current parents with children starting in 2017 please collect an enrolment pack from the Office. If you know of any families who would be interested in a tour of the school, please contact the Office.

WINTER SPORT
The Winter Sport program started last week for students in Year 3-6. A reminder to all students to take the correct amount of money to the venue on the day. If you are unsure of the amount, please contact the office. The money for students attending Ten Pin Bowling is to be handed in at the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd May at 6.00pm at the school.

THANK YOU
Thank you to Graham Whitehead for donating pavers to the school. These pavers will be used to build new artwork in the garden.

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NEWSLETTER
Thursday 12th May 2016
Issue 13-2016

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R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Learner of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red
Miller Bundle
For your persistence with your work tasks this week. You have been focusing and on task, keep it up Miller!

Homegroup 2/1 Green
Levi Booth
For demonstrating the qualities of a Visible Learner. Keep up the good work!

Homegroup 4/3 Blue
Teylah Lott
For the positive attitude you have shown this week to your learning. You made a great effort with your Naplan testing. You are showing responsibility and respect for others. Keep up the great work Teylah!

Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow
Riley Kleeven
For the phenomenal change in being a responsible and independent learner. You have shown an amazing turnaround in regards to following our daily diary & satchel routine. Keep it up!

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING
25 nights
Leaigha Archer, Teagan George
William Cane
50 nights
Kiandra Pulglaze, Deklan Majcherzak, Harrison Jones, Elizabeth Dalrymple, Alex Chesterfield, Ryan Cane
75 Nights
Jessie McCabe, Olivia Addison
100 Nights
Ashley Griggs, Jasmine Cane

PLAYGROUND AWARDS
Winners

- Jade Mammolito
- Beth Axford
- Jasmine Cane
- Thomas Buckler

Happy Birthday
No birthdays this week!
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

Constable Kev Visit

Last Friday we had a visit from policeman Constable Kev. He spoke to the students about safety, honesty and the importance of the police and using 000. He was telling us to never hang out a window and never break into a car.

By Savannah

He said to us not to go with strangers. If you say 10 lies to a policeman you could go to jail.

By Lewis

When I grow up I want to work with dad to help him. It will be fun. By Deklan Majcherzak.

When I grow up I want to be a teacher and hair dresser.

By Paige Lott.

When I grow up I want to live a normal life.

By Anthony Santo

When I grow up I will go to the city forever because it is fun in the city.

By Ty Kindermann.

When I grown up I want to be a Cat Machine driver and I will drive an excavator.

By Nick Addison

When I grow up I want to be a nurse because I want to see how it feels like to be a nurse and a doctor. By Elizabeth Dalrymple

When I grow up I want to be an AFL player.

By Harrison Jones

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Winter Sports

Last Friday we did Winter Sports and my group had tenpin bowling. I got eighty three points in bowling. In my team was Ashley, Zaic and me, but the winner out of everyone was Kanako, our Japanese teacher. She got over one hundred points! My cousin was bowling too, her name is Claire and she bowled seventy three. I got ten more points than her but we had fun. I had a friend in bowling, his name is Sydney. I know him from basketball. I don’t know what score he got but I bet he had fun.

Aiden Smythe

Wow, I got to go bowling! On Friday I went to the Geoff Watt Track for Winter Sports. I was excited. I went on two buses. I was nervous when I did the first bowl, then I got used to it. Bowling was fun!

By Piper

We are learning about colonial settlement in Australia, and the following are students’ reflections on something new or interesting they learned about convicts in those times:

They were treated as slaves, or they were sent over for stealing bread. (Ashton)

The journey from England to Australia on the boat took over 100 days. (Teagan)

They got sent to Australia to work for tiny reasons, like stealing a hanky. (Charlotte)

I never knew it was so easy to be sent to Australia, even if just for stealing bread. (Kiandra)

That convicts were sent to Australia for small things, like stealing bread, and they got tortured on ships. (Mitch)
REPORTING TO PARENTS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT—Early Notice!
Keep Thursday 23rd June available for Parent/Teacher Discussions. All information will be distributed next week.

CROSS COUNTRY
The West Gippsland Division Cross Country will be held at Chairo Christian College on Thursday 26th May 2016. Students from Years 3 to 6 can represent the school at this event. The first 10 students across the line in the events will then go onto represent our Region at a later date. There will be a 2km and 3km running event. Selected students will be allowed to attend if students are able to run the distance!
We will need to use parents for transport. If any parent is available to support with transport could you please let the Office know as soon as possible. Parents will need to produce their current licence and a copy of their comprehensive car insurance policy to the Office. Permission forms and car travel forms will be sent out early next week once we know of parent helpers for this excursion.

FAMILY STATEMENTS
Attached to the newsletter are Family Statements. Could these statements please be finalised by the end of May 2016. Please contact the office if you have any queries regarding your statement.

ATTENDANCES
Attached to the newsletter are absence notices. Could parents please sign and return these to the office as soon as possible.

SPORTING SCHOOLS
This term we have been fortunate to have a 4 week AFL program at Nilma. The program will start on Thursday 12th May, from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. The program is available for all year levels but is capped at 25 participants. Students must commit to the full program and must have returned their consent book giving permission to participate in the sessions.
Dated are; Thursdays - 12th, 19th, 26th May and 2nd June, after school from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.
Nilma PS is unable to provide a healthy snack before the beginning of sessions, so participants are asked to bring along a piece of fruit/snack to eat before the session starts.
Students will need to wear appropriate footwear and bring a drink bottle for the sessions.
NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL  TERM 2—SPORTING SCHOOLS—AFL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
Bailey Dent, Blake Hanmer, Deklan Majcherzak, Ty Kindermann, Cohen Cogo, Miller Bundle, Jessie McCabe, Ryan Cane, William Cane, Jasmine Cane, Thomas Buckler, Piper Bundle and Shila Bundle.

MARC VAN
During the current fortnightly cycle all students will be introduced to texts which explore co-operating with others.
Senior and middle grades students will be presented with Mark Greenwood’s book ‘Boomerang and Bat’, the story of the ‘real’ first Australian cricket 11 to tour England. The non-fiction picture story carefully retracts the journey of the aboriginal team of cricket players which toured England in 1868. Computer research skills will be utilised to access further information related to the text.
Students in F-2 classes will again focus on listening and borrowing skills. Students will further explore the benefits gained through co-operation with others. The main text used to stimulate discussion will be ‘Incredibilia’, by Libby Hathorn. Hathorn’s picture story book will also be used as a means of encouraging the use of one’s imagination on a daily basis.
Great effort everyone!
Philip Bucknall
MARC Teacher/Librarian

LIFE EDUCATION VAN—INCURSION
On Friday 17th June, Nilma PS will be combining with Ellinbank PS for the Life Education Van Incursion. This day will be held at Nilma PS. This is a full day incursion, with the possibility of a parent session being held on the day also. More information and details regarding the Life Education Van visit, will be sent out closer to the day.
1 IN 7 KIDS GO TO SCHOOL WITHOUT THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY

A good breakfast can not only change a child’s morning it can make a big difference to their future. In 2013 the Australian Bureau of Statistics released findings that one in seven children in Australia arrives in the classroom each day without breakfast, having missed out on the most important meal of the day. Children from lower socio-economic backgrounds are six times more likely to miss breakfast than students from higher socio-economic backgrounds. The School Breakfast Clubs Program has been established to address this growing issue.

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM?
The School Breakfast Clubs Program is an initiative of the Victorian Government in partnership with Foodbank Victoria. The program enables primary school aged children to enjoy a healthy and nutritious breakfast allowing them to engage and participate fully in all the educational and social opportunities that the school years offer. The program will deliver healthy breakfast foods to 500 of the most disadvantaged primary schools across Victoria, as determined by the Student Family Occupation (SFO) Index, reaching up to 25,000 vulnerable children and their families each day.

NILMA PS BREAKFAST CLUB

Please return form by next Friday 20th May 2016. The Breakfast Club will be starting in Term 3.

Name of child:______________________________________________________________________
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Signed by parent:__________________________________________  Date:____________________

I would be interested in assisting with the program, being on a roster once or twice a term

Please circle YES NO

My child/ren currently eat a healthy breakfast at home on a regular basis.

Please circle YES NO
NEW WAYS TO COMMUNICATE INFORMATION TO PARENTS AT NILMA!

Nilma Primary School App is here! Follow instructions below to download Team App.

This week at the School Council meeting we have introduced two new draft policies to Nilma Primary School:

- The Sustainability Policy and the Green Procurement policy, to be ratified at the next meeting in May. The purpose of these policies is to review ways in the school where we can be a more Sustainable school by reducing our ecological footprint adopting practices in our every day lives in relation to Energy consumption, Waste Management (reduce paper usage, rubbish and recycle of waste, use of Worm farm), Biodiversity (improve our natural environment), and reduce Water usage. With targets set at 15% reduction over time.

These policies will be available on our new school Team APP. Thanks to Belinda Smythe’s digital skills!

If you would like copies of the policies to review either contact the Office or follow the information below to become a member of the Nilma Primary School Team App. At this stage we will only be accepting parents as members only.

There will be lots more information you will be able to access too.

This School App will replace our Facebook communication in the near future.

Our newsletter will be put on the App too. Download and read our information and give us some feedback.

Our vision for the future will be to have the newsletter and information for parents in electronic form to reduce photocopy costs and paper usage too. Electronic forms include direct email or on Nilma Primary School App or school web page. This will be a slow process but we will be asking for parent feedback as to what form parents would prefer the newsletter.

Parents please note: While you will still receive hard copy newsletters this term we will review parent information and suggestions with changes to be implemented in term 3.

All permission forms or forms that require responses from parents will remain in hard copy.

THIS TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TEC WILL NOT HAPPEN UNTIL WE HAVE GAINED FEEDBACK FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND DISCUSS FURTHER AT SCHOOL COUNCIL.

At present Nilma PS is just providing a variety of forms of ways to communicate information to parents.

TEAM APP

Nilma Primary School is now on Team App!

Follow the instructions as listed in the poster to download the app and then install Nilma Primary School on your home screen.

At this stage only parents will be accepted as members while we trial this communication process.

Once installed, you can set your device to allow you to receive notifications from Nilma Primary School on Team App.

During the trial process we will be uploading items such as newsletters, policies, sponsor information and events.

Please speak to the Office staff for any further information.

NEDCA PRIMARY SCHOOL TEAM APP IS HERE!
**CHAPLAIN’S CHAT**

Most of us have good habits. It’s *motivation* that gets you started with a task but it’s good habits that keeps you going. You know how hard it is to get into the habit of getting lunches ready each day or having the uniform washed and ready the night before. It’s the same for the children, but because they are children you encourage and remind them. A habit is a behaviour that occurs automatically because it has been performed frequently in the past. The act of repetition creates a link between the situation and the action – almost like we can’t help ourselves from doing things that way.

If the aim is to for your child to do their homework (reading) then set a time that is convenient, create a space that is consistent and start the pattern right away. If you have eight children, dishes are piled on the sink and food from tea is all over the table then obviously the kitchen table is not the place to start homework at 7pm sharp. Choose a space again or adjust the time.

One large family I know has ply board for each child, when homework time comes around, they each find an agreed comfy place in the lounge room, use their piece of ply board as a table on their laps and start writing. This mum is determined that her kids will get an education (reading, writing and arithmetic). Yes they have a lap top, iPod, and various game type gadgets, but no they do not use them in this homework time. If they haven’t got homework (what kid does) then they read. If they haven’t brought their reader home then mum supplies a pamphlet or book from the Op shop that is suitable and they fill the time appropriately. This mum has set the pattern early in Primary years and now her eldest has completed Year 12 is out in the workforce. That’s their habit and it’s written in stone. Is there friction? Of course, but that’s kids. Her job is to govern fairly and be clear. If one child decides to do homework early so she can watch TV – she can’t watch it in the lounge room - the others will be distracted. When you’ve got eight ‘kids’ and you want the best for them, then you spend time forming good habits that will shape them for the future secondary/tertiary years. How many children do you have? Are you planning for their success? I’d love to hear from you.

Anne Prime

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**SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

Please fill out the form and return to the office if you can help out with the garden & cooking program.

Mrs Uren and Mrs Hodge will again be coordinating the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for term 2. This program will be held every Thursday. During cooking sessions (fortnightly for students in years 3 and 4) students will be making yummy treats such as; salads of the imagination, tarts, tortes, curries, breads, fritters, gnocchi and pastas. In the garden students will be pruning, composting, mulching, planting, creating a worm farm, creating a no dig garden, weeding, fertilising and harvesting.

Beside is a roster for this term’s program. It would be great if we could have 3 volunteers for every session, you may be able to help for the while day or you may only be able to help for one session.

If you are able to volunteer on any of the dates indicated, please fill out the roster and return to school. Thank You!

**DONATIONS REQUIRED!**

We are after some old gumboots and brightly coloured house paint for our gardening program. Thank You.

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**IMPORTANT DATES - SCHOOL CAMPS!**

Year 4/3 Camp at Mill Valley Ranch - 13th - 14th Oct 2016