PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS
The Parent Teacher Discussions will be held in last week of this term as part of our reporting to parents on student achievement. Parents will receive student reports and student learning portfolios on Tuesday 24th June and then attend Parent Teacher discussions on Thursday 26th June between 9.00am and 5.00pm. All children will be required to attend school on this day. Attached to the newsletter is a booking form which will need to be returned by Wednesday 4th June.

For those students attending camp, please send back before this date!

Confirmation of times will be sent back to parents on Thursday 12th June.

NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS
Students in year 3 and 5 have completed the NAPLAN assessments for 2014. Thank you to all students who participated and worked hard to challenge themselves. We will take some time to have a look at the assessments and work through the questions to provide feedback to students next week. Parents will wait until August/September to receive results of their child’s work.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Just a reminder that the next school council meeting will be held at the school at 6pm on Tuesday 27th May.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY
The cross country races will be held at Chairo Christian School on Thursday 29th May. Students in years 3-6 have been selected to participate.

HOT LUNCHES
Thanks very much to Kelly Chesterfield—Hot Lunch Coordinator and Kylie Crook, who worked this week to put together our first “Hot Lunch” for the year. I enjoyed my Hot Dog! Don’t forget your order for next week—Order by Monday!

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENT VOICE
Throughout this term we will be reviewing many policies and school documents in line with Department changes and guidelines. This process enables the school community to voice opinions and ideas. Over the past weeks we have reviewed the ‘First Aid’, ‘Enrolment’, ‘Excursion’ and ‘Curriculum Structure’ Policies. If parents would like the opportunity to view and give feedback on these policies, they will be displayed on a table in the office foyer. We would love to hear your views and input. The review of policy process begins with a draft copy of documents and provides the school community with opportunity to give feedback and then the policy will be presented to school council for ratification. School policies are reviewed every 3 years or when there may be departmental or school changes. Please don’t hesitate to see me if you would like to provide input to these policies.

SLEEPING AT THE ‘G’
On Thursday, 22 May, I’m going to Sleep at the ‘G. I’m raising money to help Melbourne City Mission provide vital services to homeless young people in Victoria and I would welcome any donation, great or small, that you could make. There are still some tickets available, so if you’d like to sleep with me at the ‘G, visit www.SleepAtTheG.com.au and get yours today!

For all who know me - I love to be warm! I am putting myself out of my comfort zone to support others in need! Kids at school are supporting by making me a cardboard mattress! We hope to cover my mattress in a blanket of $5 notes (copies). Each note will have my sponsors names written on them to create a “Blanket or cushion of Support” to recognize you all! I’m hoping to raise $500 for worthy cause and at same time be comforted by my sponsor bed! Putting the money under the mattress! BIG thanks to kids for using your spare time to help support this cause! Will keep you all posted!

CONGRATULATIONS
On Sunday 17th May, Kylie Griggs participated in a Gippsland Junior Badminton Association Tournament in Yarram. Kylie’s team came 1st on the day, winning all their events. Congratulations Kylie!
**Student of the Week**

**Recognitions**

*Homegroup 1/F Red*

**Lilli Parry-Thomas**
For working hard to sound out new words and read your sentences. Its lovely to see your smile when you understand a new word, keep up the great work Lilli!

*Homegroup 3/2/1/ Green*

**Daniel Axford**
For making a great effort in all areas of your learning and always being willing to “have a go” and do your best.

*Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue*

**Shelby McGrath**
For your willingness to apply yourself to your learning, take on responsibility and demonstrating all the REAL @ Nilma values. Thanks for your help in the grade Shelby. Well done!

*Homegroup 6/5 Yellow*

**Deakin Santo**
For the effort you have been giving during ICT learning time, particularly when working on you Ned Kelly project. Well done.

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**L.A.U.G.H Program**

**Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home**

**NIGHTLY READING**

- **25 nights**
  - Mitch Chesterfield
  - Matilda Dent
  - Ashton Kimm

- **50 nights**
  - Deklan Majcherzak
  - Riley Kleeven
  - Kirsty Wooster
  - Riley Gunton
  - Zavier Allsopp
  - Ty Ward

- **75 nights**
  - Oliver Turner
  - Meg Devlin

- **100 nights**
  - Kylie Griggs
  - Sheree Casey Wilson

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**Art Awards**

*Red Homegroup -*
Blake Hanmer

*Green Homegroup - Aiden Smythe*

*Blue Homegroup - Astrid Smith*

*Yellow Homegroup - Angus Mulconry*
Money Madness!
In maths groups we have been working away with Australian money. Foundation students have been learning to recognise and articulate both notes and coins in our currency and the grade 1’s have been working to add together different coin amounts. This week we played a game of Money Bingo. Students had to cover up which coin or note was held up with counters on their board. First to 3 in a row was the winner!

Writing Groups
In writing groups we have been doing transitional texts. Transitional texts are when you communicate with each other. We have been doing letter writing. We wrote one letter to Miss Closter and we wrote one to our friends. In the letter you need to write the name of the person you are writing to. In the letter you write what you have been doing and who your friends at school are. Then you write who the letter is from. I like letter writing.

By Piper, Ashton and Sheree.

This term our Grade 6 students began Wood Work sessions. They have continued to work on their shadow box, pencil case or letter rack from last year, with some students beginning a new project - making a self. A huge thank you to Doug Salt for volunteering his time each week.

Yesterday we had our whole class award. We had a class party. We watched a movie and had popcorn. The movie was “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2”. We were allowed to bring food. I brought in Honey Joys. My favourite food was the sweet chilly chips. Riley and Jamie and I shared a bean bag. We earned our class awards by working quietly, achieving in our learning, keeping the room clean and respecting each other. Lane Ward

Yesterday we had our class award. We had a class party and we brought food to share and we watched a movie while eating popcorn. I brought in hundreds and thousands sprinkles biscuits, and jam and lemon tarts. My favourite food there was the sweet chilly chips. They were so hot but not spicy and my 2nd favourite food was Lane’s Honey Joys. We had the bean bag that had the most beans in it so we made a big pillow with it. We earned our class award by filling up our REAL@ Nilma Awards chart. We earned our Achievement awards by completing our work, Learning awards by listening to each other and doing our work well and Environment by cleaning our lockers really well.

Riley Kleeven
Within our Whole School Literacy groups students are currently investigating ‘Transactional Texts’. This text type is used to maintain relationships by responding to or seeking information. Examples of transactional texts are letters, invitations, emails, interviews, questionnaires, greeting cards. The structure and features of different texts will be explored and replicated by the students, where students will create their own collection of samples of transactional texts.

In our open learning area we have a board to display samples of transactional texts. If you have some examples of these texts at home that are no longer needed and that you are happy to have on display we would love to see them. Please check that texts containing private and confidential information do not come to school.

Thank you.

‘In my group we wrote a Letter to Miss Closter.’ - Shila
‘In our letter our message was ‘You are a fantastic teacher.’ - Deklan
‘Today in writing groups I wrote a letter to the Warragul RSL, thanking them for teaching us about WW1.’ - Tahlia
‘Letters, cards and emails are transactional texts.’ - Anthony

THE OTHER CORNER—Numeracy!

PARENTS CAN BORROW THESE MATHEMATIC DICTIONARIES OR SPEAK TO ANNETTE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE THESE FOR HOME.
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. Last year 67 students from Nilma successfully completed the challenge. This year we expect ALL students to participate in the Challenge as part of our classroom reading and literature enrichment program. Years 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. Years 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 Reader’s Challenge students will need to have parents complete the Registration and Consent form and return to school. A copy of this form has already been sent home. 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

Today we planted a wheat crop. We also planted wheat in cotton wool in a jar. Our wheat is 10cm tall! It makes a cloud inside the jar and it makes it rain. We can’t see the cloud.

Selected year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will participate in the West Gippsland Division Cross Country at Chairo Christian School in Drouin on Thursday 29th May. Students participating are; Kiara Perry, Ella Perry, Sine Salt, Carolyn Dungey, Ashton Kimm, Daniel Axford, Mitch Chesterfield, Riley Kleeven, Lane Ward, Deakin Santo, Lachlan Axford, Max Chesterfield, Angus Mulconry, Lachlan Crook, Michael Farnham, Harrison Perry and Patrick Smythe.

Students will participate in different age groups and run a 2-3km course. Students will be taken to Chairo at 11am and return to school at approx. 2.30pm. Teachers, Kerry Williams and Emily Matartczyk will attend on the day as well as parents Nicki Kimm, Kylie Crook, Leanne Perry and Sharon Salt. Students must wear full school uniform and appropriate footwear. They must also bring drinks and snacks, a canteen is available on the day. Permission forms are attached to the newsletter.
PARENT CLUB

Hot Lunches started this week and will continue every Wednesday until the end of term. All orders must be in by 3.30pm on Mondays, in a labelled envelope with correct money. Late orders cannot be accepted.
Thankyou to Kelly Chesterfield for organising the Hot Lunches for this term.
The Hot Lunch for Wednesday 28th May is: Cheeseburgers $2.50

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

There are still places available for both activities for term 2’s AASC. Please return the expression of interest form below to be able to participate.


Swimming participants are; Deakin Santo, Tahlia Witney and Sine Salt.
These sessions will be held at the Warragul Leisure Centre from 4pm - 5pm. Students are to have their healthy snack at home and then be brought to and from the venue. Parents are most welcome to stay and watch these sessions.

Thanks Belinda.

AASC TERM 2 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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Please indicate your preference by using 1 or 2.

Signed

Date

SOMERS CAMP

Thank you to those families that have returned the Expression of Interest forms for Somers Camp. More information will be sent to the school shortly and this will be forwarded on to those that have returned the form. Please note that this camp is additional to the school curriculum and does not replace Urban Camp which is part of the school curriculum program.
SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

URBAN CAMP—YEARS 4, 5 & 6
Urban Camp will be held on Monday 2nd June until Wednesday 4th June 2014. The cost of this camp is $210 per student. Payment can be made in instalments using our payment plan, or paid as a lump sum.

**Full payment for the camp is due by Monday 26th May.**

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the Office or speak to Annette.
All camp forms also need to be returned by Monday 26th May. If you require any of these forms please speak to the Office.
Students will be visiting the Immigration Museum, Skydeck, MSAC Wipeout, MCG, Scienceworks and the Queen Vic Market. Students will be travelling to and from this camp by train. Children must be at the train station by 10.30am on Monday 2nd June, and parents must pick up children from the station at 2.00pm on Wednesday 4th June.

**All forms must be back at the office by tomorrow, Friday 23rd May.**

LOST PROPERTY
A number of students have misplaced jumpers and jackets over the past few weeks. Could all parents please check their child's clothing to make sure that they have the correct uniform.
If you have any tops that don’t belong to you could you please bring them into the office so they can be returned to their owners. Thank You.

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking has been running successfully this term, banking days are every Friday. Please make sure you hand your books in on Friday mornings.
Congratulations to Olivia Addison who received 2 rewards at assembly on Monday morning.
Keep up the great effort Olivia!
Every time a deposit is made, students will receive a token. Once they have 10 tokens they can start cashing them in! Prizes include Money Boxes, Wallets, USB’s.

BOOKCLUB
Attached to the newsletter are Book Club orders. All orders and money must be brought back to school by Thursday 29th May.
**Late orders cannot be accepted.**

WINTER SPORT
This week is the last session for Block 1 activities. Next week activities will change and students will participate in their 2nd chosen sport. If you are not sure of what sport it is that you will be participating in and if there is a cost involved, please speak to your teacher. Please ensure that you bring along your money (if applicable) every Friday morning. Money can be left at the office.
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