Welcome back to the new term everyone! We hope your families had a well earned rest! This term we will be welcoming our new Music teacher Miss Miriam Gurvich, who will be working on Wednesdays. Mrs Hodge and Mrs Smythe will also be working extra days this term.

Swap Meet Fundraiser
Thanks to all the parents and students who braved the stormy weather on the morning of the Swap Meet! Thanks for persisting and finding a dry place to sell our great food!

Thanks to Paul Burdett for picking up some new garden equipment and delivering it to school over the holidays.

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year we ask parents to complete a survey about the school. Parent Opinion Surveys will be attached to the newsletter today. The parent opinion survey will provide the school with valuable information in relation to communication, procedures and practices at Nilma PS. Please take time to review questions relating to student learning, home activities and expectations, extracurricular opportunities for students (including things like sporting activities, camps, group days, select groups participating in musical events), transition and social learning. Last year we received 90%. This year we hope for 100%! We would appreciate your feedback to develop a school culture that we all have input into. We value your ideas.

The survey is confidential and results are used to further develop the goals of the school.
1. Complete questionnaire
2. Put in envelope provided and seal the envelope
3. Write the name and year level/s of child/ren on back
4. Return to school by Friday 1st August.
Please take time to complete the survey and support Nilma Primary School to build an exciting and stimulating school.

Thanks to Paul Burdett for picking up some new garden equipment and delivering it to school over the holidays.

Japanese Program
Our Japanese Intern will be staying with the Kimm family and the Burdett family this term. Thank you to these families for volunteering to help out. If you are able to host our Japanese intern any time during Term 3, please see contact the office.

Reporting to Parents on Student Achievement—Parent Teacher Discussions, Student Reports and Learning Portfolios
Thank you to all the families who came to have discussions with staff about your child/ren learning achievements and areas for focus for this term. These discussions were well attended and reinforce the shared partnership between school and home. Could parent please return the student portfolios this week? These portfolios will be used for the second semester. Please don’t forget to write some comments about your child’s/ren’s learning on the comments page!

Trees Removed—Thank You to Parents
Over the holidays we had several trees in the playground removed—thanks to Smythe, Kimm and Chesterfield families for removing the bulk of the trees. We do have some remaining works to be completed when the weather gets better!

Car Park
Just a reminder for parents and students to take care and drive slowly at drop of and pick up times please. Parents and students to only cross the carpark at the crossing otherwise walk on the pathways around the outside of car park. Thank you.
**R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA**

**Student of the Week**

**Recognitions**

Homegroup 1/F Red
Beth Axford
For your enthusiasm and helpfulness towards other students in the room. You work hard to complete your work and then go and help others too. This is lovely to see, well done Beth

Homegroup 3/2/1/ Green
Daniel Axford
For always being on tasks and putting a fantastic effort into your work. You are a great role model for other students.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Meg Griggs and Tahlia Witney
For being prepared to challenge themselves in their reading to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done, first finished in 5/4/3 Blue

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Deakin Santo
For organising a successful PMP activity for the 1/F Red students and your positive encouragement towards all of the students participating.

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

Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home

**NIGHTLY READING**

- **25 nights**
  - Jack Moss

- **50 nights**
  - Zaic Farmer
  - Aiden Olsson
  - Emma Crook
  - Bailey Stephens
  - Cody Moss

- **75 nights**
  - Ty Ward
  - Deklan Majcherzak
  - Lilli Parry-Thomas
  - Clint Scott

- **100 nights**
  - Daniel Axford
  - Beth Axford
  - Larissa Hamilton-Burnett

- **125 nights**
  - Jessie McCabe

- **150 Nights**
  - Olivia Addison
  - Sheree Casey Wilson

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**Happy Birthday**

Jordan Stone
Bailey-Jack Christoph
Rose-Ann Scott
Anthony Scott
**HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!**

**Holiday Happenings**

*On the holidays I went to the snow. I went with my family. Shila*

*On the holidays I went to a party. I went with Jack, Shelby and Cody and Tonn. I played the PlayStation. Will*

*On the holidays I had a birthday party to go to. On the holidays I had Bentley’s birthday party. On the holidays I had a sleepover at my Grandma’s house. Oliver*

*On the holidays I saw Transformers. Clint*

*On the holidays I saw my godmother. I had my birthday and Cody came to my party. Beth*

*On the holidays I got chips from the shop. Jaycobb*

*On the holidays I watched a movie. Anthony*

*On the holidays I went to Shepperton. I played with a dog. Jessie*

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On the holidays I went to the AFL. I watched Richmond playing Brisbane. Richmond won. Yeah! I was so happy. Then I went home and went to sleep. The next day went to Poppy’s house and I did some farm work then went to sleep. I was tired. by Ella Perry

On the holidays I went to the movies twice and had a sleepover three times. The first time we went to the movies it was just me and my family then on the Tuesday after we went with Tahlia, Astrid and Shelley and they all stayed the night at my place. Tahlia, Astrid and I all stayed in my room. Shelly and Kylie stayed in Kylie’s room. Then I went to Tahlia’s place and stayed there for two nights. By Megan Griggs

I went to my Poppy and Grandma’s. They live on a farm and I stayed there for the whole 2 weeks over there. My cousins went there and my brother went too. It was fun. from Kiara

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On the holidays I went to the MCG. We watched Essendon vs Collingwood. Essendon won the game. I went with Glenn, Mum, my three sisters and my brother. I had lots of fun there. We had dinner there. By Sheree

On the holidays I went to my uncle and aunty’s house. I had five cup of teas, three snow balls, one and a half pizzas. We played outside with the dogs. Their names are Missy and Roccy. I threw the ball and Roccy and Missy caught it. The dogs have got a log with a rope on it to pull around. By Mikayla

On the holidays we went to my Nanna and Grandpa’s place. I went on the trampoline and my brother fell off. My mum and my Grandpa thought it was a baby goat but it my brother crying because he fell into the blackberries. By Olivia
In Term 2 students were exploring Transactional writing as part of their writing studies in Literacy Learning Teams. Transactional texts are designed to “maintain relationships and/ by responding to or seeking information”. Examples of Transactional texts include; letters, invitations, surveys, greeting cards, and more formal business letters, complaints, etc. As part of their learning some students composed and wrote letters to the Warragul Historical Museum and R.S.L. to thank them for hosting us on our visits at the start of the term. Below is a reply we received from Mr Malcolm Dickson to some of the students who wrote and posted letters of thanks.

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CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION now known as Special Religious Instruction (SRI)

Dear Parents,

Attached to the newsletter today is a second consent form for your child/children’s participation in Special Religious Instruction (SRI). This new form is being issued midway through the year because a new Ministerial Direction which governs the way SRI is delivered in schools has been issued, and takes effect on 14 July 2014 (the first day of Term 3). The requirements of schools and SRI instructors are different under this new Ministerial Direction, and as a result existing parental consent does not extend into Term 3.

This form will be issued again for the beginning of the 2015 school year and, following that, annually and/or each time the school is approached by an SRI instructor seeking to deliver SRI in the school.

Please ensure that you thoroughly read the second page of the consent form, as it contains important information on what SRI is (that is, that it is not education about the religion, but instruction in how to live according to the tenets and beliefs of that religion), and the process through which it is delivered. SRI does not deliver on the AusVELS curriculum – it is an extra-curricular activity delivered by volunteers associated with religious organisations.

Your child will only be eligible to participate in SRI if you tick both acknowledgement boxes, sign, and return the consent form to school by the date specified. If SRI is offered and your child does not participate, they will be engaged in positive, educationally valuable activities while SRI is running.

Please note that even though forms are being issued, SRI sessions may not run in the school. Once consent forms have been received and compiled, I will then assess whether SRI can be offered within available resources.

In addition to reading the information on the consent form, I would encourage you to familiarise yourself with the changes to the way SRI is run, both through the Ministerial Direction (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/legislation/Pages/sri.aspx) and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development policy (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/pages/religious.aspx)

Regards
Annette Sutherland

There will be no SRI (CRE) classes for the first two weeks of term 3.
MT WORTH GROUP DAY - Excursion—Thursday 7th August

Year Prep to Year 4—Darnum PS Nilma Primary School will be participating in a Group Day on Thursday 7th August. Darnum Primary School is the venue for Years F,1,2,3 & 4. The theme for the day—Sustainability and Science Day—with various guests from ResourceSmart schools and Baw Baw Sustainability groups and fun hands on activities to do! Final program will be sent home soon. As an early warning—Parents are asked to drop students at Darnum Primary, Graham St Darnum, at 9.00am and pick up from Darnum at 3.00pm. Permission forms will be sent home today and must be brought back by Monday July 28th.

Year 5—6 Warragul Regional College

Warragul Regional College is the venue for Year 5 and 6 students. Students from the Mt Worth Cluster—Darnum, Nilma, Ellinbank and Bona Vista along with Yarragon Primary School will be rotating through various activities in smaller mixed groups. More details to be sent home next week. Permission forms will be sent home today and must be brought back by 28th July.

HOOPTIME

The basketball Hooptime competition will be held on Friday 1st August for selected students in Year 3 and 4, and on Friday 29th August for selected students in Year 5 & 6. This competition will be held at the Warragul Leisure Centre and parents are to drop students at the venue at 9.00am and pick up from the venue at 2.30pm. Permission forms are attached to the newsletter and must be brought back by July 28th.

TENNIS PROGRAM

Years 5/4/3 (Blue) and 6/5 (Yellow) groups will be participating in the Tennis program this term. Students will be participating in these sessions on Wednesday afternoons.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

The Year 6 students transition day will be held at Warragul Regional College on Tuesday 2nd September. More information and permission forms will be sent home closer to the date.

CIRCUS OZ—Workshop

Nilma Primary has expressed an interest in attending a free Circus Oz Workshop at the West Gippsland Art Centre. Students in years 4, 5 and 6 may be attending this on either Monday 18th August in an afternoon session or a morning session on Tuesday 19th August. We are waiting for this to be confirmed, students and parents will be notified of this closer to the date.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CORNER

On Tuesday 15th July, we discussed some scenarios about everyday life and how we have managed different situations such as being embarrassed or when a friend lets you down or if we were caught telling a lie. It was fun to think how we cope with different difficulties and situations. We also came up with some great ideas on what we would do if we had three wishes.

We also talked about possible fund raising ideas for charity, and may look at Jeans for Genes day. We will tell you more news about this later.

We also talked about some attributes of good leadership:
- You can rely on me because I am trustworthy, I don’t lie and I try to get home on time.
- I can do things for myself by having a go and taking responsibility for my own work
- I won up when things go wrong because sometimes we all make mistakes and it is good to take responsibility even when we make a mistake and we can learn from our mistakes.

By Jordan S, Jack Mc, Michael, James, Blake, Callum and Alan.
WARRAGUL SWAP MEET

A huge Thank You to the parents that braved the elements and helped cater at the Swap Meet. Facing difficult weather conditions, Parent Club were able to make it a profitable morning. Thank you to Nicki Kimm for coordinating the event and also to volunteers Kelly Chesterfield, Phil Mammolito, Sophie Majcherzak, Karen Santo, Leesa Dent, Belinda Smythe, Ian Scott, Stuart Turner, Leanne Perry, Rosa Burdett, Annette Sutherland and Paul Russell. A big thanks also goes to year 6 students Jack Chesterfield and Shakira Kimm who also put in extraordinary efforts to help on the day. Thank you to those who also came later to help but weren’t able to as the event was closed early due to the weather. Money raised from this event will go towards new equipment for the school.

Special Hot Lunch Day—Wednesday 23rd July. Students are able to purchase a Hamburger and a drink for $3.00. Orders need to be handed in by the end of school on Monday 21st July.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Welcome back to term 3! Hasn’t the year gone by fast! This term we will be doing Circus Skills with Belinda on Tuesdays and Multi Sports (Ball Sports) with Jason on Thursdays. Start dates are Tuesday 29th July and Thursday 24th July, each activity will run for 7 sessions and will be held at Nilma PS. See the calendar for full dates.

Unfortunately Sophie is unable to continue on as Supervisor for the remainder of 2014. We wish Sophie well as she continues to focus on her studies. Because of this, we have a position available as Supervisor at Nilma. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please speak to Belinda for further information. No experience or training is necessary as this is provided on the job but you will need a WWCC.

Thanks, Belinda

AASC TERM 3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

| NAME ___________________________________________ | CIRCUS SKILLS | MULTI SPORTS |
|________________________________________________|---------------|--------------|
| NAME ___________________________________________ |               |              |
| NAME ___________________________________________ |               |              |
| SIGNED ___________________________ | DATE_________ |              |
CHRISTAIN RELIGION EDUCATION (CRE) as part of SRI

With new Department of Education and Early Childhood (DEECD) changes—all parents will need to sign and return the new CONSENT information forms. BLUE FORMS ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER

These need to be returned to school by Friday 25th July. For more information regarding this please speak to Annette or your child’s classroom teacher. Thanks to those who have already returned the form.

SCHOOL FEES

Attached to the newsletter are statements for families who still have outstanding school fees. Could all outstanding fees please be made to the office by the end of August.

SCHOOL BANKING

The School Banking program will resume next Friday 25th July. For enquiries regarding the school banking program, please see Belinda at the office. Students have been doing a great job with their savings, regular savings have been made and many students have been swapping their tokens for rewards. Keep up the great work bankers!

EMA PAYMENTS

All EMA forms for the 2nd instalment are due at the office by Friday 18th July. If you received the first EMA instalment at Nilma PS you do not need to fill in another form. If you are a new family to the school or your circumstances have changed, then please contact the school for an EMA form. Please note, that late forms cannot be accepted.

BOOKCLUB

Attached to the newsletter are Bookclub orders. All orders and payments are due back at the office by next Thursday 24th July. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please ensure correct money is sent to the office in a sealed, named envelope.

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