**Principal Notes**

**SHRINE VISITORS**

Yesterday we were fortunate to have a visit from Tim Whitford who is an education officer with the Shrine of Remembrance. He spoke to the grade 4, 5 & 6 students about Australia in the First World War and what life was like for those who enlisted. Using a range of soldier’s clothing and equipment from the period he built up a picture of what life was like for those who volunteered and enlisted in 1914-1918, both in the army, fighting in the trenches of France and life and living conditions in Australia at the time. (We found out that digger’s combs were made of cow horn, wool uniforms were heavy, uncomfortable and prickly and “puttees” were really silly things to have to wear each day!) His visit, organised by Noel Tucker and Ron Blair from the Warragul RSL, provided the students with a great snapshot of Australian history.

**YEAR 6/5 MT WORTH CLUSTER GROUP DAY**

The year 6/5 students will be having a Mt Worth Cluster Day at the Warragul Regional College on Friday 2nd August. Students will participate in activities in small groups with students from Darnum, Ellinbank and Bona Vista schools. All students will participate. Year 5 and 6 students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the venue. Attached to the newsletter are permission forms which need to be returned by next Wednesday 31st July. More details will follow on the newsletter next week.

**HOOPTIME**

The basketball Hooptime will be held tomorrow for year 4/3 and next Friday 26th July for year 6/5. All permission forms must be brought to school tomorrow. Students are to be driven by parents to the Warragul Leisure Centre in Warragul. Students are to be there by 9.00am. Students must be picked up by parents from the Warragul Leisure Centre at 2.30pm. All students will need lunch, snack and a drink for the day.

**EMA—2ND INSTALMENT**

Could new families to the school please return the EMA form and a copy of the Health Care card to the office by next Tuesday if you wish to receive the 2nd instalment. Parents do not need to fill out a new form if they received the 1st instalment at Nilma PS. Late orders cannot be accepted. If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer eligible for EMA, please contact the office.

**GYMNASTICS PROGRAM**

All students will be participating in a gymnastics program which will begin next Friday 26th July and continue for 8 weeks. The program will be conducted at school by trained instructors—Sarah Shippard and Leanne Rickhuss. Permission forms are attached to the newsletter today. There is a small cost of $10.00 per child for this program which must be brought back by Wednesday 24th July with the signed permission form. Thank you.

**UPDATE OF STUDENT INFORMATION**

We are in the process of updating students and parent information on our database. If any details have changed could you please contact the office. Changes might be in the form of a new address, phone number, or medical conditions. All changes must be in writing for our school emergency management procedures.

**CAMP RUMBUG**

The year 4, 5, & 6 students will be participating in the Mt Worth Cluster Camp to be held on Monday 21st October until Wednesday 23rd October 2013. The cost for this camp is $220 per child. Attached to the newsletter is a payment plan for families. Permission forms and more information will be available at a later date.

**WELCOME BURNETT FAMILY**

We welcome Brianna Burnett and her family to our school. Brianna started on Monday in Grade 3. We wish you all the best at Nilma PS.

**MARC VON AUTHOR VISITS—GROUP DAY**

Nilma Primary School will be attending an Author Day at Buln Buln Primary as part of our Marc Von Program on 4th September—there will be no cost for this group day. More information in the coming weeks.
**R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA**

**Student of the Week Recognitions**

**Homegroup 1 / Prep**

**Ava Williams**
For working hard to learn the letters of the alphabet and for always ‘having a go’. Well done, Ava!

**Homegroup 3/2**

**Brianna Burnett**
It feels like you have been part of our class since the start of the year! You have picked up our class routines so fast, we are lucky to have you as part of the 3/2 class. Welcome to Nilma P.S Brianna.

**Homegroup 4**

**Shelby McGrath**
For your cheerful smile and willingness to help others and ‘have a go’ in all areas of your learning.

**Homegroup 6/5**

**Ryan Young**
You have been working so hard this week and putting in a great effort. You have also been doing a fantastic job coaching the Hooptime teams.

**STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA**

**R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA L.A.U.G.H**

**NIGHTLY READING Recognition Certificates**

- **50 nights**
  - Nashaya Williams
  - Jack Moss
  - Chloe Behncke

- **75 Nights**
  - Olivia Maunder
  - Kiara Perry
  - Ella Perry
  - Holly Behncke

- **100 Nights**
  - Olivia Addison

- **125 Nights**
  - Mitch Chesterfield

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**Happy Birthday**

**Miss Watts**
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

**Animal Antics**
This term we have dived headfirst into learning about Australian Animals. The students have each chosen an animal to learn about and are researching information about them. Next week we are going to begin making a 3D diorama model about each of their animals. Here are some interesting facts they have learnt so far...

A Brushtail Possum can weigh between 1.2kg-3.5kg. They live in forests and woodlands. By Aiden

The echidna eats grubs, worms and insects. By Joel

Did you know that the sugar glider can glide up to one hundred metres in the air? By Carolyn

Wombats live in burrows under ground and they eat mushrooms, grass and roots. By Ella

WANTED—The Grade 3/2 class are after any old shoeboxes, to make dioramas. Dioramas are 3D models made in shoeboxes.

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**World War One**

Yesterday we had a visitor talk about world war one. I learnt about the different types of gas masks and the uniform the soldiers wore. I think the war would have been very scary and hard to do. You have to be careful not to get killed. By Savanna

We had three people come to our school to talk about world war one. One of them was in the army. They bought lots of equipment such as uniform, backpack and three gas masks. I learnt more about gas masks and they look interesting. By Jack

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**On Tuesday we had a very special Show and Tell presentation in Grade 1/ Prep. Jade brought her 4 Grandma’s in to introduce to our grade. It was wonderful to have 3 generations of Jade’s family with us. Well done Jade!!***

***On Friday, (tomorrow) Grade 1/Prep will be having their Whole Class R.E.A.L Award: “PJ, Popcorn and Movie Day” Students are encouraged to wear their PJ’s to school and their normal school shoes. Please send school jumpers/ jackets as per usual in case the weather turns cold.

Thanks

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Hi Guys,
We have taken over the assembly each Monday morning. Parents are welcome to come and watch the year 6 students. We have been meeting with Rose our chaplain each Friday about our assembly agenda and preparation for the next week. We are currently thinking for fundraising ideas for year 5 and 6 to have iPads, due to a large amount of money for the iPads we are currently creating a list of ideas. If you have any suggestions there is a piece of paper in the foyer of the office.
Thanks, Savanna, Ryan, McKayla, Jack H and Jasmin.

Savanna, McKayla, Ryan, Jack H
Jai, Jasmin and Cooper

STUDENT AWARDS

Mathletics Awards         Study Ladder Awards
Will McGrath 1/P               Sheree Casey Wilson1/P
Annwn Williams 4             Will McGrath1/P
Max Chesterfield 4            Olivia Addison1/P
Lachlan Axford 4              
Aaron Cooper 4
Jack McGrath 6/5

'Learners For Life'
Parent Club would like to give a huge ‘THANK YOU” to the following families for their help at the Warragul Swap Meet on Sunday 30th June. Thank You to the Kimm, Chesterfield, Young, Giblin, Perry, Scott, Axford, Bott, Smythe, Gillespie, Burdett and Dent families for the fantastic effort put in by all helpers on the day. We raised an amazing $1800 (approx.) profit for the school which will go towards new school equipment. Hot Lunches will also commence in term 3 over the next few weeks. A menu and roster will go out in the newsletter next week.

GARDENING/SCIENCE PROGRAM

Year 3/2

Today I have been raking. By Teagan.
Today Carolyn has been taking photos. By Ella.
Today I have been filling the snail trays. By Arawn.
Today Riely has been digging the fox proof barrier around the chicken pen and Arawn is spraying garlic spray because something is eating the broccoli. By Meg.

Chook Pen

Over the holidays the chook pen got a frame, thanks to DC Mancave—a disability trade group. We will begin incubating eggs while we finish off the chook pen. Do you have any fertilised eggs? We also need:
1.8metre fence paling’s, water feeder, 3 doors to be welded up, and parents to help put up the tin and wire on the roof. Please contact the office if you are able to help. Thanks, Jessie & Leanne

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Welcome back to Term 3! I Hope you all had a great time over the holidays and had lots of fun!

Games Galore will run on Tuesdays; 23/7, 30/7, 6/8, 13/8, 19/8, 26/8 and 2/9.

Dance will run on Thursdays; 25/7, 1/8, 8/8, 15/8, 21/8, 28/8 and 4/9.
Participants are; Olivia Addison, Sheree Casey-Wilson, Emma Crook, Meg Devlin, Sine Salt, Mckayla Lindsay, Chloe Behncke, Holly Behncke, Matilda Dent, Tahlia Witney, Rose-Ann Scott, Bayley Gunton, Riele Gunton.
There are still some places left for Dance if anyone else would like to join in. Please remember that students must commit for the full 7 weeks of the program.
Term 3 is a ‘winter’ term so please remember to bring a jacket if you wish as the sessions will still go ahead despite the wet weather!
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