NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th July 2012
Issue 22-2012

Principal Notes

STAFFING
Marg DeByl will be working in the Office on Mondays to support Rachel. Mr Norman Cottrell will be extending the instrumental program into the classroom program for all students on a weekly basis. Mrs Jessie McLennan and Mrs Leanne Hodge will be supporting the grounds designs for the school gardens program and Artist in schools programs.

GARDENS & GROUNDS
There will be some ideas on display in the staffroom—parents feel free to come and have a look at the photos and pictures and also put forward your ideas.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS—WOOL NEEDED
Year 1/P students have been making Pom Poms in their classroom. If any families have any balls of wool they can donate to the school the students would be very grateful.

FOOTBALL ROUND ROBIN FINALS
Well Done to the Nilma students who played in the West Gippsland Football Round Robin Finals. All students played well, learning new skills and having fun! Parents please return the football jumpers as soon as possible.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
Parent Opinion Surveys will be attached to the newsletter today. These surveys 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 etc), 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.

As an incentive to return the survey all families will go into a raffle to be drawn at assembly.

Each student will be given a token for an icy-pole from the canteen!

Please take time to complete the survey and support Nilma Primary School to build an exciting and stimulating school. Parents will need to return these surveys by next Thursday August 2nd.

Thank you for your support.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep

Zavier Allsopp
For his fantastic handwriting each morning, placing the letters in the correct thirds using the sky, grass and dirt.

Homegroup 3/2

Max Chesterfield
For facing his learning challenges head on and asking great questions when he needs assistance. Well Done Max!!

Homegroup 4/3

Alan Smith
For staying on task and doing great research on the Olympic Games

Homegroup 6/5

Tayla Lochki
For always working really hard in class and putting in 100%.

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

NIGHTLY READING

Recognition certificates

25 nights
Laura Young

50 nights
Kylie Griggs
Lachlan Crook

75 nights
Tayla Lochki

125 nights
Aiden Olsson
Meg Devlin
Daniel Axford

150 nights
Kiara Warenycia
Jessica Gilbertson

JEANS FOR JENES DAY

Jeans for Genes Day is on It is on next Friday the 3rd of August.
Jeans for Genes Day is more than an excuse to wear your favorite pair of jeans. It's an initiative to raise much-needed funds for children's medical research. Students bring a gold coin donation to wear jeans to school for the day.

Year 6 /5 HOOPTIME

On Friday the 20th of July Jack H, Laura, Tayla Larwy, Tayla Lochki, Jessica, Justin, Bailey, Ryan, Savanna, Jessica, Mckayla went to Hoop-time Basketball Competition at Bellbird Park in Drouin. We had two teams involved. They were Rookies and Future Stars. Rookies put in a fantastic effect and the Future Stars came 3rd. The students had a great day and had lots of fun.
Our second week back this term has been very busy in our room. We have been developing our fine motor skills by making Pom Poms and in Maths we made Chatterboxes as a fun way to learn the colours, writing the numbers correctly, addition and subtraction.

With handwriting this week, the Preps have learnt how to write in the dotted thirds using the sky, grass and dirt to help them and the Ones have continued to practise forming their letters correctly in the correct thirds.

In our writing group we have nearly finished the draft copies of our narratives, so Mrs Uren can type them up and we can illustrate them.

In Japanese we learnt how to write the numbers to 10 and how we can remember what they look like. We played a game of rock, paper, scissors too.

In Music we listened to music and we played the drums. We had a ‘Design a London Olympic Mascot’ competition in our class and it was judged by Olivia Q and Rachael L. Ashton got gold, Ashley got silver and Sheree got bronze. The Olympics are on TV in 2 more days.

Tomorrow we are starting Gymnastics. We need to wear or bring our runners every Friday so we can do all of the activities.

This year we are going to Hoop time. We are going to have heaps of fun and represent Nilma Primary school. By: Jack C

Last Friday it was my birthday and on August 3rd it is Hoop time.

By: Dom

We have nearly reached our goal for our whole class REAL awards. When we get all of the awards our reward is to bring our electronics to school, we might reach it today because we only have to get 1 ENVIROMENT award.

By: Shakira

We are learning about the Olympic games in class I would like to know how they put the 8000 holes in the London Olympic Torch.

By: Lachlan

Last Saturday I played netball. It was fun. Olivia, Taryn, Holly, Kirsty, Hannah, Isabella and I are on the same team. We got 18 goals, the other team got 2 goals. We won. On Sunday I had pancakes for breakfast. By Tahlia Witney

On Sunday we went to the MCG to watch the Richmond and North Melbourne football match. Before the game we went to a girl’s footy clinic. At the girl's clinic Dad took a photo of us. By Ella and Kiara Perry

When Warranor vs Drouin in footy
Warranor won. In the last quarter I was in the back pocket with Darcy. Max got Best On Ground.

Biography - Kristen Stewart

Kristen Jaymes Stewart born on the 9th of April 1990 in Los Angeles California. She is a very lucky girl and that is why I chose to do a Biography about her so with that lets begin!

KRISTENS FAMILY

Kristen’s family consists of her Mum, Dad, Kristen and her older brother Cameron.

KRISTENS LIFE

When Kristen was eight she moved to Colorado living there for 2 years then moved back to Las-Vegas when she was ten. By the time she was twelve Kristen was already working for the biggest name in Holly-Wood. Kristen has always wanted to come to Australia and go to the Sydney University and later on become a writer. Personally I think she should stay in the movies because she is really good at that.

KRISTENS MOVIES

Kristen is well known for being Issabella Marie Swan in the Twilight Series. She has also been in a lot of other movies such as Panic Room, Cold Creek Manor, In to the Wild and Juniper. By Jessica Gilbertson
Mt Worth Cluster
GROUP DAY INFORMATION

The Mt Worth Cluster Day will be held on Friday 10th August. This is the first group day for the year. (Most schools have had building works in progress so it has been difficult to coordinate a day.) Nilma, Darnum, Ellinbank, Bona Vista and Yarragon will participate on the day.

The group days are a great way for students to meet and develop relationships with other students across the cluster.

The theme for this day will be:

OLYMPICS

Attached to the newsletter today are permission forms for the Cluster day.

Grade P, 1 & 2 will be attending Darnum PS with Ms Uren, Sharon F and Ms Watts.

Grade 3, 4 students will be attending Nilma PS with Ms Sutherland, Sharon S and Mr Williams.

Grade 5, 6 students will be attending Warragul Regional College, with Ms Berkelmans and Barb V.

Parents are to drive students to the correct venue by 9.00am and pick up at 3.00pm. It may be an idea to meet at Nilma and car pool to go to Darnum.

More details on the activities and meeting instructions will be sent out next week.

Children will need lunch, snack and drink for the day. Correct uniform must be worn.

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GYMNASTICS PROGRAM—term 3...starts TOMORROW...

Nilma Primary School has secured the services and expertise of 'Fit For Fun’—to come to Nilma Primary School and implement a 'Gymnastics' program for all students across the school.

The cost of the program, will be **$10 per child for the whole 8 week program.**

School will subsidise the remaining costs.

'Fit For Fun’ will supply all the equipment and trained instructors for the groups. There will be four groups, each having a one hour session per week. Permission forms must be brought back to school with full payment by Tomorrow.

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Active After School Communities

Participants for AASC for Term 3 are;

Basketball, Tuesday; **Starting 31st July**

Stick Sports, Thursday; **Starting 2nd August**
Sine Salt, Kael Mason, Rose-Ann Scott, Cooper Allsopp, Zavier Allsopp, Kiara Perry, Ella Perry, Aiden Olsson, Anthony Scott, Callum Adams.

There are still places available for both sessions, please see Belinda if your child would like to participate. Students must have a signed consent form to be able to participate in the sessions, if your child has not returned one please see Belinda.

Please remember that the sessions finish at 4.30pm. All participants are asked to wear appropriate footwear and are to bring a drink bottle.

This term we are introducing a new sign out system. All students must be signed out by their parent/guardian at the end of the sessions. The sign out sheet will be located in the undercover area at the end of the session or will be with Belinda. If you will not be collecting your child please notify the school or Belinda as to who will be picking them up.

Thank You.

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HOOPTIME—GRADE 4/3

The Hoop-time Basketball competition for Grade 4/3 students will be held on Friday 3rd August at Bellbird Park in Drouin. Permission forms were sent home last week with the newsletter and must be brought back by Friday 27th July.
Congratulations to Students who are taking on the Challenge with gusto!!
Keep up the Nightly Reading!
Keep a record of the books you have read.
There are some books that are not on the list but you can use in the Challenge—please talk to your teacher about this.
Most of the books you read should be from the Challenge book lists. These are called Challenge books. Up to one third (10 if you are in Prep to Year 2 and 5 if you are in Year 3 to 9) can be any book you choose. These are called Choice books. Year 10 students should read at least 5 books from the Book List and may read up to 10 Choice books
The challenge finishes in the first week of September 2012—so you have this term to complete the challenge!! You can do it!

GRADE 4/3 ELECTRONICS DAY
Dear Parents,
As a class reward, Grade 4/3 have chosen to have an ‘electronics day’ on Friday 27th July. Children can bring something electronic to school to use on that day. Please ensure that it is not something expensive or greatly treasured in case they are damaged in some way.

Thankyou,
Mrs Formby.

STUDENT LEARNING PORTFOLIOS
Parents please return the student portfolios
(if you haven’t already)
The portfolio is used as part of the student report process.
These portfolios will be used for the remainder of the year.
There is a comments page in the portfolio—parents, grandparents or friends can comment on the student learning before returning by tomorrow. Thank you

EMA—2ND INSTALMENT
The 2nd instalment for EMA will be processed on Wednesday 1st August. If you received the 1st EMA instalment you are not required to fill out new forms. If you did not receive the 1st instalment but are entitled to the 2nd instalment please fill out a form at the office. Forms must be at the office by Tuesday 31st July. Late forms cannot be accepted.

PARENT CLUB NOTES
Pie Drive: This term the Parents Club will be holding a Pie Drive. The order form was attached to last week’s newsletter, all money and orders must be brought back to the school by Thursday 2nd August. Late orders cannot be accepted. Orders will be ready for pickup from the school on Thursday 9th August from lunchtime onwards.

Shopping Warehouse Tour: The date for the Shopping Trip is Saturday October 20th. The cost for this day will be around $50 which will include bus travel and lunch. More details will follow at a later date.
SCHOOL BANKING

Learn how to help your child save money

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the school banking.

At the School Council meeting on Tuesday, a decision to provide the opportunity for families to par-
take in School Banking through the Commonwealth Bank will commence in the near future at school.

Student Packs will be available from the Office.

THRASS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

We had four responses to the parent information session. Parents had varying dates. Kristy Uren and
Paula Watts will be in contact with parents next week to decide on a mutual time and date. This will be
published in the newsletter for all interested parents.

PARENT HELPERS IN THE CLASSROOMS

Thank you to the many parents who responded. We will create a timetable for parents to support
various programs for the school. Just a reminder—please make sure you have a ‘Working with
Children’ Check completed. Applications are available at the Post Office. Volunteer check is free.

NILMA PLAY GROUP

WE had 5 responses—All with varying
days—we will try to coordinate one day.
FRIDAY MORNINGS—the
multipurpose room is available

Any parent wishing to coordinate the
sessions (with support from us) please let
me know and we will commence the
program.

COLES VOUCHERS-2012

Thank you to families collecting the Coles
dockets. The dockets can be placed in the
Coles box in the foyer near the office.

WOOLWORTHS

EARN AND LEARN STICKERS

Thank you to all families who have been bringing in the Woolworths sticker sheets. More sheets are available from the office.

The sheets can be placed in the
Woolworths box in the foyer near the
office. Thank you.

7500 vouchers
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:
The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013 and added to the EMA. As a result, parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, schools will no longer receive EMA payments on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.
  * i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

The EMA application form must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2013.

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

You can receive the EMA by direct deposit into your nominated bank account or by individual cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application.
# School Calendar
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