NEWSLETTER

Thursday 31st July 2014

SCHOOL REVIEW
The date for our School Review has been set for Thursday 11th September. Ms Noelle Burdekin will be the facilitator of the Review process on this day. We are currently completing our school self assessment where we review practices in 4 main areas of the school.

Student Learning, Engagement Wellbeing and Productivity. Parents may provide feedback in the above areas or simply make suggestions. See page 5 for more details. Could you please return your feedback by next Tuesday, 5th August.

We will also be encouraging parents to attend the Review day for a parent forum—so please if you would like to shape our future school goals come and see me for more information.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday August 5th at the school at 6pm. All parents are welcome to come and provide feedback to our school on programs.

STEPHANIE
ALEXANDER
KITCHEN GARDEN
@ NILMA

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is set to begin at Nilma PS as soon as possible. Mrs Hodge and Ms McLennan have recently participated in a two day training course and are organising a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program committee to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, beginning on Thursday August 14th at 3.30pm. If you would like to be a classroom volunteer please let us know as soon as possible... See more information page 8.

CIRCUS OZ WORKSHOPS
What a wonderful experience and opportunity for the school—Free of Cost....

Students in Year 4—6 have been selected to attend a free Circus Oz Workshop to be held on Monday 18th August at the West Gippsland Arts Centre. Forms were sent home yesterday and must be returned tomorrow, Friday 1st August. After this date the extra curricular activity will be open to the whole school. On Friday expression of interest will be sent to all students. Once numbers are confirmed we will coordinate school permission forms.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

The Year six leaders have been working on organising a “Jeans for Genes Day” on Friday August 8th, and ask students to wear Jeans to school on this day. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation, which will go towards research for genetic diseases.

Principal Notes

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.

THANKS TO THE
22 FAMILIES
WHO HAVE RETURNED THE SURVEY
LET’S SEE IF WE CAN GET THE WHOLE 44 back!
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red
William McGrath
For attempting your learning tasks with enthusiasm and wanting to do your best. What a great positive attitude Will, keep it up!

Homegroup 3/2/1/ Green
Jack Moss
For making a great effort in all areas of your learning and always being prepared to “have a go”.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Astrid Smith
For your enthusiastic approach to all areas of your learning. Your positive approach and cheerful nature sets a fine example for your fellow students. Well done Astrid!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Max Chesterfield
For having a positive attitude towards learning activities, especially during Reading Groups and PMP with 1F Red and 3/2/1 Green. Well done Max!

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING

25 nights
Mitchell Gilmore

50 nights
Kiara Perry
Ella Perry

100 nights
Jade Mammolito
Lachlan Axford
Meg Devlin

150 Nights
Kylie Griggs

Happy Birthday

Clint Scott
Mitchell Gilmore
Mitch Chesterfield
**Home Group Happenings!**

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**Journal Writing**

On the weekend I concreted with a hammer. I had a fire. Blake

On the weekend I had a sleepover. Cody M

On the weekend I had some family friends come to our house and their names were Riley, Conner and Cameron. Oliver

On the weekend I went to my dads house. I went out bush. I got to bring my bike. I got to make a jump. Will

On the weekend I got a teenage mutant ninja turtle. Jaycob

On the weekend I watched TV with Mum, Dad, Miller and Piper. Shila

On the weekend I played with Dyl. Larissa

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**Measurement and Data Report.**

Our class has been studying Measurement and Data. We have made two graphs; one of the class and one of each class and the whole school. Both were on the same subject, holiday activities. We went around school to every class to ask them what they did on the holidays. For the 5/4/3 Blue class shopping was the most popular. With the whole school Shopping was also the most popular. The least popular in year F/1 Red was a tie between camping and Warragul pool. The least popular in year 6/5 Lemon is a snow trip.

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I couldn’t believe what happened at school. I was playing in the back paddock when I saw a hole. I jumped in it. I was in the black hole for 10 seconds and then when I got out I was in Tokyo!! It was awesome when I got there. I Entered a hot dog eating competition and won $$$$ then I went to buy a go-kart. I drove back through the hole with my go-kart and told the teacher what happened. The teacher said it was a lie and going to tell my mum.

By Bailey

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**Volcanoes**

1. How are volcanoes made? Volcanoes are formed when the Earth’s inner core explodes.
2. How and why do volcanoes erupt? The magma is lighter than the rock around it so it wants to float to the top. Then the water and disintegrated glass create the smoke.
3. What gases are in volcanoes? The only harmful gas in volcanoes is called volcanic gas.
4. What is obsidian? Obsidian is a glass like substance but way stronger and thicker.
5. What makes obsidian? Obsidian is created when lava cools quickly.
6. What is lava called when it is dry? Magnum rock.
7. What is the biggest volcano in the world? Toma Massif in the North West Pacific
8. How many volcanoes are in Australia? 400 small volcanoes and 4 large volcanoes.
9. How much damage do volcanoes make? Volcanoes can wipe out a whole city as big as Melbourne.
10. Why do people live near volcanoes? Because they’re attracted by minerals and all that stuff.

By Lachlan Brown and Alan Smith.
## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### HOOPTIME
The Hooptime basketball competition will be held on Friday 1st August for selected students in Year 3 and 4. Goodluck to the Hooptime 3/4 teams tomorrow. 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.

**Year 4/3 participants are:** Kiandra Polglaze, Meg Devlin, Carolyn Dungey, Mitch Chesterfield, Mitchell Gilmore, Ashton Kimm, Kael Mason, Aiden Olsson, Riley Kleeven, Ella Perry, Kiara Perry, Brianna Burnett, Lane Ward, Daniel Axford and Bailey Dent.

**Year 6/5 participants are:** Tahlia Witney, Holly Farnham, Shelby McGrath, Kirsty Wooster, Sine Salt, Jamie Garten, Max Chesterfield, Jack McGrath, Jordan Stone, Angus Mulconry, Megan Griggs, Kylie Griggs, Shakira Kimm, Shelley Brown, Harrison Perry, Patrick Smythe, Jack Chesterfield, Lachlan Crook, Lachlan Axford and Deakin Santo.

Year 6/5 forms must be back by Friday 8th August, for their 29th August competition.

### CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

**Growing Well**

There is no simple answer in this day and age to attaining and maintaining good mental health and an ongoing sense of well-being. However, there are some important things that contribute to each of us having a strong sense of identity and meaning in our lives, and being connected with others around us. We do this through our positive interactions with others through conversation, and through positive internal dialogue. There are five things that help with this: social connectedness, wellbeing and satisfaction with our life, a variety of practical everyday, meaningful tasks and activities, and seeking support when we need it.

### GARDENING NEWS

In gardening today the Red and Green groups learnt about weeds. The onion grass and the couch grass was put in the bin. The other grasses and flat weeds were put in the compost.

### ART AWARDS

| Homegroup 1/F—Red | Levi Booth  
|                  | Anthony Santo |
| Homegroup 3/2/1—Green | Sheree Casey-Wilson  
|                  | Mikayla Lott |
| Homegroup 5/4/3/—Blue | Mitch Chesterfield  
|                  | Bailey Dent  
|                  | Astrid Smith |
| Homegroup 6/5/—Yellow | Lachlan Axford  
|                  | Jack Chesterfield |
**School Review 2014 – General feedback from Community**

Nilma is currently going through our school review as part of the process we would like school community members to provide feedback to support development of the directions for our new school strategic plan and goals. We will be asking for feedback from parents and staff. No names needed. Please return by next Tuesday 5th August.

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MT WORTH CLUSTER DAY

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.
Permission forms must be brought back to school by Friday 1st August.
Students are to be dropped at the Office Area, Burke St entry from 9am, Mr Williams and Miss Matarzyk will meet students and walk as a group to the Flexible Learning Centre. Students are to be picked up at the office area by 3.00pm.
Students will need to bring a pencil case and drink bottle with them on the day. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch is provided but students are able to bring their own if they choose to.

Foundation to Year 4; Darnum PS
The venue for Years F,1,2,3 & 4 is at Darnum Primary School. The theme for the day is Sustainability and Science Day, with various guests from ResourceSmart schools and Baw Baw Sustainability groups with fun hands on activities to do! Final program will be sent home soon.
Parents are asked to drop students at Darnum Primary, Graham St Darnum, at 9.00am and pick up from 3.00pm. Permission forms must be brought back by Friday 1st August.
Students will need to bring their snack, lunch and a drink for the day.
All students are required to wear full school uniform.

PARENT CLUB

Parent club fundraiser—weekend horse ride
The Parent Club would like expressions of interest for a weekend horse ride fundraiser. The dates would be November 29th, 30th and Dec 1st. The price would be $350 per person (normally $599), and is inclusive of all meals and non-alcoholic drinks. The meals would include dinner Friday night, breakfast lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Riders do not need to be experienced. They have a wide range of horses available from advanced riders to total beginners. All gear is provided, you just need comfy clothing and sturdy shoes (boots preferred). Fantastic weekend!
If anyone has any questions, please call Nicki on 0427 563 009.

Please fill out the form below and return to school by Friday 8th August.

Expression of Interest—Weekend horse ride
Name of family: ____________________________________________________________
How many participants: _____________________________________________________
Signed by parent: __________________________________________________________
Date: _____________________________________________________________________
This term we will be doing Circus Skills with Belinda on Tuesdays and Multi Sports (Ball Sports) with Jason on Thursdays, each activity will run for 7 sessions and will be held at Nilma PS.

Circus Skills will be held on Tuesday after school, starting 29th July and will continue on 5/8, 12/8, 19/8, 26/8, 2/9 and 9/9.

Multi Sports (Ball Sports) continues on 31/7, 14/8, 21/8, 28/8, 4/9 and 11/9. There will be no session on Thursday 7th August as we have the Cluster Day on that day.

Participants for Circus Skills are; Zavier Allsopp, Meg Devlin, Piper Bundle, Shila Bundle, Rieley Gunton, Beth Axford, Daniel Axford, Anthony Scott, Rose-Ann Scott, Blake Hanmer, Sheree Casey-Wilson, Sine Salt, Tahlia Witney and Jessie McCabe, Jade Mammolito

Multi Sport participants are; Zavier Allsopp, Rieley Gunton, Jack Moss, Cody Moss, Olivia Addison, Kael Mason, Aiden Smythe, Oliver Turner, Bailey Stephens, Sheree Casey-Wilson, Blake Hanmer and Sine Salt.

There are still places available in both activities so please fill out and return the form below to join in and have fun! If you haven’t returned a signed consent form or behaviour form could you please collect one from the office and return before starting AASC.

Please remember that students will participate in these sessions in rain or shine, and that it is expected that children are collected at 4.30pm. Please remember that students must be signed out at the end of every session.

Students are expected also to behave according to the AASC guidelines as set at the beginning of the year.

Our new supervisor on Thursdays is Tracey Hibbs. Tracey has worked in the AASC program at Nilma before and looks forward to working with us again this term.

Thanks, Belinda

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AASC TERM 3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CIRCUS SKILLS  MULTI SPORTS

NAME ____________________________________________  _____  _____

NAME ____________________________________________  _____  _____

NAME ____________________________________________  _____  _____

SIGNED ____________________________________________  DATE ___________
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We also need donations for our kitchen. Which are:

- Stainless steel stock pot 15 Litre (1)
- Large round baking trays (2)
- Stainless steel pasta pot, 10 litres (1)
- Square cake tins (2)
- Stainless steel steamer insert for 10 litre pot (1)
- Non stick muffin trays (2)
- Heavy based frying pans, 24 cm (2)
- Stainless steel wire rack (2)
- Stainless steel saucepan 4 litre (1)
- Fluted tart tin, loose bottom, 22-24cm (1)
- Stainless steel saucepan 2 litres (1)
- Rectangular gratin dish 1.5 litre (2)
- Pressed steel wok for electric hotplate (1)
- Casserole dish with lid 1.5 litre (1)
- Bamboo steamer and lid (1)
- Salad spinner (1)
- Pasta machine (1)
- Stainless steel box grater (2)
- Microplane grater (1)
- Mortar and pestle, large (1)
- Stainless steel strainer, course mesh (1)
- Stainless steel strainer, fine mesh (1)
- Potato ricer (1)
- Mouli-style food mill with 3 discs (1)
- Rolling pin (3)
- Sugar dredger, fine holed (1)
- Pepper mills (4)
- Small containers with lids (5)
- Flexible lifters for non-stick pans (2)
- Nylon scrapers (4)
- Wok sang (1)
- Stainless slotted spoon (2)
- Wooden salad servers (4)
- Metric measuring cups (2 sets)
- Metric measuring jugs, to one litre (4)
- Ladle 150ml (1)
- Ladle 60 ml (1)
- Pastry brush, nylon bristles (4)
- Flower vases (5)
- Food processor (1)
- Candy thermometer (1)
- Plates, cups, knives, forks
- Tea towels (20)
- Oven mitts (2)
- Small aprons (10)
- Bread baskets (5)
- Serving platters and serving bowls, various sizes

Volunteers Needed!!

SAKG will begin on August 14th and we need volunteers to support groups of 4-5 students in the kitchen and in the garden. The program emphasises flavours and benefits of fresh seasonal food. We will grow, harvest and prepare the food and sit together to taste and share what we have made. Attached is a volunteer roster. We need 3 volunteers to support Mrs Hodge and Ms McLennan for every class. Please fill out the form below and return it by next Wednesday 6th August. All volunteers must have a working with children check.

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