August is nominated as Education Support Staff Recognition month. Any staff member (other than a teacher) is known as an Education Support Staff member. Rachel Hammond, Belinda Smythe, Leanne Hodge, Sharon Salt, Sharon Faulds and Barb Vagg all do a fantastic job to support learning programs at Nilma. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and skilled staff. A school would find it very difficult to function without these staff members. Thank you from the whole school community.

We will be having a **morning tea** (11.00am) to recognise ES staff members next MONDAY 5th August—parents are welcome to come in for a cuppa to say thank you to the ES Staff.

**HOT LUNCHES RETURN**

Thanks for all the ideas for hot lunches kids! **THURSDAY is HOT LUNCHES DAY** Commencing 8th August See Parent Club notes for details!

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th Aug at 5.30pm. The new School Review Process and creation of a timeline will be a focus for the meeting. **All Parents welcome to attend.** Please advise Belinda if you intend to come along as we will be having a bit to eat as we meet!
**R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA**

**Student of the Week Recognitions**

**Homegroup 1 / Prep**

**Aiden Smythe**
For working hard at home and in the car to practising his addition skills. Well done Aiden!

**Homegroup 3/2**

**Carolyn Dungey**
You have bounced back from being sick and dived straight into working on your animal project with lots of enthusiasm. I can’t wait to see the results. Well done Carolyn.

**Homegroup 4**

**Angus Mulconry**
for your willingness to challenge yourself and take responsibility in all aspects of your learning, showing a good sense of humour and acting as a great role model for your fellow students.

**Homegroup 6/5**

**Dominick Johnstone Witney and Bayley Gunton**
For putting in a brilliant effort at hooptime. You did a great job at playing basketball and should be proud of yourself.

**STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA**

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

**NIGHTLY READING Recognition Certificates**

**50 nights**
- Aaron Cooper

**75 Nights**
- Kiandra Polglaze

**100 Nights**
- Aiden Olsson

**125 Nights**
- Lachlan Axford

**Happy Birthday**

- Mitchell Gilmore
- Mitch Chesterfield
- Olivia Addison
- Ashton Kimm
- Ella Perry
- Kiara Perry
How a Kookaburra Got its Laugh.
A kookaburra flew over the glittering lights of Melbourne. The wonderful blue, brown and white bird landed gently on a fence post. The road was really dangerous, it looks intense. It leapt off the post like a crazy possum and SMACK!!! The kookaburra hit the invisible wall off the taxi. Plot, it fell on the ground. Screech! The taxi stopped. The very ashamed man opened the door of the taxi. The giant thing has big floppy feet and big brown eyes and thumps towards me. “Kooka, ka, ka, ka. From the taxi driver’s point of view, he was stumped why it made that hopeless voice. The kookaburra flew off. The taxi driver got back in his car and drove off. 15 years later the kookaburra’s voice box was cracked and that is why it made a funny laughing noise and it was staying like it. By Lachlan

Meet Felix! Our Class Pet
We have a new addition to the 3/2 classroom this term. Felix is an 11 week old Norwegian Dwarf Rabbit. He loves to interact with people. Last Thursday he came to school for the first time. In the afternoon we got him out of his cage for a meet and greet with the students. He hopped around sniffing and jumping, really enjoying being around new people. He will come to school once or twice a week and the students can feed and play with him. I think the students will really enjoy having a class pet and learn some responsibilities about caring for a pet as a class. We will keep you updated with news over the term of how he is going.

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Hi guys it’s us grade 6s again just giving you your daily update on the things that have been happening at school. The Gymnastics program has been going great, the kids are really enjoying it. Tomorrow the grades 5/6s are going to Warragul Regional College with Darnum, Ellinbank and Bona Vista. They are going for a transition day and it will be a lot of fun. The grade 6s are planning a school disco to be on the 19th of September which is on the last week of term three. If parents have any ideas please come to the office. Hot lunches will start next week and it will be hot dogs so get your forms in as soon as possible. Also don’t forget to come in and check the lost property box in the staff room. Thank you.

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

Mathletics Awards

- Callum Adams
- Holly Behncke
- Kylie Griggs

Reading Eggs Awards

- Matilda Dent
- Rieley Gunton
- Ty ward
- Kiandra Polglaze
- Aiden Smythe
- Lane Ward
- Holly Behncke
- Nashaya Williams
- Jade Mammolito
- Arawn Williams
- Emma Crook
- William McGrath
- Zavier Allsopp

'Learners For Life'
Compost—Students opened up the compost today, they wore gloves. “Today I saw heaps of worms in the compost” By Sheree.

Students put the good compost in the garden beds. William and Emma used snippers to cut fresh peas and broccoli for the compost. Brianna, Nashaya and Teagan saw lots of spiders in the rotted compost.

Today we did the paving in the chookpen hallway. We used a level and had to dig and move the sand. It was hard to put the pavers in neatly but we did it in time. By Jack C and James

Riley, Daniel and Lane nailed the netting with staples. (left)

Jack C, James and Blake helping with the new chook shed. (right)

Yesterday the students had a visit from Don from the Department of Environment and Primary Industry as part of the Responsible Pet Ownership Program. Don brought along his dog Luca (a Poodle/ Golden Retriever cross) and spoke to the students in each grade about the responsibilities of owning a pet, caring for your pet, and things to consider when interacting with dogs in particular. Luca enjoyed his visit to Nilma, being shown lots of affection and getting lots of pats!
Thankyou to Miss B for co-ordinating the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Hooptime program and asking the students to come along. All the students enjoyed themselves and had a great time playing against other schools.

Grade 5/6 Hooptime

Yes, I was so confident on the 26th of the July. This was the day of Hoop Time. One of the most joyous sports in school. I woke up at 7:15am and was still very excited. I got dressed and pack my lunch box. Rory thought it was an ordinary day for me but it was more than that, it was Hoop Time. Mum went out the door and warmed up the car. Rory’s always last out the door. I threw my bag in the boot of Mum’s Holden Astra. Then Emma, Rory, me and Mum clicked on our seat belts and headed off. We dropped Rory off first and then Mum dropped off Emma. Then Mum and I got to the Leisure Centre. We arrived and you know it was raining so Mum dropped me off at the door. I walked in and I asked, “Do I go through?”. He said, “Yes.” I walked onto the courts and a few were there. As more time passed by people arrived. Four or five schools arrived. I’m pretty sure there was Saint Itas, Saint Joseph, Saint Pauls and some other schools. I tell you that the size of the kids there were humongous! The first game we played was Saint Pauls. We got thrashed by them. We did our best. Well they did play A. then our team versed Neerim south. We lost to them too. Then saint Joseph. We lost by 9 points. That’s not much. Then Saint Itas. They had Will Gown. We almost won that game but we just lost by 4 points. I was blown away. Then we stayed and watched the others play their game. Saint Ita’s and Saint Joseph went in the grand final. Saint Ita’s won by one point. Then mum and I went home and sat on the couch. That day was the best.

By Lachlan Crook
TAEKWONDO
Gippsland Taekwondo Academy is now open in Warragul. To celebrate we are offering 50% off the uniform and one week free trail.
This offer is for a limited time only!
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For enquiries contact Julie on 56 27 8603.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

YEAR 6/5 MT WORTH CLUSTER GROUP DAY
(Tomorrow)
The year 6/5 students will be having a Mt Worth Cluster Day at the Warragul Regional College—TOMORROW—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 at 9.00am and picked up at 2.30pm from Regional College. This is a group day. Ms Berkelmans will be outside the administration office (Burke Street entry) at 8.45am.

CAMP RUMBUG—Year 4–6 Camp
Thank you to parents who have started to pay instalments for the Camp. The 1st instalment of $50 is due by 5th August.

New South Wales Assessments
All students in Year 3–6 have been given information regarding a maths assessment. If you would like your child to participate please return by tomorrow. The cost is $6.00 per child.

PARENT CLUB
The Parent Club will be starting the Hot Lunches next Thursday 8th August. All money and orders must be in by Tuesday 6th August. For catering purposes, late orders cannot be accepted. The Hot Lunches for Thursday 8th August are:
Hot Dogs $2.50 each, Flavoured milk, choc or strawberry $1.50 and juice boxes 50 cents each.

RAVENSWOOD

SCHOOL BANKING
The response to weekly banking sessions has been great! Students will be seeing their savings now grow even faster! A reminder too that once students have collected 10 silver tokens they can exchange those tokens for a collectible gold ‘10’ token and also redeem them for a reward! In the reward box there is a Torch set, Wallet, USB, Handball and a Knuckle-Bones set. Other rewards can be ordered in. If you would like to join up to the school banking program but can’t make it into a Commonwealth Bank branch, there are application forms available at the office.

Parents

PARENT HELPERS
If you would like to support the school could you please let your classroom teacher know—of times of the week you may be available—we will schedule you in. Helpers must have a Working With Children Certificate.

NILMA PLAYGROUP revival
Morning sessions 9.00am—11.00am
If any parents are interested in re-establishing NILMA PLAYGROUP—please let me know—Annette (now that the building program is complete)

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