Principal Notes

EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF
This week we had a morning tea for our super—support staff—Rachel Hammond, Belinda Smythe, Marg Debly, Sharon Salt, Sharon Faulds, Barb Vagg and Leanne Hodge. All do a fantastic job to support learning programs at Nilma. If you get a chance to say thank you to one of the staff please do so—they do a lot to support the education of all students at Nilma.

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS
Thank you to the 28 families who have provided us with feedback on many aspects of the school. We have to send them back on Monday morning—so if you have found your survey or have just been a bit busy—please return by Monday 13th Aug. The greater percentage of response means a more realistic picture we have of our school.

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM
Our program has commenced. Students have an opportunity to learn how to move their body, become more aware of how to roll and move safely, using the trampette to jump in a controlled manner and generally learn to move in a coordinated manner — all part of the FUN!! Matilda and Lane show us how it is done!

HOOPTIME BASKETBALL
Congratulations to the 3 / 4 Hoop time teams. Both teams played well to win all games, with the Junior Future Starts team—“Nilma Nuggets” winning, they are through to the Regional Finals. Nilma Nuggets will be travelling to Dandenong Indoor Stadium on 1st November to compete in the Finals. Future Starts Team—Nilma Nuggets: Harrison, Lachlan C, Jack M, Patrick, Shakira, Kiara, & Kylie.

Congratulations and Well done to all students. Thank you to the coaches—Ryan, Justin & Savanna.

PARENT CLUB PIE DRIVE
Pies must be collected from staffroom today!

MT. WORTH CLUSTER
GRADE DAY
TOMORROW
Have Fun Everyone!
R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep

Eloise Warenycia
For always being prepared to take on new challenges and being proud of her achievements

Homegroup 3/2

Holly Farnham
For challenging herself in maths and working well in class.

Homegroup 4/3

Hayley Dryer
For making a great effort at settling in to Grade 4-3 at Nilma Primary and working well.

Homegroup 6/5

Jack Hall
For doing some fantastic research and being a great learner.

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

NIGHTLY READING

Recognition certificates

25 nights
Jordan Stone
50 nights
Patrick Smythe
75 nights
James Dungey, Blake Witney, Kirsty Wooster, Rose-Ann Scott
100 nights
Jack Chesterfield, Patrick Smythe, Sine Salt

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COLES VOUCHERS AND WOOLWORTHS STICKERS
All docket s must be brought to the school by next Friday 17th August. These docket s will go towards valuable equipment and books for the school.
Coles Vouchers to date: 14000
Safeway vouchers to date: 10250

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Thank you to parents and students for raising $65.10 from our Genes for Jeans Day last Friday. This money will go towards much-needed funds for children’s medical research.

Gardens and Grounds
This week we worked on different parts of the garden. (photograph by Jack C)
- Removed some trees (Thanks Mr Burdett)
- Replacing some roses
- Establishing our garden shed—complete with our new tools and organising for easy access.
- Clearing the bank and planting ground covers at the front of the school

Environmental Program
In Music we sang songs and we had to pretend to be a train in the train song. Ashley and Zavier held drum sticks and whenever Bailey hit the drum the sticks had to lift up. I was in Sheree’s train and Meg was in Emma’s train. By Matilda

In Gymnastics we learnt how to do backwards rolls and got to put the powder on our hands that the gymnasts use before they go on the bars. In Science, we tasted different things with a straw. They tasted sweet, sour, bitter and salty. The brown one (cocoa) was really yuck. By Daniel

We invited the other teachers and their grades, Ms. Sutherland, Mrs. Buckler and Marg to come into our grade to share the books we made with them on Monday. By Meg

We have finished our REAL Home Group Awards chart. We get to have a race and free time on the computers as our award. By Ashley

On the 3rd of August some people from lots of different schools were doing Hooptime. We were future stars. We won every game by over 10. It felt good to win the first match. The second match we won AGAIN!!! I was very surprised that I got a three. But it didn’t count!!! The Nilma Nuggets won overall. When all the matches were done the umps had a chat. Then we got a molten ball, which was awesome. By Lachlan Crook

10 SECONDS LEFT! MY HEART WAS POUNDING. WE HAD MADE IT INTO THE GRAND FINAL OF HOOPTIME! I WAS REALLY NERVOUS. WHOOSH! THE BALL WENT THROUGH OUR GOAL. WE HAD WON AND WERE IN THE STATE FINALS! I AM SO EXCITED. BY KIARA

On the 3rd of August we went to Hooptime. At Hooptime we played four games. There were two levels, Rookies and Future Stars. I was in Rookies and our team was called Nilma Nets. It was hard and confusing when the ref didn’t call fouls. I had lots of fun and am going to do Hooptime next year. Lachlan Axford

In Art I am making a paper-mache Echidna. I lost my balloon so I had to start again. In Japanese, we are learning the numbers and colours and we went outside and played with Arisa. In Science, we are learning about the human body and on Thursday Mrs Formby brought a cow bone to school. In writing, we are writing narratives they are hard. In Maths we are doing sums they are hard. In ICT we did a project we presented it to the class. In music, we are learning to drum and sing. In C.R.E we are doing the best book. C.R.E is fun because it is easy. In gymnastics, we are doing forward rolls, it is hard. 3/2 W are having a free dress day on Thursday the 16th of August next week for REAL awards because we completed our whole class REAL chart.

By Olivia Maunder

Sydney Shiotani is an American voice for many shows including the Focus on the Family radio show Adventures in Odyssey. She was born on the 4th July 2002, at 6:12PM at 6 pounds and 5 ounces. She is 10 years old. When she was a baby Sydney loved to put things in her mouth, she started walking at 1 year 9 months. She loved to sing songs like baa baa black sheep.

In 2006 Sydney went to Balboa Kindergarten. And in August 2007 her teacher Miss Smith said “I think she should go to a gifted magnet school.” So Jennifer and Kipp (Mom & Dad) enrolled Sydney at Balboa Gifted Magnet school.

By Savanna
Active After School Communities

Participants for AASC are:

**Basketball (Tuesday):** Aiden Olsson, Lane Ward, Justin Axford, Daniel Axford, Patrick Smythe, Andrew Burdett, Anthony Scott, Tayla Lochki, Savanna Maunder, Olivia Maunder, Ella Perry, Kiara Perry, Callum Adams, Olivia Quinn, Michael Farnham, Kylie Griggs, Megan Griggs, Ashley Griggs, Cooper Allsopp, Zavier Allsopp, Meg Devlin.


The dates for the Program are:

**Tuesday nights:**
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August and 4th and 11th September

**Thursday nights:**
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August and 6th and 13th September

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Congratulations

Students who have completed the **Premier Reading Challenge**

- Lachlan Axford
- Angus Mulconry
- Dominick Johnstone-Witney
- Callum Adams
- Jessica Gilbertson
- Meg Devlin

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Mt Worth Cluster

**GROUP DAY INFORMATION**

The Mt Worth Cluster Day will be held TOMORROW 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**

Grade P, 1 & 2 will be attending Darnum PS with Ms Uren, Sharon F and Ms Watts. Staff will be waiting at Darnum Primary school to welcome students.

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 9.00am and pick up at 3.00pm.

Have a great day!

See page 6 for DETAILS

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**PARENT CLUB NOTES**

**Pie Drive:** Thank you to all parents who sold Pies for our Pie Drive. The Parents Club raised approx $600 which will help subsidize the swimming program. Pies will be arriving at school today and must be picked up by 3.30pm.

**Hot Lunches:** On Friday 24th August the Parents Club will be having a Hot Lunch day. The hot lunch is: 3 party pies and a chocolate or strawberry milk for $4.00. Extra party pies are 50 cents each. All money must be brought to school in a named envelope and given to the classroom teacher by Wednesday 22nd August.

**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.
AFTERSCHOOL—STUDENT PICK UP ROUTINES / AASC ROUTINES

To alleviate congestion of the car park after school—and to create smoother pickup routines—we require students to wait in the undercover area for parents (designated area) so the duty teacher can support pick up of students in a safe way — rather than having students running about in the playground and parents waiting in cars for students.

While some students are picked up later than others — it becomes difficult to monitor all students with some playing in the playground—it is important for all students to be supervised for safety around the car park area at the end of each day.

While we understand it is not practical to expect all students to sit in this area—we do require students to stay in the zoned area we have discussed with all students at assembly. Students will need a bit of reminding over the next few weeks to remain in the area and refrain from ball activities too. Our intention is to provide a safe environment for all students.

Thank you for your cooperation with these changes.

This procedure also assists separating students that may attend the Active After School program—two nights a week and students waiting to be picked up by parents. On Tuesday and Thursday (Active After School Community) nights—student participating in the program will now be expected to meet at the doorway to project area in the new building with their bags, ready for a snack and names to be checked off the attendance list.

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PLAYGROUP — revival
FRIDAY
17th August 9.00am—11.00am
Please let Ms Sutherland know if you would like to attend

THANKYOU
Thankyou to Katrina Farnham for donating some books for our school.
Thank you also to the Crook, Lochki and Witney families for covering books for our Library. From Barb Vagg.

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THRASS
Teaching of Handwriting Reading And Spelling Skills

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS

Learn how to help your child with language

Tuesday 21st August ~ 2pm - 3pm

Complete slip below and return to office by Friday 17th August

THRASS Information Session

Name of parent(s) attending: ____________________________

Do you require childcare? YES / NO
YEAR Prep to 2 Students Group Day @ DARNUM

It has been decided that this year our Group Day will have an Olympic theme. Students have been placed in ‘Country’ teams and we encourage them to dress in the colours of that country for the day (flag or national colours are fine). The students will be participating in three 1 hour activities including a mini Olympic tabloid sports so remember to wear runners. Please see the list of students and their countries below.

**JAPAN**
- Matilda Dent
- Eloise Warenycia
- Mitch Chesterfield
- Ella Perry

**USA**
- Zavier Allsopp
- Daniel Axford
- Bailey Dent
- Kiara Perry

**GREECE**
- Zaic Farmer
- Meg Devlin
- Carolyn Dungey
- Kiandra Polglaze

**JAMAICA**
- Holly Behncke
- Ashley Griggs
- Ashton Kimm
- Teagan George

**GERMANY**
- Sheree Casey Wilson
- Rieley Gunton
- Aiden Olsson
- Riley Kleeven

**IRELAND**
- Emma Crook
- Bailey Stephens
- Lane Ward
- Olivia Maunder

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**Year 3 and 4 Students Group Day @ Nilma**

The Group Day theme is ‘Olympics’ Students have been placed in ‘Country’ teams and we encourage them to dress in the colours of that country for the day (flag or national colours are fine). The students will be participating in both a mini Olympic tabloid sports and major games competitions. Students and their countries attached.

**JAPAN**
- (red/white)
  - Lachlan A
  - Jamie
  - Anthony
  - Megan

**USA**
- (Red/white/blue)
  - Angus
  - Kael
  - Hayley
  - Shakira
  - Blake

**GREECE**
- (Blue/White)
  - Max C
  - Aaron
  - Astrid
  - Bayley G

**FRANCE**
- (red / white / blue)
  - Jordan
  - Jack C
  - Andrew
  - James

**JAMAICA**
- (Black / Green /Yellow)
  - Kylie G
  - Shelby
  - Holly F
  - Lachlan C
  - Callum

**GERMANY**
- (Black / red/yellow)
  - Tahlia
  - Patrick
  - Sine

**IRELAND**
- (Green/white/orange)
  - Jack M
  - Alan
  - Kirsty
  - Rose-Ann
  - Dominick

**GREAT BRITAIN**
- (Red / white / blue)
  - Harrison
  - Michael
  - Kiara

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**Year 5 and 6 Students Group Day @ Warragul Regional College**

If parents are dropping students off, they are not to use the bus loop entrance, the best spot is the Wills Street car park drop off or the main entrance drop off. Year Seven students will be waiting in florescent vests to direct students to the Flexible Learning Centre at both positions.
At the beginning of this year Nilma Primary School students in year 2-6 moved into the new building and the school introduced a whole school approach to writing and mathematics. The timetable we sent home a few weeks ago had whole school literacy sessions—WRITING. Over the next four weeks we will provide parent information on the focus on Writing @ Nilma

### Whole School Literacy—Writing Sessions
How’s this for some SIZZLING Starts...

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**Sizzling Starts from 3/2 W**

**Box**

Moving house is such hard work. I went and got the sticky tape. I opened the brown box. My teeth started to chatter. I jumped back.... the brown box had red eyes looking out.

By Megan Griggs

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**Box**

I had to buy heaps of cardboard boxes. I put all my things in them. I started to cry. I was scared because I wasn’t used to it. I didn’t want to do this, I really didn’t want to do it. What was I doing???

By Carolyn Dungey

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**Truth**

“Tell me the truth or I won’t let you out of this stinky dump!” “Just tell me the truth and I’ll let you go” NO NO NO!!! Jonathon pleaded.

By Sine Salt

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**In the Dark**

There were black clouds, wicked screaming and whistling wind. I was scared. Suddenly the lights started to flicker and then the power went out. I saw a monster shape in a shadow. I could hear sounds that sounded like howling wolves. What was it?

By Rose-Ann Scott

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**Black**

THUMP!!! His heart was going fast. He looked around and saw black. He heard a noise outside, but he was too frightened to check it out!

By Kiara Perry

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**Dark**

A little boy was lost. It was dark. He saw a big tunnel. As he was walking into the tunnel, he saw bright red stars flying in the tunnel.

By Ella Perry

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**Knock Knock**

BANG BANG!!! “Is that someone at the door?” I whispered to Dad. SMASH SMASH!!!! The windows were smashed open. We ran up stairs.....

By Sine Salt

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**Slippery**

Tap, tap, tap. The sound of rain hitting the roof. “Grey clouds again” I said, annoyed. I can’t live with it. I went outside. I didn’t see the puddle.... SPLASH!!!!

By Rose-Ann Scott
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