STUDENT LEADERS
Nilma Primary is buzzing with lots of events happening at the moment. The students have taken a great deal of initiative to plan and organise events for the school community. Please take time to check the school calendar for all events.

ROLL OF HONOUR BOARD
During our renovations of the main building we removed some of the historical information. The RSL had taken this for safe keeping and to give the items a clean up. The Honour Bboard has been returned by Stan Needham on the left and John Bland on the right, however it will be in need of a complete overhaul. In September we will apply for a grant to complete this. We do intend to place the board over the Fireplace near office once its brought back to its former glory. Thank you to RSL for supporting the school with caring for the board.

NEW ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL
Yesterday we had several new arrivals to Nilma. One student—we welcome Shelly Brown (year 5) and her family as well as a number of Chicks.

CHICKS ARE HERE!
Yesterday we had three of our nine chickens hatch in the year 3/2 classroom. On arrival at school we found 3 chickens hatched overnight and during the day one more chick joined the Nilma Primary School gang! We have videoed a chicken hatching from the egg! How exciting for the students. The chickens will be transferred to the bigger incubator under the warmth of a light for a period of time. Come and see our growing family! We are after more eggs! If you are able to bring eggs to school so we can watch them hatch that would be great!

CAR PARK
Due to safety at the student crossing, staff will now be parking up the top. Can parents please park down the bottom below the crossing.
**R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA**

**Student of the Week Recognitions**

**Homegroup 1 / Prep**

**Zaic Farmer**

For your fantastic planning for your narrative. I can’t wait to see it published and made into a book. Well done Zaic!!

**Homegroup 3/2**

**Ashton Kimm**

For working so very hard at your reading. You are more enthusiastic than ever to improve your skills and its great listening to you read! Well done, keep it up!

**Homegroup 4**

**Aaron Cooper**

Who was voted by his peers as demonstrating all the R.E.A.L values in all aspects of his schooling and being a great role model for his fellow students.

**Homegroup 6/5**

**Cooper Allsopp**

For always working hard in class and being a great learner.

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**R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA**

**L.A.U.G.H NIGHTLY READING Recognition Certificates**

**50 nights**

Arawn Williams  Rose-Ann Scott

**75 Nights**

Carolyn Dunney  Shakira Kimm  Ryan Young  Tablia Witney  Aiden Smythe

**100 Nights**

Olivia Maunder  Harrison Perry  Sine Salt  Anthony Scott  Max Chesterfield  Zavier Allsopp

**125 Nights**

Andrew Burdett  Olivia Addison

**150 Nights**

Mitch Chesterfield  Mckayla Lindsay

**200 Nights**

Savanna Maunder

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**Happy Birthday**

Teagan George

William McGrath
Today in Gardening, I worked with Matilda and Emma. We found heaps of clay. We got some of it out of the ground and put it in the bucket. It was heavy and we kept on digging. We were digging for concrete. We dug big holes. By Aiden

On the weekend one of the little chickens hatched and then two more hatched on Tuesday night in Miss Closter’s room and another one hatched on Wednesday morning. Mrs McLennan got a bigger incubator so when the rest of them hatch they can all go in there. We do not know if they are boys or girls. Lachlan

On Tuesday the 12th of August I took Chloe to school. She is my dog and she was very excited. Chloe wore her pink vest. It said, “I maybe small but, I’m the boss.” We sat in a circle and I sat in the middle with Chloe. Everyone loved her. Tahlia

On Tuesday the 12th of August Tahlia in 4W brought her dog in. The dog is a girl and her name is Chloe. Chloe look excited. She looked cute with her pink vest. It said, “I may be little but I’m the Boss.” Tahlia and her mum told us lots about Chloe, their dog, it was funny. We all got to pat her then Tahlia’s mum took Chloe back home. It was fun seeing Chloe. Astrid

Today in Art, we did some colouring-in and painting. We were painting like Vincent Van Gogh. In Gardening, I did some digging, planting and checking of the pots. By Holly

Today in Gardening, we got to pat the new chicks. I patted them and they felt fluffy. The two yellow chicks were funny because they were having piggy -backs in the corner of their box. By Zaic

How did a kookaburra get its laugh.

It’s a good day to fly around in the forest. The Kookaburra landed on the branch. Then went in a hole at the top of the tree. Then the bird went to his nest that had his eggs where in. Then it sat down on his eggs to keep them warm. One hour later the eggs were about to hatch because he felt a shake. He took a look at the first one and it came out a new born Kookaburra. The second one was a lot bigger than the first. When it hatched, it was a lizard. He screamed at the top of his lungs. The kookaburra hit the lizard with his wings and went flying across the forest. The kookaburra tried talking but made annoying laugh like a monkey because he screamed so loud and had it for the rest of his life. By Cooper Allsopp

Today in Gardening, I found out if the eggs were hatching. We were very excited especially when we heard the kookaburra screaming. By Cooper Allsopp

Over the last 21 days we have been incubating 9 chicken eggs in our classroom. On Tuesday night we had two hatch and then one on Wednesday morning. We filmed the last chicken that hatched and it took 40 minutes to break out of its egg! It was all very exciting and 3/2 didn’t really get much class work done with all the excitement and other students visiting for a peek, but then again chickens hatching is a lesson in itself! There are only 6 more to hatch, lets hope they are all out soon and chirping away!

Chicken Chaos!

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Hello it’s us grade sixes here again for this week’s leaders corner. We have a busy few weeks coming up with the pet day this Monday, and the disco on the 19th of September. Nilma Primary welcomes a new student, Shelley Brown in year five this week. Welcome Shelley! The school disco will be from 6-8pm on Thursday the 19th of September, with an $5 entry fee which includes a sausage, juice box and guessing on a few prizes. Cordial and fruit will be served through the night. On Monday the 26th of August juice boxes will be raised to $1.00 and it will be 100% natural juice (instead of flavoured juice). If you have any questions please see Ms Sutherland or any of the staff for more information.

Savanna, Ryan & Jai on behalf of the Year 6 Student Council

STUDENT AWARDS

Mathletics Awards

James Dungey   Jack McGrath

Study Ladder Awards

Kiara Perry       Ella Perry
Bailey Dent       Teagan George
Carolyn Dungey    Daniel Axford
Lane Ward         Meg Devlin
Mitch Chesterfield

Reading Eggs Awards

Holly Behncke       Aiden Olsson
Zaic Farmer         Ty Ward
William McGrath     Zavier Allsopp
Olivia Addison      Matilda Dent
Emma Crook          Jade Mammolito
Chloe Behncke       Kandra Polglaze
Ella Perry          Arawn Williams  Riley Kleeven
Teagan George       Carolyn Dungey
Lane Ward           Mitch Chesterfield
GARDENING/SCIENCE PROGRAM

We made a fence around the box hedge. We tied coloured material so people knew not to go in there. Angus and Andrew planted the lavender in the blue stone garden. By Andrew, Angus, Lachlan and Max.

Today Holly and I got some sand and filled in the gaps so the tiles weren’t wobbly. We then looked for glass in the chook pen. Then I filled up holes around the chook pen with sand and dirt. By Shelby.

Today Sine, Rose-anne and Aaron painted the loch ness monster. We put red and blue spots on the tyre body. While painting, Sine painted a pattern of 3 red dots and 3 blue dots.

Annwn, Jamie, Kael, Sarwan, Anthony and Astrid raked leaves in a pile.

Today Meg, Kirsty, Astrid and I painted the market cart. We added red to it. By Tahlia.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Term 3’s program is up and running and students are having fun! On Tuesdays students are learning new ball skills and practicing being a great team player, lots of encouraging and support for others is great to see in the sessions. On Thursdays there are lots of movers and groovers having fun learning new dance routines and playing musical games.

Just a reminder to parents/guardians that students must be signed out at the end of every session and to please be on time for pick up, if you are running late or someone else is collecting your child/ren, a phone call is greatly appreciated.

SOLAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Thank you to Adam Brock of Brock Solar and Electrical for completing our solar project. The school has been actively generating Solar Power for a couple of months now and we have been delighted to say we have saved money on our Electricity Bills. If you would like to know how efficient our system is—please go to http://www.sunnyportal.com—click on public.

A condition of receiving funds the school solar program needed to be publicly displayed. If you would like detailed information—please have a look—Any questions please ask Annette

We will need to have the system up for at least one year before we will fully know how much power we generate in one year and our usage. It is very interesting to monitor.
SCHOOL HAPPENINGS..

RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY
Pet Parade—next MONDAY
Bring your PET—or Money for a cup cake—funds will go to RSPCA.
The parade will begin at 9.00am.
Parents can stay for the parade, but must take pets home at 10.00am.
Information was sent out Tuesday—on Green forms.
Students, Patrick Smythe and Shakira Kimm have planned and are coordinating this fundraising event as part of their leadership roles.

CARTOON COMPETITION
Sine Salt and Tahlia Witney have also organised a Cartoon Competition—kids can see these girls for more details. All entries will be displayed in the Office area. Thanks Tahlia and Sine—Everyone get your entries in by Tuesday 27th August.

THE GREAT MARC VAN - Author Illustrator Group Day
Wednesday September 4th A get-together of Nilma And Buln @ Buln and it's FREE.
*** Dress up as a Book Character
And meet .. Michael Panckridge - author of ... Down The Line, The Vanishings, Against The Spin and many more titles.
Mark Wilson - author/Illustrator of ... The Little Wooden Horse, Stranded, and The Journey Of The Sea Turtle.
And .... Bernard Caleo - ' The Comic Book King' who loves to perform to an audience.
See you all at Buln Buln. Cheers, Mr B
Permission forms attached to newsletter.

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO
Date has been set for Thursday 19th August—6-8pm
Student leaders will be coordinating this.
More information in coming weeks.

NSW MATHS COMPETITION
Students sitting the Mathematics Competition on Tuesday 20th August include: Savanna, Dom, Shakira, Harrison, Patrick, Jordan, Blake, Aaron, Anthony, Jamie, Tahlia, Mitchell G, Riley K, Olivia M, Ella and Kiara.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
PRICE RISES
School Council reviewed the prices for the Icypoles and Juice boxes.
From Monday August 26th Icypoles will continue to be 50 cents however Juice Boxes will increase to $1.00 each.
NEWS @ NILMA

READING EGGS FOR FAMILIES
If any parents are interested in a 5 week free trial of Reading Eggs to play at home please give your email address to Belinda or to the office and the information will be emailed to you. www.busythings.co.uk are offering a free 3 week trial to their website to play educational activities aimed at 3 to 8 year olds. If you would like more information please speak to the office.

FREE TO GOOD HOMES!
There are 2 server cases, 2 desks and a printer that require new homes, if you are interested in any of these items please let the office know by Friday 23rd August.

MATHS GAMES DAY—NDSC
Four Students from year 5 will be participating in a Maths Games Day on 27th August—Patrick, Harrison, Jack M and Shakira. Good Luck to our team! Permission forms will be sent home today!

Mt Worth Cluster Camp 2013
Camp Rumbug - Foster North
Grades 4, 5 and 6 students this year have the opportunity to attend Camp Rumbug on 21st, 22nd and 23rd October 2013.
A notice of intent to attend were sent home to parents earlier in the week.
Could these forms and a deposit please be returned to school by Friday 23rd August. This will enable us to finalise numbers attending camp.
If you have any queries regarding the camp please speak to the school.
Thank you to parents that have already made payments.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE
Nilma Primary School is looking at setting up a Facebook page as another form of communication between school and home. The page will be used for reminders, school updates and general correspondence. If any parents would be interested in becoming part of this page please fill out and return the slip below and return to school. More information will become available at a later date.
WE would like to establish whether there is a family need for this at Nilma.

FACEBOOK PAGE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
The ______________________________ family would be interested in receiving information/updates about Nilma Primary through Facebook.

Signed___________________________________ Date________________

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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

This year’s Reading Challenge is entering its final month and finishes up on 12 September. Grade Prep-2 students have been busy reading and “experiencing” a range of books at school to reach their target of 30 and grade 3-6 students have been reading at home and school to reach their target of 15 books. We already have several students who have completed the challenge and entered their data on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. Our target at Nilma this year is to have all students complete the challenge and receive a certificate from the Premier. Thanks for supporting and encouraging your child’s participation.

**LOST PROPERTY**

There are 2 new jackets—size 6 and size 12 without names in Ms Sutherland’s office. Could parents please check your child has their correct new school jacket. Aiden Olsson has lost his new size 8 school jacket.

**CUPPA FOR HEARTKIDS**

Our community is hosting a Cuppa for Heartkids which will make a difference in the lives of children with heart disease and their families. Childhood heart disease is the leading cause of death in children under one. By taking part in Cuppa you will help fund essential support and life-saving research for Heartkids and their families. Our Heart Kids Cuppa day will be held on 11th September 2013. More information will follow next week.

**CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK**

For Children’s book week this year the theme is Read Across the Universe. To celebrate Book Week this year we will be combining with Buln Buln on Wednesday September 4th where the children will get the opportunity to meet and work with visiting authors. On the day students will have the opportunity and be encouraged and dress up as their favourite book character. Each grade will also be exploring and sharing some of the short listed books for 2013 in their classes in the coming weeks.

**EMA/SCHOOL FEES**

The 2nd instalment of the EMA arrived this week. EMA has been used to pay the school fees for those families who signed the payment over to the school. Invoices are attached to the newsletter for all families who still owe school fees. Thankyou to families who have already paid. Could all fees please be paid by the end of Term 3.
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