THANK YOU TO OUR ES STAFF
We had a lunch yesterday to recognise and thank our Education Support staff for all they contribute to our school community. We are so very fortunate to have a fantastic team who are willing to support the Education of Nilma Primary School students. Thanks to: Rachel Hammond, Belinda Smythe, Sharon Faulds, Leanne Hodge, Yuka, Barb Vagg, Sharon Salt, Bruce Robins and Anne Prime for your dedication and contributions to Nilma Primary School.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
Please find attached to the newsletter a consent form for families to complete in regard to having the opportunity for students to continue to work with the school chaplain. Next year we will place this consent form in the Student Permission booklet (Family booklet) distributed in the first week of school.

CURRICULUM DAY
On Friday 4th September Nilma Primary School will be closed for the day. Students are not expected to attend on this day. Staff will be involved in a professional development day, I have coordinated a professional development day with five other schools in the Network, with the focus on ‘Visible Learning’ and ‘Effective Feedback’ to student and from students.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the following students in Years 3 -6 who have shown initiative and accepted the challenge to independently complete the ‘Challenge’ for 2015: Lachlan Axford, Deakin Santo, Ashley Griggs, Meg Devlin, Emma Crook, Matilda Dent, Ashton Kimm, Bailey-Jack Christoph & Aiden Olsson. The effort made by these students reflects their positive attitude to their learning and willingness to accept a challenge. Years F, 1 & 2 are nearing the completion of their 30 shared books in class.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Rehearsals are coming along smoothly! Students are becoming more familiar with their roles and being able to project their voices for the audience. Each student has received a slip in their diary as to what to wear on the evening. eg Cornish Cavaliers are to wear Black leggings and a black long sleeve top. Families must return the REQUEST FOR NUMBER OF SEATS FOR PRODUCTION by Wednesday 2nd September so we can finalise seating arrangements and allocated number of seats.

On Thursday 10th September students will be required to be dropped at Drouin Secondary College in the morning. We will have staff available – with high visible vests – for you to see when you arrive in the car park at Drouin. Parents will be able to drop children at the front with teachers, you will not need to come to the auditorium.

In the evening you will be able to drive into the school to park closer to the auditorium for the evening performance. A map and directions will be included in newsletter next week. For more detailed updates on Production information - please see newsletter page 6.

HOOPTIME BASKETBALL

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSURE
CURRICULUM DAY
-NO STUDENTS-
R.E.A.L
STUDENTS@NILMA
Student of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup F Red
Charlotte Goodchild
For your positive attitude towards your learning. You demonstrate fantastic listening skills and this helps you engage with new strategies for your learning. Keep it up Charlotte!

Homegroup 2/1 Green
Piper Bundle
For showing such a positive attitude to all aspects of your learning and always considering and respecting your fellow students. You are a great role model!

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Ashley Griggs
for your amazing letter to Miss Sutherland, Principal of Nilma Primary School, inviting her to speak to the grade about her trip to Turkey….and completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done mate!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Andrew Burdett
For your eagerness to train and your commitment to the Hoop Time Rookies team. You demonstrated great sportsmanship at the competition today too!

L.A.U.G.H Program
Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home
NIGHTLY READING
50 Nights
Teylah Lott
75 Nights
Aiden Plsson Piper Bundle
100 Nights
Kiandra Polglaze
125 nights
Bailey-Jack Christoph  Daniel Axford  Lachlan Axford
150 Nights
Beth Axford  Thomas Buckler
175 nights
Sheree Casey Wilson

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners
- Beth Axford
- Olivia Addison
- Piper Bundle
- Blake Hanmer

Happy Birthday

Mr Williams
Emotive Writing

“What do you mean?”

The thought of losing my mum was haunting. What we have been through! And now this! I break down into tears. I am terrified. I hear a loud beeping noise. Heaps of nurses run into my mum’s room. They rush her out of the room and into theatre. I am so scared. I just want everything to go back to normal. When I walk out of the room a doctor approaches me. “Can I please talk to you?” She takes me over to the desk. “Your mum has been diagnosed with leukaemia and she may not make it out alive.” My heart breaks.

By Charlotte Brown.
**BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS**
This event will be held on Tuesday 8th September at Altona Badminton Centre. Students are to meet at the school at 7.00am and will be travelling with Mr & Mrs Perry. Students will return to school at 5.00pm. Permission forms and car travel forms were attached to last weeks newsletter and must be brought back to school by Wednesday 26th August 2015. Students attending this event will be: Aiden Olsson, Ella Perry, Kiara Perry Megan Griggs & Olivia Addison.

**WARRAGUL REGIONAL COLLEGE—TRANSITION**
Year 6 students attending the Warragul Regional College in 2016, will be attending a Transition Day at the Regional College on Thursday 3rd September 2015. Permission forms must be returned to school by Tuesday 1st September 2015. Parents are to take children to the Regional College at 8.50am and collect students from the College at 3.25pm.

**ATTENDANCE**
All students who are late to school or are leaving school early, must be signed in at the office by parents. We appreciate your phone calls to advise us your child will be absent, however the Department of Education also requires a written confirmation of a student’s absence. Thank you to parents who provided feedback on the SENTRAL absence notes. Nilma PS has since changed the information and layout in response to this feedback. Should you have any queries in regard to student absences, please contact the office.

**PREMIER READING CHALLENGE**
Many of our students are working towards completing the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Year 3-6 students attempting the challenge are reading 15 books and Foundation, Years 1&2 are reading and sharing their 30 books in class. Thankyou to those students especially in years 3-6, who have shown the initiative and willingness to challenge themselves by completing the Reading Challenge independently. The Challenge concludes on September 14 and certificates from the Premier will be presented in Term 4.

**NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMME**
Attached to the newsletter are National School Chaplaincy Programme Parent Consent Forms. These forms are used to provide consent for students to access the chaplaincy service while at school. The chaplaincy service aims to support the emotional wellbeing of students. Our chaplain, Mrs Anne Prime, is available at Nilma on Monday and Wednesday each week. For further information please speak to Ms. Annette Sutherland.

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

Nilma Primary School Open Garden for Gardivalia!
Nilma Primary school will be participating in this years Gardivalia festival! On Saturday 24th October, from 10am to 4pm, our school will be open for the public to come and see our students hard work in developing the garden with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.
We will be asking for volunteers to help on the day with a BBQ and other jobs, if you are interested in helping out please leave your name at the office.

This term students in the BLUE Group will be participating in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This program will be held every Thursday from 1.45pm-3.10pm. We will be making salads of the imagination, tarts, tortes, curries, breads, fritters, gnocchi and orecchiette pasta. In the garden students will be pruning, composting, mulching, planting, creating a worm farm, creating a no dig garden, weeding, fertilising and harvesting.
This is a great opportunity to showcase our school and garden!
Sporting Schools
Nilma Primary School

The Sporting Schools program replaces the Active After School Communities program which operated at Nilma PS until the end of 2014. We have been successful in obtaining funding for terms 3 and 4 in 2015, to start the new program with Basketball. This will be offered as a 3 week program at Nilma beginning this Thursday 27th August! (after school).

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20 students are listed below. This session is now full.

We have a coach from Basketball Victoria coming along to teach the program.

**Thursdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm**

**27th August, 3rd September and 17th September 2015.**

(There will not be a session on Thursday 10th September due to our School Production rehearsals on that day).

- Bring a healthy snack and drink bottle
- Wear appropriate footwear

For any more information please speak to the Office staff.

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPORTING SCHOOLS - BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Names of students participating:

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MARC LITERATURE DAY @ BULN BULN

Buln Buln Primary School will be hosting Nilma Primary School on Tuesday 15th September for the MARC Literature Day. Student will travel to and from Buln Buln Primary School by bus. There will not be any cost for students for this event. Students will need to bring their snacks, lunch and drinks with them for the day.

We will be departing Nilma at 9am so students must be at school by 8.50am so the car park can be accessed easily by the buses. Students and teachers are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, there will be a book character parade at Buln Buln at 9.30am.

There will be visiting Authors and Illustrators on the day, Adam Wallace, Meredith Costain and Hazel Edwards. Sessions with the authors/illustrators are scheduled for the following times: 10.15 – 11.15am, 11.45 – 12.45pm and 1.45pm – 2.45pm.

Details for children wishing to purchase books will be sent home as details become available.

Students will return by 2.45pm for a normal dismissal time. Please allow access to the car park for the buses.

Parents may like to come a little later for pick up on this day to alleviate congestion in the car park.

Permission forms are attached to the newsletter and are to be returned by Wednesday 9th September.
SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The date has been set for Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7pm. It will be held at the Drouin Secondary College Auditorium with supper to follow.

‘KIDS IN CAMELOT’
Drouin Auditorium Hall
7.00pm - 8.00pm
(Kids to arrive at 6.40..)
With Supper to follow...
GOLD COIN DONATION

At 9.15 students are to be dropped to Drouin Secondary College for DRESS rehearsal day. At 3.00pm students are to be picked up from Drouin Secondary College (Students will be waiting at front of school, drive in to pick up).

Students return to Drouin Secondary College at 6.40pm for the School Production.

On Thursday 10th September the whole school will be having a full rehearsal at the Drouin Secondary College Auditorium. Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from Drouin Secondary College – Main South Road Drouin.

Directions - Staff (in high vis vests) will meet cars at front carpark to collect students. Parents may car pool on this morning. If there are any issues with dropping students off due to work commitments please speak to the school.

PARENTS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR SUPPER

‘KIDS IN CAMELOT’ MAKE UP
Parents to put ‘light foundation’ on faces if possible.

Permission forms are attached to the newsletter and must be returned by Monday 7th September 2015.

FAMILY REQUEST FOR NUMBER OF SEATS FOR PRODUCTION

Kids in Camelot - School Production - Thursday 10th September 2015

Family name___________________________________________________________

Number of seats required_____________________________________________

Signed_________________________________________ Date_________________

Please return by Wednesday 2nd September so we can work on seating arrangements.
With many jobs to be completed around the house and especially when you have more than one child doing them, a chore chart is a great motivational aid. Perfect for sticking on the refrigerator they will enable your children to take responsibility for their own chores, chart their progress and see where their brothers and sisters are at. (If you family runs into trouble measuring up against each other then do individual ones that are placed for them to see how they went today as compared to yesterday or last week.)

Effectively they are a grid or Table with the list of chores down the left hand side and column for each day of the week. They can be as simple as a piece of paper with lines ruled on to a complex computer website generated things (see www.chorecharts.com). Start by considering the list of chores that you want your child/children to complete on a daily or weekly basis. This will include things like clean room, feed the pets, water the plant pots, make a bed, take out the trash, rake the leaves – whatever is appropriate to your situation.

Depending on the age of your children it will be good if they can decorate the chart with crayons and their own designs or by cutting pictures out of magazines. If they have a sense of ownership they will be more willing to get involved in filling it out.

If you have a single child then they place a check mark in the appropriate box when they have completed their chore. Incidentally I see chores as a child’s contribution to the household, training them and giving them an understanding of what is involved in the real world.

If you have more than one child you can either get them to put the check mark in their specific colour or add their name / initial in the appropriate square.

The visual nature and the involvement in creating and completing the chart will give an added motivation to get the chores done quickly and without fuss. They can also be brought to school for ‘show and tell’.

If you have an active and argumentative bunch of kids then add the parents name to the list and let them know what you do to add to the running of the household. Let them give you a thumbs up for a good job. In other words take the list from your own head and write it on the family chart to show the number of jobs you do, ticking them off each week as you expect the child/ren to do. For some kids who always want things done fairly this will help to see theirs and your effort is valued.

If you would like a basic list made available I have a number that can be filled in with relevant details and laminated so that the checking off can be done with a felt pen and reused when ‘kids’ grow older and expectations change. Have fun.

Mrs Prime
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The Parent Club will be organising a Father’s Day/Special Person’s stall on Thursday 3rd September. Information regarding this stall is below.

Gifts are all $5.00 each, and students may purchase as many gifts as required.

All forms with correct payment must be handed to the office by Thursday 27th August 2015.

The Year 6 students attending the Warragul Regional College Transition Day are able to purchase their gifts on Wednesday 2nd August.

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

FATHER’S DAY/SPECIAL PERSON STALL – PARENT CLUB FUNDRAISER

Nilma Primary School Parent Club is organising a Father’s Day Stall this year. A selection of gifts will be available for $5.00 each.

The stall will be held on Thursday 3rd September 2015.

Gifts will be available for Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers or a special person.

Please complete the order form below and return with money in a labelled envelope by TOMORROW, Friday 28th August 2015 with money.

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There is no limit to the number of gifts your child/ren would like to order.