FOOTPATH FUNDING - PATHWAY ALONG BLOOMFIELD ROAD

Last Week's Gazette, I noted an article on Footpath Funding! Yes after several year’s of waiting Baw Baw Shire Council has allocated funds to the pathway project spanning from Queen Street to the school. The school community looks forward to being able to promote walking and riding to school in a safe environment.

CURRICULUM DAY

Tomorrow, 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.

BADMINTON ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Next Tuesday 8th September the Primary school Badminton Championships will be held at Altona Badminton Centre.

Students are to meet at the school at 7.00am and will be travelling

Students attending this event will be: Aiden Olsson, Ella Perry, Kiara Perry Megan Griggs & Olivia Addison. Good Luck Kids!

TOMORROW
FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSURE
CURRICULUM DAY
-NO STUDENTS-

Due to School Production being on next Thursday—The Newsletter will be sent out next FRIDAY

HOOP TIME

On Thursday 27th August students in years 5 and 6 participated in Hoop Time at the Warragul Leisure Centre. Mitch, Bailey D, Mitchell, Andrew, Holly, Shelby, Kirsty and Charlotte made up the Rookies team and played extremely well together, winning all of their games. Students in the Future Stars team were; Meg G, Ella, Kiara, Max, Deakin, Lachy, Angus and Riley. The Future Stars did extremely well coaching themselves and winning all of their scored games, including the grand final! They will continue on in the Hoop Time competition, playing at Dandenong in Term 4.

The 6/5 students demonstrated great sportsmanship which made for a fun and enjoyable day. Thank you to Rosa Burdett and Natalie Axford for transporting students on the day and to the parents who came to cheer on and support the teams.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Thanks to all the parents and friends who have been collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. THE PROGRAM finishes next week. We will be able to count all our stickers and gain some new equipment for the school.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We are in the final week of rehearsals! The students have been very patient and becoming more confident with their roles. Over the week’s it has been wonderful to see the shift in confidence and growth in students performing.

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 Monday 7th September so we can be sure we have enough seats. At this stage all families who have returned requests will be allocated that 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 is on page 6 of the newsletter.
PS Don’t forget to bring along some SUPPER to share.
Parent Fundraising will provide tea and coffee at SUPPER.
Drinks will be available at $1.00 a can/juice box.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup F Red
Jai Macfarlane
For your fantastic effort with your reading. You are working hard to sound out words and read tricky sentences. Keep up the great work Jai!

Homegroup 2/1 Green
Lilli Parry Thomas
For being such a fantastic role model for all students both inside and outside of the classroom. You always work hard, use manners and include others. Thanks for your lovely smile and enthusiasm.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Teagan George
For such a fantastic effort at challenging yourself and persevering with your reading to complete the Reading Challenge for year 5. A fine effort Teagan. Well done!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Deakin Santo
For the effort you have put in to your natural disaster project. You have demonstrated great enthusiasm and focus.

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

NIGHTLY READING
- 100 Nights
  Shelby McGrath Miller Bundle
- 125 Nights
  Blake Stone
- 150 Nights
  Alex Chesterfield, Emma Brown, Ty Kindermann, Sheree Casey Wilson
- 175 Nights
  Sheree Casey Wilson, Nick Addison

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners
- Zaic Farmer
- Bailey Stephens
- Shelby McGrath

Happy Birthday

Mrs Evans
Aiden Olsson
Jamie Garten
**Home Group Happenings!**

**Fathers Day**
I’m going to make my dad bacon with mummy. I think we are going somewhere special for Father’s Day. I am going to give him my card. Savannah

I’m going to give my dad his card. We’re going to give him a present because he likes presents. Nick

I want to take daddy out for breakfast. We are going to do whatever daddy wants. Elizabeth

We are going to give daddy some presents. I am going to give him my card. Charlotte

We’re going to surprise him. We will give him his presents. Ashlee

We are going to take dad out for lunch. Lewis
I am going to give my dad cuddles. I love him. I will give him my card. Alex

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**We are rehearsing for our concert.**
Next Thursday. We have been practising for weeks and weeks and weeks at school! In the concert my role is being chased across the stage by a giant. I call out, “Help me! Help me! Help me!” I am excited about my dad and my mum and Eve coming to see me on stage.

By Ashley Griggs

We are preparing for our concert on Thursday. We have been practising for weeks, I am part of the troupe. One of the things I say are, “What production are we here for?” and then Amelia says, “Kids in Camelot!” “Silly me, ooh that’s right!” I reply and then we do our comedy routine and I say, “So what do you think they’ll do with this kid?” I am good at my lines. I can’t wait for the play.

By Emma Crook.

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**Emotive Text**
I woke up to my parents saying we were going 4wd. I said to mum, “I feel scared.”

My body is shaking and my heart is pumping. Mum said with anger, “Get in the car!”

I am starting to get worried. I started to get tears in my eyes. I feel trapped. I put my blanket over my head to hide and not see anything when we are 4wding. I told you we shouldn’t of gone 4wd because I would get frightened and anxious. I said with sadness, “Could we go back home because I feel disgusted because of the smell of mud. I feel disgusted.”

I yelled with anger, “Go home, go home.” We drove home with mum feeling angry and sad about missing a day 4wding. By Mikayla

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**Dear Year 6s of Good Shepherd Parish School,**
I hope you enjoyed your day at our school and hope that you will like to come again. Hope you got to know our school a bit so you know what schools are like in the country. I hope you enjoyed the visit to the farm next door although it was a bit smelly. Did you like seeing the piglets and the cute little lamb? Did you also like the tour around the school but sorry Blue Group we never got to finish because of the rainy weather.

From Rose-Ann Scott Nilma PS
PS. I’d like to come and visit your school some time.

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Dear Good Shepard Parish School Year Sixes,
I hope you had a good day at Nilma PS. I can’t wait to do a reverse excursion and go to your school. I can’t wait to explore your grounds.

I hope you enjoyed walking through the mud.

By the way have you been on Urban Camp? Anyway can’t wait, see you then.

From Sine Salt.
**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.

Congratulations to the following students in Years 3-6 who have shown initiative and accepted the challenge to independently complete the ‘Challenge’ for 2015:


Congratulations to all students in year Foundation, year 1 and 2 for completing the whole grade Challenge!

**NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMME**

The National School Chaplaincy Programme Parent Consent Forms have been distributed. 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!
Our first session of basketball was well received by students with our coach Mikaela having fun with the students playing games and doing some training drills. The weather wasn’t on our side last week but we are hoping today’s weather will allow us to be outside for the whole session. Remember to bring along a healthy snack to eat before the session starts, we only have 15 minutes between the end of school at the start of the session so please make sure that the snack is quick and easy to eat. Parents are also reminded that students need to be signed out at the end of the session, the folder is located in the undercover area where students will wait at the end of the session for parents to collect them from.

Our group is now full, unfortunately we are only able to offer 20 spots for students. We are making enquiries with coaches for term 4 and are hoping to be able to deliver 2 activities. More details will be available next term and is subject to funding and coach availability.

It was great to see our older students in the group, Kiara, Ella, Bailey and Daniel show their leadership skills by assisting the younger students with the drills. Well done guys!

**Thursdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm**

3rd September and 17th September 2015.

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

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**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 to be returned by Wednesday 9th September.
‘KIDS IN CAMELOT’
Drouin Auditorium Hall
Thursday 10th September 2015
7.00pm – 8.00pm
(Kids to arrive at 6.40..)
With SUPPER to follow…

ENTRY—GOLD COIN DONATION

At 9.15am 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.

Drouin Secondary College Auditorium is located at the rear of the school—see map ★ 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 TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR SUPPER
‘KIDS IN CAMELOT’ MAKE UP’
Parents to put ‘light foundation’ on faces if possible.

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 Monday 7th September so we can be sure we have enough seats available
Phew! We nearing the end of term and it's great excitement at the school with production nearly on us. The topic today inspired by a book written by Nigel is “Parenting can be difficult”. That's not news—especially if you are raising children as a single parent because of bereavement, separation, divorce or other reasons. Whether dual or single parents it’s not always easy. However there is often a sense in our culture that we should be equipped to succeed and to seek help is a sign of failure. This is not the case.

Motivating someone who appears to reject any ideas or suggestions is emotionally draining. If we are not careful the situation can degenerate into a battle-them verses us. It can be a fight to the death of the relationship in extreme cases. It can also get to the point where they just don’t listen to anything the parent says—just because it is mum or dad that is saying it.

Even before things get to those extremes a wise parent enrolls the help of others to get the job done. There are many people who will have the same aim and purpose as you.

Here are some suggestions for people to support you and help to take on the role of motivating your child.

- **Grandparents**—they can sometimes have a great relationship—possibly developed through years of chocolate giving.
- **Uncles/Aunts**—because they don’t have any involvement in the disciplinary role they can make a very real connection and have a great influence. Although—from time to time—they might also need to be encouraged to stay on task themselves.
- **Older brothers and sisters** can be very effective.
- **Teachers**—please don’t fall into the trap that believes teachers are on the opposite team to parents—not at all. They desire that your child succeeds in the same way as you do.
- **Youth workers**—professionals that have years of experience in connecting with young people—often trusted with their deeper feelings and thoughts. Get them onside by explaining your perspective and asking for their help, take time to listen too.
- **Sports coaches** have great influence that extends well beyond the match and practices.

A whole team approach will produce greater and faster results and will remove some of the pressure you may feel from carrying the full responsibility on your shoulders.

There may be a time when you need an outside organisation or a small program on grief and loss, separation anxiety or self-esteem to assist, in which case your Principal (Kids Matter) can make a quick connection to start the ball rolling.

Whatever the situation, the school and the team, are here for your children so make good use of this resource.

Please put two things on your calendar for the same date Sept 12th at Civic Park

1. The Family Fun Day (it’s absolutely FREE)
2. Antique Fair at the Warragul Regional College- a fund raiser for their Chaplaincy Committee.

Have a great weekend. Anne Prime

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Why ‘Eat a Rainbow’ of fruit and veg?**

Many children don’t eat enough fruit and vegetables. Younger children can be reluctant to taste new foods, creating stress for their parents. The idea of eating a rainbow uses the appeal of fruit and vegetable colours to encourage children to try new foods.

‘Eating a Rainbow’ of colours of fruit and vegetables also promotes good health. Each colour provides essential vitamins, minerals and phyto-chemicals with special health benefits. Phyto-chemicals give fruits and vegetables their colours. Fruit and vegetables also contain fibre for bowel health, and are bulky, which helps prevent over-eating and too much weight gain.

Habits learnt in childhood can last a life-time. It’s important to help young children develop a positive attitude to healthy foods, and for adults to role model healthy eating habits.


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