Congratulations to all students of Nilma Primary School for their wonderful performance in last night’s school production. To produce a school production takes a great deal of effort and dedication and rehearsals. It was a true team effort and I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and say thanks to everyone involved. Thank you to;

- Ms McLennan for the back drops
- Mrs Krygger for help behind the scenes,
- Miss B for lighting and sound
- Mitchell from DSC for help with lighting and sound also
- The props crew: Sharon F, Mrs Hodge, Max and Bailey D
- Office staff Belinda and Rachel for help with producing the pamphlet and organising items
- Student teachers Kate, Ebony and Leah for their support
- Mrs Smythe for videoing the production
- Mrs Prime for support and props
- The parents who also helped with props and costumes
- The homegroup teachers, Mr Williams, Miss B, Mrs Evans and Miss Matarczyk, and support staff for all their hard work and support of students while rehearsing!

The production would not have been a success without all the tireless effort from Mrs Amanda Buckler, the Director! After taking on the role of music teacher this year she has spent an enormous amount of time not only directing and coordinating the production put also sourcing the costumes and props. Thankyou to Darnum, Marist Sion and Chairo schools for the use of props and costumes.

The last but not least, a huge CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to all the students! You all took on your roles and with hard work and commitment you all put on a magnificent show.

The Principal
Ms Annette Sutherland
Business Manager
Mrs Rachel Hammond
School Council
President
Mrs Nicki Kimm

FATHERS DAY STALL—THANKYOU
Thankyou to Nikki Kimm, Kelly Chesterfield and Natalie Axford for organising the Fathers Day Stall last Thursday. We hope all the Dad’s enjoyed their special gifts!

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS
Well done to Meg Griggs, Ella Perry, Kiara Perry, Olivia Addison and Aiden Olsson for their effort and sportsmanship at the All Schools Badminton Championships at the Altona Badminton Centre. Thank you to Leanne Perry for transporting and coaching the students on the day.

AUTHOR DAY—BULN BULN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Next Tuesday 15th September students will travel by bus to Buln Buln Primary School for the MARC Literature Day. Students will participate in sessions and activities with visiting Authors and Illustrators. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and can participate in the dress up parade.

Please arrive at school by 8.50am, buses will depart at 9am and students will return for normal school dismissal. The cost of this day is covered by MARC VAN Fees. Students will need to bring their lunch, snack and drinks for the day.
**Student of the Week**

**The Foundation Class**

For your SENSATIONAL performance at our school production! You all worked so hard and were very well behaved. You were all REAL @ Nilma and we are very proud of you all. Well done Ruby Reds

Homegroup 2/1 Green

**Whole Year 2/1**

For a fantastic effort at the school production. You all did a wonderful job and should be very proud of yourselves.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue

**5/4/3 Blue**

For an amazing effort and patience in rehearsing for “Kids in Camelot” and brilliant acting on the stage. Bravo! Encore!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow

**6/5 Yellow Home Group**

For the production ‘Kids in Camelot’. There were times when rehearsal proved a challenge but it all came together on the night. You all did a marvellous job in your role.

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

Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home

**NIGHTLY READING**

- 25 Nights
  - Matilda Dent
- 50 Nights
  - Aiden Smythe
- 150 Nights
  - Oliver Turner
- 175 Nights
  - Lilli Parry Thomas
- 200 Nights
  - Jessie McCabe
  - Olivia Addison

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**PLAYGROUND AWARDS**

**Winners**

- Cohen Cogo
- Paige Lott
- Alex Chesterfield
- Will McGrath

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**Happy Birthday**

Kael
Charlotte
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

School Production

Yesterday was our school production. I dressed up. Mia

On the tenth of September we did a play about Kids in Camelot. I was in scene seven. I was so nervous because there were hundreds of people watching me. By Bailey S

On the 10/9/15 our school had a production called Kids in Camelot. I was also in scene seven and I was a knight that went “Boo! Boo! Boo!” at the peasants. I enjoyed my role running across the stage scaring the peasants. By Aiden. O

On the 10/9/15 we had a school play, I was a peasant. When I was on stage I was so nervous and I had fun at the same time. When I went home I was happy I could go to bed. It was a scary day but I had a fun day! By Kiara

On the 10/9/15 we had our school production. At the start I was very scared and so was Amelia. We were both in the Troupe with the Jester and were on stage a lot. By Emma

On the 10/9/15 we had a school production. I was happy when the play was over and done with. I was with Amelia, Emma, Kiara, Mitchell and Teagan in the Troupe. In the end I had some food and I went home. By Zavier

I was a robber and a Tree. I liked it when Deakin said, “Gasp!” in disbelief. By Matilda

School Production

Last night I had fun at the school production. The best part was the Cornish Cavaliers. Backstage we got to watch television, play games and do some colouring in. My parents thought the production was good.

By Piper

I was nervous backstage but when I got on the stage, I felt good. I like the school production. My favourite part was when we sang our class song and at the end of production when all the students came out.

By Beth

Our Feelings About the Production

Last night I was really nervous before I went on stage but once I got on stage and started to talk it was fun—Rose-Ann Scott

I was really nervous as I was waiting behind stage for my cue—Tahlia Witney

I felt scared at the start but when I got out there I felt like a superstar—Kirsty Wooster

I was really really really scared because it was my first production. As soon as I stepped on stage I knew I was in the spotlight—Charlotte Brown

I wasn’t scared because I was going to Shine bright like a diamond and I knew I was the best—Holly Farnham

I felt confident about production because I have done it before—Shelby McGrath

I felt good because it was fun. I felt confident about doing the whole production and helping with the props—Max Chesterfield
SCHOOL ORGANISATION

SPORTING SCHOOLS
It has been great to see students gain new skills and have fun playing Basketball while participating in the new Sporting Schools program. Thank you to Mikaela who has been coaching students during the sessions. **Our last session is on Thursday 17th September, 3.30pm—4.30pm.** We are currently looking at new sports to do for next term and are enquiring with coaches to be able to deliver 2 sports next term. More information will be announced as we receive it.

SCHOOL BANKING
Friday 11th September will be our last banking day for term 3. Banking will resume in term 4 on Friday 16th October. During the school holidays, students can make their own deposits at a Commonwealth Bank branch. Our bankers have been consistently banking and quite a few have already redeemed their tokens for awards while others are very close to reaching 10 deposits. Well done everyone!

EARN AND LEARN
The Earn and Learn program at Woolworths finished at stores last Tuesday. Students are still able to bring in stickers that you have collected. Stickers must be handed into school by Friday 18th September. Thank you for supporting this program.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a number of items left behind from the production - clothing, plates etc. - could parents please check the staffroom if you are missing any items. The Santo family have lost a size 12 school top, could parents please check your child’s clothing in case it was accidently picked up!

PARENT LIBRARY
Nilma Primary has a collection of books parents can come in and borrow to support families with parenting. If you know of some books that you may feel are appropriate for us to place in our parent library please let us know and we can follow up and share with other families. Here are a few new additions to the library. If you are interested in borrowing these books, please see the Office staff or Mrs Anne Prime. The parent library is in the Chaplain Office.
THE BIG CHALLENGE!

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday the 16th of September Year 6 students have organised ‘The Big Challenge’. We will be having a Students vs Adults Volleyball match and BBQ (sausage in bread). It is a gold coin donation for each child with money being donated to Daffodil Day. The event will be held from 1:30pm-3:30pm

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Family name:__________________________________________________________

Names of parents attending :______________________________________________
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I am / am not able to attend the volleyball kids v parents match               (Circle please)

We would each like a sausage in bread            Yes  / No                               (Circle please)

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FUNDRAISING CLUB

Mansfield Horse Ride

Once again, we are doing a weekend horse ride as a fundraiser for Nilma Primary School.
It is a fantastic weekend for those who enjoy the outdoors, horses and having fun.

When: 6th-8th of November 2015.

Where: We all need to be in Meerijig, (just out of Mansfield) by Friday night. I will be arriving earlier in the day to sort a few things out. People are welcome to start arriving from 3pm onwards.
We start the ride, early on the Saturday, ride for the day through the beautiful bush, to our camp. On Sunday morning we head off back to Base camp (where we leave our cars).
All in all we ride for about 6 hours on day one and 4 hours on day two.

Cost: $350 per person including all of your food and accommodation.
(Although it is recommended that you bring some lollies for along the way.)

RSVP and money due by October 8th. We have limited spots so will the quicker you contact me the best chance you have of a spot. If anyone would like any further information, please don’t hesitate to give me a call. Nicki 0427 563 009
SCHOOL PRODUCTION—PHOTOS
We have been reminded through our school presentation that we need to seed good things into our children’s lives, water those seeds and watch them grow. It has been suggested that many parents today are ‘ploughing the way’ to make it easy for their children. In our article this week we are reminded to ‘Not Make Things Too Easy.’

In the early stages of infant development the human child needs more intense focus - we change nappies, burp and composite feed etc. etc. We learn their cries and we respond. The toys we give them develop their skills and understanding – improving their eye/hand coordination for example. Built into the tasks is the need for them to stretch themselves, to push their limits and strive for success.

This aspect of growth is observed when they first attempt to feed themselves. If the food on the spoon stays horizontal then the chances of it getting into the mouth increases. (You could tell many a story of where your child’s food ended up.) It takes many hours of practice to master as it does in the years to come, be it toilet training or learning to get dressed.

The art for us, as parents is to offer tasks to our children that are just challenging enough for them to complete with a little hard work – this is very motivating for young children – older ones too!

It seems to me that at some point in their growing up we slow down on the encouragement or step in too early and stunt the opportunity for growth. Imagine if we didn’t ever let our youngsters develop the skill of feeding themselves or if we continually carried them or pushed them in their stroller.

The reason we challenge them is not to be cruel but to motivate them to set a task just beyond their reach. As they grow older they will have more natural tenacity, greater success, higher self esteem and feelings of self worth – which all lead to stronger motivation. As parents it’s important to ask yourself, ‘What is it that my child might be lacking? Have I unconsciously contributed to that? What can I put in place to strengthen this child and not make it too easy?’
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