Once again, our school is open for the Gardivalia festival during October. We will be showcasing our wonderful garden program from Monday 17th October through to Friday 21st October. Then on Sunday the 23rd October. In preparation for the Sunday (which is the main day for us) we will be having a Working Bee on Thursday 20th from 3.00pm-6.00pm. Any help is grateful. Pizza will be provided for the participants.

BOOK FAIR
The Book Fair will start on Tuesday 18th October and run to Monday 24th October. This is a great opportunity for families to purchase some great quality children’s books. The school receives a commission on books sold, that will go towards new books for our library. All the books will be set up in the Art Room to view and are available for purchase each day during the fair. Students will have an opportunity to look at all the books and write down on a wish list the books that they would like to purchase and the cost, prior to the Book Fair. Parents are welcome to come in with their children to view and purchase books 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after school during the Book Fair. The Book Fair is being run by some of the Year 4/5 & 6 students. Please see Mr Williams for any enquiries.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next School Council meeting will be held next Monday 17th October at the school.

WORKING BEE—
Thursday 20th October
3pm-6pm
Bring hats, gloves, garden equipment and your enthusiasm! We are getting the garden ready for GARDIVALIA open garden on October 23rd. We will be planting, moving mulch, weeding and more... The more hands the lighter the load!

MILL VALLEY CAMP
Our Year 3 & 4 students are attending the Mill Valley Camp today and tomorrow. Staff attending this camp will be Mr Frost, Mr Williams, Mrs Evans and Mrs Hodge. We hope they all have a great time!

SCHOOL PARKING
I would like to send a message of understanding and respect for the way parent/s deal with the lack of parking space at Nilma PS. Right from my first few days it has been obvious that this issue could be at times sensitive in the community. All through Term 3 and into Term 4, there seems to have been few, if any, misunderstandings about where to park. We have received very few comments about this. It is clear all cars are moving slowly and making sure they are within a marked area when picking up a child. So thank you all for your patience and forgiveness if parking at times has been difficult or a hassle. We will endeavour to maintain this as a safe area for all concerned.

SCIENCE PRESENTATION EVENING
At our most recent Science Presentation evening, I failed to notify all parent/s via the newsletter that the oval was available for parking. I apologise for this omission. So don’t forget, when we have whole school events, the oval will be available for parking.

COAL CREEK EXCURSION
The whole school will be attending an excursion to Coal Creek on Monday 7th November. More information, including permission forms will be sent out next week.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 1st November is a Public holiday
All students are required at school on Monday 31st October.

THANK YOU TO OUR DIARY SPONSORS

Acting Principal
Mr Ian Frost
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Mrs Rachel Hammond
School Council President
Mrs Natalie Axford
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STUDENTS@NILMA
Learner of the Week
Recognitions
Homegroup 1/F Red
Blake Stone
For taking on learning challenges this term with a positive and determined attitude. You set a great example for other students. Well done Blake

Homegroup 2/1 Green
Deklan Majcherzak
For the effort and pride you have put into your writing this week. Keep it up Deks!

Homegroup 4/3 Blue
Amelia Scanlon
For the positive attitude and effort you made in your journal writing to write such a detailed piece. Congratulations on being prepared to accept a challenge in your learning. Keep up the great effort Amelia!

Homegroup 6/5/4 Yellow
Ashton Kimm
For being an incredible example of a resilient student, that even after receiving an injury, you were able to move past it and continue with your learning. Amazing stuff Ashton!

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

75 Nights
Jesse Matthews
125 Nights
Dylan Bradshaw
150 Nights
Kiandra Polglaze
200 Nights
Mitch Chesterfield

PLAYGROUND AWARDS
Winners
- Savannah Farmer
- Jai MacFarlane
- Teylah Lott
- Bailey Stephens

Happy Birthday
Kaleb Majcherzak
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

Poetry

This term for whole school writing our focus is poetry. There is an extra emphasis on spelling and refining students attempts and choices. Last week we read the story ‘Captain Gamma Mission to Mars’. In the story Captain Gamma met the alien Flerg. Students listened to a poem we read called ‘Alien’ which they really enjoyed and created a craft alien which they gave a silly name to. The poem went like this:

A creature flew into my room
As I lay in bed
He had three eyes, four ears, one horn and this is what he said,
“I come from Mars, I lost my way;
My ship it ran aground.
I need a map of outer-space;
My home just must be found.
It’s somewhere in the Universe—a million stars away.
I’ll take you with me for a ride
If you help me find my way. What do you say?

Journal Writing

Yay! Yay!! Yay!!! I am going to bowling and boxing. By Jaycobb

On the weekend I played Hot Wheels and I pretended I was a monster. By Ty

Wow! Mum said I was going to my Granny’s and Grandpa’s. I got to ride my pony and my friend was riding her pony. By Emma

“Taleah come on we are going to the new pool”.
We saw Shila. I went in the big pool. It was cold. It is the cold pool. By Ashlee

On the weekend I went to my diabetes walk. I walked 5km. I had so much fun. We had food and went to the Monster Trucks. I had so much fun. By Deklan

What we enjoy about our Kitchen Garden Program.

I love being out in the fresh air and cooking every second week. Olivia

I love being outside with the beauty of nature. Teylah

I really enjoy Kitchen Garden because you get to learn lots of things and you get to dig, plant, water and compost. They’re really fun to do. You would like to look at it! Will McGrath

I get to learn about gardening skills for me to use at home. Aiden

Once we have done the growing we use the vegies to cook. We also get to work with Mrs Hodge and Mrs Uren and all of the wonderful helpers….and I love the fresh food! Nataly

In the Kitchen Garden I can make new friends every day. I also enjoy planting and helping other groups and picking the plants. Alice-Ann

Kitchen Garden is fun and you get to harvest crops so you can cook with them in the kitchen. Jade

I love growing and watering the plants and seeing the plants grow. It’s great cooking the plants we grow. Tari

We have started learning about the Australian Government (related to the Civics & Citizenship curriculum), including the three levels of Federal, State and Local and what each level is responsible for. This will link in with learning a bit more about our Local Government, especially now that council elections are looming in the Baw Baw Shire!
CHAPLAINS’ CHAT

Human nature naturally seems to notice the negative before the positive. We seem to have an inbuilt tendency to see the untidy room and not notice the same room when it is tidy. If the room was tidy for four weeks it would probably pass us by unnoticed yet with 24 hours of it being a mess it would have come to our attention.

Additionally, it seems that children are often noticed for their bad behaviour – or lack of good behaviour. Many students go unnoticed in school because they quietly get on with the task at hand, don’t rock the boat, keep their head down, don’t make waves. Maybe this concept is the one that drives the two year old in their supermarket temper tantrums – do something bad ad at least you will be noticed!

So you be different as a parent. Start actively looking for the positive and every time you see it, make sure that you give it some recognition; when their room is tidy – say so. The day they do some homework without being asked, congratulate them even if they’ve only just started. A good report showing progress – even if it is only in one subject area – make sure you praise them for that.

How about trying to say the negative in a positive way? Let me give you an example. Instead of saying ‘if you don’t...then...’ Try putting it this way “I promise that if you do ... then”. If your son wants to play computer games rather than do his homework then switch from “If you don’t do your homework then you are banned from the computer for the whole night” to “I promise that if you do your homework then you can go on the computer tonight.” This second way reduces the potential for arguments but may get the result you desire.

The further benefit is that over time the positive attitude around your home will create an atmosphere that promotes motivation and success. Be encouraged and give it a go. If you’re already doing this then share you success with another parent. It all helps building strength into family and community.

Mrs Prime (with thanks to Nigel Lane www.nigellane.com.au)

PARENT & FRIENDS CLUB

We have re-booked Vision Portraits for Friday 28th October, from 4.00pm to 7.30pm. There are only 15 spots available. All bookings will go into a draw to win a $200 Vision Portraits gift voucher. Book on-line or cash bookings of $15.00 to hand in to the office with a time you would like. Please note that the $15 is for one print 10 inch x 13 inch with frame. Photos make great Christmas presents for family and friends! This offer is now available to friends and community members. If you require more information or need to make a booking, please contact Natalie Axford at the office. Booking forms were sent home with the newsletter last week. More forms are available from the office if needed.

Thanks, Nilma Parents and Friends.
## NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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