Principal Notes

JAPAN TRIP
On Saturday I will be heading off to Japan with Laura Young, Matthew and Rosa Burdett and the Darnum crew. This trip will be the first for myself, yet many for the two schools. The Japanese program has been running for approximately 16 years. Mr Chris Eeles has recently applied to have the program recognised in the Gippsland network as a very sustainable global and rewarding program for our school communities. We look forward to the outcome of this. While I am away for two weeks Mr Kerry Williams will be in charge of the school. Please don’t hesitate to contact the Office or Kerry if you need assistance. Will bring you all back a little something!

SCRABBLE COMPETITION
Congratulations to students who represented Nilma Primary School at the recent Scrabble competition at Bona Vista PS. What a great experience for all students who attended and challenged different opponents coming 3rd in the event. More photos page 2.

BOOKFAIR
Our Book Fair has come to a successful conclusion and we have sold $810.30 worth of books. From the proceeds of the sale, the school retains a commission of $162.00 which we will use to purchase books for our library. This year the fair has again been organised and run by some of our students. This provides them with a range of experiences in “retail” such as dealing with customers, handling cash, managing stock and generally taking on a lot of responsibility to run the fair. Thanks to Jessica, Laura and Brytnie in grade 6 who helped set up the fair and Savanna, Mckayla, Shakira, Kylie, Bayley and Patrick who co-ordinated the daily sales.

MCDONALDS HOOPTIME GRANTS
Our school entered a competition where students had to write what basketball equipment they needed and won a thousand dollars to buy basketball equipment for the school. On Monday 12th of November a McDonalds Licensee will come to present the cheque at Assembly at 9am. Parents are welcome to come and watch. This money will be used for buying new basketball singlets, basketballs and small basketball hoops for the junior students.

HOOPTIME
On Thursday 1st of November Patrick, Harrison, Lachlan C, Jack M, Shakira, Kylie and Shelby will be participating in Hooptime at Dandenong. It is asked that the students be at school at 7.45am. The students will be leaving school at 8.00am for a 9.30 am start. The students are expected to be finished around 2.30pm and be back at school at 4.00pm.

GRADE 3 SLEEPOVER
On Tuesday 13th November we will be having a sleepover for the grade 3 students as an introduction to our school/Mt Worth Cluster camping program. It is fair to say the Grade 3 students are rather excited at the idea. We have sent out an expression of interest and are now working on developing the program. In the next week or so we will forward home full details of the “Sleeper” and permission forms.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS
This week we welcome new students - Jasmin, Annwn and Arawn Williams to Nilma.
SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT
R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
Emma Crook
For staying on task and accepting new challenges.

Homegroup 3/2
Jamie Garten
For a high level of effort shown in his work.

Homegroup 4/3
Anthony Scott
For demonstrating a really positive attitude to all areas of his learning.

Homegroup 6/5
Jessica Gilbertson
For her cheerful approach to her learning and willingness to challenge herself and always do her best. A great role model.

STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA

R. E. A. L STUDENTS @ NILMA

NIGHTLY READING Recognition certificates

100 Nights
Callum Adams

125 Nights
Kael Mason

150 Nights
Mitch Chesterfield

175 Nights
Olivia Quinn

200 Nights
Daniel Axford

KANGA CRICKET

On Thursday the 7th of November, Grade 6/5 and a few grade 4 students will be going to Kanga Cricket at the Buln Buln Reserve. The aim of Kanga Cricket is to enable EVERY player to have a chance of success, as well as participating in an enjoyable game. The day includes three round robin matches and a final. Each game consists of a 16-over game (eight overs per team) and requires just 45 to 50 minutes from start to finish. The day will be conducted between 9.30am and 2.15pm at Buln Buln Reserve. Students are to be dropped off at the Buln Buln Reserve around 9.00.00am and pick up at 2.15pm. If any parents are having problems dropping off or picking up their child at these times you may want to car pool with another parents or contact Miss Berkelmans as she will can pick students up and dropped them back at school.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE Sessions !!!

On Friday 30th November the grade 6 students will be attending “Summit Camp” at Trafalgar East with the other Grade 6 students from the Mount Worth Cluster as part of their preparation and transition to secondary school in 2013. This is an excellent day with a focus on developing team building, leadership and initiative skills with students from other schools who will be joining them in year 7. Permission forms have been sent home and must be returned with payment by Monday 12th November.
Today is Zaic’s birthday and he got Skylander Giants for a present.
by Lane
Next Monday is Halloween.
by Zavier
Our lettuce seeds are growing. They have sunlight and we don’t have to water them. They are for the school garden.
by Holly
We made some pirates out of paper.
by Daniel
Yesterday we made pirate pictures on the computer.
by Meg
If I had a pirate suit I would kill and wrestle crocodiles.
by Ashton
If I had a pirate suit I would make people walk the plank.
by Zaic
If I had a pirate suit I would have $1,000,000,000 in my treasure chest.
by Rieley

On Tuesday Bayley, Patrick, Shakira and Jack M. went to Bona Vista to compete in a scrabble tournament. The schools were Foster, Welshpool, Wonthaggi North, Warragul North, Bona Vista, Newborough and our school of course. Bayley- I played against 4 schools but unfortunately I didn’t manage to win a game. It was a day that was different to my normal school day and I thought it was interesting and challenging. Patrick- I played 4 games against Warragul North, Welshpool, Foster and Newborough I won all 4 games and at the end I got TROPHY for 3rd place!!! Jack M.- All through the day I played 4 games but I only played two schools. I won 1 game and they won the other three. I tried, well better luck next time!
By Bayley, Patrick and Jack M.

The grade three’s are having a sleep over at school in a couple of weeks. I am really excited because I have never had a sleep over at school before. The next day Star FM is coming to school and they are bringing breakfast to have with us.
By Shelby

We have been learning about pirates. We had to see how many words we could make out of the words ‘Pirate Flag’. See if you can make 20 or more.
By Aaron

Pirates
Why did some pirates wear an eye patch?
I’ll tell you why most pirates wore an eye patch because they didn’t get enough vitamin C while on long voyages. This caused them to get a disease which caused them to go blind in one eye.
By Twain

Rules on a Ship
- No fighting aboard the ship.
- No gambling with cards or dice aboard the ship.
- No women aboard the ship.
- All weapons and pirates to be ready for battle at all time.
- Every pirate gets equal amount of food and drink.
- Every pirate gets equal amount of loot captured except the captain and quartermaster who get twice as much or any pirate who loses an arm or leg in battle.
- Every pirate gets to vote on where the ship goes and what the crew do.
By Justin and Bailey
SCHOOL NOTICES

FOR SALE
The Ward family have 4 Beagle Pups for sale. Please contact Michelle on 56 220350 or 0408 057 576, if you have any enquiries or ask Lane.

WOOL CLUB
DONATIONS NEEDED
If you have any wool can you please bring it to school for our wool club. We will be finger knitting, making hats, pom poms, bracelets and necklaces. Thank you By Lane and Daniel
If you have spare knitting needles we would also welcome these. Ms S.

Safeway - Earn and Learn Program
Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the Earn and Learn Program. Our school got 24,000 stickers. With these stickers we got 64 books to go in the reader boxes, a portable whiteboard stand, trundle wheels, fraction activities, 28 games for the LAUGH program and puzzles. The equipment will be very useful in the school and we appreciate everyone who brought stickers to the school.

Library Borrowing
The Library borrowing will recommence on Monday 29th with Grades 1/P and 3/2. Please return any Nilma PS library books before Monday 29th Oct.

PARENT CLUB NOTES

HELP NEEDED
The house across the road from the school will be having a Clearing Sale on Saturday 27th October. We require some help from parents to set up for the clearing sale on either Friday night 26th, or Saturday morning 27th. This would require setting up tables and helping to unload items from the neighbours shed. All help would be greatly appreciated!

UNIFORM ORDERS
The hats have arrived at the school. Please see Rachel at the office to collect and make payment. Extras have been ordered. We have also ordered extra shirts. If you require a new shirt for your child please come to the office. Could payment and pickup please be made as soon as possible.

CLEARING SALE CATERING @ BREALEY’S, NILMA
We will be selling Egg & Bacon Sandwiches, Sausages in Bread, Tea & Coffee and Cold Drinks.
It’s much the same as the Swap Meet just on a smaller scale!
Everything will be provided, just bring along yourselves. Kids are also welcome.
If you are able to help please put your name in a spot below and return it to school by Friday 26th October. All help is greatly appreciated!

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ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

LAWN BOWLS/BMX:
Lawn Bowls – 16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 13/11. BMX – 20/11, 27/11, 4/12.
No session on 6/11 as Melbourne Cup Holiday.


Pick up for Lawn bowls will be at 4.45pm. If parents still need to collect their children at 4.30 they can.

CRICKET:
18/10, 25/10, 1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11, 29/11.


There are still some spots available for both sessions, if you would like to participate please fill out a form at the office.

SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is here!
The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items. School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.

Students will be notified when School Banking will be starting at Nilma Primary School.
As part of our strategy for emergency management, in the event we need to contact all parents in case of a school closure, we will be setting up a new school procedure. We will be using the school mobile phone to SMS every family.

In the event of needing to activate our plan, families will receive an SMS to a Designated Mobile phone. Once each family receives the message we will ask for a notification SMS response from families indicating they have received the message.

If we do not receive a notification of receipt of message we will then use other emergency contact details.

During last year it took us several hours to make contact with parents when we had received notification of a Nilma closure.

This process will be used only in emergency situations—school closure notification at this stage. We will need to make sure that all school information is accurate.

Please return the attached slip (front and back) to the office indicating the mobile phone number for this process.

The number is usually Parent A—mobile on our school records, but we will use the number you return on the form below. In the situation where your family does not have a mobile phone—the school will contact the families landline.

If your family has changed any personal contact details such as phone number (mobile or landline), address or occupation details please notify the Office in writing so all of our details are up to date.

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2012-13

FAMILY NAME:_____________________________________

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER FOR SCHOOL SMS EMERGENCY CONTACT:

PHONE NUMBER:_____________________________________

NAME OF OWNER:_____________________________________

Parent Signature:_______________________ Date:__________
AUTHORISED PERSONS TO PICK UP STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

As part of our strategy for Emergency Management, we are just following up on a number of practices to keep all students safe.

In the event a parent/guardian is unable to pick up a student from school or another parent has been arranged to do so, it would be best if parents could advise the school on the day through the diary or by phone.

Some parents have permanent arrangements for pick ups—a note in writing would be appreciated in this case as unplanned things happen.

Could all parents please complete this ‘Authorised persons to pick up students from school’ form.

PLEASE RETURN SLIP BELOW TO OFFICE BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2012

Nilma Primary School

AUTHORISED PERSON TO PICK UP STUDENT FROM SCHOOL

FAMILY NAME: ________________________________

STUDENT NAMES
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AUTORISED PERSONS:

NAME: _______________________________________

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Parent/ Guardian

Signature__________________________________ Date____________
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