Principal Notes

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Written by Jack Chesterfield, Shelley Brown, Bayley Gunton and Jordon Stone.
The 11th of November was Remembrance Day. Four students from Nilma P.S. went in to Warragul to lay the wreath. Shelley Brown, Bayley Gunton, Jordon Stone and Jack Chesterfield were the four that represented Nilma for Remembrance Day. There was some tears from the crowed as people remembered those who died. Mr Armstrong played the bugle to represent dusk and dawn; The Last Post and Reveille. We remembered soldiers from WW1 to Afghanistan that fought and died for the life we have today. Lest we forget.

FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS ORIENTATION DAY
Today was our first Foundation Orientation Day. Nilma has 18 new foundation students commencing in 2015. Ms Closter—their teacher for next year, completed some activities and had a very enjoyable time. Parents had the opportunity to meet and get to know each other. Nicki Kimm, school council president, spoke to new families to the school. Next Thursday fortnight, 27th November we will be having our second Foundation Orientation at the school from 9.00am until 11.30am. New Foundation students can bring a snack for recess.

MILO CRICKET
Congratulations to our Milo Cricket T 20 team who will be playing in the Regional Final next Tuesday at Traralgon representing Nilma PS will be: Lachlan Axford, Andrew Burdett, Jack Chesterfield, Max Chesterfield, Lachlan Crook, James Dungey, Jack McGrath, Angus Mulconry, Harrison Perry, Anthony Scott and Patrick Smythe.
We wish them good luck and good teamwork!

YEAR 3 CAMP-School Sleepover
On Thursday 27st November, the Year 3 students will be having a sleepover at school. Students will go home at the normal time on Thursday and come back to school at 6.00pm. We will be having a range of activities during the evening and the next day. After breakfast, the year 3 students will be participating in some outdoor activities during the morning to keep the flavour of a school camp. This experience will provide students with a good introduction to the camping program for the next year. Permission forms will be sent home next Tuesday.

SWIMMING
Mondays and Wednesdays for the next 2 weeks.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red
Teylah Lott
For your fantastic effort during swimming lessons this week. You listen well, try your best and have a great big smile at the same time. Keep it up Teylah

Homegroup 3/2/1/ Green
Ashley Griggs
For putting a fantastic effort into your swimming. You listen to the instructor and been developing your swimming skills.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Carolyn Dungey
For the beautiful piece you wrote about Remembrance Day. It was well composed, insightful and very moving. Thank you for sharing it with us. Keep up your fantastic efforts with your learning Carolyn!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Blake Witney
For putting a huge effort into to your learning. You have done extremely well to stay focused and on task, which has resulted in work completed at a high standard.

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

25 Nights
Cody Ward  Blake Hanmer

50 Nights
Nataly Santo

150 Nights
Deklan Majcherzak

175 Nights
Daniel Axford

200 Nights
Beth Axford

225 Nights
Jessie McCabe

275 Nights
Sheree Casey Wilson

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners

- James Dungey
- Matilda Dent
- Zaic Farmer
- Shelby McGrath

Happy Birthday

Shila Bundle
Levi Booth
Ayaka
Elmer Narratives

Elmer and the Kite
One day Elmer, Wilbur and Tiger went into the jungle and played with their kite. It was windy. The wind blew the kite up into the tree. Elmer, Wilbur and Tiger were sad. Elmer jumped up into the tree and got the kite. They were happy. The End. By Beth

Elmer and the Jungle Monster
Once upon a time Wilbur, Tiger and Elmer raced into the jungle. They could smell something else. It was a giant crab. Tiger chased the crab away with his sharp teeth. Elmer, Wilbur and Tiger were happy. The End. By Jaycobb

Elmer and the Very Hot Day
There was Tiger, Elmer and Wilbur they were hot. They go get some buckets and fill them with water. They put it on their heads. They were cool. The End. By Lilli

In 1915 Australian soldiers left for Gallipoli. It was sadly World War One. New Zealand and Australia teamed up together against Germany and other countries. Thousands & thousands of soldiers were getting killed each day. There was the wounded, the crippled and the ones with mental problems when only some of them returned home to their loved ones. A couple of years after they come back some will die from the saddest reasons. So on the 11th of November each year at 11:00 people have a minute of silence to remember all those who helped defend our country and died. Another thing people do is lay a poppy on there shoulder to represent respect to those who died.

By Carolyn Dungey

Swimming
On Monday and Wednesday we went swimming. I did backstroke and freestyle. I have Aiden S, Jamie, Ella and Kiara in my group. We have free time after swimming lessons. I go up the deep end in free time. I play with Aiden S. I play tiggy with him. Swimming is lots of fun. By Ashton

At swimming I learnt how to do freestyle. In free time I did a front flip in the water. I like swimming because we get to learn new things.

By Mikayla

At swimming I hurt my eye. I have been learning to do breaststroke and it is really hard.

By Nataly

At swimming we have free time. I like playing with Nataly. Nataly was pretending to be a dolphin and I was being a dolphin trainer.

By Matilda

Jack Chesterfield, James Dungey and Deakin Santo use the Seven Steps to Writing Success when writing about the Stephanie Alexandra Kitchen Garden Program.

Munch, crunch, chop and Yuk! That’s the words in the kitchen.


Every second Thursday afternoon in the staffroom air is filled with the aroma of fresh fruit and veg and other ingredients while 5/6 Yellow cook up a storm in the staffroom. When everything is plated up it’s gone in a matter of seconds.

Afterwards every one does their bit to clean up. None of this would happen without the help of the parent helpers and of course Ms McLennan.
REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year the 11th of November marks the 96th anniversary of Remembrance Day. That means this time 96 years ago guns on the western front fell silent. We had pushed the German invaders back. It was the end of world war one. 4 years 1914-18. Between 9 and 13 million people died in the war. Nearly one third of them didn’t have graves. The allied nations chose this time in this day as the commemoration of the fallen soldiers of ww1. The first anniversary of Remembrance Day was 1919 the year after the war, held at the brand new cenotaph in London. It was proposed by an Australian Journalist by the name of Edward Honey, who was working on fleet street at the time. At the same time a South African man made a similar proposal to the British cabinet which just made it. Then King George the 5th requested that everyone to stop there normal activities for 2 minutes in the hour of armistice. We still remember the people who risked their lives fighting for our country, our land, our peace and our freedom.

Each year since Australians stand for a minutes silence at 11am in memory of those who fell during all wars. We don’t just have a minutes silence for those who fell but for those who did come back, scared not only on the outside but on the inside. For those the memory of war was horrific.

This poem; In Flanders Fields was written by a Canadian doctor who died later in the war.

Between the crosses, row on row, We are the Dead. Short days ago, Take up our quarrel,
That mark our place; and in the sky We lived, saw sunset glow, To you from failing hands we throw,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly Loved and were loved, and now we lie If ye break faith with us who die,
Scarce heard amid the guns below. In Flanders fields. We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

These were the words read by Patrick and Shakira to the school on Tuesday 11th November. Lest we forget.
ART ROOM NEWS

Patterned Fish

Throughout the year, art4myroom accepts submissions for the Prize Winning Art award. The winner has a photo of their artwork featured on our blog and a cool prize will be sent out to that creative student.

Mrs Krygger entered Rose-Ann’s Patterned Fish Artwork into the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS ROSE-ANN!

Your artwork titled "Patterned Fish", from our Sea Unit, is wonderful.

You have won a fabulous Art Pack.

Thank you for your fantastic entry and keep up the creative work.

Thank-you Mrs Krygger for recognising creative works and entering on behalf of Rose-Ann.

art4myroom – Art lessons created for teachers by teachers

PARENT CLUB

Every year Parent Club coordinate and organise the end of year BBQ and raffle. This year this will be held on Tuesday 16th December.

There will be a Parent Club meeting in the next few weeks in the staffroom, everyone is welcome to attend. At the meeting the catering for the BBQ will be discussed as well as organising the raffle, donations and other activities on the night. If you are unable to attend but would like to help out on the night please let the office staff know.
CONGRATULATIONS NILMA!
68 Students across the school successfully completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
The certificates were presented at assembly this week. Thanks to Mr Williams for coordinating the Challenge.
Thankyou for all the donations. Our kitchen is taking shape. The SAKG Program has had a very exciting start. We have had three kitchen classes and three gardening classes. Some parents have commented that their children have offered to cook dishes for dinner and some students have said they are trying foods they wouldn’t normally try, and have discovered they like them. We’ve cooked some very tasty dishes and in Term 4 our menu includes curries, pizza, ravioli and all kinds of salads. Ms McLennan and Mrs Hodge will be participating in two more days of training at the end of October.

We are refreshing our donations list to include:

**Donations for our Garden**

- Hay/straw/bark chips/pea straw/sugarcane mulch
- Trays and punnets (used) hammers, mallets, saws 4 hoes
- 2 pitch forks 6 hand trowels 1 secateurs
- 2 hedge clippers 2 steel rakes 6 metal buckets
- 6 metal basins 2 80 litre wheelbarrows 6 PH kit
- Gumboot Raincoats & umbrellas

**Volunteers Needed!!!**

We need at least 3 volunteers for every class to make this program work. Volunteers work with groups of 4-5 students in the kitchen and the garden where we grow, harvest, prepare and share the food.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Attached to the newsletter is information regarding School Funding Arrangements for 2015. As part of government funding reforms, the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) paid directly to parents will be discontinued at the end of the 2014 school year. The government has decided EMA funds that were previously distributed directly to parents in need will now be directed to schools that are deemed to be needy, as decided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. As a consequence of this all schools will be affected with many receiving less or no funding. We realise that this government decision will have a significant impact on many families. As a school, we will endeavour to ensure there are a number of flexible payment options available to our parents. If you require any more information, please contact the office.

**STUDENT ABSENTEE LETTERS**

Student Absentee Letters were sent home at the beginning of November. These letters are sent home with students who have had an unexplained absence or late arrival at Nilma during the previous month. These letters, once returned, are used to update your child’s confidential student file and then placed in the schools confidential absence files. It is important that these letters are filled out, signed and then returned to school. They are an important part of your child’s and the schools yearly data records.
SWIMMING PROGRAM

The program will run for 6 sessions over a 3 week period. Dates for the program are: Monday 10th, Wednesday 12th, Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th, Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th November. Students will travel by school bus to the Warragul Leisure Centre at 1.00pm. Parents must collect children from the Warragul Leisure Centre at 3.15pm. Wednesdays timetable during the swimming program is outlined below. Recess will be held between 10.30am to 11am and Lunch at 12.30pm to 1pm. **STUDENTS NOT PARTICIPATING MUST BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL BY 12.45PM**

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HG Red 1F      | Music | Japanese |
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HG Blue 543    | Music | Japanese |
HG YELLOW 65   | Japanese | Music |

SUMMIT CAMP

The Year 6 students will be attending a Mount Worth Cluster Transition Day at ‘The Summit’, Trafalgar East, on Friday 28th November. Students are to be dropped at the Summit by parents at 9.00am, and collected at 7.30pm. Children must bring lunch, snack and drink for the day. An evening meal will be provided. Students will also need to bring bathers, towel, hat and a change of clothes. The cost of this one day camp is $66 which includes all activities and the evening meal.

**Permission forms and payment must be returned by Friday 14th November.**

TOUGH MUDDER

Thank you to the families that have donated items for the Tough Mudder! Sponsorship forms were sent home on Monday. These forms are for students to record their sponsorship and/or donations and must be returned to school on Friday 21st November. The forms will be kept at school until after the Tough Mudder then students will have until Friday 5th December to return money raised. The money raised from the Tough Mudder will be used to purchase items for the new sandpit area.

SCHOOL TRANSITION

FOUNDATION TRANSITION FOR NEW STUDENTS IN 2015.

**Nilma Dates for Transition**

- Thursday 27th November 9-11.30am
- Monday 1st December 9am—1pm
- Tuesday 9th December 9am—3.30pm

YEAR 6 STUDENTS (Common dates)

(Some other times have been arranged for different secondary schools)

- **Summit Camp ($66)**
  Year 6’s from Mt Worth Cluster
  November 28th - 9am—7.30pm

- **Statewide Orientation Day**
  December 9th— 9am—3.30pm

- **Graduation Dinner**
  December 17th December
Nilma Primary School

Tough Mudder
Run & Walk - School Fundraiser
Tuesday 25th November 2014.

The Tough Mudder
1.30pm – 3.15pm

TARGET
$ 500

PARENT INFORMATION

Dear Parents

Year 6 leaders at Nilma have organized a Tough Mudder and Walk on Tuesday 25th November 2014. By sponsoring your child either per lap or overall, you will be helping us raise money for our new Sandpit area. Students will be placed into groups according to their year level and given allocated time to complete the course as many times and as fast or slow as they like! Students will bring home a sponsorship form 2 weeks prior to the Tough Mudder, you can ask your family and friends to sponsor you. Money raised is then due back on Friday 5th December.

Parents are welcome to come along on the day and watch students participate!

Organisation on the day
1.30pm – Years 2, 1 and F start (15 minutes)
2.00pm – Years 4 and 3 start (20 minutes)
2.30pm – Years 6 and 5 start (30 minutes)

Students will need to bring a change of old clothes (including underwear!), a pair of old closed toe shoes (no thongs or sandals) and a towel or 2!

Some of the obstacles in the Tough Mudder course will include: a Slime station, Commando mud crawl, Waterslide, Hay bale climb, Tyre roll and Army crawl. Activities will be adjusted to suit each year level.

To set up the course we will need lots of help and support! Year 6 leaders are after:
• a blow up pool
• tyres of all sizes (must be safe to roll and jump over)
• Hoses buckets
• tarp/s square hay bales wooden ladder

We would also like some parents to volunteer to help at each station, you might get wet or muddy but it will be great fun!

Thanks
Year 6 Leaders, Lachlan B, Lachlan C and Jack C.
# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## 2015 School Year

*Staff Commence—Wednesday 28th January 2015*

*Students Commence—Thursday 29th January 2015*

*(including Foundation students)*