Thank you to all staff,
Thank you to all staff for their professionalism and support in my absence on the Japanese Trip. Mr Williams did a marvellous job as principal. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and supportive staff at Nilma Primary School.

JAPANESE TRIP
Laura Young, Rosa and Matt Burdett and myself along with students and staff from Darnum had a wonderful two week trip to Japan.

The trip enabled students to be immersed in the Japanese culture and meet so many wonderful and caring Japanese families. As the program has been in place for approximately 16 years—there were many friendships built up over this time and many families who have hosted for years. These relationships have enabled the program to be more than just a holiday but a wonderful experience for all. The trip had both country and city stays. Students visited 6 schools and shared lots of experiences. We have lots of photos—between Laura and myself we will design a presentation for students and share some more information with all.

GRADE 3 CAMPING SLEEPOVER
What a night and day! Students had a wonderful time at the sleepover—all students were so well behaved—marshmallows on the fire and the lunch the next day was delicious. Thank you to Mr Williams for working with the students on the camping experience.

BUILDING WORKS
Next week we will be moving the year 1/P students into the new Staffroom for the remainder of the school year. This will allow the internal works to be completed on the Main school building. The new office and administration area will be completed. This will mean for a short time staff will use the project area for our staffroom during recess and lunch. Sorry! First aid will be housed in the new toilet facility near the new staffroom. Thank you to all for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

School Office
While building works are in progress—the main building will be out of bounds while builders work—however entry for main office will remain open and accessible. The back door of main building will not be accessible.

FACILITIES GRANT
Nilma has been successful in gaining a grant to work on the drainage and car park concerns we have had. We hope to begin works as soon as possible—the holiday period would be perfect to have the car park works completed.

NEW STAFF MEMBER
Welcome to Kathryn Closter, our new year 3/2 teacher at Nilma. Kathryn has been working at Newborough Primary School for the past two years and is looking forward to starting at Nilma in 2013.

SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Today we have had our new students commence for the first of 4 transition days. We welcome Olivia Addison, Chloe Behncke, Jade Mammolito, Will McGrath, Jack Moss, Aiden Smythe and Ty Ward.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Remembrance day was on Sunday 11th November. Thank you to Mr Williams and students—Tayla Lochki, Jack Chesterfield and Justin Axford for representing the school.

PIRATE THEME DAY
Tomorrow, Friday 16th November we will be having A “Pirate Theme Day” as part of our term 3 writing focus and research on “Pirates”. Students are encouraged to come dressed in some pirate attire. We will be having a range of “Piratical” activities during the day.
Student of the Week
Recognitions
Homegroup 1 / Prep
Aiden Olsson
For being a responsible student.

Homegroup 3/2
Annwn Williams
For sharing his thinking in mathematics and working well with others.

Homegroup 4/3
Blake Witney
For showing respect to others and a responsible attitude in the class

Homegroup 6/5
Jessica Gilbertson and Bailey Kleeven
For doing fantastic narrative writing and adding lots of detail.

Hooptime Basketball Cheque Presentation
On the 12th of November at Assembly we had the McDonald Licensee from Warragul come to present the school with a One Thousand Dollar cheque. Our school won the money in a competition. Our class had to write 50 words or less of what equipment our school needed to play basketball. I entered the competition. I wrote we needed basketball singlets as we borrow them from Darnum Primary School for Hooptime, new basketballs and a mini hoop. I WON! I am excited about winning and think the new basketball singlets are awesome. I will play in Hooptime next year. By Jack Hall.

Phil and Michael Wilson presenting Jack Hall and Ms Berkelmans with the winning cheque!

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NIGHTLY READING
Recognition certificates
100 Nights
Holly Behncke
125 Nights
Emma Crook
150 Nights
Zavier Allsopp
Sheree Casey Wilson
200 Nights
Meg Devlin
225 Nights
Savanna Maunder
Jessica Gilbertson

Summit Camp Grade 6
Transition Day
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. Students are to be dropped at the Summit at 9.00am and picked up at 7.30pm.
I found 6 strawberries. We watered everything. By Bailey
We tried round carrots. We did weeding.
By Meg
The carrots were yum. By Holly
There was 11mm of rain. By Aiden
We measured our pot plants. By Ashley
My oregano grew. By Rieley

Remembrance Day
On the 11th of November 1918 the army generals all signed a contract called Armistice and world war 1 ended. After that soldiers and nurses came home from World War 1. In recognition of that day, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month Australia and New Zealand stop for a minute silence to remember family, friends and comrades who fell and were killed in the war. Remembrance Day is also known as Armistice Day or Poppy Day. Poppies are a red flower and are worn on Remembrance Day the red colour represents the blood spilled in the war, these flowers are found in Flanders Field in Britain these flowers were spread in the most deadliest battles in WW1 now we will stand for a minute silence. By Jack & Patrick

Kanga Cricket
On Wednesday the seventh of November most of the grade five sixes and Patrick and Jack.M went to Buln Buln Recreation Reserve to play T20 school blast (kanga cricket). We played four games of cricket we lost 2 and won 2 we played against Yarragon, St. Pauls twice and Drouin West primary. We won against Yarragon and Drouin West. Jack said the best bit was: cooper doing the splits it was so funny, nice one Cooper. Patrick said the best bit was: When we played St Pauls, I caught a ball and hit a 12. At the end we got free milo and certificates. We all had a lot of fun. By Jack.M and Patrick

In Gardening, we learnt about the water metre. It can tell us how much rain there has been.
By Ella Perry
On the weekend, Bailey and I went up the bush on a boys trip.
It was near my Dad's work. Bailey and his friend took a Honda CRF50. My favourite part was riding Bailey's motorbike.
By Mitch Chesterfield.
I have been practising reading The Little Yellow Digger. I'm learning to put more expression in when I am reading.
By Kiara Perry
Next Friday, I am going to an appointment in Melbourne. Mum has to drive there without Dad, he has to work. Mum is a little scared about driving in Melbourne with no other adults. By Kiandra Polglaze
On the boys trip, when I went on my motorbike, I went through a puddle, I thought it wasn't deep but.....it was. I got mud all over the bike. When I got home I had to wash it. By Bailey Dent

On Wednesday 7th of November 2012, Justin Axford, Tayla Lochki, Tayla Lawry, Jack Hall, Jack McGrath, Savanna Maunder, Patrick Smythe, Cooper Allsopp & Olivia Quinn headed off to Buln Buln Recreation Reserve. We were the first school there with their whole team. Jess, Jasmin, Brytnie, Mckayla and Rachael didn’t come Miss B knew that Mckayla wasn’t coming cause she fractured her finger, but Jess, Jasmin and Rachael didn’t show up which made Miss B very upset but she had fun with the rest of us. We won two games versus Yarragon and Drouin South and we lost two to St Pauls A grade and B grade. We had a great time with our mixed team we did really well. Miss B was proud of all the boys that showed up and very proud of the four girls that came, Savanna, Olivia, Tayla Lo and Tayla La. The day was awesome and we had a great time, I look forward to next year and we’re sure the others that came are looking forward to next year.
By Savanna Maunder, Bailey Kleeven & Justin Axford.
Next week Tuesday 20th November will be BMX at the BMX track, Western Park Drive Warragul.

Students will need their own bikes and helmets, long pants and long sleeve tops. Parents must drop students off and pick up, parents are encouraged to stay.

BMX will run on Tuesday 20th, Tuesday 27th November and Tuesday 4th December.

Our last session of cricket will be held on Thursday 29th November. Parents are invited to come along and have a cricket match with the students.

Please remember your Hats and Drink Bottles for EVERY session!

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**GRADE 3 SLEEPOVER**

On Tuesday the grade threes had a sleep over at school. The scarecrows looked like zombies, and we saw green eyes in the bushes. We had a bon fire in the back paddock, it was HUGE! We made our lunch on mini fires. We had potato, pumpkin, sweet potato and sausage.

By Sine and Tahlia.

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**PARENTS CLUB**

There will be a Parents Club meeting next Thursday 22nd November at school at 9.00am.

We will be discussing the end of year BBQ and Christmas raffle.

Thankyou to all the parents who helped at the Clearing Sale BBQ. We raised approx. $300 which will go towards new catering equipment for the school.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Attached to the Newsletter is Book Club, please have all orders and money in my next Thursday 22nd November. This will be the last Book Club for the year. Late orders will not be accepted.
# SCHOOL CALENDAR
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