Principal Notes

YEAR 3 CAMP
School Sleepover—next Thursday 27th Nov.
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 6.00 pm. Mr Williams and Ms Berkelmans 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.

School Council President

Hi my name is Nicki Kimm. I am School Council President at Nilma Primary School. I have 2 children. Shakira who is in year 6 and Ashton who is in year 3. Shakira will, next year, attend Neerim District Secondary College. I have lived and worked in the area my whole life and my husband, Jason and I have settled on 5 acres on the outskirts of Buin Buin. We also run our own business in Warragul. Not always an easy job but a rewarding one. I joined School Council 5 years ago with the hopes that I would be able to have some input into the school’s long term achievements.

The school’s aim is to work toward developing capable, confident and talented students. As well as honest, reliable and caring citizens.
I fully believe, that we as parents and community members, also share this responsibility in partnership with the school. We all need to work together to provide the best we can for our children.
Over the course of next year, we have lots of plans for developing the playground and school yard.
If anyone wishes to obtain more information regarding these works or any other matter regarding the school, please feel free to come and say Hi and ask.
School Council is here to provide a voice for students and parents alike. If there is a matter or concern that you wish to have brought up, you can approach myself or any of the other school council members.

PARENT CLUB
On Tuesday 25th November at 9am there will be a Parent Club meeting in the staffroom, everyone is welcome to attend. At this meeting the End of Year and Graduation BBQ will be discussed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th November at 6pm. This will be our last meeting for 2014.

TOUGH MUDDER—Year 6 leaders—School Fundraiser—next TUESDAY
Sponsorship forms were sent home on last Monday, there are spare ones available from the office. 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 (to record laps completed) then students will have until Friday 5th December to return money raised.
Bring along some old clothes to wear—you may end up a bit muddy and wet!
BRING A TOWEL—may need to clean up and get back into school uniform at end! HAVE SOME FUN OVER / UNDER OR THROUGH OBSTACLES!!!

MILO CRICKET T20
Well done to our Milo Cricket T20 team who participated in the Regional Finals in Traralgon on Tuesday. Participants were: Lachlan Axford, Andrew Burdett, Jack Chesterfield, Max Chesterfield, Lachlan Crook, James Dungey, Jack McGrath, Angus Mulconry, Harrison Perry, Anthony Scott and Patrick Smythe. Thanks to Mr Burdett, Mrs Smythe and Ms Matarczyk for providing transport.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS TRANSITION
Thursday 27th November 9-11.30am
Monday 1st December 9am—1pm
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red
Blake Hanmer
This week for swimming lessons you worked really hard when swimming to the deep end on your noodle. Even though it was scary, you had a go. Well done Blake.

Homegroup 3/2/1 Green
Emma Crook, Nataly Santo and Matilda Dent
For the fantastic singing at Assembly. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Mitch Chesterfield
For your positive attitude to your learning all year and demonstrating all the REAL@ Nilma values. Keep up the fantastic effort Mitch.

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Alan Smith
For the effort you have been putting in when using ICT to design and create, and for responding to the ‘teacher feedback’ given to you in regards to your work.

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

NIGHTLY READING

75 Nights
Carolyn Dungey

175 Nights
Meg Griggs Kael Mason

200 Nights
Charlotte Brown
Kael Mason
Beth Axford

225 Nights
Oliver Turner

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners

• Ashton Kimm
• Bethany Axford
• Piper Bundle
• Rieley Gunton

Happy Birthday

No birthdays this week.
Students Blake Witney, Kylie Griggs and Deakin Santo demonstrate their ICT for Communicating and Creating skills by acquiring information and designing a Remembrance Day poster.

Elmer and the kite
By Shila
One day in the jungle Elmer, Wilbur and Tiger were flying a kite. Elmer flew the kite into a tree. Elmer jumped on top of Wilbur so he could reach the kite. They went home because it was not windy. The End

Elmer and the Kite
By Larissa
One day in the jungle there was a kite and Elmer, Wilbur and Tiger were flying the kite. It got stuck in the tree. Tiger got a fan and blew the kite down they were happy.

Elmer and the Jungle Monster
By Cody W
One night a zombie came into the jungle. The zombie finds Elmer Wilbur Tiger. The zombie tries to eat Elmer Wilbur and Tiger. Now they run away. The police get the zombie. The End

We go to swimming lessons on Monday and Wednesday. We go into groups and I’m in group 5 with Jamie, Ty, Ella, Teagan, Ashton, Olivia and me. We go at 1:00pm, we get on the bus. We go for swimming lessons to the Warragul Leisure Centre, we have 6 swimming lessons. By Kiara

Swimming
We did swimming on Monday and Wednesday. I’m in group 5, it is fun. We do swimming first then we have free time. I normally swim with Kiara in my group. There is Kiara, Jamie, Ashton, Olivia and Teagan. I had so much fun at swimming. My friends were all in other groups. My favourite part was when I had my free time because I got to play with my friends. By Ella

In swimming I have been learning how to jump in the water of the deep end. In free time I play in the big pool. I like swimming. By Olivia
In swimming I have been learning how to jump in the water and swimming with noodle. By Sheree
In swimming in free time, Rieley, Mitch and I do back flips in the water. In our lesson we did backstroke. By Daniel
As I discovered with the year 6 boys this week, it's not always easy discussing our emotions. Sometimes we can feel angry, frustrated, sad or lonely. Bottled up anger can become explosive, depressive and bad for our health. Sometimes when we feel like this we try to use power and control tactics to frighten people, or to feel like we have some kind of control. But these tactics can be abusive. Most often, behind the anger are feelings of hurt, fear and powerlessness. We need to remember that the other person’s anger is their problem, and that we can deal with it without getting drawn into an argument or escalating the emotions.

One way to do this is to “cool down” the situation by using “cold water” words. Some of these words are phrases like “tell me more”, or “that must have made you feel awful” or "you seem really angry/hurt/disappointed”. People will usually respond if they feel listened to and their feelings are acknowledged.

Some people try to pull us into their anger by using angry words, teasing or put downs to try and rouse our anger. It is good to think of some "cold water" responses you could use to cool down a potentially angry situation. What are some you can think of?

An old proverb says, “A soft answer turns away wrath”. I believe that to be true.

Have a great week,
Blessings, Glenda

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
Nilma Primary School has reapplied for a grant for a School Chaplain for 2015-18. We will know if we are successful in the first week of December 2014. As part of the annual review of the Chaplain Program, I am seeking parent feedback for our 2014 year. All responses are due in by Monday 1st December 2014.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN—FEEDBACK

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM - PARENT RESPONSE FORM
please complete and return to Office by next Thursday 287h November 2014

The chaplaincy program at Nilma Primary School is 80% federally funded with the school putting in the remainder 20%($4000). I am pleased to report that we have had many positive comments from families and staff about the introduction of the program. I will be submitting the annual mandatory acquittal report 2014 to the federal government. Thanks in anticipation of parent responses.

COMMENTS
My child/ren or our family has had access to the chaplain at Nilma  Yes / No

I believe the chaplaincy program has been very beneficial to my child/ren at Nilma PS   Yes / No

OTHER COMMENTS
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The school chaplain's chat and feedback form are presented in the document. The chapanlain is discussing the challenges of discussing emotions, particularly anger, and providing advice on how to handle such situations. The feedback form is related to the chaplaincy program at Nilma Primary School.
Over the last two weeks we have been looking at "Dealing with our Feelings" which is a bit hard to talk about some times. We talked about how to cope with other people when they are angry or upset. We talked about things that make other people appear angry. We read a story about "Kalmic and the Angry Alien" who looked angry and aggressive, but was really just confused, hurt, sad and lonely. We learnt that we should listen to other people and try to see things from their point of view. If we listen we may be able to help them understand their feelings and help them feel accepted if we don't react to their anger and hostility.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the year as year 6's and all the activities and events being prepared such as the year 6 day at "The Summit" where we will join in with other year 6's from the area.
There are also other activities such as the "Tough Mudder" challenge, and also the Year 6 Graduation. It is a very exciting time.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Oliver Turner’s Mum– Melanie for asking around about a spare boat. For the sandpit! WE HAVE ONE!!! Thanks to their neighbour’s Leigh and Kim Gourley (and their family) for donating the boat for the sandpit—we look forward to children having many sea adventures in the future!

‘Resource Smart’ School- Incursion and grant

Resource Smart AuSSI Vic helps Victorian schools to actively build sustainability into everyday school and community life. Through Resource Smart AuSSI Vic ‘Sustainability Certification’, schools are given recognition as they step through each of the five modules within the framework. Each school’s achievements are measured and celebrated using the data and evidence it collects and enters into the Resource Smart online system. This also provides schools with information about the savings it has made. Each school community is encouraged to celebrate its achievements as it obtains its ‘stars’ through Sustainability Certification.
Nilma Primary School’s focus on Sustainability and one of our main values is ENVIRONMENT. recently signed to become a Resource Smart school.

INCURSION

On Friday 21st November Nilma will be auditing our school WASTE. Jessie Ablett from Baw Baw Shire will be conducting a whole school INCURSION. The Waste unit is a core module to becoming a Resource Smart school.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT SUCCESS

Nilma Primary school was successful with the application for Phase 2 of the Energy Efficiency Grants for Victorian Schools Program. The Energy Efficiency Grants can be used to undertake energy audits, purchase energy efficient or sustainable infrastructure and undertake related energy saving activities.

A one-off payment of $10 000 will provide an exciting opportunity for Nilma to become more effective in managing energy consumption and reducing energy costs.
Welcome to our new supervisor for the remainder of term 4, Trinnette Werner. Trinnette has been involved in the AASC program, and has been coaching at other schools in the area. Please make Trinnette feel welcome in her role at NPS. Thank you Trinnette for taking on the role and we look forward to working with you. The program for term 4 is running well. Students have been learning new skills and having fun during the sessions. Please remember that students are required to wear hats. Trinnette will collect hats at the end of each session and they will be placed in the staffroom for students to collect the next morning. Wearing the correct footwear is essential and during the warmer weather students take regular drink and rest breaks. Just a reminder that students must be collected at 4.30pm and are to be signed out at the end of the session.

### 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.

### ATTENDANCE
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.

### FAMILY STATEMENTS
Attached to the newsletter are Family statements. These statements are for overdue camps, school fees, excursions and swimming. Could these invoices please be paid by the end of November. Payment can be made by cash at the office or by direct deposit.

### BOOK CLUB ORDERS
Book club orders were sent home last week with the newsletter. This is the last Bookclub for the year. Please send all payment with orders back to the office by next Tuesday 25th November.

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Last week, information regarding School Funding Arrangements for 2015 was sent home on the newsletter. 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 needly, 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.

### TRANSITION DAYS
Year 6 students will be attending various Transition days in the next few weeks. Attached to the newsletter are permission forms for these days. Summit Camp will be held on Friday November 28th, Statewide Orientation will be on Tuesday December 9th, and the Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be held on Wednesday 17th December.
Stephanie Alexander
KITCHEN PROGRAM (SAKGP) @ NILMA

Donations for our Garden
Hay/straw/bark chips/pea straw/sugarcane mulch
Trays and punnets (used) mallets, 4 hoes
2 pitch forks 6 hand trowels 1 secateurs
2 hedge clippers 2 steel rakes 6 metal buckets
6 metal basins 1 80 litre wheelbarrows 6 PH kit
Gumboots

 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. Thanks very much to our kitchen volunteers this week: Janet Wylie, Sasha Miles, Sarah Shipard and Julie Smith.

We picked 14 peas off the plants. Teylah.
We raked the leaves. Cint
We picked a garlic. Teylah and Bethany
We planted watermelon seeds. Oliver
Beth and I found a caterpillar, I planted pumpkin seeds. Levi.
On gardening I watered the broccoli. We found a caterpillar on the broccoli. Ty

Year 3,2,1, picked lavender to dry, planted lettuce, beetroot, corn and sunflower seeds. They also harvested spring onions, daikon, radish and mint leaves for the kitchen.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

WORKING BEE
THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
1.45PM — 5PM

We need some maintenance and clean up completed before our whole school BBQ which will be held on Tuesday 16th December. Please call in at anytime during this day if you can help out. If you can’t make it next week, please call in and look at our Job Board.
Many hands make light work!

Jobs to be completed are:
Cleaning around the school grounds (need a gurnie!)
Bark chip to be distributed in playground and gardens.
General maintenance and gardening. (strong drill needed to remove bugle screws!)
TOUGH MUDDER

Nilma Primary School

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

1.30pm – 3.15pm

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
1.15pm – Years 2, 1 and F start (20 minutes)
1.45pm – Years 4 and 3 start (25 minutes)
2.15pm – Years 6 and 5 start (35 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.

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 blue canvas pool

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! Please let us know if you are available to set up at about 1.00pm.

Thanks
Year 6 Leaders, Lachlan B, Lachlan C and Jack C.
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**2015 School Year**

*Staff Commence—Wednesday 28th January 2015*

*Students Commence—Friday 30th January 2015*  
*(including Foundation students)*