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# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal Notes

# NEWSLETTER

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**School Council President**  
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### GIPPSLAND EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

Darnum Primary School submitted an application to the Gippsland Education Excellence Awards on behalf of our cluster Japanese Program. I am proud to announce that the program has been recognised and has won the 2012 Gippsland Education Excellence award for our Japanese program and its links to the community. This award recognises the many people who have contributed to the program over the past 16 years by hosting students, teachers or other Japanese guests and by participating in our exchange program in Kyushu. Our schools will be presented with the award at a special dinner on December 5th. Thankyou to all those who have made this award possible! We have also invited Mrs Liz Rechsteiner to the award dinner to recognise the contribution and commitment Mr Paul Rechsteiner (previous school principal) made to the program and the development of the global relationships.

### PIRATE DAY

On Friday we had lots of pirates at school—fortunately no one had to walk the plank Mrs



Buckler bought along! The theme has stirred the imagination of students to produce some great writing pieces. The perfect pirate name to be bestowed upon me before I took to the high seas was 'Cap'n Cannonball Poopdeck'! Ask your child what Ye was called...!

### MRS UREN VISIT—AFTERNOON TEA

With the unexpected arrival of Will—we have not had the opportunity to have baby shower or anything for Mrs Uren and recognise her contribution to the school before heading to have her beautiful tiny Will. Now things have settled down we would like to have an afternoon tea for Mrs Uren. Mrs Uren will be coming to school next **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm for afternoon tea.**

We will be able to properly welcome Will into the 'Nilma community'. **Parents are invited to attend.**

### 1/PREP on the move...

Thank you to all year 1 and Prep students for moving to the new building temporarily. Sharon Salt has been working tirelessly to make the move as smooth as possible with packing and de-cluttering! The students look comfortable in the new Staff room.



### MARC VAN

Next week's final MARC VAN session—students can return books—there will not be any more borrowing! Can we have all books returned by next Thursday please.

### PREP ORIENTATION

Next Wednesday 28th November we will be having our second Prep Orientation at the school from 9.00am until 11.30am. New Preps can bring a snack for recess.



# STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA

## R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

### Student of the Week Recognitions

#### Homegroup 1 / Prep

#### **Holly Behncke**

for reading well to the class and keeping up with her reading at home.

#### Homegroup 3/2

#### **Mitch Chesterfield**

For working really hard to improve his expression skills when reading.

#### Homegroup 4/3

#### **James Dungey**

for making such a great effort in his learning and working hard at his reading comprehension skills.

#### Homegroup 6/5

#### **Cooper Allsopp**

For putting a fantastic effort into mathematics and being a great learner.

## R. E. A. L STUDENTS @ NILMA

### NIGHTLY READING Recognition certificates

#### 50 Nights

*Jordan Stone*

#### 75 Nights

*Jordan Stone*

#### 100 Nights

*Blake Witney*

#### 125 Nights

*James Dungey*

*Matilda Dent*

#### 200 Nights

*Lachlan Axford*

#### 225 Nights

*Mekayla Lindsay*

#### 275 Nights

*Dominick Johnstone-Witney*

### **Summit Camp Grade 6 Transition Day**

Next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. The program for the day is attached to the newsletter.

### **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

Our first session of BMX was a huge success!! Thank you to all the parents who stayed and helped and thank you to the students also for their good behaviour! Please remember next week to wear a long sleeve top & long pants, to be able to ride the whole track we all need to be wearing the correct attire for BMX riding. If students have a motorbike helmet they can also bring them along to wear while riding. Correct footwear must also be worn, either runners or boots. Please also remember your drink bottles!

# HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!



We have a new classroom. It is really the new staffroom.

by Emma.

**1/P Formby**

We will be staying in this new building for a few weeks. I like it. by Zavier.

We dressed up as pirates. by Holly

We watched a pirate movie called "Treasure Island". by Bailey.

I liked looking for the pirate flags with my buddy. by Arawn

It was fun when we did the treasure hunt. by Rieley.

Pirate Day should be called Freaky Friday. by Matilda.



**3/2 Watts**

In art today, we finished off our pirate ships. Today we put more detail into our pictures. I used some string for the ships ropes and we used cheerios for the port holes. I drew a plank on my ship, so it looks more like a pirate ship. I liked learning how to add more detail because it makes my picture more effective.

By Rose-Ann Scott



On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November the grade 3's had a sleepover at school. The boys slept in the 3\4 room and the girls slept in the 5\6 room. We played hyaki.

We made our own lunch and we made steam boats on the campfire. We had a bon fire at night and we toasted marshmallows, they were yum! On the 14<sup>th</sup> we did some orienteering that was really cool!!!!

**4/3 Williams**

By Andrew Burdett

On Tuesday the grade 3's had a sleepover at school. We burnt the wood from the tree that fell down. It was a ginormous bonfire!!!!!!! We roasted marshmallows over the fire, we played games. Murder in the dark was really fun. We got hot milos before we went to bed. We had 5 minutes with our torches on. I had a really fun time!!!!!!! By Angus M

On Tuesday the grade 3s had a sleep over at school. We had a big bonfire from the tree that fell over. We played games and one of the games was kick the can. We had marshmallows and they were yum. I had fun. By Max

## Blackbeard

**Blackbeard's ship was called "The Queen Anne's Revenge." His ship sunk in 1717-18. His ship had 40 cannons and plenty of room for the crew.**



**6/5 Berkelmans**

**Blackbeard stole his ship from la Concorde a French slaving vessel. He realized it would be a perfect pirate ship. It was large, fast and had enough room to have forty cannons. His ship weighed 300 tones.**

**He had as many as 14 wives. It is believed that Blackbeard was born around 1680. Blackbeard had a trick he got lengths of hemp cord and hung it from under his hat, It was dipped in lime and saltpetre and then he lit it with a match which then gave his face and eyes an unnaturally fierce glow. His real name was Edward.**

**He became famous by being mean and scary and by lighting his beard on fire and the way he was a pirate. By Jack and Ryan**

# GARDENING/ ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

## Grade Prep/1

- Picked strawberries, cut up and shared the sweet taste.
- Watered vegie garden
- Checked how much their pot plants are growing



## Grade 2/3

- Moved all the mulch at the front of the school
- Dug a hole for the start of our dragon and put in the first tyre hump
- Weeded garden
- Checked their pot plants



## Grade 3/4

- Planted pumpkin, cucumber, chilli, lettuce, carrots.
- Moved a lot of mulch for garden paths
- Watered and weeded
- Blake and Dominick—began a dinosaur hedge
- Jack C pruned roses



## Grade 5/6

- Worked on mural for water garden
- Finished strawberry cover and it is working well.
- Dug another hole for the second hump of dragon— in the magic forest! Cooper pasted all the photos into the work book.

## Help Needed

We need parent volunteers to build three compost bins.

(see photocopy in gardening box in staffroom)



*Cuddling  
Carrots we  
grew!*

# SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES 2012/13



## NOVEMBER 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
19 <i>Library borrowing 1/P &amp; 3/2</i>	20 Active After School CASEA Program	21	22 Active After School	23	24	25
26 <i>Library borrowing 4/3 &amp; 6/5</i>	27 Active After School CASEA Program	28 Prep Orientation	29 Final Marc Van Active After School	30 Summit Camp Year 6		

## DECEMBER 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
3	4	5 Prep Orientation	6	7 AB Team- Youth Leadership Day	8	9
10	11 Statewide Orientation Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 BBQ & Graduation Student Reports sent home	19 Grade 6 Graduation Dinner	20	21 Last Day Term 4	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## JANUARY 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Staff start	30	31 Students start			