TOUGH MUDDER—Year 6 leaders—School Fundraiser
Wow! What an event! Mud! Mud! Mud! Oh what fun we had last Tuesday! Congratulations to all students for getting in and having a go at each of the obstacles. HUGE thank you to Jack Chesterfield, Lachlan Crook and Lachlan Brown for working together to design and coordinate the event—taking on the role of project managers! Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders who took on the responsibility of working as a team, to bring the idea to fruition! Well Done to Max Chesterfield who completed the most laps—11 laps to get covered in Mud! Thank you to parents, grandparents and teachers for supporting this fundraising event. The students have raised approx. $1200 (to date) which will be used to purchase a new sandpit and sandpit equipment. Great effort!
Check out the photos on page 8.
We have received a majority of sponsorship forms and money. Sponsorship forms will be returned today with the newsletter—outlining how many laps individuals completed. Could the remaining money be collected and final forms be returned by FRIDAY 5th December with money raised.

YEAR 3 CAMP School Sleepover—Tonight!
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.

YEAR 6 SUMMIT DAY
The Year 6 students will be attending the Mt Worth Cluster Transition Day at the Summit Camp tomorrow. Parents are to take students to the Summit Camp at Trafalgar East and pick up from the Summit at 7.30pm. Children must bring lunch, snack and drink for the day. An evening meal of roast beef and sticky date pudding will be provided. Students must also bring bathers, towel, hat, shampoo and a change of clothes.

KATHRYN’S LAST DAY—Monday
Miss Closter will be finishing tomorrow and will return next year as Mrs Evans! We wish Kathryn and Kris all the best for their coming wedding on Saturday 6th December, and a wonderful Honeymoon! Mrs Jocelyn Formby will be teaching the Year F/1 class for the next three weeks.

FAMILY BBQ and Year 6 Graduation
On 16th December at 6.00pm we will be having a wonderful celebration evening for the whole school community. Something for everyone on this evening! Our usual BBQ cooks are keen to watch their children graduate—so we are looking for 4 parents to cook for the evening! Cooking will need to commence at 5.30pm. Please let Belinda, at the Office, know if you would be able to lend a hand here!
STUDENT LEARNING @ NILMA

R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

*Student of the Week*

**Recognitions**

*Homegroup 1/F Red*

**Cody Ward**

During your 6 swimming lessons with school you have listened and worked very hard. You have had the biggest smile on your face. It's really lovely to see.

Keep it up Cody!

*Homegroup 3/2/1/ Green*

**Ashton Kimm and Aiden Smythe**

For putting a fantastic effort in Tough Mudder. It was great how dirty you got.

*Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue*

**Kirsty Wooster**

For your cheerful attitude and willingness to always “have a go” in your learning. Keep up the great effort Kirsty.

Well done mate!

*Homegroup 6/5 Yellow*

**Angus Mulconry**

For the effort and energy you put in to completing the Tough Mudder. You persisted through every lap even when it became tiresome.

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L.A.U.G.H Program

Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home

**NIGHTLY READING**

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**PLAYGROUND AWARDS**

*Winners*

- Zavier Allsopp
- Teylah Lott
- Patrick Smythe
- Lachlan Crook

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**SPORTS AWARD**

- Max Chesterfield

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Happy Birthday

Bailey Stephens

Sharon Faulds
Elmer and the Jungle Monster
By Clint
One day Wilbur, Elmer and Tiger went to the jungle. They found a dinosaur in the jungle. The dinosaur chased Elmer. Elmer rings the police the monster goes to jail. They walked home. The End

Elmer and the kite
By Jessie.
One day Elmer made a kite. It got stuck in a tree in the jungle. The wind blew the kite in to the tree. Wilbur and Tiger climb on Elmer’s back and get the kite out of the tree. Elmer got the kite off Tiger they flew it back into the sky. The End.

Tough Mudder
On Tuesday we had Tough Mudder. I got really muddy. I was rolling in the mud and throwing mud at Miss B. I like doing the slime pool and the water slide. It was hard getting change. The mud was all sticky and wouldn’t come off. By Ashton

My favourite activity was going through the mud. I got really dirty. I got mud in my eyes. By Matilda

We did Tough Mudder on Tuesday. My favourite activity was the slide, the slime pool and the mud. I got really muddy. My clothes were all dirty. By Sheree

It’s an eventful day here at the Tough Mudder. Here is me and my associate Jordan near the end of the day. I didn’t think I was going to participate in this but as you can see I got fairly muddy as well. I got splashed, hugged and I also got a couple of high-fives as well. To sum it all up, it was a fun day here at the Tough Mudder.

Shakira Kimm’s Sizzling Start
‘Weeeeeeeeeee!’ I slid down the slippery slide. I was cold and wet. My yellow top well... let’s say it’s no yellow no more! Splash! I had landed in the pool of mud, dirt, soap and yep you guessed it sweat! With over 70 kids building up sweat there would have to be heaps of sweat! I got up running (or more or less walking as my clothes were heavy) towards the tyres. Right foot in the first tyre, left foot in the next, Right foot, left foot, right foot, left foot and finally my right foot in the final tyre...
Technology Institute of Victoria would like to extend our appreciation to the Principal, staff and parents of Nilma Primary School for supporting and participating in the 2014 Parent training program that allowed participants to gain a Certificate III in Business.

The program has been very successful and the Technology Institute of Victoria is able to offer scholarship funding again to support the parents in 2015.

This program will be offered in 2015 at both a host school and at the Ballarat Lodge.

Classes have been scheduled to commence in week 3 of Term 1 next year and Technology Institute of Victoria would like to offer the opportunity for your school to participate again.

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Learning respect is a bit like learning to bake a cake. You can’t bake a beautiful cake if you miss out a vital ingredient. Respect is a vital ingredient of life. Respect is simply treating others the way you would like to be treated. Do you now we are not born with respect, but we LEARN and EARN it. We need to learn to respect ourselves, others, and also property and things. Respect for others is to be considerate, and to accept that other people are different, and that is ok. Respect for self means that you are able to stand up for yourself and won’t be talked into doing things that are wrong or make you feel uncomfortable, or go against your values. Respecting property and things means you take care of your own and other people’s property. Respect always considers others. It means living out the golden rule: “Treat others the way you would like to be treated”. Respect is also about learning to have and respect boundaries - yours and others. We are able to take responsibility for our own behaviour and actions. This way we are free to live a happy and safe life.

RESPECT IS:
- Responsibility
- Earning respect
- Standing up
- Patience
- Encouraging
- Consideration
- Treating others with kindness

Can you make up your own acronym for R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

(acknowledgement: "Me and My Super Powers" by Jane Geyer)

THANKYOU
### SCHOOL ORGANISATION

#### PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK
Available from the school office is the 2014 Parent Information Handbook which covers information regarding Nilma Primary School. These books will be updated again next year in line with school and department changes. If you would like a copy of this book please collect one from the office. They will also be available online shortly. Thank you to the parents and families that gave feedback and ideas for the handbook throughout the year.

#### ATTENDANCE
Student Absentee letters were sent home today with the newsletter. These letters are sent home with students who have had an unexplained absence or late arrival at Nilma during the year. 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
Last week family statements were sent home on the newsletter. 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.

#### COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES
Latrobe Community Health Services offer a community dental service to eligible families. For more information about this service please contact 1800 242 696 or information is available on their website at [http://www.lchs.com.au/](http://www.lchs.com.au/)

#### 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 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.

#### TRANSITION DAYS
Year 6 students will be attending various Transition days over the next few weeks, dates will differ for some students depending on which secondary school they are enrolled in for 2015. Summit Camp will be held on Friday November 28th, State-wide Orientation will be on Tuesday December 9th and the Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be held on Wednesday 17th December.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
In line with department and school guidelines ALL volunteers and visitors that come in to Nilma Primary School MUST sign in the volunteer book at the office. This is required under our Emergency Management regulations. This allows us to know who is on school grounds at all times, for safety and emergency purposes. This includes visiting teachers and specialists, parents and volunteers who help in the classroom and with school programs, those involved in the AASC program and after hour meetings with staff. If you are collecting your child/ren or dropping off forgotten lunches or books etc then you do not need to sign in but you must report to the school office.
Nilma Primary School for 2015 will be including a personalised student diary as part of our school communication. In these diaries the school has chosen to include 16 pages of school information at the beginning of the diary.

As part of the diary inclusion Nilma Primary are offering local businesses that have supported Nilma an opportunity to advertise in these diaries for a fee of $100 for the year.

These diaries are distributed to all our students, and with an anticipated enrolment of over 80 students for 2015, this gives businesses a valuable opportunity to increase awareness to our families and our wider school community.

Businesses who choose to advertise in our diary will also be included on a rotating basis in our school newsletter, on our website and on display at school. We would like to offer to our local family businesses too!

If you require any further information regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Annette at school or you can contact Phil Mammolito, school councillor on 0438 371 094 by Wednesday 3rd December 2014.
Stephanie Alexander
KITCHEN PROGRAM (SAKGP) @ NILMA

We made a herb salad to make dried herbs. Oliver.
Teylah, Jacob and Anthony picked peas and put them in the fridge. We also scooped up the dried chicken poo with a shovel.
We looked for caterpillars. I found 6 Levi.

Oliver and Shila cut the herbs. Cody W
Willia, Blake and Jessie dug up the dirt and sieved it to make dirt.
Zaïc, Zavier, Ty & Aiden sifted to make potting mix. Sheree and Ashley pulled out parsnips. Rieley picked daikon radishes.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS
There will not be any library borrowing after December 9th. Please have all Nilma PS library books returned by then as we will need to do a stocktake.
Thanks, Mrs Vagg.

MARC VAN LIBRARY BOOKS
There will not be any library borrowing after December 9th.
Please have all MARC VAN library books returned by MONDAY 8TH December 2014
Which home-group will have all books back first?
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## 2015 School Year

**Staff Commence—Wednesday 28th January 2015**

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