Family BBQ, Concert and Year 6 Graduation

On 16th December at 5.30pm we will be having a wonderful celebration evening for the whole school community. Something for everyone on this evening! We will commence with a BBQ, Mini Concert—with all home groups performing and then onto the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.

Our usual BBQ cooks are keen to watch their children graduate—so we are looking for 2 more 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!

Homegroups/Staffing for 2015

In our flexible learning areas we will be working in home groups and smaller working groups for Literacy and Numeracy.

The home groups (HG) for 2015:
- Miss Emily Matarczyk - HG Yellow 6/5,
- Mr Kerry Williams - HG Blue 5/4/3
- Miss Monica Berkelmans - HG Green 2/1 and
- Miss Kathryn Closter - HG Red Foundation.

Statewide Orientation Day

Students all across the State will be transitioning to their new setting or home groups for 2015. This will mean our year 6 students will all be off to their respective secondary schools, our new Foundation students will be coming to school for the whole day and all other students will be transitioning to their new home groups. This day will provide opportunity for the new groups to have discussions, get to know each other and connect with their new buddy for 2015.

Year 3 Camp School Sleepover

Thanks to Ms Berkelmans and Mr Williams for sleeping over with the year 3 students last Thursday night. See page 5 for more details.

Marc Van – book returns

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Year 6 Summit Day

What a fantastic day and evening for the year 6 students last Friday. Thanks Ayaka and Ms Matarczyk for supporting us to achieve some goals for the day—and have fun! See page 5 for more details.

TOUGH MUDDER UPDATE

Firstly I would like to apologise to Lachlan A—as we must have missed recording one of his laps—Sorry Lachlan. Both Lachlan and Max paced each other around the Tough Mudder course, completing 11 laps together. Thanks to Max for informing me of my error. Thanks to families for supporting the fundraiser—We still have 30 sponsorship forms to be returned. Look at our total rising below!

Check out page 5 for more pictures and information.

Lost Property

— We have a number of items of clothes and shoes left after the Tough Mudder. Please make sure you check the items if your child did not bring home any muddy clothes! Please come to Office to check.

Reporting to Parents on Student Achievements — Student Reports/Portfolios

Student reports will be completed and sent out at the end of year with student portfolios in the last week of school – Wednesday 17th December 2014.

Tough Mudder Fundraiser

Money Banked to date — $860

We hope to see you there!!!
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1/F Red

Jade Mammolito
For having a positive attitude in all areas of work. You are always willing to “have a go” and try something new. An excellent role model to others in the class.

Homegroup 3/2/1/ Green

Olivia Addison
For your positive attitude and your and willingness to challenge yourself and take responsibility for your learning. You make a great role model for your fellow students.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue

Rose-Ann Scott and Mitch Chesterfield
For being voted by their peer as demonstrating all the REAL @ Nilma values and the qualities of “Student of the Week” Congratulations!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow

Jordan Stone
For giving every activity at The Summit a go, whilst wearing a massive smile. Awesome!

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

NIGHTLY READING

125 Nights
Sine Salt

300 Nights
Sheree Casey Wilson

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Winners

Jack Chesterfield
Max Chesterfield
Lachlan Axford
Zaic Farmer
Zavier Allsopp

Happy Birthday

No Birthdays this week!
**HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!**

**Mrs Krygger** gave us love hearts and she asked us what love is about. She wrote what love is about in our love hearts. We made a big card for Miss Closter. Beth.

Our class stood up on the bridge and we threw rose petals on Miss Closter. Blake. We made Miss Closter happy when we gave her the card we made for her. Teylah.

We gave Miss Closter cake. Mrs Vagg made cake. It had a love heart on it. Lilli.

The whole school was on the fake grass to wish Miss Closter a happy wedding day. Oliver.

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**Year 3**

On Thursday we came to school at 6pm. We came into the class and set the beds up. The boys were in Mr Williams room and the girls were in Miss B room. We made our beds. We went out outside to help Mr Williams get the BBQ out of the shed. We set the BBQ up and Mr Williams cooked sausages. We then had a play. We came inside to make a salad. Then we chopped fruit for dessert and put it in the fridge. We ate dinner at the staff room table and then went outside to get the fire ready. We had to find little dry sticks. Then we went inside and had dessert. It was fruit salad and ice cream. Then we went outside and Mr Williams had the matches and started the fire. After we started the fire, we brought chairs out with our torches. We toasted marshmallows on the fire. Then we played a game of spotlight tiggy in the dark. We came back inside and watch a movie with Milo. Then we went to bed. In the morning we had breakfast in the staff room. We had toast. We folded our beds up. At the end of recess we started the fire and went to staff room to make steam boats. It was 2 sausages, 4 carrots and a couple of potatoes. We wrap them in foil and put them on the hot ashes. They were really yummy. I really liked grade 3 camp and want to do it again. By Ashton, Daniel and Aiden.

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**Home Group - 65 - Lemon Yellow**

**TOUGH MUDER**

Go! I was first into the mud crawl. I dived into the mud and army crawled through the mud. When I got out I ran to the slippery slide and sprinted down it. I slipped over and slid down the rest. There was lots of bubbles and the bottom. A lot of the bean bags got wet so we might have to get new ones or let them dry and wash them. After the slippery slide there was tyres we had to step through. They were really easy. Next we had to run to the hay bales and climb over them. They were really easy too. After the hay bale climb we had to run to the slime. It was very cold but there was not much slime. It was very yuck. After that we ran to the ladder and the plank. You could either run across the ladder or run across the wooden plank. Then we would go to the tyres where we have to roll the tyres around the cone and back. It was easy. Then we had to run to the basketball course and crawl through the tube thing, then jump over the hurdles, then we would run around the building back to the mud crawl. I did 9 laps and it was very tiring.

By Andrew Burdett.
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.

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/

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.

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?

SUNSCREEN
As per our Sunsmart policy, Parents may send sunscreen with their children to school for them to apply during the day. Please make sure that the sunscreen is easy for students to use and is in a plastic bag in case of leaks!

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.
Summit Camp
Last Friday the Year 6 students spent the day at The Summit with students from Darnum and Bona Vista. It was so fun! Everyone was split into three groups and each group did six activities; the flying fox, the sky bridge, abseiling, a bush challenge, the inflatables and ‘Snakes and Nails’. The nerve racking flying fox and sky bridge both went over the dam and the abseil was 18 meters high! In the bush challenge we had to make the quickest time. Our team won! We played giant Fussball and raced on a giant inflatable playground. At the ‘Snake and Nails’ we walked barefoot across nails and got to meet and hold Mitch a large carpet python. There were lots of teachers and three Summit staff who took us to all of the activities. Our group had Ms Sutherland and Miss Matarczyk.

We had a lot of fun doing all these activities we were so happy do all of them. The whole point of the day was to meet new friends and to Give it a Go, Ability, Support others (GAS).

By Kylie, Shelley and Miss Matarczyk.
Year 3 Sleepover Fun!!!

Last Thursday the Year 3 students finally had their sleepover. It was a great success with the perfect weather.

Students helped prepare their dinner, making a leafy green salad with produce from the kitchen garden and a salad dressing. Later they prepared a fruit salad for dessert.

After our BBQ dinner we gathered wood for a campfire and toasted marshmallows. Spotlight Tiggy with torches was fun!

After part of a movie and supper it was off to bed.

Everyone got a good night of sleep despite Mr Williams snoring, or so the students claimed!

The next morning students had breakfast in the staffroom with Miss Berkelmans and Mr Williams. Then it was off to do some orienteering around the school.

The last feature of our sleepover camp was making “steamboats” with sausages and vegetables and cooking these in foil over the coals for lunch on Friday.

Congratulations to the students for their great behaviour and fantastic cooking skills. A great time was had by all….and some sleep!
CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

Last week I talked a little about RESPECT. When you learn to be strong in yourself, and like and respect yourself more, you will naturally change the way you behave. You will naturally like and respect others more as well. When you change your behaviour, you notice that people around you change the way they treat you. It’s important to remember that you can’t change anyone else’s behaviour - only your own. When we change how we think, feel and behave, other people treat us differently. In every moment we make choices that change the way our future will unfold. If you want things to be different, you need to think about doing things differently.

Someone recently asked me, “if you had your life over again, what would you do differently?” This is a good question. Imagine you are a lot older, and looking back at your life. What is your life like? What do you see? What do you feel and hear yourself saying at that stage? Where do you live? Do you have good friends? Do you have a comfortable life?

What would you have to do differently today and from now on that would help lead you to that better future? When you know what you need to do to achieve your goals you can start making choices that will help you get there.

Have a great week,
Glenda

MANSFIELD HORSE RIDE FUNDRAISER

Nilma’s most recent fundraiser, being a horse ride in the high country of Mansfield, raised around $800 making the weekend very successful! We had 19 riders and 3 (sometimes 4) different speeds to choose from, fast canter, slow canter and trot (the fourth being a walk). The horses were amazing, each was suited to its rider perfectly. The hills were steep and not like a normal trail ride at all. We weaved our way through the trees to find ourselves on an isolated road on which we cantered/trotted/walked. The staff were awesome telling stories about the horses. The food was cooked perfectly and everyone enjoyed it. Especially dessert on the Saturday night, Ice-Cream with Chocolate sauce that was to die for!

The river was a short walk away, but a long one back as it was downhill.

We will have another horse riding fundraiser in the second week in November 2015. We will be staying at different accommodation making a different ride and allowing a few more people to attend. Riders have to be over ten or (if a student) the age their parents think is acceptable (being over ten not under). At the moment we have enough riders that said they would come and spaces are limited so if you wish to come its first in best dressed.

You don’t have to be very skilled at riding you could be a total beginner or the opposite. If you do wish to come talk to Nicki Kimm, she will be to give you more information if you wish. Watsons trail ride does have a website, just search their name in google. You might even find pictures of the weekend up on the site.

I hope you can come. Remember the more riders we get the more money we will raise.

Thanks
Shakira Kimm (Year 6 Leader)

Huge thank you to Nicki Kimm for coordinating the event as a school fundraiser for Nilma. All the students of Nilma will benefit from your dedication and time.
2014 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Attached to the Newsletter are Raffle Tickets for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on 16th December at the End of Year BBQ/Year 6 Graduation. If you require more books they are available from the office. Parents can leave donations towards the Raffle at the office before Monday 15th December.

There are a number of prizes; a Gift Voucher with the prize value of $640.00 from The Moorings, Metung; 2 x Meal Vouchers from the Warragul Sporting & Social Club; Hampers; Books and lots more! A more detailed prize list will be available closer to the draw. Please support our last fundraiser for the year by selling all those tickets! We are also asking families to assist in the collection of donations towards the Christmas Raffle. Letters to local businesses will be available from the office on Friday 5th December, please see Belinda. If every family can approach 2-3 businesses it would be great for the school community and make the raffle a huge success!

END OF YEAR BBQ-Concert & GRADUATION EVENING—Tuesday 16th December 2014

It’s that time of the year again when we hold our annual End of Year BBQ-Concert & Year 6 Graduation. More details about the night will be in the newsletter closer to the date. We will also require some helpers on the night, to help with the BBQ, selling raffle tickets, setting up, selling drinks and packing up. If you are able to help on the night please let Belinda know, or return the reply slip below.

End of Year FAMILY BBQ-Concert & Year 6 Graduation

Family Name:______________________________________________________________

I can/cannot help out at the BBQ on Tuesday 16th Dec (please circle)

For catering purposes, how many people attending:___________________________
Feelings

What’s up everybody? We have been learning about feelings. We have learned that feelings are your body’s way of telling you what you’re feeling inside you. Feelings will help you respond to what is happening around you. Trust your feelings. Remember that all feelings are ok. Endorphins are a hormone that your body releases when you’re happy XD.

One way is to listen to your favourite music. You can also play sport or draw or you can do something you enjoy. Well you know that we had the Nilma P.S. Tough Mudder. We are way over the goal that we set of $500.00. We are looking at $2000. Thank you to all the families who gave all the equipment and made the sludge and brought us hay stacks. So thanks for reading.

We are also discussing where we will go for our Year 6 Graduation Dinner. We are not sure where we will go yet, but we are really looking forward to a nice dinner.

Bayley and Jack on behalf of the year 6 Leadership Group

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

This week sees the last session of Cricket on Thursdays and there is still one more session of Fun n Fitness on Tuesdays, the 9th December being the last session for 2014. Thank you to Trinette Werner for supervising this term and to Sharyn Armour for coaching both activities.

Thank you to everyone that has been involved in the AASC program at Nilma. It has been a great program, enabling students to have a go at many different activities and opening up pathways for students to join local sporting groups. It has been a pleasure to coordinate the program and to also supervise and coach throughout the years, I have enjoyed working with the students, supervisors, coaches and staff to deliver this program.

Next year sees the Sporting Schools initiative introduced to schools in term 3 of 2015, Nilma will be a part of this program and details of how this will work at Nilma will be available next year.

Thank you all again, Belinda.

Stephanie Alexander
KITCHEN PROGRAM (SAKGP) @ NILMA

GIANT PUMPKIN COMPETITION!!

Your child has been given a giant pumpkin seed or seedling to plant. These seeds are sourced from the giant pumpkin that sits in Bourke St park in Warragul.

Tips for growing a big pumpkin:
- plant in the sun
- water regularly
- don’t eat them, they are bred for the size!
Congratulations to all the students who participated and helped at the Tough Mudder, your efforts were fantastic!
To date we have raised approx. $2000!!!! We will update this figure as sponsor money comes in. Money raised will go towards the new sandpit area.
All money from the Tough Mudder is due in on Friday 5th December, it can be paid directly at the Office or by direct deposit. If you are paying by direct deposit please leave your surname and ‘tough mudder’ as the reference and then notify the office of your payment.

**MOST LAPS IN EACH YEAR LEVEL**

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**TOP EFFORT FUNDRAISERS!!**
Well Done to the following students who have raised $100 or more!! (as of 4/12/2014)

ANGUS MULCONRY
JADE MAMMOLITO
ASTRID SMITH
PATRICK SMYTHE

WELL DONE MAX & LACHLAN A ON COMPLETING 11 LAPS EACH!!!

WELL DONE TO AIDEN OLSSON FOR RAISING $200.00!!!
MUSIC LESSONS 2015

Music Education would like to offer Guitar & Keyboard tuition to students from Term 1, 2015.

About Our Programs

- Group music lessons (keyboard and guitar) at your school
- Caters for all ages and music levels
- Weekly 30 minute lessons
- Small group sizes (maximum of 6 students per lesson)
- Very affordable. $110 per term. 70% less than private tuition
- Guitars, keyboards and music books supplied for every student during lessons
- We look after all of the administration including parent enquiries, enrolments and payments.

EXPRESSON OF INTEREST

MUSIC EDUCATION AUSTRALIA MUSIC LESSONS 2015

The ________________________________________________________________ family would be interested in receiving Guitar and/or Keyboard lessons from Music Education Australia in 2015.

GUITAR

KEYBOARD

Please circle preference

Signed__________________________________________________________________________

Date______________________________________________
NILMA PRIMARY
SCHOOL CALENDAR

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2015 School Year

Staff Commence—Wednesday 28th January 2015

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

Term 1—Ends—27th March 2015

Christmas Trees!

Trees on sale:
- Direct from the Tree Plantation, Burke St, Warragul (near Gilwarr Heights Cemetery)
  10am - 4pm Saturdays & Sundays (Dec)
  4pm - 7pm Wednesdays (Dec)
- BP Warragul (formerly Freedom Fuels), Brandy Creek Road Warragul North.
- Rowe’s Nursery, 105 Landsborough Road, Warragul

Buy your Christmas tree at the plantation, mention your school name and the school earns $2.00!