Tough Mudder/Walkathon Fundraiser

Year 6 leaders have been busy organising the Tough Mudder fundraiser. A fun, muddy and wet course was coordinated around the school grounds. It was lovely to see lots of families here to watch and some parents even taking the plunge themselves. While it was a bit muddy and few problems with clean up, all in all it was a lot of fun. Please return all the sponsorship forms with the sponsorship money by end of the week please.

Huge thank you to Year 6 leaders; Shelby McGrath, Lachlan Axford, Sine Salt, Angus Mulconry, Meg Griggs who coordinated the event—and all the staff and parent helpers too. It was great to see everyone chip in for the clean up too! We have already got a few good ideas for next year. Check out the photos on page 5.

We still have several pairs of runners and some clothes and towels. (I did take home bags and lots of clothes to wash on the weekend too!) Thank you to Blackwoods for the donation of clean topsoil for use in the ‘Commando Crawl’ (mud crawl) obstacle for the event. We look forward to letting you know how much we raised next week.

Exursion to Good Shepherd PS

What an adventure! We had a lovely day at Good Shepherd Parish School in Wheelers Hill. The school which has 465 students is in a very built-up residential area. Our Year 6 students got to catch up with the students who visited here in Term 3. Our students had the opportunity to develop an awareness of the similarities and differences of both schools. Imagine playing the clarinet in the instrumental band! How about staying inside at playtime because the ground outside is a little wet? Try playing soccer on an oval with 100 other kids!

Apology for the delay in returning—a flat tyre on a minibus is a bit harder to change! We waited for a second bus—and then headed safely home. We hope to be able to continue the exchange program next year. Check out the photos on page 4.

Woorabinda Camp

Mr Keating has texted me to keep in contact—all students are thoroughly enjoying themselves!

Nicki Kimm took this photo when they left on Monday! Students look pretty keen to go!
R.E.A.L
STUDENTS@NILMA

Student of the Week
Recognitions
Homegroup F Red
Mia Wood
For being such a great role model in the classroom. You listen well, use your manners, work hard and give anything a go. You should be proud of your efforts.
Well done Mia.

Homegroup 2/1 Green
Shila Bundle
For being such a great learner and role model for others. Your positive attitude to learning is something you should be very proud of.

Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue
Emma Crook & Ashley Griggs
For being prepared to challenge yourself to do your best in your mathematics learning and making such a fantastic effort with your multiplication. A brilliant effort...a REAL@Nilma effort! Well done!

Homegroup 6/5 Yellow
Mitch Chesterfield
For you confidence when participating in activities and 'having a go' at Good Shepherd Parish School. It was great to see you getting to know the students.

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

75 Nights
Jaycob Archer

250 Nights
Olivia Addison

PLAYGROUND AWARDS
Winners
- Thomas Buckler
- Blake Stone
- Paige Lutt
- Leaigha Archer

Happy Birthday
Bailey Stephens
**Home Group Happenings!**

**Poems**

*Fire by Ty Kindermann*
Fire burns down houses.  
It burns up with lots of light.  
It burns trees down.  
Fires give people a fright.

*Racing Cars by Nick Addison*
Racing cars are cool.  
They are loud and fun.  
They race around tracks. I watch them in the sun.

Midnight cuddles is my guinea pig,  
His fur is as black as the night time sky,  
He loves his fruit and veg, nibbling away,  
He can cleverly stand on two feet and bites the fence,  
I love to cuddle him,  
He is as soft as down.  
By ZAIc Farmer

*Quatrain Poem…. by Zavier*
Lamborghini is so cool,  
Lamborghinis are very rare,  
They drive so very, very fast,  
Lamborghinis need lots of care.

**Acrostic Poems**

Olives are yuck  
Love playing on the ipad  
I like ice-cream  
Vivien is my sister  
Especially don’t like pickles  
Reading is fun  
By Oliver Turner

Chocolate is yummy  
Love my mum  
I like playing the playstation  
Never eats nuts  
Terrific at my work  
By Clint Scott

**Tasmanian Tiger!**
The Tassie Tiger was a large carnivorous marsupial. The Tassie Tiger or Thylacin was the only member to survive to the modern times from the Thylacinidae family. It has three names, two we know very well which are Thylacin and Tassie Tiger, the other one is Tassie Wolf. The Thylacin was sandish yellow brown to grey in colour. Its body hair was dense, short and soft, to 15mm in length. It had 15 to 20 distinct dark stripes across the back from shoulders to tail. It had a wolf like tail. Their legs were relatively short. The Tassie Tiger liked to eat kangaroos, sheep, small rodents and birds. The Thylacin was mainly nocturnal or semi nocturnal but was also out during the day. The animal moved at a slow pace, generally stiff in its movements. The Thylacin hunted singly or in pairs and mainly at night. Paraphrased by Bailey Dent.
YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER
On Thursday 26th November, the Year 2 students will be having a sleepover at the school. Miss Berkelmans and Mr Williams will be the teachers in charge of the evening. Students will go home at the normal time on Thursday and come back to school at 6.00pm. We will be having a range of activities during the evening and the next day. A BBQ evening meal will be provided along with breakfast on the Friday. After breakfast, the Year 2 students will be participating in some outdoor activities. This experience will provide students with a good introduction to the camping program for the next year. Permission forms must be returned by Monday 23rd November. There will be a cost of $10.00 per student for the sleepover.

BIKE EDUCATION
The Foundation, 1 & 2 students will be participating in Bike Education at Nilma PS on Monday 30th November until Friday 4th December and the Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will be participating from Monday 7th December until Friday 11th December. Students can bring their bikes to school on the Monday and leave them at school until Friday. Bikes are locked away securely throughout the week. All students must bring a helmet. Students will have one session per day, and will learn all about bike safety and aspects of Bike Education.

TRANSITION DAYS—YR 7
Warragul Regional College 9.00am—11.00am—Friday 13th December 2015
Drouin Secondary College— Monday 16th November & Friday 11th December
St.Pauls Anglican Grammar School—Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd December.
Statewide Orientation Day - Tuesday 8th December 2015.

FOUNDATION ORIENTATION DAYS—NILMA PS
Foundation Orientation Days at Nilma PS will be held on Monday 30th November from 9.00am—1.00pm & Tuesday 8th December 2015 from 9.00am—3.15pm.

‘TRADE FOR A DAY’ EXCURSION
All Year 6 students will be attending the ‘Trade for a Day’ excursion on Wednesday 9th December. Students will be travelling to and from the Baw Baw Skills Centre by school bus. There is no cost to students for this day. This excursion will allow Year 6 students to see a range of training programs and facilities available to them in the future. Students will rotate through activity studies, such as carpentry, plumbing, automotive, agriculture and other programs. Students are to bring lunch, snack and drinks for the day. All children must wear correct uniform including hat. Permission forms were attached to last week’s newsletter.

WHOLE SCHOOL BBQ/GRADUATION
On Tuesday 15th December at 6.00pm 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.

For catering purposes, please return the attendance slip below. This will support the Parent Club in providing enough food for everyone. The BBQ is free, however drinks will be sold for $1.00 each.

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, please return the reply slip below.

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End of Year Family BBQ—Year 6 Graduation

Family Name:_______________________________________________________________________________

I can/cannot help out at the BBQ on Tuesday 15th Dec (please circle)

For catering purposes, how many people attending:______________________________________________
Creating resilient families no 11 by Andrew Fuller 2004 goes to great lengths to say Fathers (Father figures) – you are important in ways you don’t realise.

Children often speak about the importance of their fathers/grandfathers and uncles in inspiring an interest in particular areas of the world outside the family home. This includes reading. So if you want your daughters and especially your sons to be literate and to read well and read widely, show them how. Read to them and let them see you reading as well (not just the pending Bills or overdue notices).

If you happen to be a non-custodial dad, it’s tempting to make access visits one big party; taking them to the movies, filling them full of junk food etc as this seems to be the easy way to be a loved father. One young man said once ‘When you live with your dad full time you often want less contact and more freedom, but when you don’t live with your dad you usually want much more contact (around the table reading the Newspaper and doing the puzzles, highlighting a show to watch on TV, in the back yard playing cricket, mooching along walking tracks or building something in the shed) though the other stuff is fun, it’s not quite the same as ‘one to one’ with each child for 20 minutes every day.

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2016 HOMEGROUP ORGANISATION

In 2016 we will have 8 new Foundation students starting and one new student in the Year 2 homegroup.

Our homegroup structure at this stage will be a 1/F, 2/1, 4/3 and 6/5/4. December 8th is the statewide orientation day and all year 6 students will be off to their respective secondary schools and our students will be in their new 2016 homegroup for the day.

The homegroup teachers will be settled by then and we will be able to let parents know who the homegroup teachers are. We have applied for a Mathematics and Science coach for 2016/17 and unfortunately we have not been notified of the success of this application. This has held up our process of workforce planning as this will impact on our current teachers if we are successful.

We have been advised that we should know by next week.

REAL Nilma RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS – December Calendar

As we are all getting busy and we are heading towards the end of the year and lots of families celebrating Christmas – students at Nilma have designed an December calendar with a difference. This can be used as your family ‘Advent Calendar’ or the month of December Calendar.

Traditionally there is something you may open, eat or gain from each day of December leading up to Christmas, something you may receive or is tangible.

The gift of GIVING is the focus of our Calendar for December.

The students across the school have chosen some acts of kindness and can colour in each day or mark in some way when they have completed.

There is also a blank calendar on back for you to copy and use at home if you wish.

We will be talking about Kindness and ways you can show this during the month of December.

Acts of kindness can boost self-esteem, let others know how they are appreciated and builds confidence just to name a few benefits.

You will be surprised at how everyone feels at this busy time of year.

Take the challenge and see how you go!

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END OF YEAR RAFFLE

The Nilma PS raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 15th December at the BBQ/Graduation evening. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week with the newsletter. Could parents please donate something small for our raffle. Items may be left at the office. Raffle prizes this year may include Meal Vouchers, Sporting goods, hampers and much more!
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## BIKE EDUCATION

- Years 2, 1 and F - Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December
- Years 4 and 3 - Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December

Students are to bring their bikes and helmets to school on the Monday of the week that they are participating in.

## 2016 TERM DATES

- Teachers start: Wednesday 27th January 2016
- Students start: Friday 29th January 2016
- Term 1 finishes: Thursday 24th March 2016