NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 28th November 2013
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Principal
Ms Annette Sutherland

Business Manager
Mrs Rachel Hammond

School Council
President
Mrs Nicki Kimm

YOUNG AUTHORS
Celebrating Young Authors
Another wonderful celebration of students work took place on Tuesday. The Young Author’s Afternoon allowed students to share their procedural texts with peers and visiting parents. Students have been developing their understanding of procedural text, purpose and features. Planning, and composing their text with language to suit their intended audience. Students had to revise and edit their work to check that the materials listed and steps written would result in the intended goal of the procedure. Thank you to the students for sharing their work and thank you to the parents and family members who helped celebrate our students’ achievements in writing. Thank you to Mrs Buckler for coordinating the event.

CHAPLAINCY
Our school Chaplain Rose Cook has made the decision to spend more time with her family and will be leaving Nilma at the end of the year. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Rose support our community well being and we wish Rose and her family all the best! PS Rose will still come and visit us!

NEW STAFF MEMBER 2014
Emily Matarczyk will be working at Nilma PS in 2014. Ms Matarczyk will be teaching year 6/5 students. She is really looking forward to commencing and will be here for Orientation Day on 10th December 2013.

Year 6 Graduation and BBQ
Dear Families and Guests,
We are inviting you to the Year 6 Graduation and BBQ.
Tuesday the 17th December at 6pm
A special “guest” will be appearing.
Hope to see you there!!
R.E.A.L
STUDENTS @ NILMA
Student of the Week
Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
Ty Ward
For consistently trying his hardest
at all tasks and being a great
learner!

Homegroup 3/2
Riley Kleeven
For being a fantastic camper at
the grade 3 sleepover. You
helped build a great fire, used
your manners and was a great
role model to others, well done
Riley!

Homegroup 4
Shelby Mc Grath
For showing a positive attitude
to your learning and being
willing to take on responsibility
and help others. Thanks for your
smile Shelby!

Homegroup 6/5
Dominick Johnstone
Witney
For doing a fantastic job in
school production practice. You
are doing great with your
character.

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @
NILMA
L.A.U.G.H
NIGHTLY READING
Recognition Certificates

100 Nights
Aiden Smythe

150 Nights
Jade Mammolito

175 Nights
Tahlia Witney

225 Nights
Olivia Addison

Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday Sharon Faulds!
& Bailey Stephens.
**Homegroup Happenings!**

**Living Things!**
Grade 1/P this week have been discussing the features of living things. Our grade all created living things using posters, play dough, drawings and blocks.

**Grade 3 Sleepover Memory Making**
Last Thursday the grade 3’s had their sleepover at school. Here’s what they had to say about all the fun…

I liked cooking the marshmallows on the campfire and playing the game where you had to try and creep the closest to Mr Williams at the grade 3 sleepover. Bailey

At the grade 3 sleepover we had a big bonfire and got to play spotlight and we played a game where we had to get as close as we could to Mr Williams. We made steamboats and I made mine shaped as a car. Riley

At the grade 3 sleepover we got to see a space station go over in the sky before we went to bed. We also had our steamboats the next day for lunch. I made one for Ms Sutherland. They were YUM! Olivia

**We made steamboats and we set up a campfire.** We had marshmallows and for dessert we had fruit salad and ice cream. Kiara

At the grade 3 sleepover we played a few games, then we went and had dinner and we had sausages, burgers and salad. Then we lit a campfire to sit around and Mr Williams told us to be careful of the dropbears in the trees. Mitch

For the grade 3 sleepover we got here at 6 o’clock. Then we played on the ipads for a little bit. Then we had tea and then we had dessert. Elia

On Tuesday we celebrated Nilma Primary School Young Authors. Parents were invited to come and read our procedural writing. I wrote a pikelet recipe for my procedure, it had 10 steps. Step 10 was to eat them! We had the day to share our writing. Thank you to the parents who came. By Aaron Cooper

On the 5th of December we are doing a play called “Super Kids”. We have been practising a lot. We have to sing songs and do actions but it gets boring after a while. We are having the production at the Drouin Secondary College auditorium. We have to wear costumes that look weird. by Holly Farnham.

On Saturday Tahlia is sleeping over. The Moe bonfire is on Saturday night and Tahlia is coming with us. If it is hot we are going to use our water slide and we will make our home made smoothie.
By Rose-Ann Scott.

On the 5th of December we have our school production. We have been practising it a lot. Our school production is called “Super Kids”. We have to sing 4 songs. It gets boring after a while. We are having the production at Drouin Secondary College auditorium. My favourite song is Nigel.
By Kirsty Wooster.

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By Kirsty Wooster.

I am playing Scar in the School Production. Scar is a quiet bully. He sings a song in the production. Bull is his leader. I am feeling pretty good about the school production and it is coming up really soon. By Michael

I am playing Dulcet in the School Production. Dulcet is a music teacher and plays a lot of instructions. The bullies broke his guitar and he is scared of them. I am excited about the school production. By Cooper

I am playing a Prep in the School Production. He is bullied by Bull and his gang. Bull and the bullies take food and toys off the Preps. I am looking forward to the school production and think it is going to be fun. By Blake
Facebook Code of Conduct

Our intent is to grow our school and ensure the community understands social media, at the same time making connections with our school more convenient. We wish our content to be more accessible and to also tap into the knowledge and support base of our parent community. Our schools Facebook page allows our community to keep up to date with activities through a medium preferred by many. These mediums will allow us to seek your input and feedback on issues related to school. Our Facebook page is also a place where we can build our community by developing and maintaining school spirit. We ask that the community accentuate the positives and bring to everyone’s attention the things that make our school and community great.

This code of conduct comes into effect as of November 2013. We would appreciate that you take the time to read and then agree to the conditions stated in this Code of Conduct. If you disagree with any of the conditions set out in the code of conduct then please ‘unlike’ the Nilma Primary School Facebook page.

NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Using Real Names
All users interacting with the Nilma Primary School Facebook page, by either liking or commenting on posts must do so using a Facebook account that clearly identifies them by their real name.

Raising Issues and not including names
Nilma Primary School is happy to be alerted to issues via its Facebook page but wishes to remind the community that some issues are best dealt with privately. The kinds of issues that can be raised should be centred around school improvements, generally on infrastructure or processes. Issues involving our students or staff MUST not be raised on either of these mediums. When issues are raised (on our Facebook page) we are happy to see people support the issue via a comment or ‘like’. We will however not support interactions that incite overly negative sentiments. We also insist that you do not use the names of our teaching and support staff, students or any other member of the school community in any issued based postings. Posts clearly identifying an individual will be removed or modified.

When can I use names in posts?
You can use names in posts when you wish to acknowledge someone’s great work or community contribution. We wish our Facebook page to be used to build spirit; patting someone on the back publicly goes a long way to building the school we all want.

How to interact with the Facebook page
Initially, users will be able to comment on the school’s postings and on comments by other users. Users will also be able to ‘like’ a post or comment by clicking on the ‘like’ button. Users rights will be reviewed over time and assessments made on access opportunities.

Uploading photos and other media
Each student and their parent/guardians at Nilma Primary School agrees or disagrees to the publication of student’s photos and work to media. Due to confidentiality we cannot release the names of these students. Therefore, it is vital that this protocol is adhered to as closely as possible.
when uploading photos. We ask that any photos you take and upload onto the Facebook page have been given permission from the parent/guardian. We assume that any photos that you have uploaded have followed this procedure and the school does not take responsibility for your photos. If the school believes that permission has not been obtained, the photo/picture will be removed.

The Facebook page administrators have the right to delete any photos (and any content for that matter) we deem inappropriate and does not promote the school’s community spirit.

Underage Facebook users
Nilma Primary School does not endorse children under the age of 13 years to use Facebook. The Nilma Primary School Facebook page is only available to people 13 years or older (in keeping with the Facebook terms of agreement)

Friending Staff on Facebook
Our staff operate under a Code of Conduct that states that they are to maintain a professional relationship with students and parents. It is up to the individual to accept or reject a friend request from parents.

Moderation and block listing
Nilma Primary School reserves the right to set the strength level of the Facebook profanity filter and to add additional words and names to the pages block list.

Actions resulting from and breaches of the Code of Conduct
Nilma Primary School reserves the right to ban any user from interacting with its Facebook page for breaches of the Code of Conduct. We encourage our students to use all Digital Technology at Nilma Primary in a safe and responsible manner and we expect that this extends to the public community when interacting with our Facebook services.

Business and Associations
From time to time, various companies/individuals may request to advertise their businesses via our Facebook page and attach a sponsorship styled write up. At Nilma Primary School our decision is only to include businesses that already support our school. Businesses outside those recognised will need to request sponsorship via the school’s office. Information will be taken off the Facebook page from any unsolicited interactions with the school’s Facebook services, and will result in the comment being removed and treated as SPAM.

The Law and Facebook’s terms
Nilma Primary School’s Facebook page operates under the Commonwealth Telecommunications Act and Facebook’s Terms.

By ‘liking’ Nilma Primary School’s Facebook page you agree to our Code of Conduct for Facebook use.
YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER FUN!!!

Last Thursday the grade 3’s had their sleepover at school. It was hugely successful with the students enjoying having a BBQ dinner, making a bonfire, roasting marshmallows, playing spotlight, eating breakfast in the staffroom and the clear favourite, making steamboats and cooking them over campfire coals. All students and both teachers, Mr Williams and Miss Closter enjoyed the night and had lots of fun. The students were all fantastic, really getting involved in the camping experience. They all managed to get a good night sleep and not too much snoring was heard. Thanks to the school rooster for the early morning wakeup call! A huge compliment to the grade 3’s on their wonderful behaviour and excellent cooking skills, it will be a hard act to follow next year with near perfect cooked steamboats from the students. Thankyou Miss Closter
Hello Nilma!! Tomorrow we are going to summit camp, we are all really excited! The costumes have arrived for the production next week is the week!!!!

It will be a great night.

That’s all for this week, see ya.

By Jack, Savanna, Ryan

Savanna, McKayla, Ryan, Jack H and Cooper

STUDENT AWARDS

Reading Eggs Awards
- Matilda Dent
- Zavier Allsopp
- Holy Behncke
- Emma Crook

Reading Eggs Awards
- Ella Perry
- Kiara Perry
- Meg Devlin
- Lane Ward

Study Ladder Awards
- Cooper Allsopp

"Learners For Life"
CHRISTMAS CHILD
A big thank you from your CRE teachers to all the children and families who brought something special to school to pack into our Christmas Child boxes. This year 7 beautiful boxes travelled from Nilma PS to Warragul, Pakenham and then to Melbourne where they were packed into a large container with hundreds of others to be shipped overseas to children in New Guinea or another Pacific Island country. So this Christmas poor children who have never received a present before will be ‘jumping for joy’ as they open your gifts to them. And, wonderfully, we have also received a gift in the giving.
Thank You, Lesley Welch.

Summit Camp Grade 6 Transition Day
Tomorrow, Friday 29th 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 2014. 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.

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.

GARDENING/SCIENCE
Today, Mitch, Ashton, Lane, Riley, Joel, Aiden and Mitchell did mulching. By Lane.
Today we did watering, planting and taking photos. By Ella.
Today we did watering plants and newsletter writing. By Kiara.
I pulled a white carrot. By Chloe.
We did planting and watering. By Holly.
Lots of children did mulching and raking in the garden. By Olivia A.
The Year 6 class did mulching. By Cooper and Savanna.
SCHOOL PRODUCTION—HELPERS REQUIRED—Thursday 5th December 2014

At the school production it would be greatly appreciated if every family could please bring along a plate of supper to share. Tea and coffee will be available for free. Soft drinks and juice boxes available for purchase. If you are able to help with serving tea/coffee on the night, please see Belinda.

END OF YEAR BBQ/GRADUATION EVENING—Tuesday 17th December 2014

It’s that time of the year again when we hold our annual end of year/graduation BBQ. On the night we will be having our Christmas raffle. Could families please bring along a donation to put in a hamper before Monday 16th December. More details about the night will be in the newsletter closer to the date. Raffle tickets will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. 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 BBQ/Graduation

Name of parent:______________________________________________

I can/cannot help out at the BBQ on Tuesday 17th Dec (please circle)

For catering purposes, how many people attending:_________________

WARRAGUL RODEO—PARENT CLUB FUNDRAISER

Nilma PS has been asked to cater for the Warragul Rodeo which will be held on Saturday 1st February 2014. This is an early notification for parents. Parents who help on the day will gain free access into the Rodeo.

Parent Club are asking if anyone has or knows of a Coolroom that we are able to hire for the catering at the Warragul Rodeo on 1st February 2014, could you please speak to Belinda if you know of one!

More details will be provided closer to the date. This will be discussed at the Parents Club meeting next week.

Please save this date for your calendar!

Please send back the reply slip if you can help out.

Warragul Rodeo—Feb 1st 2014

Name of parent:______________________________________________

I can/cannot help out on the day (please circle)
On Tuesday 3rd December we will be having a full dress rehearsal at school.
**Students to bring costumes in named plastic bag.**

On Thursday 5th December we will be having a full day dress rehearsal at Drouin Secondary College, South Road Drouin. Students will need to be dropped off at 9.15am and collected at 3pm.
(staff will be out the front—if you do not know where this is talk to Annette)
Students will need their snacks, lunch, drinks, hats and costumes.
Permission notes are attached to the newsletter.
Students will need to be back at the Auditorium by 6.30pm, the production starts at 7pm.

**Entry is by gold coin donation**
and
**parents are also asked to bring a plate of supper to share**

Tea & Coffee will be available, soft drink will also be available for purchase.

**‘SUPER KIDS’ COSTUMES / PROPS**

The production of ‘Super Kids’ is set in a school—so we have a small amount of costume and props needed.

**ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR NILMA UNIFORM AS THE UNIFORM FOR THE PRODUCTION.**

Some students are required to wear additional costumes for the ‘Super Kids’ production, they are as follows;

**Year 1/P** - Capes - at school– We need about 6 black capes only.

**Year 3/2** - Caps - at school, Students will need to bring their own pyjamas.

**Year 4/3** - Japanese Classroom scene - costumes at school.

**Year 6/5** - Students have already received their additional costumes for individual characters. Some students still require some items, parents will be notified of what extras are needed.
If students are wearing make-up this will need to be applied at home by parents.

Flash photography is not permitted during the production as it can be quite distracting for students during the performance. Students will be having their photos taken at school on Tuesday 3rd during rehearsals and those photos will be made available to parents at a later date.

If anyone is able to video the production on the night could they please speak to Annette ASAP, you will need to supply your own equipment.

Please also remember your drink bottles on the night to keep refreshed during the performance as it can get quite warm backstage.
# NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## 2014 School Year

- **Staff commence**: Tuesday 28th January 2014
- **Students commence**: Wednesday 29th January 2014
  (Including Foundation Students for 2014)

## School Rodeo Fundraiser—1st Feb 2014

*This may be the only MAJOR fundraiser for the year. We will require every family to support in some way. Remember—many hands make light work !!!*