GIPPSLAND EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

Last night, Darnum Primary School was presented with the Gippsland Education Excellence Awards on behalf of our Cluster’s 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.

PREMIER READER’S CHALLENGE

Certificates have been issued to all students. We have received 20 copies of the Honour Roll. If you wish to have a copy, please collect from the office.

MARC VAN

Final pick up of overdue books will be on Tuesday 11th December. A $10 fee will be issued for each lost book, so start searching if you haven’t already returned your book.

CHAPLAIN FOR 2013

My name is Rose Cook and I am going to be working at your school starting next year as the school chaplain! What will I do you may wonder? I am available to support students, parents and family members and staff as they experience challenging personal situations. I will offer individual confidential pastoral care to members of the school community, as well as run some small groups for students.

I have been the chaplain at Neerim South Primary school this year and I look forward to being part of your school community now too! You can catch up with me when you see me at school or contact me through the office. I plan to work on Tuesdays and Fridays next year. Hope to meet lots of you at the family BBQ in the last week of term and also next year.

Happy Christmas and safe holidays,

Rose Cook

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The final School Council meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 6.30pm at the school.

PARENT CLUB END OF YEAR RAFFLE

Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at school.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
Zavier Allsopp
for great writing, using his THRASS chart and word lists to help him.

Homegroup 3/2
Sine Salt
For the fantastic effort she put into her oral presentation at home!
Well done Sine!!!

Homegroup 4/3
Lachlan Axford and Angus Mulconry
for making a brilliant effort with their first major Book Review on Treasure Island.

Homegroup 6/5
Justin Axford
For putting in a fantastic effort into his work and being a great role model for others.

CASEA INTERVIEWS
A reminder to parents that Tuesday 11th December will be the last day for CASEA interviews. Times have been scheduled for parents attending these interviews.

STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY
Next Tuesday the 11th December students across the State will take part in an orientation day. Year 6 students will attend Warragul Regional College. New Preps 2012 will attend school and students will move into their grade level for next year, this provides students with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with their home group and teacher for 2012.

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

NIGHTLY READING

Recognition certificates

25 Nights
Shelby McGrath

75 Nights
Kiara Perry
Ella Perry

125 Nights
Michael Farnham

150 Nights
Tayla Lochki

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
The last session for Active After School will be held on Tuesday 11th December at the BMX track.
Please remember to wear a long sleeve top and long pants, and helmets.
The school has received funding to continue this program for 2013.

WOORABINDA CAMP 2013
Nilma Primary has 8 students who have been selected to attend the Network Camp to Woorabinda on 11th—15th February 2013. These students are: Sine Salt, Shakira Kimm, Bailey Gunton, Jack Chesterfield, Jack McGrath, Harrison Perry, Patrick Smythe, and Angus Mulconry.
Permission forms and payment of $150 is due back at school by next Tuesday 11th December.
**Homegroup Happenings!**

**1/P Formby**

Next week the new Preps are staying at school for the whole day. I will move into Grade 1 and I will help the Preps. by Matilda

We wrote a Christmas letter to Santa, yesterday. by Zavier

We decorated our class Christmas tree. by Holly

Our plants are growing. I planted apples, they are growing and they are a medium height. by Sheree

I have corn planted in a pot and it is big. by Ashton

I watched “Fast and the Furious” with my Mum. by Bailey.

I typed my story on the computer yesterday. by Rieley

**3/2 Watts**

Yesterday I gave my oral presentation and it was on Miss Watts.

When I was reading it out I got a little bit nervous, but I just imagined that it was just Mum, Dad and I in the lounge. I learnt I need to be more organised.

I took my notes home to put them into sentences on our computer. But I forgot to bring it back to school the next day. So I had to try hard and remember the information on my notes and write it again.

Next time I give an oral presentation, I know that I need to put more facts to make it longer and more interesting and be more organised.

By Kiandra Polglaze

**4/3 Williams**

This semester we have been working with Mrs McLennan and Mrs Hodge in gardening. We have planted radishes, dwarf beans, strawberries, carrots and broccoli just to name a few. Also we have got some neat garden tools and gadgets like a rain gauge and a green climbing frame that makes plants grow on the side of the building. We also made some scarecrows. The grade 3/2’s also made a vegetable shop and they are selling broccoli, radish, carrots and lots more. We also made four bollards that represent the R.E.A.L. Values at Nilma like Respect and Responsibility, Environment, Achievement and Learning. We have already made them and they look great. I enjoy my time in the garden on Thursdays. by Michael Farnham

This term we did gardening and we grew beans, potatoes, carrots, corn, strawberries, herbs and lettuce and we sell them so we get money to buy more things. We do gardening with Mrs McLennan and Mrs Hodge. My favourite veggies are carrots and lettuce. Our latest project is a dragon. I like gardening, it is fun.

By Callum Adams.

**6/5 Berkelmans**

Summit Camp

It was really fun because they encourage you to do things out of your comfort zone. There encouragement worked on me because I participated in every activity. By Jessica

We got to do so many new activities that put you out of your comfort zone and got you to work as a team. It was so much fun. By Brytnie

When I went to summit camp I went on all of the activities. My favourite activity was the flying fox because you got to go over the dam. By Olivia

I really enjoyed the flying swing. I went on green which was the highest. I think next time we should have a camp there. By Bailey

The giant swing was the best. It was fun. I was no scared on any of the activities. I did everything. By Tayla Lochki
GARDENING/ ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

We have been working on modelling the wire dragon head and burying the last big tyre to create the dragon body.

We’ve been selling vegies and next week 4/3 will have a stall ready at 3—3.30pm.

Grade 1/P are taking home some healthy seedlings ready to be planted.

Are there any parents who would like to help with building a chook pen?

Please see Annette if you can help out.

PARENT CLUB

PARENT CLUB—END OF YEAR RAFFLE

Parents Club will be having a Raffle which will be drawn at the end of year BBQ on Tuesday 18th December. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at school. Raffle tickets will be sent home today with the newsletter. Are any parents able to help distribute letters to local businesses to ask for donations for our school. Please call in at the office if you are able to help out.
The Year 6 students attended the annual Summit Camp last Friday.
# SCHOOL CALENDAR
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### FOR 2013

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Term 1: 29th January to 28th March
Term 2: 15th April to 28th June
Term 3: 15th July to 20th September
Term 4: 7th October to 20th December