**Principal Notes**

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**
This year we have a sixteen students graduating from Nilma Primary School, being: Jordan Stone, Blake Witney, Jack McGrath, James Dunegy, Callum Adams, Lachlan Crook, Shelley Brown, Patrick Smythe, Kylie Griggs, Bayley Gunton, Shakira Kimm, Alan Smith, Michael Farnham, Jack Chesterfield, Harrison Perry and Lachlan Brown. We have been very fortunate to have a great group of School Leaders for 2014. We will wish them all well for year seven and their futures. Students will be attending five different secondary schools.

**FAMILY BBQ, Concert and Year 6 Graduation**
Next Tuesday, 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.

Parent Club thanking parents and families who are leaving as well as staff. (and draw the raffle!)

For catering purposes, please return the attendance slip on page 7 by tomorrow.

Thank you—this will support the Parent Club in providing enough food for everyone. BBQ is free however drinks will be sold for $1.00 each.

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! Thanks to the couple of new parents who have volunteered.

**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—$1,500!!
16 more forms still to come back!

**HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**
see page 4 for details

**LAST DAY OF TERM**
Next Friday-1.15pm finish
R.E.A.L STUDENTS@NILMA

**Student of the Week**

**Recognitions**

**Homegroup 1/F Red**

Jessie McCabe

For knowing his sight words, using strategies to help him read words he doesn’t know.

Keep up the good work!

**Homegroup 3/2/1/ Green**

Piper Bundle

For having a positive attitude towards all tasks and putting a fantastic effort into your work.

**Homegroup 5/4/3 Blue**

Jamie Garten, Kirsty Wooster & Kiara Perry

For being voted by their peers as demonstrating all the REAL @ Nilma values and the qualities of “Student of the Week”.

Congratulations!

**Homegroup 6/5 Yellow**

Lachlan Axford and Andrew Burdett

For demonstrating the REAL @ Nilma values consistently throughout the school year. Well done and best wishes for 2015!

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L.A.U.G.H Program

Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home

**NIGHTLY READING**

- **125 Nights**
  - Shila Bundle

- **150 Nights**
  - Lilli Parry-Thomas
  - Blake Hanmer

- **175 Nights**
  - Jade Mammoloto
  - Deklan Majcherzak

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**PLAYGROUND AWARDS**

**Winners**

- Mitchell Gilmore
- Sine Salt
- Lilli Parry-Thomas
- Sheree Casey-Wilson

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**Happy Birthday**

Daniel Axford

Michael Farnham

Oliver Turner

Patrick Smythe

Ashley Griggs
**HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!**

**On Tuesday we went to Miss B’s class.** We did some writing. By Lilli.
We made some Santa baskets. We are going to make some cookies to go in them. Today we are going to make pizza in gardening. It is the first time we have made pizza. By Shila.
We made a reindeer. We put a spakly tummy and antlers on it. By William.
In gardening we are going to make a fruit slice. It is going to be fun because we are cooking. By Teylah.
On Tuesday I met my new buddy, his name is Deakin. We drew a picture of my Foundation room. It was fun. By Blake.

**Orientation Day**
I went to Mr Williams class. At the end of the day we went on the computers. On the computer we made our tub and bag labels. I enjoyed being in Mr Williams class. By Sheree
On Tuesday I got to be a year 2 student in Miss B room. My brother came to school and he was in foundation. He liked going down the back paddock and playing with sticks. I am looking forward to next year. By Olivia
I went to Mr Williams on Tuesday. I was being a year 3 student. We went out for a game. I like playing sport. I hope we get to go out for lots of games next year. By Matilda.

**Cooking in the Nilma Kitchen Garden with 5/4/3 Blue**
Hi my name is Kylie Griggs and I am in the KIDS RIGHTS party. I think kids have a right to do what they want to do at school, so here are some of the reasons why you should vote for us. Here they are;
You will have a choice.
You are not going to be forced in to doing something.
All the money we raise from fundraisers will be put towards making our classroom a better place.
We will raise money for people who don’t have kids rights in other countries.
Kids will have the right to talk to us about their concerns or problems in the playground and we will talk to them about it.
We will have weekly chats with Ms Sutherland.
We are here for you so vote for the KIDS RIGHTS party with Shelley and I.
DON’T BE POWERLESS STAND UP – SPEAK UP

**Toaster party™**
Hello fellow Toastians my name’s Harrison Perry and I’m part of the Toaster Party alongside meh bro Patrick Smythe.
Here are our policies;
Free time at least an hour a day
Go out for a class game at least
Every child should have toast everyday so were going to give everyone in the world a free toaster
Toast trees will be planted
Weekly visits with fresh bread
Dear Nilma School Community

It is with some sense of sadness that I need to let you know that I will not be returning to Nilma Primary School next year. I will be retiring from Chaplaincy, and taking up a position as Pastor at Moe New Life Christian Centre.

I have loved being part of the Nilma School Community, and have enjoyed getting to know you all over the past year.

Thank you to each one who has helped to make this year one i will always warmly remember. To Annette and staff, you have been a tremendous joy to work beside. Thank you for your support, advice and friendship.

I just want to encourage everyone to enjoy the Christmas break and summer holidays. Stay safe, and remember to relax and invest in activities that bring a smile to your face, and renew the soul.

Have a happy Christmas,
With love and blessings,
Glenda

Many thanks to our kitchen and garden volunteers this year:
Janet Wylie
Sasha Miles
Sarah Shipard
Leanne & Norm Perry
Karen & Sandro Santo
Paula Bale
Belinda Smythe
Kelly Chesterfield
Michelle Ward

Mr Salt has just completed his 20th year volunteering in the school, the students really appreciate his time and love the woodwork program! Thank you Doug.
ART ROOM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS LACHLAN CROOK!

Throughout the year, art4myroom accepts submissions for the Prize Winning Art award. The winner has a photo of their artwork featured on the blog and a cool prize will be given to that creative student.

Mrs Krygger entered Lachlan Crook’s “Optical Illusion” Artwork into the competition. Congratulations Lachlan!

CURRICULUM CORNER

The Kitchen Garden

By Rose-Ann Scott

As I stepped into the staff room I smelt the delicious ingredients ready to be cooked. As we talked through of what we needed to cook and do with Mrs McLennan we finally got started. I was with Holly, Riley, and Mitch and of course me. Our group made tomato and garlic sauce for the group making the leafy green ravioli, I was excited to make the tomato and garlic sauce because I love to make sauce. We also made flat bread I was looking forward to making the flat bread because I think flat bread is delicious, and I couldn’t wait to eat it. I cut the tomatoes; I had to cut it into chunks. I was annoyed to cut the tomatoes because I had to cut 1 Kg of tomatoes! Riley cut the garlic also for the tomato and garlic sauce. I also rolled out the flat bread. I accidently rolled out the flat bread to big and thin, but we still cooked it like that! We had to cook the tomato and garlic in a pan. Once we put the garlic in to the heated pan I had to scrape in the tomato. I was kind of scared to scrape the tomato into the pan because the garlic was splatting hot oil at me, but I still scraped it in. Once we finished cooking the tomato and garlic sauce we put it in a bowl and we put a plate over the bowl to keep the steam in the bowl. While that was resting in the bowl we put the flat bread on to the pan to cook. We had to wait till the flat bread was a little brown then we flipped the flat bread to cook on the other side. Once the flat bread was cooked on both sides we put the flat bread on a plate to serve. We took the plate off from the tomato and garlic in the bowl then we mixed it with the leafy green ravioli that the other group made. We put it on to the table and other people set out the table by putting the cutlery, the cups and the plates. Once that was done someone put out the cards that tell you where you are going to sit, I was lucky because I got to sit next to my best friend Sine. I was happy after I knew I was sitting next to her. Then we finally got to start eating. After a couple of minutes I was so delighted by the leafy green ravioli and tomato and garlic sauce. The thing I was annoyed by was that we had to wash and dry the dishes. “Well, finally the dishes are done!” I yell.

Then the kitchen gardening lesson was finished. I was proud.
Family BBQ and Mini Concert—Student Costumes
Each home group will be performing a musical act at the End of Year BBQ and Year 6 Graduation on Tuesday 16th December. Below is a table of what students are required to wear.
Year 6 students are also required to wear their school uniform on the night for their graduation ceremony. Thanks Miriam.

| Red Home group - Hawaiin or bright coloured shirts/tops | Green Home group - Sunglasses and something denim, eg. vest, jeans, shorts etc | Blue Home group - Bright colours and a hat/cap | Yellow Home group - Bright coloured tops and black bottoms |

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS and MARC VAN LIBRARY BOOKS
Please return all Nilma Primary School books and MARC VAN books by Tomorrow. Thanks to the families who have brought the books back. This will assist with our stocktake.

TOUGH MUDDER
There is still some outstanding donations and sponsorship money to be brought in for Tough Mudder. Please bring this money in ASAP so it can be collected and used to go towards the new sandpit area.

SCHOOL BANKING
Friday 12th December is our last school banking day for 2015. Well done to all students on their regular savings, your accounts will be growing! The program will start again in 20151, more details will be available then. Remember that you can bank over the holidays at your local Commonwealth Bank branch.

LOST PROPERTY
Parents please check the LOST PROPERTY BOX—Items of school uniforms and lunchboxes etc.. Can be found in the Staffroom. Some students may not identify some unnamed items. We will bring box to undercover area for parents to check.
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.

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!

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

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.
2014 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Attached to the Newsletter last week were 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:_________________________
Hi guys. There’s only 1 week of school left and 2 weeks to Christmas. Next week is a busy week! Tuesday is the Family BBQ and Wednesday is the Graduation Dinner. Then Friday is the last day of school for 2014 and for some of us the last day of Primary School!

This year us fantastic year 6 leaders have organised many fundraisers and events like; Footy Colours Day, Tough Mudder, Nilma’s Got Talent and Jeans for Genes Day. Some of us also went to Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services.

Some other Happenings this year were; Hooptime, Kanga Cricket, Art competitions (Lachlan C and Rose-Ann S), new computers, horse riding weekend, tennis, Circus Oz, Bike Ed, honey spinning, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, Premier’s Reading Challenge, Book Fair, school review, Urban Camp, Year 3 sleepover and Walhalla excursion.

We have had a great year as Year 6’s and good luck to everyone for 2015.

Stephanie Alexander
KITCHEN PROGRAM (SAKGP) @ NILMA

Year F-3 cooking

As a REAL reward for achievement in gardening class, today the Year F/1 students made vegetable slice with eggs, herbs and vegetables fresh from our garden.

The Year 3/2/1 made potato and rosemary pizza and spinach and herb pizza. All with fresh produce!

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!
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.

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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

DECEMBER 2014

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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

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December 2014 Calendar:
- Monday, 8th December: Statewide Transition Day AASC
- Tuesday, 9th December: Statewide Transition Day AASC
- Wednesday, 10th December: SAKGP—Gardening
- Thursday, 11th December: School Banking
- Friday, 12th December
- Saturday, 13th December
- Sunday, 14th December
- Monday, 15th December: School & Yr 6 Graduation & BBQ
- Tuesday, 16th December: Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- Wednesday, 17th December
- Thursday, 18th December: Last Day Term 4
- Friday, 19th December
- Saturday, 20th December
- Sunday, 21st December

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Christmas Trees:
- Trees on sale:
  - Direct from the Tree Plantation, Burke St, Warragul (near Gulburn 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

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