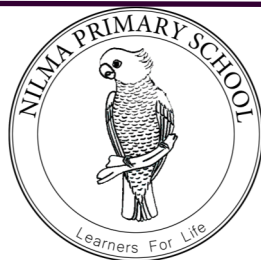


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NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal Notes



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Congratulations to our sixteen students who graduated from Nilma Primary School, being: Lachlan Axford, Andrew Burdett, Max Chesterfield, Holly Farnham, Jamie Garten, Megan Griggs, Kael Mason, Shelby McGrath, Angus Mulconry, Sine Salt, Deakin Santo, Anthony Scott, Rose-Ann Scott, Astrid Smith, Tahlia Witney, & Kirsty Wooster. The school community wish to extend a sincere congratulations to you all, and wish you all the best the future! Students had the opportunity at the school BBQ to thank the staff and school community for all their support over the years.

GRANT SUCCESS

MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE SPECIALIST POSITION

Nilma PS has applied for a Mathematics and Science Specialist Grant. Nilma was officially notified this week of our SUCCESSFUL application. This grant will enable the school to have a coach and specialist for 2.5 days a week in both Science and Maths as part of the STEM initiative. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) This department decision has created a new position for a teacher at Nilma Primary school. We have recently advertised and will not know until end of year.

I will endeavour to notify families via a letter in holidays.

HOME GROUPS/ STAFFING FOR 2016 (changes)

The home groups (HG) for 2016

NEW TEACHER – HG Yellow 6/5/4
 Mr Kerry Williams – HG Blue 4/3
 Miss Emily Matarczyk – HG Green 2/1
 Ms Monica Berkelmans – HG Red and Green
 Mrs Kathryn Evans – HG Red F/1.
 (We have 3 teachers in the junior school)

YR 3—6 BIKE EDUCATION - NILMA CHALLENGE

Well done to the winners of the 3-6 Nilma Bike Ed Challenge! Winners for each year level were; Year 3 - Matilda with a score of 70 and Zavier with 65; Year 4 - Daniel with 85 points; Year 5 - Charlotte received 85 points & Mitch scored 90 and for Year 6 - Meg G on 85 and Max on 90 points.

It was great to see all the students have a go during the Bike Ed program, many students improved greatly over the week! It was great to also see lots of the younger students learn to ride without their training wheels!

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER—THANK YOU

Doug Salt: has just completed his 22nd year volunteering in the school. The students really appreciated his time and enjoyed the woodwork program! Thank you so much Doug.

THANK YOU TO STAFF

Thank you to the whole school staff; Emily Matarczyk, Kerry Williams, Monica Berkelmans, Kathryn Evans, Jessie McLennan, Meredith Krygger, Philip Bucknall, Rachel Hammond, Belinda Smythe, Sharon Faulds, Barb Vagg, Sharon Salt, Leanne Hodge, Anne Prime (Chaplain) and Yuuka (Japanese Intern) and Bruce Robins (maintenance). The staff have been a fantastic team to work with during 2015. The teamwork has been amazing this year. This positive attitude in the workplace is very important, especially in a school. We thank staff for their commitment and dedicated contributions to the education of all students. We thank staff for their commitment and dedicated contributions to the education of all students. We wish them all the best over the holiday period and look forward to 2016.

THANK YOU PARENTS

Thank you to the very positive partnership between parents and school—the building of this relationship has been instrumental in the success of the students of Nilma Primary School. Thank you to all parents for taking such an active role and being a positive influence on your child/ren's educational experiences. We are looking forward to involving more parents in decision making in the school through the launch of our new **@Nilma Kids Matter!** (MORE EXCITING NEWS NEXT YEAR!)

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

Goodbye to the families that are leaving: Burdett family, Wooster family, Mason/Shipard family, Garten family, Clint Scott family, Rose-Ann & Anthony Scott family, Farnham family, Mulconry family, Salt family, & the Smith family. Please accept our thanks for your commitment to Nilma PS. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank families for a great year and wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

STAFF FAREWELLS

Mrs. Krygger: has been our Art teacher at Nilma PS and will be leaving us at the end of the year to work at Bona Vista PS as acting principal.

Ms Jessie McLennan: has established the kitchen garden program at the school, but will be leaving to teach sculpture with adults.

Yuuka: our Japanese intern, will be returning to Japan to pursue her new career.

Mr Simon Brock: our computer technician, is leaving the small schools and will take up a full time position at Drouin Secondary School.

**Last Day of Term Tomorrow
 1.15pm finish**

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17th December 2015
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Principal

Ms Annette Sutherland

Business Manager

Mrs Rachel Hammond

School Council President

Mrs Nicki Kimm

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SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ



THANK YOU TO NILMA STAFF

What a special effort by students, teachers & the school community at your Graduation night. We have just opened the gift, being Lindt chocolates, which was rather timely, as it is 12 months to the day since the Lindt café siege. Thank you so much. I was also touched that you included Albert in an appreciation certificate also, as he has done the computer work to enable me to use your white board in their lessons. From Joyce Cavanagh

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

DRAW	PRIZES DONATED	WINNER
1st	Accommodation Koala Park Resort—Cowes	Holly Farnham
2nd	Accommodation Koala Park Resort—Cowes	Paula McFarlane
3rd	Accommodation Koala Park Resort—Cowes	Holly Farnham
4th	Accommodation Koala Park Resort—Cowes	Angus Mulconry
5th	Accommodation Koala Park Resort—Cowes	Jason Kimm
6th	Accommodation Bay Hotel—Safety Beach	Warragul Optical
7th	Accommodation at Bemm River	Jamie Garten
8th	Meal Vouchers—Warragul Downtowner	Ronie & Elise
9th	Body Shop Hamper—Brown family	Sheree Casey Wilson
10th	Kids Sunglasses pack—Warragul Optical	Wilkinson
11th	Electric toothbrush—Drouin Dental Clinic	Caulfied
12th	Cinema tickets—Warragul Cinema	Jordan Stone
13th	Handbag	Debbie Brown
14th	Hamper	Warragul Optical
15th	Books	Charlotte Goodchild
16th	Books	Ronnie & Elise
17th	Books	P & G Turner
18th	Books	Warragul Optical
19th	Photo album	Bella B
20th	Kids pack	Jason Kimm
21st	Hamper	Beth Axford
22nd	Candle/book	Perry family
23rd	Jewellery/make up bag	Debbie Casey
24th	Hamper	McFarlane
25th	Goodie Bag	Bundle family
26th	Kids pack	Bundle family

WATERING ROSTER

Watering Roster for Summer Holidays

Are you able to help out with watering our garden over the school holidays? If you are able to help please put your name beside the week you are available along with your contact number and we will add you to the roster. (Contact numbers will not be published in the newsletter)

The garden only needs to be watered on the days that it doesn't rain. Volunteers will be shown where the hoses and other accessories needed are kept prior to their watering week.

Week 1 December 21st - December 27th (please note that we do not expect you to water the garden on Christmas Day & Boxing Day!)	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Leanne Hodge</h2>
Week 2 December 28th - 3rd January 2016 (please note that we do not expect you to water the garden on New Years Day!)	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cogo family Turner family</h2>
Week 3 January 4th - January 10th	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Jessie McLennan</h2>
Week 4 January 11th - January 17th	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Perry Family</h2>
Week 5 January 18th—January 24th	

SCHOOL BBQ / GRADUATION THANK YOU

Thank you to Aaron Wood for donating the bread for our BBQ!

And ‘Thank you’ to all families that donated goods towards the hamper and to those parents that took letters to the businesses around Warragul collecting donations. The Christmas Raffle raised \$500.

Thank you to the following:

Phil & Danielle Mammolito, Kelly Chesterfield, David & Alex Bundle, Kylie & Steven Crook, Sara Cogo, Natalie Axford & Amanda Bucvkler for helping with the BBQ and other jobs on the night.

Kelly Chesterfield, Kylie Crook, & Natalie Axford for organising and sorting the raffle.

Thanks to Santa & Cameron Smythe for bringing Santa in his T Model.

Thank you to the families that helped clean and pack up at the end of the night.

A huge thank you to the following businesses for their support and generosity towards Nilma Primary Schools Christmas Raffle:

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| Koala Park Resort—5 accommodation vouchers | Warragul Optical |
| Accommodation voucher—Bay Motel, Safety Beach | Warragul Cinema Centre |
| Accommodation Voucher—Bemm River | Napier St Bookshop |
| Warragul Sporting & Social Club (Downtownner) | Warragul Post Office |
| Drouin Dental Clinic | |



NILMA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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DECEMBER 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
14	15 End of Year BBQ Reports / Portfolios home	16 Year 6 Dinner	17	18 Last Day Term Early finish 1.15pm	19	20

JANUARY 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
25	26	27 Staff Resume	28	29 Students Start	30	31

2016 TERM DATES

Teachers start: Wednesday 27th January 2016

Students start: Friday 29th January 2016

Term 1—29th Jan—24th March 2016

Term 2—11th April—24th June 2016

Term 3—11th July—16th September 2016

Term 4—3rd October—20th December 2016

**Have a Happy and Safe
Holiday**
from all the staff at
Nilma Primary School.

See you all in the New Year!

