I trust you all enjoyed the long weekend! It is hard to believe that we are already in week 9 with only two and a half weeks remaining in semester 1.

Well done to those parents who have registered and are using the Ultranet to access work samples and teacher feedback. We currently have about half of our families registered. All student reports will be generated using the Ultranet next semester therefore families who are registered will be able to make the most of the ongoing assessment data available. Like this semester, all reports will still be printed and provided to families. Parent/teacher interviews have been scheduled for term 3, if you wish to discuss your child’s progress prior to term 3 don’t hesitate to make an appointment with the appropriate teacher.

The Keys Please program returned to Werrimull P-12 School today. The year 10-12 students found out about:

- Why young drivers are at risk and why driving experience is so important.
- The importance of learning to drive in stages – from simple tasks on quiet roads to more difficult drives in all sorts of road, weather and traffic conditions.
- The importance of developing a positive partnership between learners and their parents, including tips for managing stress.
- Working with driving instructors.
- Risks for new drivers.

Mr Whittle has confirmed plans for this year’s Secondary school camp. Students will attend an outdoor adventure camp in Harrietville. Although tentative dates were initially booked it has been confirmed for 25th - 29th November. Mr Whittle is once again hoping to subsidise the cost of the camp with a grant.

Next week is exam week for year 9 – 12 students. Apart from the General Assessment Test (GAT) scheduled for tomorrow, students studying VCE units do not have exams set by VCAA however many of them will complete exams set by their teachers. The exam timetable is available on the school website. Results will be published with the end of semester reports.

Morgan Ruchel competed in the National Baseball Championships held in Queensland last week. Morgan’s team won 4 out of 6 games, a great achievement given they were competing against the best teams in Australia. Well done Morgan!

Alexandra Tetter will spend her last day at Werrimull P-12 School tomorrow. I would like to wish Alexandra all the best with her future endeavours.

GOOD LUCK TO THE STUDENTS PERFORMING IN THE EISTEDDFOD THIS FRIDAY! A lot of work has gone in to preparing the students for the Eisteddfod, thank you to the staff for their commitment, in particular Mrs Harris and Miss Wilson. Well done to all of the students who have also made a long term commitment to prepare for the event, I’m sure it will be rewarding come Friday.

All the best to the students who are completing the GAT tomorrow.

Please remember that buses are running 30 minutes early this Friday.
EISTEDDFOD

This Friday 14th

• Students will be leaving 8.30 am
• Come to school in your costume please
• If you have face paint at home it would be great if P-2 have a puppy dog face painted
• Parent helpers are welcome on the morning
  • Bring a change for clothes
  • P-2 will be performing at 10am
  • 3-6 will be performing 10.05am
  • Secondary around 11am
### Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

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**1,800,000 words**

- **90th percentile**
- **50th percentile**
- **10th percentile**

**282,000 words**

**8,000 words**

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By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)
### Dates to Remember

#### June
- GAT: 12th June
- Eisteddfod: 14th June
- VCE Ball: 14th June
- Lightning Premiership (Red Cliffs): 19th June
- School Council: 19th June
- School Fair: 21st June
- Flying Start (Transition week): 24th–28th June
- Last Day of Term 2: 2pm Finish: 28th June

#### July
- First Day Term 3: 15th July
- School Council: 24th July
- University of Ballarat Primary School Pilot Program (Yr 5&6): 30th July
- University of Ballarat Visit Yr 10&11: 30th July
- University of Ballarat Visit Yr 8&9: 31st July

#### August
- Flying Doctor Service here: 2nd August
- Apprenticeship Advisory Group: 12th August
- Deb Ball: 16th August
- Jump Rope for Heart: 23rd August
- Mini Olympics: 27th August

### Happy Birthday
- No Birthdays this week

### Citizen of the Week is

**Claudia Fox**

### Aussie of the Month is

**Hannah Fox**

### Millewa Ballet

**All ballet classes will be starting 1 hour earlier this week.**

- 3.30pm Group 1
- 4pm Group 2
- 4.45pm Group 3
- 5.30 Group 4

**Happy Dancing!!**

### Just a Reminder

As it’s a departmental requirement for students that are absent, a parent or guardian needs to fill in an absentee note (green note) as soon as the student returns to school. These need to be brought up to the office for Mrs Wright to enter on Cases21.
Werrimull Winter School Fair

All of the community is invited to our astonishing fair.

On the 21st of June at Werrimull school from 12 to 3pm

There will be a Raffle and prizes. There also will be lots of stalls like photo booth, Trash or Treasure, beat the goalie and much more!!

We are looking for donations of

- House hold items that can be sold
  - Raffle Prizes
  - Shoe Boxes
  - Soft toy Rat
- Empty, Uncrushed, Clean Soft Drink Cans
- Cakes – please hand in 1 or 2 days before the fair – no nuts please

Please send them to school with your kids or drop them off at the front office.

Thank-you and we all look forward to seeing you at our Stupendous fair!!
What’s Happening

For our end of Term family day this Term we will be having a Grandparents / Special People Day in addition to our normal family invitation. All family members are welcome as usual but we ask that you specially invite grandma and grandad, nana and pa, nan and pop, nanny and poppy or any other grandparent or special older person in your child’s life to join us on Tuesday 25 June 2013 from 11am. There will be a chance to do some art and craft together along with making mini muffin pizzas for lunch! We ask that you bring along something to share after lunch for dessert. As it is our end of Term celebration party food is fine.

At the beginning of next Term (Sunday 21 July) we will be having a working bee to complete some essential jobs around the kindergarten including fixing up the bike track, setting up our new vegetable garden and building our new storage shed. The Committee Meeting will be held first at 10am followed by the working bee and barbeque lunch.

If at any point you wish to discuss your child’s progress, have any concerns or questions please get in contact to have a conversation or arrange a meeting. I am available on 5028 1341 on kindergarten days, 5028 1251 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or email (smith.caroline.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) any time.

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Shared Snack Ideas

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- Dry biscuits
- Dried fruit

Water

Please remember to pack a drink bottle for your child every day, regardless of the weather, as water is drunk throughout the day to keep us hydrated.