From the Principal

Thanks to all the families who participated in the parent / teacher / student interviews, the feedback we are receiving are they are an excellent opportunity for everyone to discuss the educational interests and needs of your children. If anyone would like a follow up interview please contact the school and make an appointment at any time throughout the school year.

What an athletics carnival – finally CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLAH! It was fantastic to see all students giving their absolute best for their house and also having a good time. It was the first year the kinder students have been involved and from the look of that group next year we will have another close finish. Thanks to all the families who made the effort to get in and support the students, they love being able to show off their skills and interact with the community members. I must also acknowledge the hard work Mrs Helen Sly put in making the homemade soup it was very tasty and all money raised will go directly back into the students through the family accounts.

Yesterday we had a visit from SMGT talking to our secondary students about the option of traineeships and apprenticeships. It is extremely valuable information for our young people as it opens up their pathways and gives them all the information they require to make an informed decision. It is also appreciated that the training group make the effort in coming to us then our students are receiving the same opportunities as all other students in the state.

Tomorrow I travel to Manangatang to meet with other principals about 2014 and the change in education. We are currently looking into Virtual Learning and how to improve our teaching and learning opportunities especially to our VCE cohorts. We are now well and truly into the 21st Century and we need to start to make better use of the technology available to us so as our students receive the same educational opportunities as city based students. I will provide more information about this later in the term.

This Friday is the Werrimull Debutante Ball just a reminder that school will be finishing at 1pm. Good luck to all the Debutantes and their partners I have no doubt you will blow us all away when you step onto the dance floor and I am looking forward to seeing your parents take to the floor for their dance.

**Just a reminder that chocolates are due back to the school this week. Please send all money and any left-over chocolates to the office by the end of the week.**

Erin Fush
**Earn $500 to assist with education expenses.**

Would an extra $500 help cover your education costs?

By joining Saver Plus and saving $500.00 you could receive $500 to help pay for school items including computers, books, uniforms and other educational resources.

Saver Plus provides financial education training, personal support and matching every $1 saved with another $1 (up to $500).

To be eligible you must:

- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself, and
- have a current health care card or pension card, and
- have some income from paid employment.

Saver Plus is giving families a brighter future by providing an incentive to save for education.

For more information please contact Elena Nemtsas (call or sms) on 0459 127276 or email to: elena.nemtsas@haven.org.au.

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**Athletics**

**Age group Champions**

- 5-8 years Boys: Luke Pickering
- 5-8 years Girls: Zannah Harmer
- 9-10 years Boys: Will Shorrock
- 9-10 years Girls: Holly Harmer
- 11-12 years Boys: Riley Berry
- 11-12 years Girls: Zoe Shorrock
- 13-14 years Boys: Morgan Ruchel
- 13-14 years Girls: Shay Lambert
- 15-21 years Boys: Mark Thomson
- 15-21 years Girls: Nikki Fox
## Dates to Remember

### August
- Deb Ball – 1pm finish: 16th August
- Book Week Prim Excursion: 21th August
- Jump Rope for Heart: 23rd August
- Mini Olympics: 27th August

### September
- Outdoor Ed Camp: 11 September
- Mallee District Aths: 3rd September
- Museum Vic Discovery visit K-2: 10th September
- Last Day of Term 2 pm finish: 20th September

### October
- First Day term 4: 7th October
- VCE Exams Start: 31st October

### November
- Pupil Free Day: 4th November
- Melbourne Cup Day Holiday: 5th November
- 9/10 Exams: 11th-15th November
- Secondary Surf Camp: 18th Nov– 22nd Nov
- Work Experience 10/11: 25th-29th November

### December
- Ballet: 4th December
- Flying Start: 9th–13th December
- Activity Day: 16th December
- Awards Night: 17th December

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**Happy Birthday**

Ray Henschke 18th August

**Citizen of the Week is**

Archie Harmer

**Aussie of the Month is**

Jocelyn Muriwai

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**REMEMINDER**

Chocolate money is due back this Friday 16th August

**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.
What's Happening

It's kindergarten photo day today and it looks like we have some beautiful weather for it, lots of blue sky and not much wind!

Don’t forget that this year we will be celebrating Book Week on Tuesday 20 August (which is next week) without the School as they are participating in a Cluster Book Week event on the Wednesday. Children are invited to come as their favourite book character and to bring along their favourite books to share.

The date and time for our annual ride on the Kindergarten Express at Red Cliffs is 3 September at 1:30pm. As we did last year we will make it a whole day excursion including a visit to the Red Cliffs library. More information will be sent home shortly. A reminder to parents that they need to accompany their child and provide transport - as it’s so close to Father’s Day we encourage Dads to join us for the excursion.

The Museum Victoria Discovery Team will be presenting a Backyard Bugs experience to the three and four year old kindergarten children along with the Prep - Grade Two students from Werrimull P-12 School on 10 September at 1:45pm which means that the three year olds would need to stay longer to participate. Parents of three year old children will need to be with their child at kindergarten as they require a higher child to adult ratio in order to make an exception and include them in the presentation.

Did you know...

When your child plays in the home corner they are learning:

- How to dress themselves
- To sort and organise
- To talk to others
- To write and use symbols
- About numbers
- To play with others
- To explore different roles
- To share and use different equipment
- Problem solving
- And many other skills

Shared Snack Ideas

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

Dates to Remember

13 August Kindergarten Photo Day
20 August Book Week Celebrations and Dress Up Day
3 September Steam Train and Red Cliffs Library Excursion
10 September Visit from Museum Victoria Discovery Team - Backyard Bugs, 1:45pm
17 September Footy Day (family day)