From the Principal

Welcome back to term 3 to all our school and kinder families.

Thank you

Firstly thank you to Mr Jamie Russell for once again stepping in to the Principal role, the school has benefited from his time in this position with positive changes being made. I would also like to thank the community for your support whilst I have been on leave and am looking forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks.

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

On that note there will be PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS on Wednesday August 7th 1pm – 4pm. The interviews will be 15 minutes in length and the student MUST attend with their parent. The reasoning behind having a 3-way interview is then all parties are aware of what is being discussed. Please ring the office to make an appointment with all or any of your child/ren’s teachers. Teachers are available for appointments throughout the year please don’t hesitate to ring and make an appointment at any time throughout the term.

Early Finish

Due to the Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews starting at 1pm students will be dismissed from school at 12:45pm on this day.

Visitors

I ask that all visitors come to the front office and speak to a staff member before making your way to classrooms. If you are collecting a student early or bringing something in Mrs Wright or Mrs Sly will collect your child/ren from their classroom or deliver the package. This is to minimise interruptions to the students learning. I thank you in advance for your support in this change to procedure.

Dates

Please check the dates for this term as we have athletics, book week and other extra-curricular events happening throughout the term.

Anti-bullying

Just a reminder that we are continuing our focus on anti-bullying, this week I have included some information on why bullying occurs. This comes from the website: http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/teachers/facts/types.html

WHY DOES BULLYING OCCUR?

A person can engage in bullying behaviour because they:
- don’t like the person being bullied
- find bullying fun
- like to feel tough and strong, in control
- think it will make them popular.

Bullying behaviour can arise from distrust, fear, misunderstanding, lack of knowledge or jealousy - all factors that schools can address in positive and proactive ways. Bullying can also happen because the student gets a reaction they like. This is where teaching students ways to effectively respond to bullying behaviour is helpful.

We will continue to strive to build resilience in our students and to combat bullying behaviour immediately. Again please let the school know if you are being bullied or if any parents have concerns contact us as soon as possible.
July 2013

Dear parents/guardians,

The University of Ballarat’s Regional Schools Outreach Program (RSOP) has been conducting activities in your child’s school aimed at encouraging students to stay at school and think about going onto university or TAFE.

RSOP activities with schools have involved:

- Classroom workshops for Grade 5 through to Year 11 students
- Year 10 University Experience Days at University of Ballarat
- Year 8 University Experience (two day) Camp at University of Ballarat
- Parent information sessions, workshops and dinners
- Information booklets and an online Q&A service about staying at school and going to university.

The program is now being evaluated by independent evaluators, Effective Change Pty Ltd.

It is important that students, parents, and schools who have participated in the program’s activities are part of this evaluation. We would like to hear from you – have your say

What do you think of the program? What impact has it had for students?
What impact has it had for parents?

*Parents/guardians are invited to complete an online survey

Please go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RSOP_parent_survey
(Please request a hard copy of the survey if you prefer)

All information collected in the evaluation will be kept anonymous and confidential.

If you require any further information please contact Katherine Wositzky at Effective Change. Email: katherinewositzky@effectivechange.com.au
Phone: (03) 9388 1661

www.effectivechange.com.au
### Dates to Remember

#### July
- School Council: 24th July
- University of Ballarat Primary School Pilot
- Literacy & Numeracy week: 29th July–2nd Aug
- 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
- School Photos: 5th August
- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews: 7th Aug
- Apprenticeship Advisory Group: 12th August
- Deb Ball: 16th August
- Book Week Prim Excursion: 20th August
- Jump Rope for Heart: 23rd August
- Mini Olympics: 27th August

#### September
- Mallee District Aths: 3rd September
- Last Day of Term 2 pm finish: 20th September

#### October
- First Day term 4: 7th October
- Summer Light Prems: 9th October
- VCE Exams Start: 31st October

#### November
- Pupil Free Day: 4th November
- Melbourne Cup Day Holiday: 5th November

#### December
- 9-10 Exams: 2nd–6th December
- Ballet: 4th December
- Flying Start: 9th–13th December
- Activity Day: 16th December
- Awards Night: 17th December

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**Happy Birthday**

- Mitchell Roads: 20th July
- Austin Goldsmith: 21st July

**Citizen of the Week is**

- Ebony Geyer

**Aussie of the Month is**

- Ebony Geyer

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**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.
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Shared Snack Ideas

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- Dry biscuits
- Dried fruit
- No nuts please

What’s Happening

Welcome back to Term Three, I hope you had a restful break and that those nasty germs making the rounds have exhausted themselves!

This Sunday, 21 July, we will be having a working bee to complete some essential jobs around the kindergarten. The Committee Meeting will be held first at 10am followed by the working bee and barbeque lunch. It would be lovely to have someone from each family at the Committee Meeting if at all possible.

Just a reminder that each Tuesday we visit the Library at Werrimull P-12 School to borrow books and it is important that your child returns their books on a regular basis. If your child has overdue books you will find a reminder notice in their bag today which includes the title of the book to help you in your search.

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.

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.