From the Principal

I must begin by congratulating everyone involved in the Eisteddfod. What a thrill it was for the students to participate on such a stage, in particular those students involved in the winning P-2 & 3-6 performances. Thanks to the parents and staff, in particular Mrs Harris & Miss Wilson, for ensuring the students were prepared for Friday’s performance.

This week is exam week for year 9 – 12 students. Those students studying a unit 3/4 subject completed the General Assessment Test last week (GAT) however that was the only mid-year exam set by VCAA. Exam results will be published as part of the student report this semester rather than providing a separate report.

This Friday is the School Fair. With the support of Miss Wilson, the grade 3-6 students have done a fantastic job organising the event.

The 3-6 class have been busy preparing for the Werrimull Winter Fair. At the beginning of the term Miss Wilson looked at the required outcomes for the class and she decided the students would learn best from a real life scenario, as a result we have our first Werrimull Winter Fair. The Fair will kick off with a BBQ at 12 noon this Friday. For your chance to soak a teacher or win one of the many prizes come along and support the students in their endeavour to entertain the community for the afternoon.

The school currently has a number of excess tables and chairs in varying sizes, conditions and colours. The excess furniture will be sold at the Fair on Friday afternoon. Please see the attached advertisement for more details.

Major David from the Red Cliffs Salvation Army attended our school assembly yesterday to present a certificate to our school captains, Mason Peter and Mark Thomson, in recognition of our fundraising efforts.

Grade 4-6 students will compete in the Red Cliffs Cluster Lightning Premiership this Wednesday. The football, netball and soccer will be played at Quandong park, beginning at 10am. Good luck to all of our teams.

It was pleasing to hear Alexandra arrived home safely. Before her departure she asked me to share a letter with the whole school community, suggesting the Pipeline as a means to do this. Alex’s reflection on her time in the Millewa highlights the strengths of our community and of course the hospitality offered by the Symes family.

The school council meeting scheduled for tomorrow night has been cancelled due to the large number of apologies. All school council members will receive correspondence tomorrow; please ensure the appropriate documents are signed and returned to school by Wednesday 26th June.

Jamie Russell
Hey guys!

About a month ago I decided to write one last letter to you, to thank you for everything you did for me and with me. But I kept procrastinating, and now, now that I have only two more days left here, I'm sitting on the floor in the study carrel and don't know how to start this. How can I sum this year up in only one short letter?

About one year ago I came home from school, my parents were all excited and told me that we finally received the information of where I would stay. Back then all of you were just names on a piece of paper, black on white. It's funny how someone who was a complete stranger to you last year can mean so much to you now. The year has flown by, and all I know now is that I'm not ready to leave yet. This has not just been a year in my life, but a life in one year. I was thrown into the completely unknown, and with your help I started to build a whole new life from scratch. And now, after all this time, I realise that I have two places to call home, two families and amazing friends all over the world.

Whenever things started to get complicated, whenever I was missing where I come from there were people to help me through it. There was always someone to talk to, someone to offer me a hand and a smile to cheer me up. And I started to feel like I belonged, I felt like I fitted in. I can't even find the words to explain how grateful I am to have been able to share this experience with all of you, what a pleasure it has been to meet you and how much you mean to me by now. If I said that it was always easy it would be a lie, but it was worth every single second of it and I wouldn't want to miss a thing.

So, long story short, guys I love you, I'll miss you and I'll never ever forget you. Thank you for making this year so special.

Always, Alex xx
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1,800,000 words

282,000 words

8,000 words

90th percentile

50th percentile

10th percentile

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

Lightning Premiership (Red Cliffs) 19th June
School Council (Cancelled) 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

FOR SALE

Old Student Tables and Chairs

Prices ranging from $2.00 – $10.00 based on size and condition.

Student Chairs

Tables: 1200mm X 600
900mm X 450mm

If you still have Woolworth’s Learn and Earn stickers at home can you send them along to school before Friday 21st June

Citizen of the Week is
Ebony Geyer

Aussie of the Month is
Hannah Fox

Happy Birthday

Zoe Shorrock 24th June
Werrimull Winter School Fair

All of the community is invited to our astonishing fair.

On the 21\textsuperscript{st} 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 next 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.