Thank you to all of the parents and family members who attended the swimming sports on Friday. I must make mention of Willah’s synchronise swimming as some staff members labelled it the best they have ever seen! Congratulations to Tunart, although the winning margin was somewhat smaller than previous years, it was still a win. As for the Perkins Plate, what a terrific win for the students.

Our Regional Director, Jeanette Nagorcka was unable to visit Werrimull last week due to the industrial action scheduled for the following day however Dr Sonia Sharp and Maureen Campbell enjoyed a tour of the school and morning tea with the leadership staff, including Mrs Fush. As expected the kindergarten/school partnership was high on the agenda and discussed at length. Caroline Smith will provide a brief report/update to both the School Council and the Kindergarten committee regarding the future plans for the partnership.

At Werrimull P-12 School we provide a plethora of extracurricular activities for students, including sporting, academic and cultural. Some take the form of excursions or incursions and others may be overnight experiences such as camps. While some parents are a bit dubious about their children participating in extracurricular activities, these activities actually bring with them many benefits. I understand that on occasions students may not be able to participate due to medical, financial or unforeseen circumstances however simply picking and choosing which activities to attend places a financial burden on other families as they ‘pick up’ the shortfall and cover the necessary expenses.

Tomorrow night is the final School Council meeting before the AGM on Wednesday 13th March. As outlined in a previous issue of the Pipeline, nominations for School Council are now open. If you are interested in joining School Council contact Narelle for the appropriate nomination forms.

Miss Hepworth has been busy conducting The English Online Interview with the Prep students. It is a one-to-one interview between the teacher and student, using texts and downloadable resources designed specifically for the Interview. The Interview assesses students across the three modes of English in AusVELS (the Australian Curriculum in Victoria) – Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening. Families will receive feedback as soon as the data is available.

On behalf of all the students and staff at Werrimull P-12 School I would like to thank Alayne Heath (student teacher from University of Ballarat) for the work she has done this term and wish her all the best in her final year of study.

Good luck to all of the students who are competing in the MMM swimming on Thursday.
School Swimming Sports Report

Last Friday the Werrimull P-12 School annual swimming sports were held at the Werrimull community pool. Willah were looking to end the recent dominance of Tunart and regain the swimming mantle.

The action kicked off with the ever popular synchronised swimming. The creative minds of this year’s house captains were on display with the standard of both teams being exceptionally high. Despite Mr Donelley’s best efforts to put Willah off their game with his karaoke skills, they were able get over the line and claim the opening points of the day.

There was a buzz around the large crowd that had gathered in anticipation of seeing Werrimull’s latest sporting sensation, Alexandra ‘the fish’ Tetter. She didn’t disappoint as she left her competitors in her wake, breaking one record for the day and easily taking home the 15-21 Years Girls age group champion award.

The race of the day came in the 15-21 Years Boys breaststroke where the two stand out competitors, Jack Lambert and Mark Thomson were neck and neck coming in to touch the wall. Jack was able to outstretch Mark in the reach for the wall and get home by .09 of a second.

Zoe Shorrock showed she is a star of the future, breaking the 11-12 Years Girls backstroke record setting the new benchmark of 17.14 seconds whilst on her way to claiming the age group champion award.

After a long day of competing it had come down to the most serious race of the day, the Perkins Plate. Once again the students were up to their dodgy tactics of holding back swimmers while the Scottish import for the teachers found it easier to jump out and complete her leg by running the second lap. It had come down to the final swimmer. Mr Russell’s GPS seem to send him off course as he ended up having a head on collision with Daniel Fox. Having lost their momentum the parents were done and dusted as Kimberley Rowe stormed home to claim the win for the students.

After all that it was time to announce the day’s winners. Our age group champions were:

- **5-8 Years**: Zannah Harmer & Luke Pickering
- **9-10 Years**: Dana Kingi & Will Shorrock
- **11-12 Years**: Zoe Shorrock & Riley Berry
- **13-14 Years**: Shay Lambert & Mitchell Roads
- **15-21 Years**: Alexandra Tetter & Mark Thomson

In the overall standings Tunart managed to hold out Willah 21.93 (average points per student) to 19.26 to win their 5th consecutive swimming sports carnival.

I would like to thank John & Kayleen Impey for their work on the pool and making our new lane ropes, the staff for their assistance in running the day, the parents for attending to support their children and finally the students for their efforts on the day.

Paul Bamford
Sport Co-ordinator
# Dates to Remember

## February
- School Council: 20th February
- MMM Swimming: 21st February
- EMA Forms Due: 26th February
- Conveyance Allowance Forms Due: 28th February

## March
- Mallee District swimming Carnival: 1st March
- Labour day Public Holiday: 11th March
- School Council AGM: 13th March
- Primary Melb excursion: 18th - 22nd March
- Yr 10/11 Work Experience: 18th - 22nd March
- Last Day of Term: 28th March
  - 2.00pm Finish

## April
- Pupil Free Day: 15th April
- School Council: 24th April
- Anzac Day: 25th April

## May
- Naplan: 14th, 15th & 16th May
- Culture Trip: 27th – 31st May

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## Lost Property

There were a few things left after the swimming carnival. If you are missing a rashy, bathers or a towel please come to the office to collect them.

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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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## EMA Applications DUE

**TUE 26/2/2013**

Any parent who holds a current Health Care Card and has a child at school under the age of 16 is eligible. Please contact Helen Sly 50281251.

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## Red Cross Calling!

Once again in 2013 the Red Cross is recruiting volunteers to participate in the Red Cross Calling fundraiser. The ‘tin rattle’ collection is happening in Mildura on Saturday 2nd March. If you are interested in getting involved contact Judy Stewart on 50282253.
What’s Happening

Last Tuesday was our first visit to the Werrimull P-12 School Library, an event which takes place every fortnight throughout the year. Each visit the children listen to a story (or two) and then are given the opportunity to borrow two books to take home with them and share with their families. It is important that they return any books borrowed the following fortnight otherwise they will be unable to borrow new books. When books are overdue a note will be sent home listing the overdue titles. If they are not returned within a reasonable amount of time you will need to replace the books at your own expense.

A thank-you to those parents who have also settled in well to the routine of collecting your child from either the Millewa Pre-School after the three year old session or Werrimull P-12 School at the end of the day, particularly the important sign out in our roll. Last week ran very smoothly with almost all children being signed out at the appropriate time.

This Thursday sees our first Partnership activity for the year with the P-2 group visiting us over at the Pre-School for the afternoon session. This first visit is a familiarisation one as it is the first time the K-2s will spend time together as a group.

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