Thank you to everyone who donated items and attended the Winter Fair last Friday; it was fantastic to see so many people brave the winter conditions. Congratulations to the grade 3-6 students and Miss Wilson, they did a brilliant job organising the various stalls and activities. Approximately $800 was raised, all of which will be distributed to student accounts.

We have received a large number of donations this semester, the most recent being items for the Fair, the vegetable patch and a collection of books from Trudy Ruchel. Thanks to those of you who have contributed, these items support us in our endeavour to provide the best possible education for your children.

Student reports will be sent home this Thursday. All reports will be enclosed in an envelope addressed to parents/guardians. Please be aware that semester 1 reports may vary from what you have become accustomed to as some teachers have participated in the Ultranet Report Card Trial, exam results have been published as part of the student report and AusVELS has been implemented in English, Mathematics, Science & History. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s report don’t hesitate to make an appointment to speak with the appropriate teacher.

All Sunraysia Primary Schools have contributed to a television advertisement that intends to increase the awareness of what happens in our local government schools. Hannah Fox and Kaitlin Hards will participate in the filming of the advertisement on Thursday; I look forward to seeing the finished product. Good luck to both girls!

Secondary students will enjoy Christmas in June celebrations this Friday. As in previous years, they will participate in a range of activities, exchange gifts and spend their hard earned raffle tickets. A Christmas lunch will be provided for all students.

As most of you are aware, Mr Bamford is preparing to travel overseas. He will spend the remainder of the year travelling around Europe and return to Werrimull P-12 for the beginning of the 2014 school year. Mr Whittle is preparing for an adventure of his own however he will return in term 4. I wish both Paul and Doug all the best, I’m sure they will have a safe and enjoyable break.

I’d like to thank everyone for their support this semester. Although I have enjoyed the experience I am genuinely excited about returning to the classroom.

School will finish at 2pm this Friday. Have an enjoyable break!
Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student “A” reads **20 minutes** each day
3600 minutes in a school year
1,800,000 words

Student “B” reads **5 minutes** each day
900 minutes in a school year
282,000 words

Student “C” reads **1 minute** each day
180 minutes in a school year
8,000 words

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)
STAR READERS

Congratulations to the following students who have read more than 80 nights at home throughout the term

- Ebony Geyer
- Riley Douglas
- Archie Harmer
- Seamus Kelly
- Austin Goldsmith

Keep up the super Reading!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has purchased books during the term. The next book club brochures will be available early next term.
Dates to Remember

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

All stock not sold and collected by Thursday 27th June will be collected by ADRA Sunraysia

Happy Birthday
Jack Buffon  26th June
Ella Hards  29th June
Claudia Fox  2nd July
Jocelyn Muriwai  4th July
Daniel Monahan  7th July
Ebony Fox  15th July

Citizen of the Week is
Jocelyn Muriwai

Aussie of the Month is
Hannah Fox

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
Millewa Pre-School

What’s Happening

It was wonderful to see so many visitors at the Pre-School today for our end of Term break-up, I know that this time of year can be busy for our families. We had a lovely day cooking together and sharing the kindergarten experience with our families and the special people in our lives.

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 possibly building our new storage shed. The Committee Meeting will be held first at 10am followed by the working bee and barbeque lunch. We ask that you pencil this date in as the more help we have the easier the work will be. It would be lovely to have someone from each family at the Committee Meeting if at all possible. A reminder will be sent home during the first week of Term just in case.

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.

Shared Snack Ideas

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

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.

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