Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the MMM swimming last Thursday. I would like to make special mention of Shay Lambert who was awarded the age group champion. Thanks to Cheryl Kingi, Judith Buffon and Leanne Fox for transporting the students. Read Mr Bamford’s report for more details.

Kerren Miles (Mildura Rural City Council Community Development Officer) met with the 2012 Alpine students last week to discuss their Community Learning Project. The five students are in the process of organising a ‘community gathering’. As part of the project they are required to liaise with MRCC, local groups such as Working for Werrimull and Werrimull P-12 School. The students will organise and manage everything from the music & MC to the venue and advertising. Further details will be available following their meeting this week; watch this space!

As part of the Millewa Community Development Plan Mallee sustainable farming have offered to fund an accredited defibrillator and CPR course. The Millewa advisory group have taken a lead role in the organisation of the training course. The accredited course is scheduled for Sunday 24th March at the Cullulleraine Community Complex from 10am – 1pm, morning tea is included. A second course offering defibrillator only training is happening on Wednesday 27th March at 6pm, this is not an accredited course. We currently have four defibrillators in the Millewa; Werrimull P-12 School (pool), Meringur & Werrimull CFA and the Cullulleraine store. If you are interested in participating in either of the training courses contact Judy Stewart on 50282253.

Last Friday I attended a P-12 Mallee Cluster Meeting in Robinvale. Planning for the cluster professional learning day was finalised, this meaning the first day of term 2 is a pupil free day. All staff from Werrimull, Manangatang, Ouyen, Marrayville, Tyrell and Robinvale will be participating in professional learning sessions on this day. School Council have also confirmed the date for the last pupil free day of the year; please note the following dates:

- Monday 15th April: Cluster day in Robinvale
- Monday 4th November: Professional learning at Werrimull P-12 School.

A reminder about the iPad information session this Thursday 28th February, 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Students and teachers will demonstrate how iPads are used within the curriculum and parents/family members will have the opportunity to use the devices in a supportive environment. Families will be provided with a list of recommended apps. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Good luck to the students participating in the Mallee District Swimming Sports this Friday.

Jamie Russell
Primary News

With my first ever entry into the famous ‘Pipeline’, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Werrimull P-12 School Community on making my transition very comfortable.

There is a fantastic hum around the school presently with our students working hard and enjoying learning. Miss Wilson has been a fantastic acquisition to the team with the students enjoying her Scottish accent!

We have been fortunate to acquire the M.A.R.C Van each Wednesday. Students are able to borrow books and are involved in specific literacy based learning. The M.A.R.C Van Coordinator, Mrs Kerrie Harris, is an extremely experienced teacher. She is running engaging literacy based lessons that the students are thoroughly enjoying.

In addition to the M.A.R.C Van our students have the opportunity to borrow books from the Mildura Rural City Council’s Mobile Library every Friday. It is important that students remember to bring their books to return each week so they can borrow new ones.

Nightly Reading and Homework Expectations
Please remind your child to read for a minimum of 10 minutes each night. Senior Primary students may read independently, rather than aloud to an adult, however please ask your child about what they have read to help reinforce their understanding of the book.

Activities to help my child at home
- Practising times tables
- Ask your child questions about time such as ‘What time will it be in 25 minutes?’
- Play board games that have a maths focus such as Snakes and Ladders or Monopoly etc

Questions to ask my child during or after reading;
- What was the book about?
- What was the message in the story?
- Tell me about the main character...

Upcoming events
Melbourne Camp (March 18th – 22nd)
The Primary Camp is fast approaching with deposits due this Thursday, the 28th of February. The itinerary is finalised with the students assured an exciting and enjoyable experience. A packing checklist will be sent home next week along with a detailed itinerary.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s progress please don’t hesitate to contact me or your child’s teacher to arrange an appropriate time.

Mathew McLeod
Acting Assistant Principal
MMM Swimming Sports Report

Last Thursday the MMM Swimming sports were held at the Mildura Waves. 11 students from Years 7-10 were participating in an attempt to qualify for the Mallee District Swimming sports.

Everyone was excited for the day and whilst waiting for the action to get started a few of the students decided on taking a dip in the pool. Mitchell Road’s attempts at diving had people either in stitches or cringing as he completed belly whacker after belly whacker.

We were lucky to have plenty of support on hand as many parents came in to cheer on all of our competitors. The step up to the 50 metre pool is always a telling factor but all of our students competed admirably and gave it their all.

Jack Buffon was in great form for the day with the highlight being his dominant performance in the butterfly event. Although he isn’t built like Geoff Huegill, Jack certainly moves like him in the water.

Our most consistent performer through the day was Shay Lambert. She finished in the top three for all of her races to eventually come away at the end of the day as the 14 Years Girls age group champion!

As a fun way to finish off the day there we held school versus school relays for both males and females. The boy’s race was swum at an electrifying pace. Jack Buffon got the team off to a flyer, giving them a handy 10 metre lead. Despite the best efforts of both Murrayville and Manangatang, the fellas hung on to take the win.

A great day was had by all and I would like to congratulate the students on their efforts. I would like to thank Cheryl Kinig and Judith Buffon for driving. I would especially like to thank Judith for helping time keep on the day.

This Friday is the Mallee District Swimming sports in which 11 kids have qualified to compete against Ouyen, Tyrell and Robinvale. I wish them all the best and look forward to many positive results on the day.

Paul Bamford

Sports Coordinator
### Dates to Remember

**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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### 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 Cases 21.

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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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### Gardener/Maintenance Person/Tech Assistant

**Werrimull P-12 School** is advertising the above position.

- **Time Fraction:** 0.8
- **Tenure:** 15th April 2013 – 4th April 2014
- **Applications Close:** 1st March 2013
- **Please contact:** Jamie Russell
- **Acting Principal:**
  - 50281251

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The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2013

- **Thursday 2 and Friday 3 May**: 10am-3pm
- **Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May**: 10am-4pm

**Caulfield Race course**

The Age VCE and Careers Expo is Australia’s biggest education and careers event with 170 exhibitors providing VCE, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia’s major universities. The Expo also features 156 seminars on VCE Subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice. Admission is $10 or $25 for families of 3 or more.

If you wish more information please contact Mr McCormick at the school.
What’s Happening

Last Thursday afternoon was our first Partnership for the year, with the P-2 group from Werrimull P-12 School walking over to the Pre-School for shared activities with the four year old kindergarten group. It was wonderful to see all the cooperative play taking place between the different age groups which allows all members of the Partnership to further develop their interpersonal skills, a key focus of the Program. We finished the session by sitting down to afternoon tea, the making of which had been a popular activity choice for all ages.

This Friday sees our first additional day of kindergarten as part of our 600 hours of kindergarten trial in 2013. If you are one of the families who opted into this program you will have received a letter earlier in the Term with more information. Just a reminder that children will travel to and from school as per normal, however our home base is the Werrimull P-12 School Early Years area in the Library rather than the Pre-School. You will need to send along a piece of fruit for shared snack specifically for the day.

Next Tuesday will be our first visit for 2013 from Jan, a librarian with the Mildura Rural City Council. These visits are a wonderful opportunity for the children to further engage with books and literacy outside of our regular Pre-School program.

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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. In the hot weather it is even more important to stay hydrated throughout the day to stay healthy.