I would like to start by congratulating all of the students on their efforts in the Cross Country last Friday. In my position I should be impartial (or so people keep telling me), the truth is I am pleased Tunart won! All P-6 students now head to Koorlong PS next Tuesday to compete against Sunnycliffs and Koorlong. For full details of the Werrimull P-12 School Cross Country read Mr Bamford’s report.

Mr Whittle is participating in a five day teacher professional learning program at John Monash Science School this week. The opportunity is only offered to those schools that have a student on exchange, in our case it is Kimberley Rowe. Kim is using the opportunity to build her capacity in the science field and Mr Whittle will do the same. As a result more students at Werrimull P-12 School will benefit.

All secondary students participated in a Mock trial yesterday. Students were given the opportunity to play the role of a witness, juror, defence counsel, prosecution or in Brent Lambert’s case, the accused. Although there was a great deal of evidence to support a guilty verdict, Brent was found not guilty! Thanks to Kim and Marlena from The Murray Mallee Community Legal Service for facilitating the session.

Please make an effort to attend the Ultranet information session tomorrow night. Teachers will be available to assist you to register (if you haven’t already done so) and to give you a brief insight into how it can be used. We will also outline the changes in reporting. The session starts at 3.15pm with afternoon tea supplied.

The much anticipated Community Gathering is happening at the Werrimull Hall on Saturday night. The group of year 10 students have partnered with the MRCC to make the event happen; it is sponsored by Mallee Sustainable Farming. There will be activities for the kids including face painting, storytelling and much more. For the adults you can try your luck at some trivia (thank you to the many organisations who have donated prizes), enjoy some music (local DJ) or just relax with family and friends. Supper will be provided however it is BYO drinks. Thanks to Toni Douglas and the Millewa Preschool Fundraising Committee for catering. Please encourage all your friends and family to attend!

For those of you who live close to the school you may have heard the fire alarm this morning. Students and staff completed a very successful fire drill. You would be pleased to know that everyone was accounted for!

I would like to welcome Stacey O’Neill and her family back to Werrimull P-12 School.

The first Auskick session will be held at the Aero Ovals (Werrimull Clubrooms) at 5pm this Thursday. The session will be followed with a sausage sizzle at 6pm.

Jamie Russell
As you are aware, our school has been selected to participate in the Ultranet Report Card Trial. This semester we will be beginning the trial with selected classes (all P-10 students have at least one class involved in the trial). Using the Ultranet to report in an ongoing manner forms a major part of what has previously been the school report, however instead of receiving it only in June and December you will be updated on how your child is progressing more regularly. Students will still receive a printed report against AusVELS in June and December.

The aim of the session is to provide the following support:

- How to register and login to the Ultranet
- How to access your child's learning tasks
- How to view feedback
- Introduction to the new student report card
- How to access the parent Ultranet help guide

The session will begin at 3.15pm with afternoon tea supplied.

If you have a current email address please bring the details (including address and password) with you to the session as it will make the registration process much more efficient. If you don’t currently have an email account we are able to set one up for you!

For those parents who have already completed the Ultranet registration process please bring your login details with you. If you have forgotten or lost those details, don’t worry, we can reset them!

If you have any questions about the Ultranet at Werrimull P-12 School, please phone the school on 50281251.
School Cross Country Report

Last Friday saw the annual Cross Country event held with Tunart looking to continue its recent domination over Willah. We were greeted with a bright and sunny day which saw Mr McLeod looking for a shady spot to spare his pale skin.

Not only was the temperature hot but so too was the action on the track. The very first event on the calendar was an absolute ripsnorter. After some confusion from the competitors as to where the finish line was, it was a battle royal down the home straight to see who could get over the line first. Gus Rowe tried his best to reel in Seamus Kelly’s lead. A final lunge at the line was not enough as Seamus held on for the win. It seems a sporting rivalry has been born and we look forward to it continuing over the coming years.

With Mr Donnelly’s singing on one of the checkpoints scaring the students into running quicker, there were some electrifying times being set. Despite having her knee heavily bandaged, Dana Kingi lead from start to finish in a brisk time of 10 minutes: 34 seconds to take out the 9-10 Years Girls race.

Once again we had staff compete with Mrs Harmer and Mrs Blaby stepping up to run against the 15-21 Years Girls. They both put in commendable efforts with Mrs Harmer completing the 3km in 14 minutes: 40 seconds, with Mrs Blaby not far behind her.

Mark Thomson looked like he was out for a Sunday stroll as he easily took out the 15-21 Years Boys event. Jack Buffon ran an excellent race, pushing himself to the very end to finish 2nd. He crossed the line with his face bright red, much like Mr McLeod’s hair.

Our age group champions were:

- 5-8 Years: Ella Hards & Seamus Kelly
- 9-10 Years: Dana Kingi & Will Shorrock
- 11-12 Years: Zoe Shorrock & Riley Berry
- 13-14 Years: Shay Lambert & Mitchell Roads
- 15-21 Years: Monica Rowe & Mark Thomson

In the end it came down to the final race to decide who would win the President’s Cup. Tunart were able to come from behind to take out the win 13.16 (Average points per student) to Willah’s 12.54.

All of the competitors put in an excellent effort and should be commended for that. I would like to thank Mark Thomson for assisting me set up in the morning, the parents and family members for turning up to support the kids and the staff for their assistance on the day.

Paul Bamford
Sports Coordinator
## Dates to Remember

### May

- **Parent Info Session - Ultranet reporting**: 1st May
- **Round 1 Immunisation**: 2nd May
- **Community Gathering**: 4th May
- **Koorlong Cross Country (P-6)**: 7th May
- **NAPLAN**: 14th, 15th & 16th May
- **Sunraysia South Cross Country**: 21st May
- **Mallee District X-Country – Ouyen**: 22nd May
- **Culture Trip**: 27th – 31st May

### June

- **Queens Birthday Public Holiday**: 10th June
- **Lightning Premiership (Red Cliffs)**: 19th June
- **Flying Start (Transition week)**: 24th – 28th June
- **Last Day of Term 2 2pm Finish**: 28th June

### July

- **First Day Term 3**: 15th 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

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### Millewa Ballet

Lessons will not be on for the first 2 weeks of this term due to Miss Malorie’s impending baby arrival. Classes will resume on Wednesday 1st May, normal times.

### BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder that book club orders need to be given to Mrs Carter no later than Monday 6th May.

Thank you

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**Happy Birthday**

- **Reece Impey**: 1st May
- **Monica Rowe**: 1st May
- **Will Shorrock**: 5th May

**Citizen of the Week is**

- **Seamus Kelly**

**Aussie of the Month is**

- **Kaitlin Hards**

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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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**Dear Millewa Community,**

- Werrimull P-12 School is starting a vegetable garden in Science (again) with the Prep to Grade Six group.
- We were wondering if you could help us prepare the garden for planting by donating some:
  - Sheep poo
  - Hay or straw
  - Old newspapers

If you can help please contact Miss Smith at School.
Collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points for your school

We’re thrilled to invite you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.
Werrimull P-12 Students from the Alpine Group present

Millewa Community
Trivia & Party Night

Free Event

A Family Friendly Event aimed at bringing the Millewa Community Together.

Trivia
Free Supper
Music
Kids corner

When: 7.30pm Saturday 4th May
Where: Werrimull Hall
BYO drinks, supper supplied

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What's Happening

Last week was a short week with ANZAC Day on Thursday but the children made the most of their day on the Tuesday, continuing their exciting and imaginative play on our new play equipment.

The children enrolled in our additional kindergarten days had a wonderful time at the Cross Country on Friday, winning their first ribbons and doing their very best on a long run for little legs. It was wonderful to see so many parents come down to cheer on our runners, I know they appreciated your enthusiasm and support!

A big thank-you to all the parents who contributed to the catering job last week, your support is always appreciated. A special mention goes to Joeline, Renee, Toni and Charlotte for their tireless work on the day itself.

In order to make the most of the facilities available to us and to build upon the children's love of books we will now be visiting the Werrimull P-12 School Library every Tuesday morning. This should also help alleviate the confusion as to which days are Library days and which are not.

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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.