From the Principal

What an unbelievable start to Summer but looking ahead for the rest of the week it is forecast to turn cold again so please be aware of the conditions and either pack jumpers or bathers or both if you are unsure. Kayleen, John and the boys have been working tirelessly to get the pool ready for use and we say a massive thanks to the Impey family for all they do with the pool. Hopefully the pool will be ready to swim in next week so please pack bathers as the students will be in the pool on days like yesterday and today.

We had many students complete the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2013. The Challenge encourages individual reading but also reading in groups. This year children aged from birth to 5 were included in the Challenge as the importance of reading to this age group has been acknowledged as imperative in the learning journey. I’d like to pass my congratulations to all students that participated and a special mention to Nathan Kingi and Reece Impey as they were the only secondary students to participate in the Challenge.

Today we had our year 8’s and 9’s headed to Ballart for the annual Federation University Outreach Program (formally University of Ballarat). This program aims to give students a look at different pathways and to get them thinking about life after school.

Yesterday we had the Royal Flying Doctor Dentist visit the school. All students and community members had the opportunity to see the dentist and have your teeth checked free of charge. It is an excellent service provided and allows all our students the opportunity to visit the dentist without having to leave our community. Mr Russell must be thanked as he organised the visit for our students.

The extra-curricular opportunities that our students have experienced this year have been many and varied. We aim to provide our students with different activities to cater for all interests and to give them experiences that they generally would not participate in otherwise therefore teaching the ‘whole’ student.

The Orange World and Ballet excursion is happening tomorrow for our Kinder and Primary students. The tradition of attending the Ballet is a long one (well before my time here at Werrimull) and it is fantastic to continue such a different experience – I know the students look forward to it each and every year.

Please be aware of the changes to the final weeks as it is a busy time of the year for everyone.
Dates to Remember

December

University Experience Camp  3rd—5th December
Ballet & Orange World Excursion 4th December
Buses will run 1/2 hour early in the morning 4th December

Flying Start 9th—13th December
End of school FAT FRIDAY & CASUAL DRESS 1.30 Finish 13th December
Activity Day in Mildura 16th December
Awards Night 1pm Finish 17th December

January

First Day school for students 29th January

Happy Birthday

Morgan Ruchel  6th December
Nikki Fox  9th December

Citizen of the Week is

Ella Hards

Aussie of the Month is

Holly Harmer

Just a Reminder

Please have your Christmas raffle books and hamper donation back to the office by Friday 13th December

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
You’re invited to our Teddy Bear’s Picnic

Dear Families of K-2 Partnership Program Group,

Who: You and your teddy bear

When: Thursday 5 December, 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Where: Millewa Pre-School

Why: To celebrate our teddy bear making over the past Semester (you’ll be impressed)

What to bring: Your lunch and a picnic rug to sit on.

Please pass this invitation on to any member of your family who would like to join in with our picnic, the more the merrier!

We hope to see you there,

Miss Smith and the K-2 Partnership Group
What’s Happening

Tomorrow is a full day Transition excursion for next year’s Preps to the Mildura Ballet and Orange World. The weather is expected to be less than perfect so please dress for the weather (including wet weather gear if necessary). They also need to bring a drink bottle, packed snack and lunch just like a normal kindergarten day. Please remember that buses are running half an hour early as we need to leave by 8:30am!

This Thursday, December 5, is our Teddy Bear’s Picnic to celebrate our teddy bear making adventures this Semester as part of the Partnership Program. Please have a look at the invitation that your child brought home for details.

Flying Start, the whole school Transition Week at Werrimull P-12 School, begins Monday 9 December. New Preps will be at school for whole days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Millewa Pre-School’s Transition Day will take place next Tuesday 10 December. Next year’s four year old group will have the opportunity to attend for the full day in preparation for next year. The new three year olds are invited to join us from 9:30am to 11:30am with their parents to experience kindergarten. Enrolment paperwork will be sent home beforehand and must be returned on the day. Please bring your child’s health and immunisation records with you along with any health care or pension cards that you have.

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