Congratulations to the students who competed in the Mallee District swimming carnival last Friday, particularly Alexander Tetter and Kalob Ruchel who progressed to the next stage. Thank you to Deb Rowe & Judith Buffon for transporting the students. Read next week's pipeline for Mr Bamford's report for more details.

Werribee P-12 School recently joined the Ultranet Report Card trial. Students in Year 7 & 8 Health and Physical Education, 9 & 10 Physical Education and Mr McLeod’s English group will all receive reports via the Ultranet during first semester (a printed copy will also be supplied at the end of the semester). Parents will be able to access up to date assessment data throughout the semester; this will include viewing work samples and reading teacher feedback. Information sessions for the relevant parents will be held later this term.

The first additional kinder day last Friday was a great success. A number of staff members enjoyed some time with the four year olds as they made play dough and visited the MRCC Mobile Library, among other things. The students also created a shared letter to present to the Library staff. Photographs will be displayed on the school website in the coming weeks.

Kimberley Rowe recently submitted an application to participate in the John Monash Science School Regional Exchange Program. I would like to congratulate Kim as she has been accepted into the program. She will attend the school during the first three weeks of term 3.

Thank you to the families who attended the iPad information session last week. The purpose of the session was to outline the expectations of students who have entered a lease and to share how the devices are being used in the classroom; the feedback following the session was particularly positive. I was very impressed with the presentation Mason made to the parents, well done Mason!

The SRC have organised Crazy Hair Day to raise funds and awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation. On Thursday 7th March (this Thursday) students are encouraged to wear casual clothes and create the craziest hair possible. Please provide a gold coin donation on this day, every bit helps!

As outlined in previous issues of the Pipeline, nominations for School Council are now open. If you are interested in joining School Council contact Narelle for the appropriate nomination form.

Jamie Russell
What's happening?

It's already week six. Students in the Senior School are working hard and should be making full use of their class and homework time to complete class based exercises and assessment tasks. Enrolments and subject selections have been completed, the swimming sports have come and gone and the VCE students will be completing assessment tasks over the next couple of weeks. It will be a busy year. So, it is important for students to organise and manage their time so that they have a sense of balance and do not become too overwhelmed during the year. Student well-being is very important and essential in helping them to have a successful and fulfilling year.

Tips to help students to achieve a successful and fulfilling year include
• keeping up with class work and homework (2 to 3 hours a night for VCE students); study for assessment tasks.
• establish a routine and take time to relax.
• have a space where homework and study can be done on a regular basis
• and embrace new tools/technology, such as ipads, into their studies.

Students need to remember that study and homework are a fact of life and can be a positive educational tool – both can give invaluable skills and rewards.
Furthermore, parents can play an important role in assisting their children by being supportive, assisting to create a positive environment in which study and homework can be completed, discussing consequences if their homework is not completed, encouraging their children to talk about school and give their advice and guidance, as well as encouraging them to make their own decisions.
Also, VCE students will have opportunities to obtain information about study and career prospects for 2014. Information about tertiary study, apprenticeships and short courses will be available for students throughout the year. For example, early in May there is an information session to be held over a weekend in Melbourne, whereas in July there is an information session to be held at the Mildura Senior College. If students are interested in attending any of these sessions, or have any questions in regard to careers they should contact me at the school. It will be a busy year for our senior students, one which is full of promise and opportunities for them which we can all help them fulfil with advice, guidance and support.

Andrew McCormick
Senior School Student and Career Coordinator
Dates to Remember

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

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.

Werrimull P-12 School has the opportunity to host a Hospitality Course; Certificate II in Hospitality.

Hospitality Training Australia would deliver the accredited course one evening per week- 3.30pm to 6.30pm, for 14 weeks. The cost of the course is $105.00 and open to anyone 15+ years of age. If you are interested in completing the course call Narelle to express an interest—minimum 12 people for the course to go ahead.
What's Happening

Last Friday saw our first additional day of kindergarten at Werrimull P-12 School as part of our 600 hours of kindergarten trial. The children who came along had a wonderful day experiencing some new activities including a visit to the MRCC Library Van to meet Raylene the librarian and read some stories. Our next additional day of kindergarten will be Friday March 22nd.

Today we received a visit from Jan Wilson, a librarian from the Mildura Library. She read some stories to the children and sang some songs that matched. It was the first time that Jan had met this group of three and four year olds and she was amazed at how many parents she had taught when she was a teacher at Werrimull!

This Thursday the students at Werrimull P-12 School have organised a crazy hair day to support the Leukaemia Foundations Shave for a Cure. We will head over to school a little earlier than normal to take part in the judging and parade so if you’d like to give your child some crazy hair for Thursday and participate we ask that you send along a gold coin donation on the day.

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