From the Assistant Principal

Members of the Regional Schools Outreach team presented workshops to Grade 5 & 6 and Year 8 & 9 students last Tuesday. The feedback following the Year 8 & 9 program was once again positive. The Grade 5 & 6 program is new, the following objectives were addressed:

- Students to see the relevance of education and how it relates to real life and career options
- To introduce the concept of tertiary education
- To understand why teamwork & decision making skills are essential skills for life and for living together as a community
- To increase awareness of different types of careers.

It was pleasing to see family members get involved in the literacy and numeracy week activities last Thursday afternoon. Thanks to Miss Smith and the Kindergarten students for preparing afternoon tea.

I would also like to thank Buffon’s Meats for their kind donation for the term 2 study camp.

The Royal Flying Doctor service visited Werrimull P-12 School last Friday. Prep – 6 students explored the Aero Medical Simulator; they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisations in the world.

The RFDS is a not-for-profit organisation. While supported by the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments, the RFDS relies heavily on fundraising and donations from the community to purchase and medically equip its aircraft, and to finance other major capital initiatives. To make a donation online visit [http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/](http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/).

Notes were sent home last week regarding the Secondary camp. After taking feedback from parents and students on board the decision was made to change the camp from ‘adventure’ to ‘surf’, meaning the destination and other details have changed. If you have any questions about the 2013 camp contact the school.

On Wednesday 21st August Werrimull Primary students are travelling to Sunnycliffs PS to participate in a Book Week celebration. In keeping with tradition, students are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book. They will enjoy a range of Literacy activities throughout the day and have the opportunity to participate in the parade. More information will be provided next week.

Sunnycliffs & Koorlong PS are repaying the visit on Friday 23rd August. Our visitors will join Werrimull Primary students to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart event. We set a goal to raise $1000 for the Heart Foundation; prizes are available for those students who reach specific targets.

Tunart and Willah will do battle at the 2013 Athletics Carnival this Friday. The field events begin at 9am (events 1 – 50) and the track events at approximately 12.30pm. Lunch order forms were sent home last week, please return them tomorrow if you wish to have a lunch order on the day.

I would like to remind those families involved in the Auskick program that this Thursday is the last session, followed by the final grid match at half time of the Werrimull V Meringur match on Saturday.

Parent/student/teacher interviews are scheduled for tomorrow afternoon; 1pm – 4pm. **Students will be dismissed at 12.45pm** to ensure staff are available for the interviews.

Jamie Russell
Reading Milestones

Congratulations to the following students who have read for 100 night or more.

- Ebony Geyer (139)
- Archie Harmer (123)
- Seamus Kelly (119)
- Riley Douglas (116)
- Austin Goldsmith (100)

These students have reached the 75 nights of reading milestone

- Gus Rowe (86)
- Luke Pickering (75)

Keep up the fantastic job!
Happy Birthday

Seamus Kelly 7th August
Shania Axford 10th August

Citizen of the Week is
Will Shorrock
Aussie of the Month is
Jocelyn Muriwai

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

REMINDER

School finishes 12.45pm
Wednesday 7th August
Millewa Pre-School

What’s Happening

Kindergarten photo day will happen next **Tuesday 13 August** with the photos taken by Megan Blennerhassett. A letter with details, packages and prices was sent home with your child last week. Please ensure that your order form (along with the deposit) is returned by photo day as photos outside of the group photo will not be taken without this.

The Museum Victoria Discovery Team will be presenting a Backyard Bugs experience to the three and four year old kindergarten children along with the Prep - Grade Two students from Werrimull P-12 School on **10 September at 1:45pm** which means that the three year olds would need to stay longer to participate. Parents of three year old children will need to be with their child at kindergarten as they require a higher child to adult ratio in order to make an exception and include them in the presentation.

The date and time for our annual ride on the Kindergarten Express at Red Cliffs is **3 September at 1:30pm**. As we did last year we will make it a whole day excursion including a visit to the Red Cliffs library. More information will be sent home shortly. A reminder to parents that they need to accompany their child and provide transport - as it’s so close to Father’s Day we encourage Dads to join us for the excursion.

This year we will be celebrating Book Week on **Tuesday 20 August** without the School as they are participating in a Cluster Book Week event on the Wednesday. Children are invited to come as their favourite book character and to bring along their favourite books to share.

Did you know...

When your child plays with blocks they are learning:

- Shapes
- Balance
- Patterns
- How to use their imagination
- Cooperation and negotiation skills
- Measurement
- Comparison
- Planning skills
- Problem solving skills
- Coordination and building finger muscles

Shared Snack Ideas

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

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