From the Principal

The professional development day that the staff attended on Monday was a great success. The new initiatives that the school are implementing in 2014 have been embedded into our development and we are well under way to improving how and what we deliver across our school. After harvest we will be hosting information sessions to all parents about what to expect next year and to give you some insight into what we have been doing throughout this year to implement our AIP. The first session on Monday the staff were introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh and Compass Awards and started planning the implementation of both. A blog has been created so the whole school (and wider) community can follow the students’ progress. On the blog you will find information regarding the Awards and links to the relevant Facebook and twitter accounts. Visit http://wp12awards.global2.vic.edu.au/ to check out the blog; feel free to provide ideas and feedback!

Last week Gillian introduced the Outdoor Education students to the world of paddle boarding. From all accounts the students had a fantastic time and enjoyed learning a new skill. Hopefully some of the skills they learnt they will be able to transfer in 2 weeks when they visit the surf for the secondary camp.

Thanks to Jim Pickering for his help and support on the Alpine students panel. All students were well prepared and explained why they should be chosen to attend the leadership school. The students had to put in an application and sit through an interview and will be notified next week of the outcome of these processes. This is an authentic learning task that allows the students to start to develop lifelong skills to sup-port their growth in the “real” world.

The SRC dress up day on Friday raised around $60. This money will be used by the students on the students, in the past magazines, lunchtime equipment and various other items have been purchased by the SRC. I have no doubt when the students are asked what they would like to see happen with the money raised they will put it to good use.

A HUGE thanks to Gillian for bringing the Ceilidh to Werrimull P-12 School. All staff, students and parents had a wonderful time on Thursday and it is a credit to Gillian for all her hard work. She has been a welcome addition to our school and we will miss her when she leaves us at the end of the school year.

Next week is exam week for our year 9-11’s. The exams are earlier in the term this year to allow the staff to look at the deficits in the students’ learning and fill the gaps before the end of the year. Exam reports will go home at the start of week 8 if any parents wish to see any staff members please make an appointment to do so.

Erin Fush
Dates to Remember

November

9/10 Exams 11th-15th November
Secondary Surf Camp 18th Nov– 22nd Nov
Work Experience 10/11 25th-29th November
P-2 Sleepover 28th November

December

University Experience Camp 3rd–5th December
Ballet Excursion 4th December
Flying Start 9th–13th December
Activity Day 16th December
Awards Night 17th 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
Millewa Pre-School

What’s Happening

Transition Statement paperwork has been sent home to parents of children in the four year old group. This parent section of the Transition Statement needs to be filled in and returned to kindergarten by the end of the week please if you haven’t already returned it to the kindergarten. The completed Transition Statement will then be sent on to their Primary School and to parents towards the end of the year. If you have any questions regarding the paperwork please don’t hesitate to contact me.

As the weather has been so changeable of late it is important that your child has layers of clothing on or available to them so that they can remove or add them as the weather dictates. Please remember as it becomes warmer (we’re expecting mid thirties tomorrow) to send along a water bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

Last Thursday as part of Partnership we were lucky to be able to join the Prep to Year 10 students from Werrimull P-12 School as part of their Scottish dancing afternoon. All the kindergarten children had a go at one dance or another which was fantastic as we hadn’t had any practice and we all had a lot of fun. Thanks to Miss Wilson and the school students for encouraging us to join in with this experience.

A letter regarding transition to school for those children attending Prep at Werrimull P-12 School will be sent home this week. There will be an information session available for parents, please return the attached form indicating whether or not you will be participating in the session. Along with the letter will be a 2014 enrolment pack from Werrimull P-12 School.

Dates to Remember

7 November  Partnership Afternoon at School
8 November  Additional Kindergarten Day at Werrimull P-12
11 November  Kindergarten Committee Meeting, 7pm at the Pre-School
14 November  Partnership Afternoon at School