From the Principal

What a busy two weeks it has been at Werrimull P-12 School. We have had many visitors and also celebration/fundraisers happening.

Firstly I’d like to say a BIG thanks to Brad Hards, Simon Callahan and Jarrod McNally who took time out of their lives to come and share their experiences and skills with our students from Prep – 10. The boys held an information session about transitioning from the Millewa into the bigger world and the challenges that come with that but also the successes. All 3 have chosen different pathways – university, trade and straight into the workforce – to get to where they want to be in life. It gave our students the opportunity to ask questions and start to think about what they want to do. The boys then held a footy clinic day which all the students enjoyed immensely. Mr Russell commented that it is possibly the best transition talk and footy clinic that we have held since he has been here and the boys did it out of respect for their former school and community. The coverage on WIN TV and in the Sunraysia Daily also highlighted the students’ participation and enjoyment. If you know these boys and see them around please let them know how grateful we are for their support of our students and school.

Mr Bamford put together another brilliant athletics day. The weather was perfect and so were the stars – our students! Miss Smith had our 4 year old Kinder students joining in and learning about different track and field events and also about what it means to be part of a team. Willah were triumphant in the end – taking 2 out of the 3 event’s this year, just a reminder the points from the 3 events are added up and the house with the most points will be the overall school sporting champions. I must acknowledge that the parent, student, staff race was this year won by the parents and I was quietly reminded that the parents didn’t get their ribbons on Friday therefore Dan Fox, Chris Douglas, Scott Berry and Jason Harmer have all been presented their ribbons with the Pipeline today.

We have also had Awards Victoria present to our students about team building. The students had an excellent session and didn’t want it to end, the presenters commented on how well behaved and involved our students were.

Mrs Harris, Ms Hall and the SRC students encouraged our school community to wear their jeans on Friday 1st for Jeans for Genes Day. It was very successful with our small community raising $84 for the cause. Thanks for everyone who supported this day.

You may have noticed Mr Bamford was not in attendance last Monday – Wednesday, he has been accepted to study a Bastow course to further improve his skills in the area of leadership and provide feedback to our school to improve over the next 18 months. This is an achievement as he is one of only 20 to be accepted into the course in the State – congratulations Mr Bamford.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAILA RUDD on 100 NIGHTS of READING!

I send an open invitation to all parents and community members to come to the school at any time to discuss any issues, ideas or concerns to help support the improvement of our school and students. Please ring or email to make a time – fush.erin.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or russell.jamie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Last Friday saw our students compete in the annual inter-house athletics carnival. With Willah and Tunart having won one of the inter-house sports each this year the athletics carnival would decide who would be the overall champion for the year. Despite a cool start to the morning it was a perfect day with the sun shining brightly.

It didn’t take long for the action to heat up the competitors with the full on action of the field events to kickstart the day. There were a number of interesting battles for age group champion, none more so than the 15-21 Years boys with two evenly match competitors in Jack Buffon and Mark Thomson going blow for blow throughout the day. There was very little between the boys, especially in the triple jump where Mark took home the blue ribbon on a count back after both having a best jump of 9.22m.

Next door in the long jump pit, Ella Hards was showing excellent skill by dominating the event with a best jump of 1.92m. Ella and Milla showed great sportsmanship competing against each another to see who would be age group champion, often finishing 1st and 2nd in their events.

Tom Fox and Colby Berry were in another age group of just two competitors but it didn’t stop them from giving it their all to help their team get over the line. The boys match up well against each other with events coming down to the wire. The shot put provided the best example of this with Tom taking out first place by just 2cm!

As a result of the morning session Willah held a narrow lead but Tunart were well and truly in the hunt to run over the top of them in the afternoon track events. The track events showed some blistering speed from the competitors as they tried to gain the slightest advantage for their side.

The skipping, egg and spoon and sack races were once again very popular with the kinder students enjoying their afternoon in the sun with some assistance of their dad’s to get them across the line. In the novelty race the parents, despite some interesting racing attire, were a class above the students and teachers as they romped in first place.

Finally, the time had come to find out who had won. Willah managed to hold on to their advantage and defeated Tunart 45.76 (points per student) to 39.88. Congratulations to Willah!

Our age group champions on the day were:

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Big thank-you to all family, friends and community members for supporting the day, Mr Sly and Mr Russell with the help of some students for marking the track, the staff for setting up/running, parent helpers at events and of course the students for their amazing efforts on the day. Well done to all the age group champions and Willah for winning on the day.

Paul Bamford – Sports Coordinator
Whole School Assembly
Parents/Guardians and community members are invited to attend the whole school assembly on Monday 18th August (starting at 11.20am). Please see the agenda below for further details.

Assembly Monday 18th August 2014- 11.20am

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BOOK CLUB
Students are reminded that book club orders need to be returned to Mrs Carter no later than Monday 1st September.

Citizen of the Week is
Week 4 Cameron Symes
Week 5 Daniel Monahan

Aussie of the Month is
Seamus Kelly
## Dates to Remember

### August
- Book week MARC Van Ex (K-6): 20th August
- Kinder Day MARC van exc: 20th August
- 7-12 Book week dress-up: 20th August
- Daffodil Day: 22nd August

### September
- SSVSSD Mini Olympics: 1st September
- Mallee Athletics: 3rd September
- Fathers Day Stall: 4th September
- Pupil Free day: 5th September
- Red Food Day: 12th September
- Reports home: 15th September
- Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews: 18th September

### October
- First Day of Term 4: 6th October
- Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews: 8th October
- Year 5-6 Camp: 13th October
- Mildura Show P-6: 17th October
- School Photo’s: 20th October
- Red Food: 24th October
- Book Fair Week: 27th—31st October
- VCE Exams Start: 29th October
- Halloween Dress Up: 31st October

### November
- Australia Day Holiday: 3rd November
- Melbourne Cup: 4th November
- Exam week 9-11’s: 10th-14th November

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**What’s new on the Werrimull P-12 Facebook page?**
- Jeans for Jeans Day photos
- Athletics Day photos
- Footy colours Day Photos

[https://www.facebook.com/Werrimullp12](https://www.facebook.com/Werrimullp12)

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### Dates to Add to Calendar

- Pupil Free Day 18th August to 5th September

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National Family Reading Month

Last term Primary students were given the opportunity to participate in the National Family Reading Month -Read more in May program. Students were required to read for at least 10 minutes each day, record their reading time and at the end of the month tally their total of reading minutes. Congratulations to the following students. These students were presented with a book and certificate at our last assembly:

Juliet Goldsmith - 252 minutes
Austin Goldsmith—140 minutes
Holly Harmer – 450 minutes
Dana Kingi—2230 minutes

Almost 4 million reading minutes were recorded nationally during May so it was fantastic that these students were part of this

Well done!
Book Week 2014

Dress Up Prize for Best Dressed

20th August

Come dressed as your favourite book character
Belonging at school makes a difference

Tommy's Aunt Sue had just arrived for a visit.

"Hi Tommy. You're a big school boy now! How is school?"
"Good," Tommy said.
"What do you like about it?" asked Aunt Sue.
"Friends - Allan and Georgio."
"Great! You've made some friends already."
"I like my teacher too."

Aunt Sue also talked to Tommy's friend, Lulu, who had come over to play.

"What about you Lulu? How do you like school?"
"It's good. If I need the teacher then I have to put up my hand. But if I need help at playtime I can ask Jackie," said Lulu.

"Is Jackie your friend?"
"Jackie's my buddy. She's a big girl."
"What does a buddy do?"
"She helps me if I don't know where to go or other stuff. She helps to look after me cos she's big and I'm new."
More ways schools can help create a sense of belonging

As part of KidsMatter Primary, schools look closely at ways they can continue to build strong positive relationships with all students and families. This includes things like:

• Making the school environment welcoming for all students and families
• Encouraging teachers to get to know all their students and their families
• Identifying ways of improving communication with families
• Making sure that school policies on safety, welfare and discipline are clearly communicated and support a sense of belonging for children and families.

What parents and Carers Can do

Parents and carers can work with school staff to help create a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school it helps children feel at home with school. It also makes it easier to pick up any problems early when they are easiest to resolve.

• Find out about the school and what your child is learning; participate in information sessions
• Make time to listen to your child tell you about what he or she is doing at school
• Let your child’s teacher know if he/she is having difficulties and discuss what kinds of things you can do at home and school to help.
What’s Happening

We have had a busy few weeks at kindergarten so far this Term and it doesn’t look like slowing down any time soon.

Last week we had an additional day of kindergarten for our four year old group at Werrimull P-12 School as part of their Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful to see the girls having a go at all the different track and field events, thanks to the dads who helped out with the sack race (always a tricky one at the end of a busy day).

This Term we have been looking at doctors and nurses as part of our creative play at kindergarten. We have doctors equipment out to extend their play, including real bandages which is why at times I have resembled a mummy at pick-up time. With babies on the way in some of our kindergarten families we will also continue to have the babies out to encourage their family play during the Term.

If you have any x-rays at home that you wouldn’t mind either donating or lending to the Pre-School for the reminder of the Term we would really appreciate it, they would look great on our light table or displayed on the windows for the children to look at.

The Maternal and Child Health Nurse popped in today to say hello and is going to come and visit us next month with some activities for the children. If you have any questions or would like to see the nurse please feel free to pop in and say hello on the day or on the second Tuesday of every month when she is at the Health Centre in front of the Pre-School.

Next week is Book Week so please remember to send your child along to kindergarten dressed as a character from a book on Tuesday. The four year old group will also need to dress up on the Wednesday for our extra kindergarten day as we will be joining the Primary group for celebrations at Sunny Cliffs Primary School.

A permission form and information will be sent home next week for our Steam Train and Library excursion.

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