From the Assistant Principal

What a brilliant start to 2015 we have enjoyed; the Community Learning Project organised by our group of year 10 students was a wonderful event to bring the community together followed by a popular win for Tunart in the Werrimull Whack.

It has been fantastic to see all students settle in their classes in what promises to be an exciting year at Werrimull P-12 School.

All students have been busy practising their routines for the grand opening of our swimming sports this Friday; the synchronised swimming begins at 9am. If you wish to order lunch please return your order form by Wednesday 11th February. I look forward to seeing a sea of blue on Friday, GO TUNART!

MMM Swimming Sports are on Friday 20th February, Mr Bamford will notify those students who are competing early next week. Due to the short turnaround notes must be returned promptly.

Following the success of the Outdoor Cinema Night in January, Shay, Max, Reece, Beau and Nathan have been nominated for a Mildura Rural City Council Youth Award. The awards have been established to recognise young people aged 12 to 25 years of age for their achievements and contributions to the community. Good luck to the students.

Staff from the Mallee Sexual Assault Unit are delivering an educational program to students in year 4 – 8. The program consists of five one hour sessions and begins this week. Some of the topics included in the program are cyber safety, communication and general safety within the community.

Loretta Ghidinelli from the Student Support Services is working with our small group of Prep/One students this term to develop sound awareness strategies. These strategies not only help students with their speech, they also support them with their reading/spelling. We are extremely lucky to have the regular services of a Certified Practising Speech Pathologist.

Nathan Kingi submitted an application to participate in the John Monash Science School (JMSS) Regional Exchange. Nathan was selected to participate; he will join other Year 10 students from Regional Victorian schools with a passion for science and maths for a 3-week block at the start of March. Nathan will attend classes with JMSS students, visit Monash University for science workshops, and experience Melbourne. Good luck Nathan!
Happy Birthday
Riley Berry  14th February

Dates to Remember

**February**

- First Round immunisation: 11th February
- Long Distance Swim: 12th February
- Werrimull P-12 Swimming Sports: 13th February
- JMMS information session: 16th February
- MMM Swimming Sports: 20th February
- School Council Meeting: 25th February

**March**

- Mallee District Swimming Carnival: 4th March
- Labour Day Public Holiday: 9th March
- School Council AGM: 11th March
- Year10 & 11 Work Ex: 23rd - 27th March
- Kinder at School: 25th March
- Red Food Day: 27th March
- Last day of Term 1, 2.00pm finish: 27th March

**April**

- First day of Term 2: 13th April
- S/P/T Interviews 3-4 pm: 15th April
- Outdoor Ed Camp: 20th April
- School Council Meeting: 22nd April
- Pupil Free Day: 27th April

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You’re invited to our **Scholastic Book Fair**

**Kings, Queens & Castles**

Enter the Kingdom of Books!

- Date: 9th to 13th March 2015
- Time: 1.30pm to 2.00pm Daily
- Place: VCE Room, Werrimull P-12 School
- All purchases benefit our school!
Werrimull P-12 School invites you to their annual

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 13th February beginning at 9am

Bring your chair, picnic rug and basket and watch the action ignite!

Please note....
- The program will be available on the morning of the carnival
- Lunch orders for the carnival need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 11th February.
School Banking
2015 is ready for launch.

For over 60 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollaramites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9:00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11:59pm AEDT 18/2/15. Entry is open to all Youth saver account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12:30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 49 123 123 124 9/Level 2, 11 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857, ACT Permit No TPA/14/0497, WA Permit No 14/4969, SA Permit No T 14/2527.
What’s Happening

It was wonderful to see the children and families for our first day back for the year. We had a fantastic day with lots of smiles and not a single tear. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing through play!

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A big thank-you to Mrs Robyn Whittle on donating some fabulous scrapbooking paper to both the kindergarten and the school, we will definitely use the variety of papers for a range of art and craft.

Shared Snack

At the Millewa Pre-School we have shared snack each day and ask that you bring along one thing to share each day with the rest of the group. If you send along something bigger, such as a packet of dry biscuits, cheese or dried fruit, we don’t expect anything for the next week or two.

Shared Snack Ideas

♦ Fruit
♦ Vegetables
♦ Cheese
♦ Dry biscuits
♦ Dried fruit
♦ No nuts please for shared snack