From the Principal

A big week for our years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students last week with them all sitting the NAPLAN. It was Shianna’s first NAPLAN experience and Morgan, Mitchell, Ray, Riley Sam and Zach’s last NAPLAN experience. A Principal in the UK wrote a letter to his students before a standardised test explaining that these tests don’t test everything about them but that they test your reading and your writing, but “They can’t tell you how amazingly special you are.” We know that our students have many talents in various areas of interest. The reason why the NAPLAN results are great is to show where gaps are in learning at this point of time but will not define any of our students. We as a teaching group analyse where we need to aim our teaching to make sure all of our students are successful throughout their schooling.

On Friday Mr Bamford travelled to Ouyen with students from 7 – 10 to participate in the Mallee Cross Country, please see his write up in regards to our local cross country and the Mallee event. Well done to Willah on their win it was disappointing that Tunart’s senior students let their team down by not participating, now to the athletics track to decide who is the best team overall!

We have two student teachers completing their teacher training rounds with us at the moment – I welcome Mr John Taylor and Ms Keisha Doyle - we hope their time with us enables them to learn some new skills for their teaching but also we look forward to learning from them as they have the access to the latest research in regards to what good teaching and learning looks like and sounds like.

Thank you again to Mrs Impey on a very successful Mother’s Day stall. I personally was given many treasures and I know majority of students from Kinder through to VCE purchased something special for their Mum’s.

We have Cluster sport for our 4 – 6’s this Friday, Mr Russell has been busy organising not only our school but all the other’s. On Thursday we have RED SHIELD DAY. If you would like to please wear something red and donate a gold coin. The Salvation Army each year give to our community therefore we like to give a little back to say thanks.
Cross Country Report

On the 6th of May we held the interhouse cross country event. Willah was looking to register a win on the board for 2015 after going down in the swimming in Term 1. In what was a cold and windy day the students competed well to record some outstanding results.

The 5-8 years took off at a cracking pace and were quickly out of sight taking on the 1km track. Ella Hards has made this event her own over the last couple of years and once again she did it in style coming home first in the girls section. Willah was off to a flyer with Gus Rowe finishing first in the boys event and Kaitlin Hards taking out the 9-10 girls race.

Tunart was desperate to turn it around before the score resembled a Carlton game. The tide started to turn as Dana Kingi & Colby Berry saluted in the 11-12 years age groups and Zoe Shorrock & Riley Berry won the 13 – 14 years races.

The closest race of the day came in the 15-21 years girls event. Kimberley Rowe and Shay Lambert had kept a steady pace all race, never getting more than a meter apart. As they approached the finish line it was going to be very close with Kimberley just finishing in front.

This left the result of the day to be decided by the boys. Tunart got off the best possible start claiming first, second and third with Mitchell Roads coming first. This gave Tunart the lead and the minor places would ultimately see who would take out the trophy.

In the end Willah managed to get enough points to get over the line in a tight contest 13.21 to Tunart’s 12.58 (average points per student).

Well done to all of the students for their efforts on the day. Thank you to the family members for coming to offer their support and the staff for their help on running the day.

MDSSSA Cross Country

Last Friday we had five of our secondary students attend the Mallee District Cross Country event in Ouyen. In what was the first trip for the new school bus, everything was set for a great day of competition.

All of our students raced incredibly well against the other schools to put in some fantastic results. Riley Berry was our best performed student on the day finishing 5th in the 14 year old section. Mitchell Roads also achieved a top 10 finish coming 7th. Mitchell and Morgan’s results helped the 15 year boys MMM side take out the team event. Great work boys!

SSVSSD Cross Country

Yesterday Kaitlin Hards and Colby Berry competed in the primary school cross country event in Mildura. They both completed excellent runs in their events. Colby battled hard in race to finish in the middle of the field. Kaitlin ran a hard race to finish 7th in the 10 year old race. This is a fantastic achievement. This result has qualified her for the Loddon Mallee Region final to be held in St Arnaud next month. Well done Kaitlin!

Paul Bamford – Sport Coordinator
### Dates to Remember

#### May
- Red Shield Appeal: 21th May
- 4-6 Cluster Sports: 22nd May
- Red Food: 29th May

#### June
- Chaffey Trail P-6: 2nd June
- K-6 Drum Performance: 4th June
- 4-6 Cluster Sports: 5th June
- Public Holiday: 8th June
- 7-8 Study Camp: 9th – 11th June
- 9-12 Exams: 9th – 11th June
- GAT: 10th June
- Eisteddfod: 12th June
- V.C.E Ball: 12th June
- Lighting Premiership: 17th June
- Kinder Day: 24th June
- Xmas in June: 25th June
- Red Food: 26th June
- Last day of Term 2, 2pm finish: 26th June

#### July
- First Day of Term 3: 13th July
- Secondary Snow Camp: 20th – 24 July
- Jeans for Genes Day: 31th July
- Red Food: 31th July

#### August
- Pupil Free Day: 3rd August
- Dinosaurs @ Kinder: 4th August
- Werrimull P-12 Athletics: 12th August
- Kinder Day: 12th August

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**Happy Birthday**

**Belated Birthday to**

**Archie Harmer** 13th May

**Miss Smith** 18th May

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**Please Note Change of Calendar Date**

School Athletics Carnival was Friday August 14th, now Wednesday Aug 12th

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**Thursday 21st May**

**Wear Red**

**Gold Coin Donation**
What's Happening

This Term we are exploring people who help us with a focus on doctors and nurses. We have our new doctors equipment to incorporate into the creative play the children already undertake and will be exploring how to stay healthy.

If you happen to have x-rays at home that you would be happy to lend to us for the Term we would really appreciate it, our fantastic A2 light panel means that we now have the equipment necessary to study these x-rays in depth and look at the human body from the inside out.

Thank-you to all families for accommodating the change of day last week, we appreciate your flexibility as it allows us not to cancel a session when it is difficult to get a relief teacher which is unfortunately a common occurrence in the Sunraysia region.

Due to the weather today we were unable to change our library books as Mrs Arney was kind enough to run us over to the Pre-School in the bus and we couldn't keep her waiting. This was the first time some of our group had travelled by school bus and it's a great way for them to gain confidence in a new situation.

Did you know...

When your child is engaging with art activities at kindergarten they are learning to:

- draw, paint and glue
- develop their finger and hand muscles
- recognise shapes, colours and lines
- plan and construct
- describe
- write
- cut with scissors
- create and express themselves

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19th May 2015

Dear Parents,

The attached form is for the school to gather the correct information before the August Census date, so as we have accurate details on our system. As stated it will help the Department and school with information to ensure we are up-to-date with the required resources to best meet the needs of all our students.

This information will be kept confidential and will be used only in the purpose of data gathering for census.

Please fill in the attached form and return it to the school as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding this form please don’t hesitate to contact me via email or phone – fush.erin.m@edumail.vic.gov.au OR 5028 1251.

Yours sincerely,

Erin Fush
Principal
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- Does the student speak a language other than English at home? If yes, what language: ________________
- Student’s living arrangements? ☐ Home with 2 parents/guardians ☐ Home with 1 parent/guardian ☐ State arranged Out of Home Care

**SECTION 2 – OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL**

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