The year 9 students at the Gnurad Gundidj Alpine School Campus enjoyed a visit from their families over the weekend. They are currently preparing for Expo 2; Mr Whittle will accompany them on their journey later this week. Check out the Gnurad Gundidj School website to read the weekly review written by Werrimull students [http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/).

During a recent visit from Awards Victoria staff, Stacey O’Neill was recognised for her work, in particular a photograph that she captured as part of her ‘skill development’ component of Duke of Edinburgh Award. Stacey was encouraged to enter the Instagram competition that was running for Dukes Week, her photograph was published on the Awards Vic website [www.awardsvic.org.au]. Congratulations Stacey!

It was fantastic to see students and staff support Daffodil Day and Go Green for Kieran last Friday; the SRC raised $116. Daffodil Day raises funds for Cancer Council to continue its work in cancer research, providing patient support programs and prevention programs for all Australians. A big thank you to all the students who donated, to Kylie Roads for donating the cupcake mixture, Mr McCormick for donating the daffodils and for all SRC members and their families who baked cupcakes! Mitch Roads received a $20 Coles Myer gift voucher as he was voted the best dressed in the Secondary area.

Well done to all of the students and staff who dressed up to celebrate Book Week last Wednesday. Parents, Grandparents and extended family must also be congratulated for their role in ensuring the students looked fabulous in their costumes!

Good luck to the students who are competing in district athletic events next week.

Primary (Mini Olympics)  Secondary (Mallee District)
Tom Fox  Riley Berry
Dana Kingi  Mitch Roads
Colby Berry  Morgan Ruchel
Hannah Fox  Zac Symes
Will Shorrock  Mark Thomson
Evie Rowe  Ashlyn Roads
Holly Harmer  Jocelyn Muriwai
Kaitlin Hards  Kimberley Rowe

Thanks to those parents who have volunteered their time and vehicle to transport students to events such as the athletics listed above. Payment in cash is requested for such events (rather than money from student accounts) so we can give the money directly to those who have volunteered to transport students.

On Wednesday 3rd September at 2pm parents and extended family are invited to participate in the Read for Australia activity. Come and join in a range of activities to celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week.

Kayleen Impey has once again organised the Father’s Day stall. Students will be able to purchase a small gift for their father on Thursday 4th September. Thanks to Kayleen for organising and running the stall!

Friday 5th September is a pupil free day: Staff from the six Mallee P-12 Schools will be attending the annual cluster day in Ouyen.

Red food is available from the Werrimull Hotel this Friday.
Whole School Assembly
Parents/Guardians and community members are invited to attend the whole school assembly on Monday 1st September (starting at 11.20am). Please see the agenda below for further details.

Assembly Monday 1st September 2014-11.20am

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Read for Australia
Next Wednesday afternoon, 3 September, at 2:05pm we will be celebrating Literacy in the Primary area by taking part in Read for Australia. There will be Literacy activities and afternoon tea so we would like to invite parents and community members to join us.

Citizen of the Week is
Week 6 Tom Fox

Aussie of the Month is
Seamus Kelly

Don’t forget Father Day Stall 4th September
## Dates to Remember

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## Dates to Add to Calendar

Red Food Day from 12th Sept to 19th Sept

## Happy Birthday

- **Reuben Kenny** 28th August
- **Zac Symes** 1st September
- **Kim Rowe** 4th September

## What’s new on the Werrimull P-12 Facebook page?
- Primary and Secondary Book Week Photos
- Daffodil Day Photos
- P-6 Discovery Photos

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Why connect at school?

Peter held his daughter Rachel’s hand tightly. It was a first for him to be taking Rachel to school. His heart was pounding as they made their way to the classroom. There was the teacher, Ms Lim. She smiled at them, “Welcome Rachel, hello Peter.” Another child waved at Rachel. She seemed happy to have a friend to play with. So why was Peter still nervous?

“We’re having a morning tea for parents next week. Will you come?” Ms Lim asked. “I’ll try,” Peter said.

“It all seems different from when I went to school,” he thought as he headed out the door. “They seem to want parents to be involved. I wonder what else has changed?”

Schools can be scary places, and not just for children...

Parents and carers also need to feel welcome and at ease to get the most out of being involved with their children’s school.

When parents and carers are involved and connected with school, children learn better and have better mental health. This is an important emphasis in schools nowadays that may be very different from what parents or carers remember, or what they may have experienced in another country.

Connecting at school

Being connected at school is not about having mobile phones and computers. It’s about knowing you can get support, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with school staff to help your child learn and develop. Working together to care for children is the best way for schools and parents/carers to support children’s mental health.

- When schools and parents/carers work together, children find it easier to understand what is expected from them and are better able to manage. They have fewer behaviour problems and do better at school.

- When parents/carers are connected to school it helps them get support when they need it. Support may come from talking with teachers or other school staff, or from making connections with other parents. Schools help families to connect through having lots of different activities that parents/carers can get involved in.

- Being connected to the school helps keep parents informed. Parents who are informed about what their children are learning at school and about opportunities to get involved are able to support them better at home.

School is a place for adults to make new friends too!
Having opportunities to get to know other parents, to find out how to support your children’s learning, or to get involved in class activities can help parents and carers feel connected to the school.

How parents and carers can get connected to the school

- Make contact with your child’s teacher and keep in touch. Ask for help if you don’t understand something.
- Check for notices that are sent home and keep informed about school activities through the school newsletter.
- Attend information sessions and social activities at the school whenever you can.
- Make contact with other parents at your school: perhaps meet up informally with parents of other children in your child’s class, find out about parent social groups that meet at or near the school, or join a parent committee.
- Take an interest in the school council – and consider joining it if you have the time and skills.

KidsMatter Primary has developed a range of resources for parents and carers to help keep them informed about children’s mental health and how they can help.

Keep an eye out at your school for further KidsMatter Primary resources that provide information on children’s social and emotional learning, on child development and parenting, and on mental health problems in children.
Millewa Pre-School

What’s Happening

We certainly don’t seem to be slowing down here at kindergarten, with only three weeks to go after this week we’ve got quite a lot on!

Next Tuesday (2 September) is our annual visit to Red Cliffs to ride the Kinder Express and visit the Red Cliffs Library. As we have the steam train to ourselves during our ride grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins are welcome to join us for the ride as well as parents and siblings. Please let us know when you return your note how many people you expect to ride the train. **Notes were sent home last week and must be returned by the end of the week. Please remember that we will be meeting in Red Cliffs next week, not at the Pre-School!**

The Maternal and Child Health Nurse popped in two weeks ago to say hello and is going to come and visit us in two weeks time (9 September) 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.

It was fantastic to see everyone dressed up last week for Book Week, it’s always an exciting day and I love to see the children’s joy in celebrating reading. The four year old girls also dressed up on Wednesday and joined the students from Werrimull P-12 School for the Book Week excursion to Sunny Cliffs where everyone was very impressed with the way they participated in all activities.

On behalf of our kindergarten group we would like to extend our congratulations to Max and his family (Karla, Nick and Travis) on the safe arrival of little Phoebe. We were lucky enough to see her last week and it is clear that she is going to be a much loved little sister!

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Dates to Remember

**2 September**
- Annual Steam Train and Library Excursion

**3 September**
- Additional Kindergarten Day at Werrimull P-12 School

**9 September**
- Visit from Maternal Child Health Nurse

**16 September**
- Family Footy Day 11am – 1:30pm
- Last Day of Term for Three Year Old Group

**18 September**
- Last Day of Term for Four Year Old Group

**7 October**
- First day of Term Four