From the Principal

Today we had over 100 students participate in the first STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) cluster day with Koorlong, Sunnycliffs and Nangiloc. It was a great day with kids teaching kids and students participating in curriculum areas they hadn’t ever had the opportunity to do so before. Our facilities were showcased to our neighbourhood schools and it showed us how lucky we are to have these facilities for our Kinder through to VCE to access. This is part of our strategic plan to utilise our facilities with the Primary/Kinder students and to engage them in “elective” type curriculum, therefore next year we are structuring our Wednesday Primary program to give the students choice and a voice in their education. For the first time ever Monday saw the students from Grade 1 – 6 (of 2017) chose what area they want to learn in – textiles, technology or drama was offered to them and we will be taking feedback from them about how successful the introduction of this type of teaching and learning is to each one of them.

It is time for us to update our iPads as they are no longer supported by the updates. At school council we have an ICT plan and we budget to make sure our students have access to suitable and up-to-date devices for their learning. Therefore we are offering the current iPad 2 to our school community to purchase. The iPads are 16gb and in great condition, they all have a cover and will be restored to factory settings before going home. The cost of each is $50 and it is a first in best dressed system with a limit of 2 per family and the iPads will be able to be collected from the school on the 12th of December. If you are interested in purchasing one of these used iPads please contact the front office to put your name down.

Obviously with the removal of the iPad 2’s this means that 2017 we will have new iPads for the students to support them in their learning. We have been able to purchase new robots this year with a grant from the Mildura Rural City Council and have updated our curriculum for 2017 to incorporate the new coding and use of algorithms to enhance our students understanding of ICT.
Mr Whittle and the Year 10 students participated in a crop walk hosted by the Rankin family. This was an opportunity for the year 10’s to put some of their science learning into practice. We thank Caz and Don for inviting us again this year and look forward to their continued support of our students.

The mosquitos are horrendous at school at the moment so we are offering low irritant insect repellent to the students to use at recess and lunchtimes, if you don’t want your children using this can you please let the front office know.

Just a reminder that Monday and Tuesday are pupil free days and that Kinder for our 3 & 4 year olds is on Friday 4th due to Melbourne Cup Day, this is also the Kinder photo day.

Tomorrow we host our COMMUNITY BREAKFAST where pancakes are on the menu, if you are able to attend please just turn up for delicious pancakes and hot coffee.
**Dates to Remember**

**October**
- Halloween Dress-up day: 27th October
- Red Food: 28th October
- Millewa Ballet Guild Concert: 28th October
- Pupil Free Day: 31st October

**November**
- Melbourne Cup: 1st November
- 4-6 Excursion: 9th November
- Yr 10 & 11 Work experience: 14th-18th November
- 2017 Preps transition: 16th November
- Earth Ed Energy Trailer P- Yr 9: 22nd November
- Yr 10 Study Camp: 23rd- 25th November
- 2017 Preps transition: 23rd November
- P-3 Sleep over: 24th-25th November
- Red Food: 25th November
- Fed Uni Camp Yr8-9: 28th–30th November
- 2017 Prep transition: 30th November

**December**
- 3 year old transition to Kinder: 1st December
- MDAS Excursion K-3: 1st December
- Pupil Free Day: 2nd December
- Flying Start: 5th–9th December
- Awards: 12th December
- Red Food: 16th December
- End of Term 4: 20th December

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**Lost**
Set of keys - 3 small and 1 large - on a thin black lanyard. If someone has found these, could they be left at the school office for Collection.

Thank you.
Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was introduced in Australia in 1978 as the first Australia-wide mathematics competition for students. There are five papers: Middle Primary (Years 3–4), Upper Primary (Years 5–6), Junior (Years 7–8), Intermediate (Years 9–10) and Senior (Years 11–12). Hundreds of thousands of students in primary and secondary schools from around 30 countries sat the AMC in 2016.

This year we saw five primary and seven secondary students from Werrimull P-12 School participate.

All students who participate will receive one of the awards listed below according to the criteria stated.

Congratulations to those students who participated, and the following awards were achieved:

**Distinction Awards** – top 20% of their year and region.
Claudia Fox (Year 5) with a percentile ranking of 86
Dana Kingi (Year 8) with a percentile ranking of 88
Mitchell Roads (Year 10) with a percentile ranking of 89

**Credit Awards** - top 55% of their year and region.
Lachlan Charles (Year 3) with a percentile ranking of 54

**Proficiency Awards** indicates satisfactory competence at mathematics and problem solving
Kaitlin Hards (Year 5)
Hannah Fox (Year 7)
Thomas Fox (Year 8)

**Participation Awards** – participated in the AMC
Seamus Kelly (Year 3)
Grace Kelly (Year 5)
Samual Fox (Year 10)
Nathan Kingi (Year 11)
Reece Impey (Year 11)
Millewa Pre-School

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.

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

What's Happening
Please make sure that you check your child’s bag this week, each child received between one and four bits of information today ranging from kindergarten photos to transition and enrolment information for 2017.

Remember that next Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday and as a result there will be no kindergarten on Tuesday 1 November. Instead we have kindergarten on Thursday as normal for the four year old group and then the combined three and four year old session will run on Friday 4 November and we will be having our kindergarten photos on that day.

If you have any questions about any of the information that has been sent home today please do not hesitate to contact me either at school (5028 1251) or at the pre-school (5028 1293).

Please remember to pack a change of clothes in your child’s bag each day as sometimes they get involved in messy play or have a toileting accident and we don’t have enough spare clothes at kindergarten to provide them with clean, dry clothes. This is particularly important as the weather warms up and we start engaging in water based play again.

Dates to Remember

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