The Better Education VCE Results 2014 were recently released; our teachers, students and community should be proud of the results. We are ranked 87th in the state (independent, catholic and government schools are included). Mildura Senior College was ranked 335 and Red Cliffs Secondary College 451. We are the 2nd government school outside of the Melbourne Metro area with Lake Bolac ahead of us in 86th spot. This is an amazing achievement and something we must recognise and celebrate. (http://bettereducation.com.au/Results/VceAll.aspx)

BUS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA VISIT
Keith Foote from the Bus Association of Victoria (BusVic) visited Werrimull P-12 School last week to deliver an important message to our P-6 students. As the industry representative body for Victoria’s bus and coach operators, each year BusVic does a travelling roadshow of Victorian regional and rural towns as part of its community safety initiative. The Education Session touched on safety at the bus stop, while on board and leaving the bus. For more information about safe bus travel visit www.busvic.asn.au/safebustravel.

SECONDARY CAMP
Staff and students arrived home safely from the Secondary camp. I trust they enjoyed a well-earned rest over the weekend. I look forward to hearing more about the camp over the coming days. Thanks to Miss Hall for organising and attending the camp and to our volunteers Hayden and Daniel for their support.

MALLEE MACHINERY FIELD DAYS
Grade 4 – 10 students will attend the Mallee Machinery Field Days in Speed next Thursday 6th August. The bus will depart at 9am and arrive back at Werrimull P-12 at 4.15pm; if you would like to pick up your child from Big Lizzie, Red Cliffs at 3.45pm please complete a ‘pink note’ so there is no confusion. School buses will run as usual on this day to minimise the disruption to the K-3 and VCE programs.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Each year, Australians unite by wearing their favourite jeans and outdoing each other with crazy denim outfits, and donating money to support genetic research. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life. Students are encouraged to get involved this Friday 31st July by wearing denim and donating a gold coin.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS OUTREACH PROGRAM
Staff from Ballarat's Federation University will visit Werrimull P-12 on Wednesday the 5th August to deliver workshops to grade 5 & 6 and year 9 & 10 students. The program aims to Excite, Explore and Empower student's aspirations and decision-making by presenting education and career information and options with particular relevance for students in rural settings and by building confidence in young people and their families, to address 'fears and barriers' of pursuing education and career options outside their immediate community.

RED FOOD
Red Food is available from the Werrimull Hotel this Friday 31st July.

Please remember that next Monday 3rd August is a pupil free day.
Dates to Remember

**July**
- Jeans for Genes Day (Gold Coin Donation) 31st July
- Red Food 31st July

**August**
- Pupil Free Day 3rd August
- Dinosaurs @ Kinder 4th August
- Ballarat Federation University visit 5th August
- Speed Field Day 6th August
- Werrimull P-12 Athletics 12th August
- Kinder Day 12th August

**September**
- Fathers Day Stall 1st September
- School Council Meeting 2nd September
- Spin Chat 2nd September
- Mallee Athletics 4th September
- Mini Olympics 7th September
- Jump Rope for Heart P-6 10th September
- Red Food Day 18th September
- Last Day of Term 3 2pm Finish 18th September

**October**
- S/P/T Interviews 6th October
- K-3 Cranky Bears 20th October
- School Council Meeting 27th October

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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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Happy Birthday

Sam Fox 30th July
Sammy-Jo Sly 30th July
Ebony Geyer 4th August
Seamus Kelly 7th August

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Jeans for Genes Are you in?

Please Donate at jeansforgenes.org.au

Friday 31st July 2015
Gold Coin Donation
What's Happening

Next week, Tuesday August 4 at 9:15pm, we are lucky enough to be receiving a visit from the Melbourne Museum Discovery Team who will be teaching our K-3s all about Dinosaurs. The Discovery Team have been visiting our Pre-School for a number of years and always present an engaging and interactive session for the children. This session is generally reserved solely for four year old kindergarten groups so we have been fortunate that they allow us to share this opportunity with both the P-3 group from Werrimull P-12 School and our three year old pre-kinder program.

If you would like to pop in on the day with any younger siblings or see the excitement for yourself you are more than welcome.

Speech Pathologist Visit

On Tuesday August 11 we will be receiving a visit from a Speech Pathologist at the Pre-School in order to screen all children in both the three and four year old groups for any speech issues, major or minor, that might impact on their learning. This type of screening is undertaken by many kindergartens.

This screening is undertaken every two years so that all children are assessed before they reach school. The sooner any issues are identified the easier it can be to deal with them and this means that we can give them and their families as much help and support as possible. All costs for this visit are covered by the Pre-School.

If you have any questions regarding this visit please don’t hesitate to contact me before the visit.

Picture Plates

Our Picture Plate orders will be sent off this week and we hope to have them back by the end of Term Three otherwise they will be here early Term Four.

It has been wonderful to see the children so excited about making their plates and also to hear parents reminiscing about their own plates when they were young.

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