Debating Team
Congratulations to Evie, Hannah, Holly & Shania; the girls convinced the audience in their first debate that Tony Abbott should not remain leader of the Government. They were very persuasive and the judges awarded them the win. This week they take on students from Grovedale Primary School and the topic is bicycle riders in cities should only ride on bike lanes/trails. Good luck to the girls!

ANZAC Ceremony
Thank you to those people who attended our service last Friday. With the support of Miss Smith the students did a fantastic job in planning the ceremony, it made us reflect on the efforts of all those who have served for our country.

Family Accounts
Last Wednesday all families should have received family statements detailing their current balance. These statements are provided three times throughout the year, with the next due at the end of term 3. Should you wish to discuss your statement please make an appointment with Helen Sly.

Outdoor Education Camp
The feedback following the Outdoor Education camp was very positive. Some students took the opportunity to face their fears as they completed adventure activities such as rock climbing and abseiling. See Mr Bamford’s report for further details.

Cross Country
Students from Werrimull, Koorlong, Sunnyciffs and Nangiloc participated in the annual Small School Cross Country event last week. The students performed to the best of their ability, with Ella Hards finishing first, Gus Rowe second and Archie Harmer & Ebony Geyer finishing 3rd in their respective age groups. The staff and students were very excited to find out that we had won the team trophy; the event has been going for five years and this was our fourth win! Congratulations to all of the P-6 students.

Tomorrow we will see the battle between Willah and Tunart continue as they participate in the Cross Country. The first event will begin at 11.30am. GO TUNART!

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day Stall was set up this morning so students could purchase something special for their mum. Thanks to Kayleen Impey for organising and running the stall.

Cuppa for Cancer
The annual Cuppa for Cancer morning tea will take place at Werrimull P-12 School next Monday. Students will enjoy a morning tea prepared by the SRC. All proceeds will be donated to Sunraysia Cancer Resources; a not for profit organisation who provide a collection of written information about all types of cancer, as well as information and advice about local and out of area services and support options.

NAPLAN
On Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May students in grades 3, 5, 7 & 9 will complete NAPLAN (National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy). NAPLAN tests students on Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling and grammar) and Mathematics.
Outdoor Education camp

On the 20th of April the Year 7 – 10 Outdoor Education class departed Werrimull for the Grampians on a 4 day camp. The luck was on our side as the weather stayed dry and surprisingly warm during the day.

After celebrating Dana’s birthday with some cupcakes (Thanks Cheryl) at Horsham and missing the correct turn off we finally arrived at our destination, Plantation Campground. Everyone pitched in to set up an impressive camp site including a makeshift shelter between two of the tents.

Having survived the first night of the cool conditions and sleeping on hard ground, we were off for the first day of rock climbing and abseiling with Earl and Noah from Hangin’ out in the Gramps. A quick safety brief, equipment fit and demonstration had everyone itching to get climbing on the rock.

Ray was the first to tackle the most difficult climb of the day. After reaching the half-way point and becoming increasingly fatigued he wanted to come down. With some words of encouragement from the team below he pushed through to reach the top. It was clearly visible on his face how satisfied he was in completing the climb.

Lunch time quickly rolled around and after some words of wisdom from Earl about stepping outside of your comfort zone it was time to test people’s nerves by abseiling the appropriately named, ‘Wall of Fools’. Max having said at lunch he was no chance of doing an abseil ended up being the first one down and showed everyone exactly how it was done. In the end all but three people abseiled on the first day, some even going twice.

It was the end of the day before we knew it. We headed off to camp to tuck into some much needed dinner, sitting in front of the campfire and for a few, roasting marshmallows.

The next day saw us off to a new destination, the Sundial car park. Another wrong turn saw us arrive slightly late with some students also not enjoying the winding climb up the mountain in the bus. Before long everyone was kitted up and into the action again.

Everyone completed an abseil this time which was a great achievement, especially the three who weren’t overly keen about doing it. Tom had built himself up for having a crack at the abseil on the second day. He enjoyed it so much he came back to do it again. This time he flew down the rock like he’d been doing it for years.

Having said our goodbyes to Earl and Noah we headed into Halls Gap to have our lunch and enjoy an ice cream. The locals were certainly friendly with one cheeky Kookaburra taking a liking to Sam’s pie!

All of the kids did a fantastic job from planning their meals, to setting/packing up, to challenging themselves at rock climbing and abseiling. They should be very proud of their efforts. Well done!

Be sure to check out the school’s facebook page for all of the photos. Finally, a big thank-you must go to Mrs Wright for coming along and helping out on the trip.

Paul Bamford – Outdoor Education teacher
**Dates to Remember**

**May**
- Werrimull P-12 Cross Country: 6th May
- Kinder day: 6th May
- 4-6 EnviroEdu Presentation: 8th May
- Cupper for Cancer: 11th May
- Naplan: 12th - 14th May
- Mallee Cross Country: 15th May
- SSVSSD Cross Country: 18th May
- Red Shield Appeal: 21st 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
- V.C.E Ball: 12th June
- Lighting Premiership: 17th June
- Kinder Day: 24th June
- Xmas in June: 25th June
- Red Food: 26th June

**July**
- Secondary Snow Camp: 20th-24 July
- Jeans for Genes Day: 31th July
- Red Food: 31th July

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**Please Note Change of Calendar Date**

School Cross Country was Friday May 8th, now Wednesday May 6th

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

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**Cuppa for Cancer**

On Monday the 11th of May the SRC will be supporting Cuppa for Cancer which is Australia’s Largest Morning Tea that raises money to help cancer research, prevention and support. It is a gold coin donation to go towards Sunraysia Cancer Resources, and there will be a cup of Milo for everyone. Students will also be able to purchase cupcakes for $1.00 each. You are asked to please come dressed in yellow to show your support.

Thank You

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What's Happening

We have had a fantastic first few weeks of Term and have been very busy with a range of different activities from cooking to making to building to craft and everything in between.

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.

Our first visit for the Term from Della, our Koorie Pre-School Assistant, saw us exploring different Australian animals and how they are unique.

Please make sure you remember the change of dates for next week as I will be away in Melbourne as part of my Bastow course. The changes of date are listed below for your information.

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

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