Friday all staff travelled to Ouyen for a Mallee Cluster Conference. The staff had the opportunity to learn with their colleagues from the other Mallee Track Schools and to engage in professional learning delivered by experts in their field. It was an excellent day of learning for all staff and will benefit the students of the Mallee.

Reports are currently being written and will be available for collection at Parent, Teacher, Student Interviews (PTSI) next Thursday 18th September. If you would like an appointment with your child’s teacher/s please contact the school office; appointments will be scheduled between 3.00—4.00pm. School will finish at normal time next Thursday, not at 1pm as previously advertised. You may also book a PTSI for the first week of Term 4; Wednesday 8th October. Appointments will be scheduled between 1.00—4.00pm, therefore students will finish at 1pm on this day. If you do not attend the PTSI next Thursday, your child’s report will be sent home on the last day of Term. Also a reminder that parents are able to seek feedback from teachers at any time throughout the Term about their child’s progress, you don’t have to wait until a scheduled PTSI.

Regular Readers in the 3 – 6’s have been rewarded with a $3 Canteen Voucher each. It is expected that our students read 5 nights per week and record their reading habits. The following students have been outstanding this Term and therefore have been recognised for their efforts:

- Hannah Fox
- Holly Harmer
- Claudia Fox
- Kaitlin Hards
- Dana kingi
- Evie Rowe
- Cam Symes
- Tom Fox

This Thursday Koorlong, Sunnycliffs and our Primary students will participate in Jump Rope For Heart. It gives the students an opportunity to socialise with other schools and to get active at the same time. Miss Hepworth and Mrs Harris have been working with our students to put together a fun filled day for everyone.

Mrs Jeanette Nagorcka (Regional Director) and Mr Gary Weir (Senior Advisor) visited our school last week. They were both very impressed with the opportunities we offer our students and commented on the ‘feel’ of our school. Jeanette in particular was amazed at the standard of work our VCE design students are producing and how engaged all of our students were in their tasks. This is pleasing to hear as we have worked hard over the past few years to make sure our curriculum is engaging and relevant to the students.

The last day of Term is next Friday 19th September with a finishing time of 2pm.
Whole School Assembly
Parents/Guardians and community members are invited to attend the whole school assembly on Monday 15th September (starting at 11.20am). Please see the agenda below for further details.

Assembly Monday 15th September 2014- 11.20am

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Things to remember (announced by Mark and Sammy-Jo)
- Student/Parent/Teacher interviews this Thursday & first Wednesday back
- 2pm finish last day of term
- Red Food available from the hotel on the last day of term

Citizen of the Week is
Week 7  Kaitlin Hards
Week 8  Lily Detenon

Aussie of the Month is
Kaitlin Hards
Happy Birthday
Colby Berry 11th September

Dates to Remember

September
Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews 18th Sept
Reports home 19th September
Red Food Day 19th September
Last day of term 3, 2.00 finish 19th Sept

October
First Day of Term 4 6th October
Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews 8th October
Year 5-6 Camp 13th October
Mildura Show P-6 17th October
School Photo’s 20th October
Red Food 24th October
Book Fair Week 27th—31st October
VCE Exams Start 29th October
Halloween Dress Up 31st October

November
Australia Day Holiday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup 4th November
Exam week 9-11’s 10th-14th November
VCE Dinner 14th November
Secondary Camp 17th—21st November
Exam Reports home 18th November
Kinder Transition & Prep meeting 19th Nov
Work Experience 10 & 11’s 24th—28th Nov
Kinder Transition Day 26th November
Prep—4 Sleepover 27th November

December
Yr 8 University camp 2nd–5th December

Dates to Add to Calendar
Red Food Day from 12th Sept to 19th Sept
**Sunraysia South Division Athletics**

On Monday, September 1st, seven of our primary students, Tom & Hannah Fox, Kaitlin Hards, Will Shorrock, Evie Rowe, Dana Kingi and Holly Harmer, competed in the Sunraysia South Division Athletics at the Old Aerodrome ovals.

In horrendous conditions our students battled on bravely to attempt to qualify for the Loddon Mallee Region finals. The persistent rain resulted in the high jump being moved inside while the competitors in the shot put and discus were doing well to maintain some sort of grip.

Will Shorrock showed that the extra practice he had been doing at home helped by coming 2nd in the 10 Years Boys discus. This result means that he has qualified for the Loddon Mallee Region finals to be held in Bendigo in early Term 4. This rounded out a great day for Will as he also came 3rd in the shot put.

Dana Kingi produced an exceptional performance in the 1500m. She maintained a consistent pace throughout the race to come home in 2nd place, also qualifying her for the next stage.

Well done to all of the students for not only for making it to the Sunraysia South Division competition but also for their efforts on the day in extremely trying conditions. I would like to thank Jess Hards and Tanya Fox for driving.

**Mallee District Secondary School Sport Association Athletics**

Last Wednesday we had six of our secondary students, Zac Symes, Mitch & Ashlyn Roads, Morgan Ruchel, Riley Berry and Jocelyn Muriwai, compete in the MDSSA Athletics at Ouyen. The students were met with perfect conditions for competition.

Our students were straight into the action with Zac Symes putting in a great effort in the shot put finishing fourth amongst some strong competition from the Robinvale schools. Riley Berry had a busy program competing in a number of events. His best individual result was in the Long Jump where he came 3rd. Morgan Ruchel was also able to achieve a 3rd place in the 14 Years Boys Discus.

Our best results for the day came in the relays where our students teamed up with Manangatang and Murrayville. Riley achieved a 2nd place with his team in the 13 Years Boys race while Jocelyn’s team came 3rd in the 13 Years Girls. Ashlyn Road’s team in the 16 Years Girls ran an exceptional race to get past Ouyen and claim first place.

It was a great effort by all of the students involved against some tough opposition from other schools. Well done to all of them for reaching that far.

Thanks to Kylie Roads for driving on the day.

Paul Bamford

*Sports Coordinator*
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What makes a positive school community?

"Mum, Miss Collins told me to be sure you go to the school for the meeting tonight. She says it's very important."

"You're not in trouble, are you Omar? Teachers only ask parents to come to school when there is a problem, don't they?"

"No Mum. She says she is looking forward to meeting you."

When Rasheeda got to the meeting it wasn't like she had expected. Lots of other parents were there and they were talking with each other and with the teacher. It seemed quite friendly. The teacher explained what the children would be learning in school this term and then asked the parents to talk to two different people they didn't know.

Rasheeda felt a bit shy about this. Luckily, the other parents at her table started talking to her. They asked her what school was like in her home country. "Oh, very different!" she told them. "Over there the teacher talks and the children listen. They don't learn in groups. They start early and they go home at lunchtime." The other parents seemed interested.

Miss Collins also spoke with her: "Rasheeda, I wonder if there's anything more you would like to know about how Omar is going or what we are doing at school? We want to be sure you feel welcome, so if there is anything the school can do to help you or Omar settle in, please let us know."

What feeling included is all about

Positive school communities create opportunities for children, families and staff to feel included. They make help and support accessible and find lots of ways to invite people to take up the offer. They build bridges to help everyone benefit from understanding experiences and cultures that may be different to their own.

When children feel included, when they are part of a community that promotes inclusion and respect for everybody, they show more caring and compassion towards others and they feel safer and more secure. They also learn better and have better mental health. In a positive school community every face has a place, every voice is valued and everyone has something to contribute.

School communities from around Australia chose care, compassion, respect, understanding and inclusion as important values for children to understand. These are things that children can learn about. The best learning happens when children see the adults around them putting values like these into practice.
Some ways of showing people they are welcomed and included at school

- Display information, posters, and artwork that reflect the diversity in the school community
- Provide information in appropriate languages, verbally where possible as well as in written form
- Cater to specific needs where possible, e.g. dietary needs, access needs
- Publicly celebrate diverse cultures and diverse families.

What parents and carers can do

- Get to know other families, take an interest in others' different backgrounds as well as what you have in common
- Set up a "buddy system" where families who have been at the school for a while buddy up with new families to provide welcome and support
- Encourage children to include and appreciate others' cultural and individual differences.

Being included and learning to include others are very important for children's social development. Being included promotes belonging and connectedness, which are also key factors for supporting children's mental health.

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Millewa Pre-School

What’s Happening

Well, we’ve had a very busy couple of weeks yet again and the last week isn’t going to be any slower with our end of Term Footy Colours celebration day next Tuesday September 16 from 11am - 1:30pm. All family members are invited to join us for the day, we’ll have mini hot dogs and party pies (traditional footy food) for lunch but ask that you bring along a plate of food to share also.

Today we had a fantastic morning when the Melbourne Museum Discovery Team visited us for an educational presentation about Australian animals which we shared with the Prep to Grade Two group from Werrimull P-12 School. We learned about native animals from different habitats and had a hands on learning experience touching the animal statues that were brought up from the Museum and trying on a green sea turtle shell for size. We are extremely lucky to have such an experience for three years in a row and have our fingers crossed that they will visit us again next year.

After our visit from the Melbourne Museum Discovery Team we had a quick break for our yummy shared morning tea before some activities with Della, the Koorie Pre-School Assistant (KPSA) who comes out to share Indigenous culture with our group.

Last week we had a wonderful excursion to the Red Cliffs library and followed by a ride on the Kinder Express. The weather wasn’t perfect but that didn’t dampen the children’s excitement and enthusiasm. A big thanks goes out to all the family members who make this excursion possible each year as it’s a wonderful tradition.

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