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DATES TO REMEMBER

August

5th - Secondary Consent Labs Incursion
6th - School Council
7th - NAIDOC Day celebrations
11th - Secondary Snow Camp - Mt Buller
19th - Book Day at Koorlong Primary School
9th - Werrimull x Nangiloc Athletics Carnival

September

8th - Rubicon Camp
10th - School Council
15th - Upper Primary School Camp - Ballarat
19th - Last day of Term 3 (2 pm finish)

Werrimull P-12 is committed to providing excellent teaching, differentiated learning, and the academic, social and emotional growth of all students in an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Werrimull P-12 School Community,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing break. It's been great to see our students return with energy and enthusiasm – Term 3 is off to a strong start.

One big highlight is the improvement in attendance. Our average for the year was sitting around 77%, but this term we've jumped up to 90%! Thanks to everyone for helping make school a priority – let's keep it up.

We're also proud of some solid NAPLAN results showing great progress in literacy and numeracy. It's a reflection of the effort from students and staff alike.

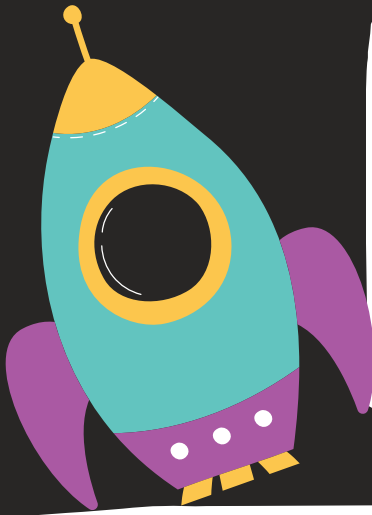
There've been a few upgrades around the school too – we've added new flag poles to proudly fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, supporting a more inclusive school community. We've also installed new front fencing to help keep everyone safe and secure. And a special shout-out to our older students heading off on camp soon – a great chance to learn, explore and make some lasting memories! Thanks again for your ongoing support. Let's make it a great term!

Kind regards,

Ben Nicholson - Principal



Justin proudly standing with our new flags



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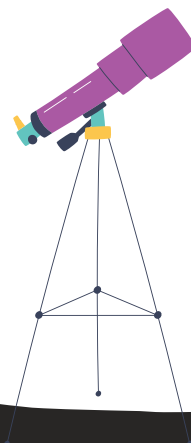
Mrs Keeghan, Miss Lambert & Mrs
Carter

WELCOME BACK!

What an incredible start to Term Three! The students have settled back in beautifully to our classroom, routines and expectations.

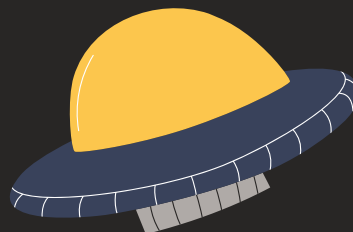
Over the holidays, our class narrative books arrived. Please take the time to read through these with your child, they have been so excited to share their stories with others!

The new Semester brings a change to our time table. Students will begin learning AUSLAN with Mr Patterson this term.



REMINDER

Please name all jumpers and other clothing so it can be returned when found in the yard or classroom.



P-2 CHILD SAFETY

At school the lower primary children are learning child safe strategies.

Children are using the words:

'Safe'

'Early Warning Signs'

'Safety Team'

'Consent'

'Persistence'

PERSISTENCE

Persistence
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NEWS FROM



Upper Primary

WITH MRS C & MISS ALLEN

NUMERACY

New Maths Topics

With the start of Term 3, students have launched into two new Maths units: Fractions and Time. Our Fractions unit also links with other key concepts, including the four operations (+ - × ÷), percentages, decimals, and even time—making for a rich, interconnected learning experience!

Time Flies When You're Learning!



In our Time lessons, students have been busy with hands-on activities, exploring concepts such as quarter to, quarter past, five-minute intervals, 24-hour time, and elapsed time. It's certainly been a very busy 'time' indeed!



Persuasive Writing Takes Off!

Our Writing topic has kicked off with a creative buzz as students begin drafting persuasive texts on topics they're truly passionate about. This week, we've brainstormed meaningful ideas, crafted curiosity-sparking titles, and explored persuasive structure and features to help students draft their very first paragraph—the introduction!

Eggstra Cruel! LITERACY

Can you believe that chickens are treated badly and suffer short lives because they live in cages all their life? In my opinion, it is crime to treat them this way and they should definitely NOT be in cages. Have you ever been

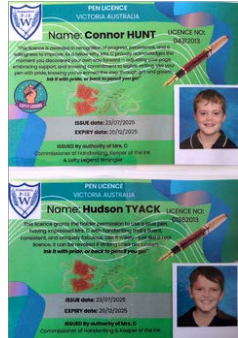
Families aren't like shoes!

Have you ever thought to divorce your parents just because you want to? Well, I got some reasons why you shouldn't and can't.

Firstly i strongly believe kids should not be able to

Is Graffiti Art OR a Crime?

Across many towns and cities, graffiti can be seen all over the place. people consider it is art, while others think it's a crime. How do you it. I personally believe that graffiti is art, not a crime. People get paic good art. Is looks really good in some places. It stands out good! Son looks amazing. It can brighten up dark spaces and some artists get p



Our New Book Study

We've kicked off our new Book Study with a gripping read about a teenager who finds himself in a juvenile detention camp. Inspired by the story, students began creating their own 'Wanted' posters—with some hilarious and creative results!

REMINDERS

Weekly homework is now underway in the Upper Primary Room, tailored to suit each student's point of need. Tasks are handed out every Monday and should be returned by Friday. If students are unsure about anything, they are encouraged to speak with Mrs. C—we're here to help!

CELEBRATIONS

Students in Grades 4, 5 & 6 have made a great start to Term 3 and are very excited about experiencing a range of activities this term, including Camp (details will come shortly).



Very Impressive Performers!

Big congratulations to **Phoebe, Hudson, Tahnee and Connor** for earning VIP status this term! These students have stood out by showing our school values, leading by example, and giving their best every day. Their drive, dedication and positive attitude have truly impressed us all. Each enjoyed a well-deserved day of VIP perks with a friend of their choice—what a way to celebrate their efforts. Keep shining, superstars!

PEN LICENCES

Three of our hardworking writers proudly earned their Pen Licences - well deserved after lots of dedicated handwriting practice! **Harrison, Connor & Hudson** daily efforts continue as they work to build fluency and consistency. As outlined on their licences, pens must be used wisely—just like a real licence, it can be revoked if the Writing Laws are broken.

Ink it with pride, boys!

Workers of the Week!

Well done **Joey & Justin**



Millewa Kinder

with Mrs Aldamiz & Miss Harmer



Upcoming Events

- Naidoc Activities at school - Thursday 7th August
- Smiles 4 Miles Dental Incursion - 11th August 9am
- Museums Incursion - 11th August 1.15pm
- We have started our Library borrowing - Monday's are our library day

JUST A REMINDER - THERE IS NO KINDER ON MONDAY 4TH AUGUST! WE ARE MAKING UP THIS DAY ON THURSDAY 7TH TO GO OVER TO THE SCHOOL...



Welcome Zannah!



This Week at Kinder...

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3!

We welcome Zannah Harmer to Kinder this term as our new trainee/educator, we are so happy to have Zannah with us. All children have settled right back in to the Kinder routine. We have a busy term planned with activities and incursions, including a day at school to celebrate Naidoc Week next Thursday.



We officially became **Shine Bright Millewa Kindergarten** on 1st July. You may see some new faces around as some **Shine Bright** staff are being orientated to Millewa.

Activities...

We are exploring shapes, colours and learning about animals and their babies! Outside we drew some shapes and numbers and played a game to label and identify them - literacy/numeracy Children are developing their social skills with others, sharing, taking turns, waiting as they join in play and consider others.





Book Week

Activity Day-2025

This year's Children's Book Week activity day will take place on Tuesday, 19th August, at Koorlong Primary School. The 2025 theme is "Book and Adventure!" Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and enjoy a fun day with students from Nangiloc and Koorlong. More details will be provided closer to the event.



NAIDOC Day-Thursday the 7th of August

Werrimull P-12 will celebrate NAIDOC Day on Thursday, 7th August, with a range of exciting activities, including Indigenous games, art, a visit from Enviro Ed, and jewellery making. We will kick off the day with a pancake breakfast at 8:30am, and parents/carers are warmly invited to join us.

Music therapy comes to Werrimull!



Werrimull P-12 was the lucky recipient of a grant to provide music therapy to selected students.

What is music therapy?

Therapists such as social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists often use tools in their work to assist clients reach their goals and engage them, in the same way that physiotherapists might use strapping or exercise balls.

One tool used by therapists is music.

A music therapist is specially trained at university to be proficient in therapy and how to integrate music into the therapy to obtain specific goals.

Music therapists are allied health professionals, and often work in mental health, disability spaces, schools and so many more places.

Selected students, with parental permission, are working in small groups or individually to work on specific goals such as improved self-esteem, assertiveness, anxiety reduction or even language acquisition.

Some classes are also utilising music for therapeutic and academic benefits, although it is not considered therapy.

We are also working with Millewa kindergarten to extend the benefits to the kinder children in our community.

Some things that students might do in music therapy:

Write songs

Explore and play with musical instruments and make noise

Create playlists

Listen to music

Utilise non music related tools such as pencils, crayons, paint

Record themselves

Sing songs and learn songs

Dance

Use technology like ipads and youtube (supervised of course)

Drum

Jam with others

What is the difference between music classes and music therapy?

Unlike music classes, the aim of music therapy is not to learn to read music or play specific instruments, although it can involve elements like this. This is the same as when therapists use board games in their work- the aim is not to learn about boardgames but rather work on specific goals that have been identified.

Secondary Hub News

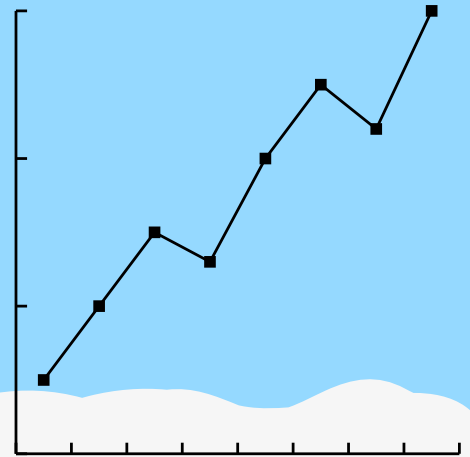
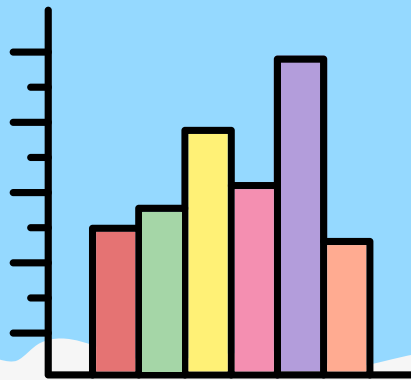
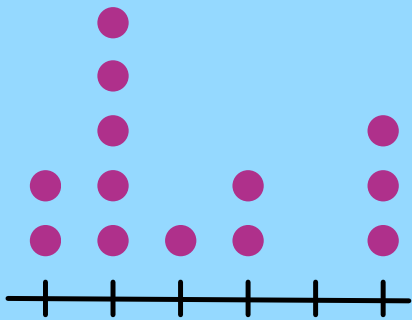
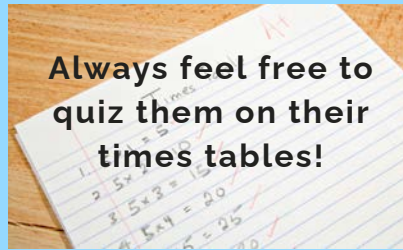
Magnificent Maths!

with Ms G



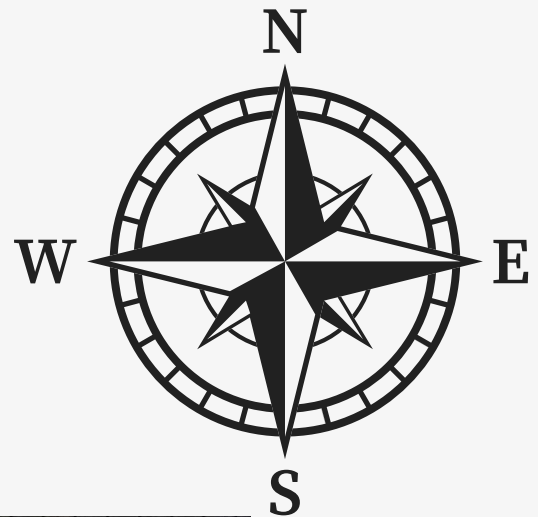
Yr 7/9

Students are learning about statistics, how to represent data in appropriate graphs and how to interpret this data.



VCE VM & VPC students

Students have started their Personal Numeracy tasks. These involve revising compass directions and language used to give spatial directions



Secondary Tales



Term 3 has started, and it is already week 2. In Years 7/8 & 9 English, students are preparing to analyse the film, 'Tomorrow, When the War Began' by John Marsden: they will watch the film and learn about some of the cinematic choices that have been made by the producer to create meaning for the viewer, such as camera angles, editing and sound. They will continue to expand their vocabulary and through the use of Lexia practice and consolidate their English skills and knowledge.

In Humanities, the 7, 8 & 9 students have been learning about some of the skills and concepts that are used in the study of Geography. They have been developing their mapping skills and using an atlas to find out where places are and to place them correctly on a blank map. Later on in the Term they will explore the world of people and places and the world of tourism.

In Literacy, the Year 11 students have begun their first assessment task for Unit 2: Understanding Issues. Also, they have begun their TAFE courses on Fridays for Semester 2 and this week they are attending a drivers course for senior students at Charlton.





First Aid Review

We have thoroughly reviewed all of our first aid kits to guarantee a safe environment for both students and staff at the school. Additionally, we have conducted a comprehensive review of our first aid procedures to ensure that our response to any medical emergencies is prompt and effective. Please inform the school if there have been any changes to your child's medical information.

New Tech – Jared Jood

We're excited to announce our new Specialist Technician, taking over Josh's role. He brings great experience and will start in early August. We're confident his skills will benefit our community and ensure smooth technical operations.

All of our school policies are available on our website and I invite feedback on these at any time. Please contact the school on 50281251 or werrimull.p12@education.vic.gov.au if you have any suggestions.

School Council Update

I have received an expression of interest in the vacancy on school council and the school council will move to endorse this candidate at our next school council meeting on Wednesday. If you have any issues you would like to raise at school council, please contact Ben at the school.

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or

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Child Safe

In line with our Child Safe Standards, we have completed an audit of all teacher registration and working with children checks. We review these regularly to ensure all staff and visitors comply with the expectations of our school.

