CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Russell on his and Werrimull Football Club’s PREMIERSHIP WIN 2012. Mr Russell was very nervous leading up to Saturday’s game but was much more relaxed when I spoke with him Saturday night. On another note I would like to pass on the School Community’s sincere sympathy to Mr Russell and his family on the passing of his Nanna last Thursday.

It is that time of the year where finals are in full swing and Mr Morrison was also successful in his baseball Grand Final on the weekend. What a talented bunch of staff we have here at Werrimull P-12 School.

I thank all parents for your understanding last Wednesday, it is extremely important that staff are able to express their concerns about the conditions the Victorian Government expects our students to learn under and teachers to teachers under.

As you are all aware the school is changing the structure of the Primary Learning Area for 2013 and currently a job has been advertised to support this change. It is with much delight that I can say we have had a huge response to our advertisement which will allow us to employ an excellent Early Years Teacher. At school council last week there was discussion around how Werrimull P-12 School has an excellent reputation and we are receiving calls from teachers asking us if there are any available jobs going. This is a turn-around from a few years ago where we had no people apply for teaching positions. The credit must be shared amongst the whole school community as we have worked together to improve our school, which means that our students/ your children will have the opportunity to receive the best possible education. Mr Russell, Miss Rankin and I will be interviewing this Friday and as soon as we have appointed I will let you all know.

Warren St Clair presented his findings to the staff and school council members last Tuesday. It was refreshing to hear an outside person think our school is on the right track and we are “kicking goals”. He gave us lots to think about and also ideas about where to head from to here to make sure we keep improving. It is important for us not to get complacent as this is when our students learning suffers, but it is as equally important to celebrate our successes and acknowledge that the school has changed its culture and attitude over the past four years to the benefit of all involved. We are very lucky to have the school we have and it is due to the hard work and commitment of staff, students and you as the parents, we must remember this and continue to support the growth and development of our school.

Next week is the last week of school therefore Friday is an early departure - buses will leave at 2pm.

If you have any concerns about anything please contact me at the school so as we can address the issues promptly. We don’t know what we don’t know!
Hello again folks. A big congratulations to the lads at the Werrimull Football Club for their crushing victory on the weekend. I wasn’t able to attend the game but from the score line and reports I have heard all of the boys did a great job with the hard training paying off in the end. I too experience that winning feeling on the weekend with victory in my baseball grand final which leads me on to today’s topic. The season of celebration.

As we near the end of the term the light at the end of the tunnel for our year 12’s grows bigger and bigger and soon it will be their time for celebration. And with the sudden death of Port Adelaide’s John McCarthy in Las Vegas there is a chance for a timely reminder about being safe. Of course my heart and thoughts go out to Mr McCarthy’s family and loved ones and without the circumstances of this tragedy being known, parents and students should be reminded about taking precautions when celebrating.

Now from the outset I don’t want in any way to be the fun police. Everyone knows that when the job is done and all of the hard work is over people like to let their hair down. It has been that way since the beginning really and we have all partaken in the joy such celebrations bring, particularly in our younger years. But that doesn’t mean we can’t take time to pause and reflect and to perhaps provide some guidance for our young people.

Safe partying does not have to mean no partying. There are many precautions that can be taken and many strategies that can be used to make sure that everyone has a good time and a safe time. In fact there are so many resources available that I won’t start to list them here. Please follow the links below and go to the sites with the information and there are many more than them, just google “Safe Partying”. I just thought that a reminder should go out as plans for the end of the year are already being made and that provides an opportunity for also planning to be safe.

Students are also reminded that the anonymous “Wellbeing Box” is set up in the library and that students can contact me through that should they require it. I can also be contacted on my email at morrison.kelly.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Helpful Hint: Please follow these links for information on Safe Partying

www.safepartying.com

www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/.../Party+safe

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you would like any assistance or more information on this.

Be Well

Kelly Morrison
Wellbeing Coordinator
Dates to Remember

September
Yrs 3,4,7&8 Farm safety day Ouyen 12th Sept
Keys Please course Yrs 9+10 19th Sept
Last day term 3 2pm Finish 21st Sept

October
Term 4 begins 8th October
Drug forum Yrs 7-8 16th October
Book Fair 22nd to 24th October
5+6 Camp Lake Cullulleraine 29th-2nd Nov

November
Unit 4 Exams 1st – 16th November
Pupil Free day 5th November
Melbourne Cup 6th November
School Council 28th November
P4 Sleep over 29th November

December
Primary ballet excursion 6th December
Flying start week 10th-14th December
School Council 12th December
Activity Day 17th December
Awards & Concert 18th December
Reports go home 18th December
School starts 2013 Thursday 31st January

School Lunch orders are available this Wednesday at the Hotel

Just a Reminder
As it’s a departmental requirement for students that are absent, a parent or guardian needs to fill in an absentee note (green note) as soon as the student returns to school. These need to be brought up to the office for Mrs Wright to enter on Cases21

Happy Birthday
Colby Berry 11th September
Brittney Carter 15th September
School Banking Colouring Competition

All you have to do is bank on

Woof Wednesday

for the next three weeks. Each time you bank over the next three weeks you will receive an entry to colour in the Dollarmites. Return your coloured in picture/s to Mrs Wright and you could be in to win some great prizes.

You can view the prizes at the office

Section 1 K-3s
Section 2 4-6s
Section 3 7-9s

WCS Reunion

Prep 1962 – prep 1982:

Including all those that came and went from these year levels - including all Meringur students

Saturday October 6th, 2012

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!

On sale until Monday 10th September.

Tickets on sale www.trybooking.com > buy a ticket > search : WCS
MILDURA SETTLERS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Welcomes all existing, past and new players to the

REGISTRATION NIGHT FOR 2012/2013 SEASON

Wednesday 19th September 2012 between 4.00pm and 6.00pm
MILDURA SETTLERS CRICKET PAVILION
Madec Drive (Off Deakin Avenue)

Team structures for the coming season and subs/fees (ball fees included):

- Under 10 (Season subs $50)
- Under 12 (Season subs $70)
- Under 14 (Season subs $80)
- Under 16 (Season subs $90)

Payment upon registration would be greatly appreciated.

First junior club training session on Wednesday 19th September from 4pm. All players welcome.

The Club is very fortunate to have Mark Cleary, former Australian Cricketer, on board to oversee the Junior program this year.

The Club will again be running the successful MILO Have a Go Cricket program this season. Registration night will be on Wednesday, 24th October between 4.30pm and 5.30pm (further info to come)

Contact: Anthony Henderson (President) 0428 282 099
What's Happening

We had a wonderful time on our annual excursion to Red Cliffs to ride the Kinder Express last Tuesday. I’d like to say a big thank-you to everyone who came along, your continued participation is what makes it so successful. The weather was perfect for our outdoor activities and Cathy from Red Cliffs library did a fantastic job organising stories and activities for us.

This Tuesday 11th September is an exciting day as we are being visited by the Museum Victoria Discovery Team who will be presenting a session on Dinosaurs and Fossils! As part of the Partnership Program the Preps from Werrimull P-12 School will be joining us for this session in order to make the most of this fantastic opportunity.

Tuesday 18th September is the last day for the three year olds for the Term. We’d love to celebrate another successful Term by having a Footy Colours Day and inviting parents and other family members to join us for lunch and a kick of the footy on the School oval. More details will be sent home with your child.

Dates to Remember

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Please remember to pack a drink bottle for your child every day. Even in the cooler weather we need to drink lots of water.

Shared Snack Ideas

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- Dry biscuits
- Dried fruit

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