Even though it was a freezing cold day on Friday what a terrific day it was. The competition was close and it came right down to the wire with Tunart just nudging out Willah. A HUGE thanks to Mr Bamford, the students, staff and all the community members that joined us on the day to help support our athletes.

Today the Leadership team start the official planning for 2013, staffing, classes and spaces are all being evaluated to provide a better education for our students. The review process will also aid in this evaluation and support the decisions and changes that are necessary for improvement to continue.

We have not heard anything about the Trade Training Centre recently but I have a breakfast meeting tomorrow morning and I will be asking questions about when our part of the project will commence. Once the approval is given I will be asking for local input in to what our technology department needs and how best to use the money we are allocated. If you have any ideas, or know of someone that would be able to help please contact me.

Next Tuesday is BOOK WEEK PARADE, this has been in the Pipeline for the last few weeks so hopefully everyone is organised. Remember the prizes will be awarded to the best BOOK CHARACTER!

Also next week is our review day – Friday 24th – the Leadership Team will be unavailable on this day unless it is an emergency as we are involved in meetings all day.
Last Thursday and Friday Miss Smith and I attended the National MoneySmart Conference in Adelaide. Our School was chosen to participate in the MoneySmart Trial program; one of only twelve Victorian schools (approx. 60 nation-wide!). The conference was extremely worthwhile and I am genuinely excited about implementing the MoneySmart program at Werrimull P-12 School, and across our network.

Why is Professional Learning important?

What teachers know, do and believe has a major influence on what students learn. If we are to improve the quality of teaching and learning in our schools we must invest in the learning of teachers. This learning should support the growth of the individual as well as contribute to the realisation of the goals and priorities of the school and the system.

What is the MoneySmart Program?

The MoneySmart Teaching program is being developed to support schools with the implementation of the Australian Curriculum, using consumer and financial literacy as a context for teaching and learning within English, Mathematics and Science.

Students will develop the knowledge, understanding, skills and behaviors to organise their personal finances, behave as responsible consumers, wise investors and creative entrepreneurs.

Why is the ability to manage finances so important?

Consumer and financial literacy skills are important for young people who are being targeted as consumers at an increasingly early age. Young people face complex financial choices, and have access to credit and loans in a way unheard of twenty years ago.

Bad choices can have catastrophic consequences:

- A lower standard of living, lower productivity and greater reliance on government services and support
- Emotional and physical impacts that lead to broader social problems
- An inability to fully contribute to society resulting in financial and social exclusion

The most vulnerable members of our society, including those with low socio-economic status such as the Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, as well as the very young and the elderly, are the people most at risk.

What does it mean to be a MoneySmart School?

MoneySmart Schools consider consumer and financial literacy to be a priority. During Term 1, 2013 we will embed MoneySmart units of work into our school curriculum plan using the MoneySmart Teaching package.

Our Role as teachers and parents....

We all play an important role in teaching young people about money matters. This needs to be done in a planned, explicit manner at school, but also informally at home. This will help young people become financially literate consumers capable of full participation in society.

In Term 4 this year I will be inviting parents to attend a workshop and from that I hope to create a ‘focus group’ to further explore the program. If you wish to find out more about the program go to http://teaching.moneysmart.gov.au/ or contact me at school.

Jamie Russell
Hello again folks. Wasn’t it a shame to see the Cats pull up just short of a win on Friday night? Still; considering the injuries going into the game and Hawkins going down early I think you will agree that they have the look of being a bit of a surprise packet in the finals. Watch out whoever ends up playing them.

Speaking of playing, this week we see the end of the Olympics in London and what interesting games they were. Now I know there are those of you out there that couldn’t give two hoots about the Games for whatever reason and that’s fine but I kind of like them. I guess I’m a bit of a romantic at heart and while there are issues like drugs, money and politics involved in the Olympics, I like to think that it is the Olympics spirit that should prevail, the spirit of participation, competition and fair play. It’s the idea of “doing your best” not necessarily “being the best” that is important.

Unfortunately that seems to have been lost on some of the public and competitors. Don’t get me wrong I can understand people working hard to achieve a goal only to fall short, but as long as you give it your best shot you should be proud of yourself and your achievements. Perhaps it is indicative of the politically correct world in which we live where you aren’t allowed to use the word “loser” and where everyone’s egos have to be protected by feeling like a “winner”. But you know what? Sometimes people win and sometimes people lose and that’s just the way it is. The Werrimull P-12 School values are Respect, Resilience and Responsibility and it is Resilience that we are talking about.

Resilience is about weathering the storm, having a cup of concrete and getting up after you’ve been knocked down and you don’t learn how to get up unless you first get knocked down. It’s like when I taught my daughter how to ride a bike. The first thing I said to her was “I’m going to show you how to fall off.” And I did just that. For at least the first half hour I pushed her along and then let go and she quickly learnt how to avoid getting hurt. And that’s life.

Just like in our recently held Athletics Day. There were winners and there were losers. But that’s ok isn’t it? Everyone participated, tried their best and had some fun and they should all be proud of their efforts. But everyone can’t win and that’s when we need and when we learn Resilience. The tears of joy and the agony of defeat are all part of playing the game and it is that Resilience, that spirit of sportsmanship that shines through. And that is the lesson to be learnt. No-one is saying that you have to like losing. In fact I hate losing. Or more properly maybe it’s that I like winning. All I’m saying is that you need to be prepared to bounce back after a loss or don’t play the game at all.

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.

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
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School Lunch orders are available this Wednesday & Thursday from 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
Ray Henschke 18th August
Shay Lambert 20th August
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

As from a request from the Bus operator. Students will not be able to have food or drink whilst travelling on the Cullulleraine bus.

Werrimull P-12 School is after a 14” Holden rim for the BBQ trailer if anyone has an old one please ring the office on 50281251.

**School Chocolate Fundraiser**

If you have sold your chocolate and would like another box please contact the office.

Money due back 31th August.
School Athletics Report

While the world’s eyes were last week watching some Jamaican bloke jog around in London, the real athletics competition was taking place right here in Werrimull. After improved results from the Willah green machine throughout the year they were hopeful of finally recording a win in the last sports carnival for 2012.

Although the conditions were a touch on the cool side, the heat of the competitive spirit shown by the students kept many warm as the day progressed. The action started with the field events with impressive performances right across the board.

Our very own version of Germany’s Robert Harting, Morgan Peter-Ruchel, took inspiration from the discus Olympic champion by launching a missile that flew an incredible 21.75m. Although Morgan didn’t rip his shirt off in celebration like his German counterpart, it was certainly a Hulk like performance.

Holly Harmer had been all the rage in the lead up the athletics in attempting to defend her high jump crown from the previous year. However it was a nervous start for Holly as she clipped the bar with her initial jump. She recovered to again take home the blue ribbon by clearing a jump of 87cm.

After sizzling action on the field for the morning session the competition moved to the track for the afternoon. With Willah holding a slight advantage they had a sniff of breaking the stranglehold grip that Tunart has had on the sporting carnivals in recent times.

Ben Rankin had been a stand out performer in the 15-21 age group dominating most of the events during the field events to win in the Javelin, Long Jump and Triple Jump. The theme continued on the track as he bolted it in in both the 100m and 200m sprint in lightning times of 13.7secs and 29.97secs.

It had been a fantastic effort by the students and to their relief the day was finally over. After checking the scores and checking them again it was confirmed that Tunart had come from behind to take home the win with a score of 39.08 (average points per student) to Willah 38.57.

Our age group champions on the day were:

- 5-8 Years: Holly Harmer & Will Shorrock
- 9-10 Years: Zoe Shorrock & Tom Fox
- 11-12 Years: Bree Smith & Mitchell Roads
- 13-14 Years: Ashlyn Roads & Max Buffon
- 15-21 Years: Nikki Fox & Ben Rankin

Well done to all the students for their efforts on the day. Big thank-you to the staff for their efforts in marking the track, setting up and running the day, thanks to the parents who came along to support their children and also those that helped with measuring etc on the day.

Paul Bamford
Sports Coordinator
Healthy Games and Activities Day

Just a reminder that this Friday is the Healthy Games and Activities day for students in Prep to year 10. Also it is a gold coin donation for casual dress (please wear clothing appropriate for sport and that meet school rules). Please ensure that raffle books and money are returned to the school office no later than Friday morning. Lucky squares will be available for purchase until Friday morning at $1 per square. Prizes will be given out to some students at the conclusion of the day for displays of great team spirit. For more information please see the note sent home yesterday. All money raised will be donated to the Make-a-Wish foundation.

Thank you

Brittney Carter
Community Morning Tea

Mildura Rural City Council invites the Millewa Community to a free morning tea.

This is an opportunity to revisit your community plan, decide what your priority projects are and how to make them happen.

When: Wednesday
22 August 2012

Where: Werrimull Hall

Time: 10:00 to 11:00am

RSVP: MRCC Geoff Burr
Phone 5018 8453
What’s Happening

This Term we are looking at fairytales and fantasy, following the children’s interests throughout the first Semester.

We are building a cardboard box castle inside the kindergarten as one of our big projects so please continue to send along your empty cardboard boxes, we’ll need lots!

Next month the School and Kinder will be participating in Book Week with a parade and special activities on Tuesday August 21st. Children are asked to dress up as a character from a book.

Kinder photos will be taken on Tuesday August 28th at the Pre-School by Nicole Davis. Notes were sent home last week, please contact me if you didn’t receive one.

Tuesday September 4th we will be going on our annual Steam Train ride at Red Cliffs which will include a visit to Big Lizzy, the playground at Barclay Square and the Red Cliffs Library.

Tuesday September 11th we will be visited by the Discovery Program from Museum Victoria who will be running a session on Dinosaurs and Fossils which is really exciting.

A big thank-you to Julie Hayward for stepping in for me last Thursday whilst I was away, I’m sure the children would’ve enjoyed her company.

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

Dates to Remember

14 August  Library Day
14 August  Partnership visit to School
21 August  Book Week Parade
28 August  Kinder Photos
4 September  Steam Train
11 September  Dinosaurs and Fossils, Museum Vic
18 September  Last Day Three Year Old
20 September  Last Day Four Year Old