From the Principal

Congratulations to Colby Berry & Holly Harmer for reaching their reading goal. Both students are now participating in the Lexile reading program!

Shaun Symes and Josh Harris prepared lunch for the Year 7 & 8 class last week. The feedback from the students was very positive. Well done Shaun and Josh!

The Year 9/10 Accounting class also continued their successful small business, You’ll Get Fed. The students are currently deciding how to spend their profit! I did hear a whisper they intended to buy lunchtime sports equipment and magazines for the Secondary Department.

It was pleasing to hear our Year 9 leaders continue to enjoy their time at Gnurad Gundijdj Leadership Camp. By all reports the students were very happy to see their families (and the goodies they provided!) but still excited about the time they have remaining at the camp. More photographs will be added to the school website in coming weeks.

Carlie Symes and Ryan Lynch have organised Personal Development Projects as part of their VCAL studies. Carlie is preparing a luncheon for staff tomorrow. All staff have ordered a 3 course meal at a cost of $12 per person! Ryan has organised a Fire Safety Day. Kevin Sleep from the CFA is facilitating two sessions tomorrow; Kindergarten – Grade 3 at 11.10am & Grade 4-Year 10 at 11.40am. The information sessions will be followed by a demonstration for all K – 10 students. Ryan would like to extend an invitation to all community members.

Students studying Unit 3 & 4 VCE subjects have completed their exams. Congratulations to all students, in particular Anna Thomson and Jacqui Dodd. Anna will enjoy a dinner with friends, family and staff on Friday night.

Year 11 exams begin next Monday. All Year 11 students are expected to be at school all week! They will then return to school for flying start on Monday 12th December. Year 9 & 10 exams begin Monday 5th December (the week before flying start). If you have any questions about upcoming events contact me at school.

Social media is part of everyday life for many young people – now teachers are harnessing its power in the classroom to increase student engagement, literacy and cybersafety skills. Mrs Blaby has joined the revolution by incorporating a student blogs into the curriculum! The students and staff at Werrimull P-12 School have explored the use of blogging in the past however this is the first time students have actually taken control and fully engaged with the tool. Links to student blogs will be included in future publications of the Pipeline!

All school council members are reminded to return the checklist from this month’s meeting to school.

NEXT WEEK’S PIPELINE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER.

Jamie Russell
Hello again folks. As I drove in to school this morning I saw that the bunker on the Line Road was gearing up for action and I know that many have not only begun harvesting, but have already finished what I believe was a good Barley crop and that everyone is looking forward for some good weather for the wheat harvest to come. Good luck to you all.

I read with interest the Education Section of the Age this morning about a recent report released by the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission and its recommendations regarding the teaching profession. The report states that when compared with other professionals, the relatively low pay rates;

“diminish the attractiveness of teaching as a career choice, discourage the most talented graduates from entering teaching and make it more difficult to retain high-quality experienced teachers.”

The report also concludes that teacher quality is the strongest school based factor in predicting student performance.

This conclusion supports research findings internationally regarding the impact of quality teachers on student outcomes.

Professor John Hattie (ONZM), Professor of Education and Director of the Melbourne Education Research Institute at the University of Melbourne in 2003 identified;

“six major sources of variance that make a measurable difference to student achievement: (1) what students bring to the task, (2) the home, (3) the school, (4) the principal, (5) peer effects and (6) teachers. According to this research, what the student brings to school in terms of ability accounts for 50% of the variance of achievement, with the home contributing a further 5-10%. Teachers account for 30% of the variance in student achievement, and taken along with the student’s natural ability, make up 80% of the variance that relates to how well students do at school.”

Our children are the most important things in our lives and we all want them to have it better than we had. I believe education is the key to this and student’s outcomes at school play an integral role in their future success. It is clear also that quality teacher’s in front of them in the classroom is the single biggest influence on those outcomes.

We need quality teachers in our schools and to do this we need to support efforts to make teaching more attractive as a career option. And I know that the support of the community in this will be greatly appreciated.

Be Well.

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:
For more information on the benefits of exercise and specialist PE teachers please see the following sites:

http://www.vcec.vic.gov.au

Please contact the school if you would like any assistance or more information on this.

Be Well

Kelly Morrison
Wellbeing Coordinator
Dates to Remember

November
VCE exams 3rd-18th November
Yr 11 exams begin 21st November
Yr 7/8 Uni of Ballarat trip 28th Nov

December
Life Saving Victoria Visit (P-6) 5th Dec
Yr 9/10 exams 5th –9th December
Flying Start 12th December
School Council 14th December
Presentation night 20th December
Last Day School 22nd December

The School Council Fundraising Committee are running a Pie Drive fundraiser again. If you would like some easy lunches or dinners over the harvest period an order form is attached to the Pipeline. Please have orders back by the 17th November with delivery on the 24th November.

Red Cliffs Swimming Club would like to invite you to join their Club.

Training has started at the Red Cliffs pool. Come along and join the fun and learn a skill for life.

Requirements: confident in the water.

What we offer: Development of stroke, fitness, family fun and in the “Summer” a variety of training times.

Come and try: Monday and Wednesday 4.30 –5.30 and most Sundays at 12.30pm

Coachers: Diane Lyons and Debra Sharman welcome you; encourage building fitness, fun and confidence in the water.

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4-6 INVENTIONS

This term the 4-6 class have been looking at inventions and we all got to choose what we did a poster on. I choose the ‘AEROPLANE’.

We all had to make a poster on the invention that we choose and had to do a lot of research. I found out that the WRIGHT BROTHERS invented the aeroplane in 1903 and they invented it for faster transport instead of travelling on a boat that could take weeks to get to Japan from Australia. The reason that I choose to do the aeroplane is because after my first time in an aeroplane I was inspired by it straight away. Some of the things that have changed in the AEROPLANE are faster engines, much more space inside and they only have one wing instead of when the WRIGHT BROTHERS invented them, they had two wings.

By Samual Fox

Television

Television is a Big Box that comes in different shapes & sizes. It makes a moving picture that is made of lines. It was made for entertainment and news. Television has changed heaps over the years.

Philo Farnsworth invented Television in 1927. Other inventors tried to use light transmitter to make a moving picture.

Philo Farnsworth was born on 19th August 1906. When he was twelve he started inventing things. In 1927 he invented television. It was a picture of a moving dollar sign.

By Mitchell Roads
This Term the P-8s are participating in EngQuest in their Science classes. They will be creating different models that represent different aspects of engineering.

Some of the tasks include: catapults, model houses, pull along toys, solar cookers, bridges, water wheels and rebuilding a community.

To help us to create our models we are asking for donations of any of the following materials if you have them lying around at home:

* wood  * cement  * cardboard boxes
* glass  * ice cube trays  * pvc pipe
* tin  * rope  * springs
* nails  * screws  * nuts
* bolts  * wire  * cardboard rolls
* carpet  * polystyrene

Later in the Term we will also be asking community members to come in and help us to make our models, so if you’re handy we’d love your help!
What’s Happening

It was wonderful being back at Kinder for two days last week, particularly seeing all the children’s smiling faces.

The next few weeks are going to be busy ones as we have a number of different things happening! Tomorrow is Library Day so please remember your books then we will be returning to School after morning tea to participate in a Fire Safety Day organised by Ryan Lynch. Also, photo orders and money are due tomorrow so please remember to send them along with your child.

Next week Anna Thomson will be taking our Kinder photos so please make sure that you send your child along dressed for the occasion.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Caroline Smith

Shared Snack Ideas
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- Dry biscuits
- Dried fruit

Dates to Remember

- **16th November**: Library Day
- **23rd November**: Kindergarten Photos
- **14th December**: Flying Start Week
- **20th December**: School Awards Night
- **21st December**: Last day of Kinder for 2011

Pilot Program Dates

- **November 10th**: School activity
- **November 24th**: School activity
- **December 1st**: School activity
- **December 8th**: Mildura Ballet (all day activity)
- **December 12th**: Flying Start begins for 2012 Preps