Congratulations Zac!

Congratulations to Zac Symes on his performance yesterday. Zac competed in the discus at the Regional Athletics event in Bendigo. He registered a throw of 18m. The winner of the event threw 26m- a distance that Zac has thrown during practice!

P-6 Show Excursion

Miss Rankin and I will accompany all P-6 students to the Show this Thursday. There is no admission fee on Thursday as the day caters specifically for school and other groups.

Sammy Jo Sly, Nikki Fox, Daniel Monahan, Claudia Fox, Luke Pickering, Kaitlin Hards, Shay Lambert, Ebony Fox, Reece Impey and Samantha Coslovich will all have art works on display at the show. Students will have an opportunity to view these and other art works. Some of the other demonstrations students will enjoy include hands on pets, monster trucks, side shows and the cool for kids show.

Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform and brings a packed lunch, snacks and a water bottle. Students are not to bring any money as the attractions they will enjoy are free!

1-to-1 Program

For the past 4 years netbooks have been the preferred device for students entering Grade 4. From 2013 Grade 4 students will not be offered a netbook lease however they will have the opportunity to enter an iPad lease. Students moving into Grade 5 & 6 in 2013 will also have the opportunity to enter the iPad program.

We place a large emphasis on the use and integration of technology into teaching and learning programs. Through what we have witnessed with various iPad trials across the state, and with the use of our own iPads, we feel that the iPad as a device to compliment learning works exceptionally well.

The introduction of iPads at Grade 4 does not mean students will stop using computers, or that they won’t be taught how to use computer programs efficiently. A class set of laptops (not netbooks) will be available to use across the school, ensuring no student is disadvantaged by the change.

Several payment options to fund the 1-to-1 iPad program have been investigated and the co-contribution model remains the best option, just as the current netbook program operates. The cost per device will not vary greatly from the current netbook. Contracts will be sent home to the relevant families this week.

The following YouTube video outlines some of the benefits of the iPad in education:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhogVEncdrs

If you have any questions regarding the changes don’t hesitate to contact me at school. For more information on the DEECD iPad Trial please visit http://www.ipadsforeducation.vic.edu.au/

Jamie Russell
Hello again folks. And with the football all finished we can brush off the white’s and get ready for a summer of cricket.

Already the local competition has started and we can look forward to some gripping Test’s against Sri Lanka and South Africa. Go Australia!

As the year draws to a close we do need to keep in mind that the year hasn’t actually finished just yet. By that I mean that students are still completing assignments and assessment tasks and are still involved in various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and some of them are taking place off school grounds. This means that permission notes are still going home and need to be brought back within the required time frame. It has become apparent that some students may be under the impression that these excursions are “optional”, this is not the case.

Some extra-curricular activities are optional, like the annual camp and various sporting trips, however other co-curricular activities such as Work Experience and the Drug Forum being attended today by the Year’s 7-9’s are compulsory. When the school send home a permission form for these activities it is not asking the student whether or not they want to go, it is informing the parents of the intended activity and requesting there authority for their child to attend. Now if the parents have a concern or any queries regarding the activity they are encouraged to contact the school, but students should not be presenting these excursions as optional as they are part of the planned curriculum.

A great deal of work goes into planning and organising these activities and it is vital for students to get their permission slips in on time so as to allow for correct staffing and resources to be allocated. I know you all appreciate the efforts the school goes to in accessing educational opportunities for the students of Werrimull P-12 School and we certainly appreciate your support in this regard.

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 Study Habits


http://www.studygs.net/

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

October

PARENT WORKING BEE  Friday October 19th
12:30pm start – please contact Graeme Ruchel for further information
Mildura Show P-6  18th October
Book Fair  22nd to 26th October
Motorsafe presentation  26th 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

Happy Birthday

Zannah Harmer  20th October
Michael Impey  23rd October

School Lunch orders are available this Wednesday and Thursday 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.
ANZAC Day

As you know next Wednesday is ANZAC Day. On Tuesday 24th April at 10am we will be holding an ANZAC Day ceremony at School and we invite all members of the Community to join us.

ANZAC day badges and wristbands are available to buy from either the School or Pub as they have been for the past few years. Badges start at $2 and wristbands are $3.

I thank you for your support and hope to see you next Tuesday at 10am.

Caroline Smith

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Calling ALL Millewa Families

Mildura Rural City Council
Community Futures & Early Years Services

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
three playgroup sessions & will be a chance to
talk about your
Millewa Community Plan Proposed Action:
“Look at opportunities to establish
a playgroup in the community”

This is your opportunity to tell us what your needs are and to also experience a playgroup session on the dates below

Wednesday 17 October
Wednesday 14 November
Wednesday 12 December

All sessions will be 1.30pm – 3.00pm

If you wish to attend all three or one is up to you.
Families with children ranging from babies to 5 year olds welcome (including Grandparents, Caregivers & Parents)

LOCATION:  Millawa Pre-School
              King Street, Werrimull

ENQUIRIES:
Caroline (03) 5028 1293
Kerren 5015 8196
Laura 0400 134 679
Come to Our
BOOK FAIR!
It's a Reading Celebration!

DATES • TIMES • PLACE

October 22nd to October 26th

Recess 10.40am to 10.50pm Lunch 12.45pm to 1.15pm

Library

All Purchases Benefit Our School!

SCHOLASTIC

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.
Millewa Pre-School

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What’s Happening

We had a great start to the Term last week with all children fitting straight back into the kindergarten routine without any problems. It was wonderful to see them confidently taking part in all activities and helping their friends when they needed it.

Friday week (October 26th) is our Fantastic Scholastic Reverse Draw Fundraiser so it is important that you return you tickets to either kindergarten or school this week, regardless of whether they have been sold or not.

In the coming months you will receive a new enrolment pack for 2013 - from Werrimull P-12 School if your child will be in Prep next year or from the Millewa Pre-School if your child will be in four year old kindergarten. The enrolment packs will contain additional information as requested and build upon feedback received through surveys to try and improve our enrolment process.

As the weather is warming up and the UV level is rising we will once again be wearing hats every day and sunscreen when appropriate. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing, thongs and singlets are not suitable for kindergarten.

As part of the Partnership all the kindergarten children (three and four year old) will be taking part in a performance during this year’s concert at School, more details will follow closer to the date.

Shared Snack Ideas

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

Water

Please remember to pack a drink bottle for you child every day. As the weather warms up it is even more important to stay hydrated throughout the day to stay healthy.