Welcome back to all students and parents and a special welcome to our Alpine students, I hope your holidays were refreshing. What a welcome sight the rain was during the break I have spoken to a few families who tell me everything is looking much better – fingers crossed that we receive more at the right time this year.

Also a very big welcome to our new students – Ally Golding in grade 3 and Alexandra Tetter in year 11 our exchange student from Italy. We wish them all the best and I know all our staff and students will give them a Werrimull welcome.

This term we have many things happening so please keep an eye on the upcoming dates that are in each Pipeline.

This term we have our school review on the 24th August, this is where an outside company comes to our school and analyses where we are at, did we meet our past goals and where we need to head next. The reviewer will meet with all stakeholders of our school – staff, students, school council and parents to give a fully balanced view of our school.

Just a reminder that if you would like to see any staff member at any time throughout the term please ring and make an appointment or email the staff member directly.
Welcome to term 3. It was pleasing to receive a small amount of rain during the holidays however I will continue to perform the rain dance until we get an adequate fall; and yes, I realise I may be dancing for a while!

Cyber Safety!
The internet is an essential tool for all Australians, including children. It is an integral part of our economic and social activities, and a vast resource of information, education and entertainment. The ability to use online tools effectively provides both a skill for life and the means to acquire new skills.

While the internet has created substantial benefits for children, it has also exposed them to a number of dangers, including exposure to illegal and prohibited content.

Cyber bullying and other cyber safety issues are becoming more common as the rise of the ‘online world’ continues. Keeping your family safe on the internet is quickly becoming one of the major issues in the 21st Century.

Cyberbullying
The same rules apply online as in real life about how to treat other people. Unfortunately, people don’t always treat each other well online, and you, or a friend, may find that you are the target of cyberbullying. You might be teased or have false rumours spread about you online, receive nasty messages or even threats. It can happen in school, or out of it, any hour of the day, from people you know, and sometimes people you don’t know. It can leave you feeling unsafe and alone.

No-one has the right to bully another person. At its most serious, cyberbullying is illegal and can be investigated by the police.

Tips
Ignore it. Don’t respond to the bully. If they don’t get a response they may get bored and go away.
Block the person. This will stop you seeing messages or texts from a particular person.
Tell someone. Tell an adult you can trust. You may want to talk to your mum, dad or a brother or sister. Or you can contact the Cybersmart Online Helpline service, call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 visit their website.
Keep the evidence. This can be useful in tracking the bully down. Save texts, emails, online conversations or voicemails as evidence.
Report it to:

- Your school
- Your ISP and/or phone provider, or the website administrator—there are actions they can take to help.
- The police—if there is a threat to your safety the police will help. Call Triple Zero (000) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

Stand up and speak out! If you see or know about cyberbullying happening to a friend, support them and report the bullying. You’d want them to do the same for you.

Don’t forward on messages or pictures that may be offensive or upsetting to someone. Even though you may not have started it, you will be seen to be part of the cyberbullying cycle.

Remember to treat others as you would like to be treated when communicating online.

1-TO-1 DEVICES
All 1-to-1 devices leased from Werrimull P-12 School remain the property of the school until such time the device is bought out. In recent weeks it has become apparent some school owned devices have been defaced or damaged; in most cases the damage was accidental. We have also seen a rise in system problems such as viruses and loss of data.

Any replacement costs due to hardware damage (case, hinges, screen, keyboard etc.) will be at the expense of the leasee. The software and programs will be maintained by the school. Losing data due to system problems is NO excuse for not meeting deadlines for work requirements. All students should ensure virus definitions (provided by the school) are up to date and work is backed up on the school server or external device (eg. External hard drive).

Jamie Russell
Hello again folks. This week I have been told that I am allowed to mention the weather. I was very pleased to see the rain in town over the last few weeks and tracked the down pours on Elders Weather to see what was happening out here. It looked as if it was good news and on returning to school this week it would appear that for the most part it was happy stories regarding the rain out here. So here is hoping you all got what you needed and best wishes for the coming season.

I am going to repeat myself in this week’s column as it is an important time of year for planning for next year and that means subject selection. In my last Pipeline last Semester I spoke about the need for parents of year 8 to 10 students to attend the subject selection session. This has since changed.

As a part of our school’s regular review cycle, we are required to assess school structure and operations and to suggest and implement any changes that could improve student outcomes and school efficiency. As such, several changes to the school’s subject selection process have been made and students from years 6 to 11 will now be required to make subject choices. As such, parents of students in those years are asked to attend the subject selection session to be held at the school on the afternoon of next Friday the 27th of July.

I will not go into detail regarding the subject selection process and the changes that have occurred; suffice it to say that I recommend the attendance of those concerned. Subject selection can be a confusing time. I urge you to attend our course selection session where most of your questions will be answered and to ask the teachers about the courses being offered.

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 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
Happy Birthday

Daniel Monahan  
Susan Skinner  
Ebony Fox  
Mitch Roads  
Tom Fox  

July

First day of term 3  16th July
School Council Meeting  23rd July
  (Please note change of meeting date)
Yrs 6-11 Parents subject selection info session  1pm  27th July
Secondary Snow camp  30th July-3rd Aug

August

School Photo day  6th August
School Athletics  10th August
Sport/Art day  17th August
Book week Parade  21st August
Review day  24th August

September

School Council  4th 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

School Lunch orders are available this Wednesday & Thursday from the Hotel

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

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
Welcome back everyone to another new Term, we are already more than halfway through the year and I’m sure the remainder will slip by just as fast!

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

Each fortnight we will continue to visit the library on a Tuesday, please remember to send along your child’s library bag and books. This week I will send a reminder home to parents if your child has outstanding books so please check their bag or envelope.

Next month the School and Kinder will be participating in Book Week with a parade and special activities on Tuesday August 21. Children are asked to dress up as a character from a book (their favourite book if possible). More information will be provided closer to the date but in the meantime get your costume ready!

Please remember to pack a drink bottle for your child every day. The weather is still warm and even in Winter we need to drink lots of water.

Shared Snack Ideas

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

Dates to Remember

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