From the Principal

Please make sure all hair that is below ear length is placed up in a pony tail. Walking around the school there are many students (girls in particular) that are not placing their hair up and this promotes the spread of head lice, we have been clear of head lice since term 2 this year BUT if we do not be vigilant they will return.

Just a quick welcome home to John Impey we wish him a speedy recovery.

Last Friday a pack went home to all families containing information about the end of school year, permission notes and various other important notes. Please make sure you read the information and return the bits and pieces that are required to be returned to the school by next Tuesday 27th November.

**CHANGE OF DATE FOR HOTEL LUNCH ORDERS**

The Werrimull Hotel will be offering a FAT FRIDAY on the 30th of NOVEMBER, there will be no lunch orders available on the 29th of NOVEMBER.

I apologise that the school run lunch orders have not been available this term, Thursday will see the lunch orders back on the menu. Order forms went home in the pack on Friday please have them back no later than tomorrow. On the 14th of December we will be offering a FAT FRIDAY and this will also be a casual dress day.

Tomorrow is the first OFFICIAL day of our TRANSITION program for our new Preps of 2013. Miss Hepworth and I will be hosting a parent information session from 9am – 10am. All Prep parents are encouraged to attend (I know this time of the year is a busy one) as we will be outlining the structure of next year and the expectations of the school.

A belated THANK YOU to all the people that put in their time and effort to raise money for the Millewa Pre-School and Werrimull P-12 School learners. Both the Reverse Draw and the Reunion were highly successful fundraisers due to a few dedicated mums and dads. All the money raised from these events will go directly back into the learners; as soon as all money from these events has been collected I will let you know how much the school received.
Cyber Safety

Around 10% of all students in years 7-10 are victims of internet bullying. This type of bullying can be more serious than conventional bullying. With conventional bullying the victim is left alone on evenings and weekends. Cyber bullying can be relentless.

Cyber bullying
Cyberbullying happens when people use the internet or mobile phones to send teasing, nasty or threatening messages to others. Cyberbullying can happen in school or out, by people you know and sometimes people you don’t. It can leave you feeling unsafe and alone.

Remember, no-one has the right to bully another person.

If you are being cyberbullied:
- Ignore it. If you don’t respond the bully may get bored.
- Tell someone. Tell your Mum or Dad or another trusted adult. Or you can call the Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, or visit their website.
- Keep the evidence. This can be useful in tracking the bully. Save texts, emails, online conversations or voicemails as proof.

Help stop cyber bullying
Stand up and speak out! If you see or know that one of your friends is being cyberbullied, support them and report the bullying. You’d want them to do the same for you.
Don’t forward messages or pictures that are hurtful or upsetting. Even though you may not have started it, you will be seen to be part of it.

Remember to treat others online as you would in real life.

Netiquette
Sometimes it’s easy to forget that there is a real person on the other end of your IM, game or wall post. It’s easier to say and do things online that you might not do in ‘real life’. This may hurt that person’s feelings or make them feel unsafe or embarrassed. It’s important to treat people online the same way that you would face to face.

You should always:
- Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Avoid using bad language and don’t say things to make others feel bad.
- Make sure you follow ‘netiquette’. Understand what is acceptable to do and say and what isn’t. For example, if you type a message to someone in UPPER CASE they may think you are shouting at them.
- Take care of yourself. If someone says something rude or something that makes you feel uncomfortable, don’t respond. Leave the chat room or forum straight away.
- Tell your parents or another adult if you feel uncomfortable, sad or scared about anything you have seen online.

Jamie Russell.
Hello again folks. In a brief follow up to last week’s column I attended my first round of Christmas parties on the weekend and a good time was certainly had by all. So remember to stay safe and watch out for your mates in the coming festive season.

And speaking of the festive season it is at this time that our Year 10’s and 11’s complete their last round of Work Experience for the year. This is an important and compulsory part of the senior curriculum at Werrimull P-12 School. As part of the program, students must contact employers themselves and organise their own placement. This allows them to develop critical skills that they will use in future searches for employment such as resume preparation, telephone etiquette, interview skills, document preparation and time management.

It is important to note however that Work Experience is exactly that, an “experience”. It is not a program that is designed for students to learn specific workplace skills. It is an opportunity for students to experience a workplace in its entirety. How does the workplace function? What are the hours and conditions? What are the OH&S procedures? What kind of training and career opportunities are there? Obviously students do engage in workplace roles and tasks but as I said it not a skill acquisition program.

Parents also play an important part in the Work Experience program. They need to ask questions. Not only “How was your day?”, but engage in conversations about the workplace. Parents have an enormous amount of experience in all facets of work and so can provide clarity and perspective to students who may have questions or misunderstandings about their experiences. And remember, Work Experience is as much about finding out about workplaces and industries that students don’t want to enter as ones that they do.

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
Dates to Remember

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
Brent Lambert 25 November

CONGRATULATIONS
ALEN & RHONDA HARMER
WINNERS OF THE $1000

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SOLD TICKETS, A GREAT NIGHT WAS HAD BY ALL. THE STUDENT ART AUCTION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH FIERCE BIDDING, RESULTING IN ALL ARTWORKS BEING SOLD, SOME FOR AMAZING PRICES! ALL PARENTS WHERE VERY PROUD OF THEIR BUDDING ARTISTS!

APPROXIMATELY $4000 WAS RAISED FOR THE SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK AGAIN ALL THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORTED THE EVENING: MALLEE BEARINGS, SUNRISE AG, TASCO INLAND, IAN BUFFON BUTCHERY, HUDAKS BAKERY, PRICE ATTACK, GOODYEAR TYRES MILDURA, ROBBIE MUNOZ SUP, CHEMIST WAREHOUSE, MY HEALTH MY PILATES, DEAKIN HOT BREAD, MILDURA BREWERY, RAINBOW KIDS, CASUAL COLLECTIONS, FISHERS IGA, CASH TYRE SERVICE MILDURA, WERRIMULL HOTEL, SPORTS POWER, JANICE WOODBERRY WERRIMULL PO, MARIKA WOODBERRY BODY SHOP, ELDERS, CENTRO AMCAL CHEMIST, DANENBERG DENTIST, COWARDS CAKES, SURF CREW, MILDURA CHICKEN SHOP, SUNNYLAND PRESS, GOOD YEAR TYRES LOXTON, HAIR VENUE LOXTON, TOYTASTIC LOXTON.
What's Happening

This Term is slipping away quickly and I think will continue to do so as we are very busy for the remainder of the year.

Parents of children entering Prep in 2013 will have received enrolment packs and information letters regarding Transition over the past week or two. The first of three Transition visits is this Wednesday November 21st and a parent information session will also be held tomorrow morning between 9:00 and 10:00am. School uniform samples will be available on the day for you to try with your child if you are unsure which size to order.

Parents of children attending either three or four year old kindergarten at the Millewa Pre-School in 2013 will soon receive information regarding enrolment including an updated parent handbook.

We have begun to practice our song and dance for the end of year concert this week. The children are very enthusiastic and excited, it’s wonderful to see.

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Shared Snack Ideas

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

Please remember to pack a drink bottle for your child every day.

The weather is warming up and it is important for them to stay hydrated throughout the