This week is Individual Learning Plan (ILP) Review Week, which means we have parents in the school visiting with teachers to support the improvement of our student – their child. This is also a time for any other parents to contact the school and make an appointment to see any teachers that they wish to discuss any matters with.

It is also not too far away until reports are started. The Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) are tested across the three main stages of your child’s learning at school. These Standards recognise the changing learning needs of students at different stages during their education.

The three main stages are:

- Prep to Year 4 (laying the foundations)
- Years 5 to 8 (building breadth and depth)
- Years 9 and 10 (developing pathways).

For each stage your child will develop skills and learn subjects targeted to the level of understanding and comprehension expected at this age.

Reports are a time to reflect on where each individual student is at that point in time and to set new goals to support improvement. Again I reiterate the importance of the home and school relationship to improve student data.
Hello again folks. Hopefully you will all get some good weather soon as by the end of the week I hear some rain is due, so here’s hoping.

I was at a training seminar last week for Careers Practitioners. That’s the fancy new name for Careers Teachers as it encompasses those working in schools as full time career advisors as well as those in the private sector. And as the school’s MIP’s Coordinator I was required to go.

Now I know that I have talked about scholarships in the past, but we had a very informative presenter from Chances for Children who provided some information that I previously did not have.

As I have said in the past there are literally thousands of scholarships available out there for all sorts of reasons. Some are open only to a select few that meet a certain criteria, while others are open to any and all who apply and I know that students in the past have applied for various scholarships, with varying level of success. The reason I mention it again now is that most of these scholarships are now open for applications and have closing dates around October/November.

Now most, if not all of these scholarships are based around attendance at university so it really only has a direct effect on current Year 12’s. But that doesn’t mean you can’t start your research now, no matter what year your child is in.

We all know attending university is expensive, food, fees, accommodation, other living expenses etc and for some it seems out of reach. Even if you decide to study here in Mildura and still live at home there are certain expenses to cover and that is how scholarships can help and depending on certain criteria, I have seen scholarships advertised from $500 to $15,000 a year.

Of course I can’t find scholarships for all of our students and I do refer students to them when they cross my desk and this is where I had new information. There is a list of scholarships on the Chances for Children website at chancesforchildren.com.au. Just click on the yellow scholarships banner on the home page and it will take you there. Then all you have to do is run a search depending on your criteria. Please make the effort to do this. All it will take is some of your time and it may save you thousands of dollars in the long run.

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
ALPINE SCHOOL
## Dates to Remember

### May
- Culture Trip: 22nd May
- Primary Cross Country: 23rd May
- SSSA Cross Country: 23rd May
- 4-6 Cluster Sport: 25th May

### June
- Pupil free Day: 8th June
- Public Holiday: 11th June
- Keys Please: 13th June
- Student Lead Conferences: 15th June
- 9-12 Exams: 18th June
- School Council: 20th June
- Students return from Alpine School: 23rd June
- Flying Start: 25th – 28th June
- Xmas in June: 29th June

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**Happy Birthday**

Kaitlin Hards  28th May  
Ben Rankin    28th May

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

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Just a reminder that  
Tasty Thursdays are going out a little bit earlier and need to be in by the Monday for our mums to do the shopping.
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MAY 2012

Host: Shaun Symes
Where: Werrimull 1-12 School
Date: 23-5-2012
Tel: 80281251

Morning Tea will be between 10:40 am & 11 am.

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Millewa Pre-School

What's Happening

This Term we are looking at Families and Home. If you have a chance to visit the Pre-School you will notice that everything has been moved around to provide the children with a proper home area for imaginative play.

In the past few weeks the children have discovered our building/construction area with a vengeance. If you have empty cardboard boxes or cardboard rolls (not toilet rolls) at home please send them along to Kinder to help us facilitate this interest.

We have started to plant some herbs and vegetables in the garden beds at kinder and will continue to do so as the year progresses. This allows us to offer some different outdoor experiences for the children including plants that stimulate their senses of taste, touch and smell.

As the weather gets colder please make sure that you send along a jacket or jumper to kindergarten as even when it is cold we still spend time outside.

Miss Caroline Smith

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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 still warm and even in winter we need to drink lots of water.