From the Principal

Year 11 students are completing exams this week. As stated in last week's edition of the Pipeline, they are expected to return to school on Monday 12th December for Flying Start week (transition). During Flying Start four year old kindergarten children will spend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in Prep!

Carlie Symes and Ryan Lynch completed their VET projects last Wednesday. Carlie prepared a sensational three course meal, the feedback from all staff was extremely positive. Ryan’s Fire Awareness activities were also well organised and with the assistance of his father and Kevin Sleep he managed to deliver the fire safety message to all Prep – 10 students.

Year 7/8 students are visiting the University of Ballarat (UB) next week. The camp is funded by the University as part of their Rural Outreach Program. Werrimull P-12 School has worked in partnership with UB for the last two years however this is the first year the program has been extended to involve Year 7/8 students. Students from Hopetoun, Goroke, Kaniva & Werrimull will participate in a range of workshops including sporting activities, performing arts & a career compass activity. Students will get a taste of University life as they are staying at the Mt Helen Campus.

Shaun Symes and Josh Harris presented in front of the whole school this week. Shaun has been working with Access Employment every Friday and this week he took the opportunity to share his experience with his peers. Josh reflected on the Year 7/8 lunch he and Shaun prepared last week. Both Shaun and Josh have uploaded videos of their presentations to the Ultranet and reflected on their public speaking.

The process to find School & House Captains for 2012 is well underway. Applications were submitted Tuesday and those students who were shortlisted were interviewed yesterday. The final stage of the application process will take place Friday morning when the remaining applicants present a speech to the whole school.

Werrimull P-12 School has been allocated places at the Alpine School Campus in Dinner Plain (Victorian Alps) for Term 2, 2012. Interested Year 8 students are currently completing their applications for this once in a lifetime experience. If you would like to find out more about the Alpine School Campus log on to www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program is a three-year academic enrichment program designed to assist high-achieving students in realising their full potential through creating a network and community of students. Thomas Skinner and Mason Peter have both been accepted into the program. Considering there was over 1800 applicants from across Victoria both Mason and Tom should be extremely proud participants in the program. The students will be officially welcomed into the program on Thursday 8th December.

Booklists and stationery lists were given to all Secondary students today. I understand many of the books will be available second hand however if you require a new copy of any of the titles please get your orders in early so your child is prepared for the beginning of the 2012 school year. Collins booksellers is our preferred supplier as they provide generous discounts to Werrimull P-12 School each time we bulk purchase books from their store. Their details are listed on the booklist. Once again, Primary students have been levied for their books and stationery therefore they will not receive separate lists. If you have any questions regarding student fees, booklists or the stationery list contact me at school.

Applications for 2012 House and School Captains closed this week. The students who have progressed past the interview stage will be addressing the whole school this Friday at 2.30pm. Family and friends are invited to attend the assembly.

Jamie Russell
Being Well

Hello again folks. With harvest well on its way here’s hoping for no more rain and a safe and speedy harvest season for you all.

This week the theme is big picture stuff. We seem to be constantly bombarded with images and news from home and abroad of doom and gloom and how the world seems to be stumbling from one disaster to the other. Wars, poverty, climate change, unemployment, obesity, the list goes on. And what can we seem to do about it? Is there a quick fix? Sadly no there isn’t. Well not a quick one anyway, but I believe there is one nonetheless.

Perhaps nothing can stop human greed or lust for power and call me naive if you like, but I truly believe that education is the answer. Education is the magic bullet, the cure all, the panacea we are looking for, but it’s not something that just happens, you have to work for it and most of all it has to be valued.

Statistics show that the higher the level of education achieved, the greater the employment options and earning capacity. As a teacher I want my students to be the best that they can be, and education is the key. As a parent I want my child to have it better and easier than I did and education is the key. As a citizen of the world I want peace and prosperity for all and I believe that education is the key. But children cannot improve educational standards and outcomes if they are not at school.

Perhaps in days gone by it could have been argued that missing days or weeks at a time from school would have limited effect on educational outcomes. But today this is simply not the case. The amount of literacy and numeracy required to successfully navigate through today’s ever changing employment and technological landscape is astounding and children must attend school to prepare for it.

Victorian State Government policy states;

“Parents/guardians must enrol a child of compulsory school-age at a registered school and ensure the child attends schools at all times when the school is open for instruction or seek enrolment for approved tuition.

**Note:** The National Youth Participation Requirement agreed that all young people under the age of 17 must participate in schools or an approved equivalent until they complete year 10 and if they have completed Year 10, participate full-time (at least 25 hours per week) in employment or further education and training; or a combination of these activities until they reach 17 years of age.”

If education is to be valued by our children, it must be seen to be valued by their parents and that means sending them to school all of the time not just some or even most of the time. Illnesses and approved absences aside our children should be in school. When in town on business I sometimes see young people roaming the streets during school hours and I think “do your parents know where you are?”

Our children don’t ask to come into the world and it is our responsibility to provide them every opportunity to live long and prosper and the key to that is education. School is their job. So whether they are riding a skateboard or driving a harvester, if it is during school hours they aren’t where they should be and in the long run it is them who will pay the price.

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 school attendance policy please see the following site:


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

Be Well

Kelly Morrison
Wellbeing Coordinator
Happy Birthday

Brent Lambert 25th November
Ryan Lynch 25th November

Dates to Remember

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
Mildura Ballet 8th December
Yr 9/10 exams 5th –9th December
Flying Start 12th December
School Council 14th December
Presentation night 20th December
Last Day School 22nd December

eating healthy foods
prevents cavities

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All Children 0 - 17 covered by a current Healthcare Card or Pensioner Concession Card. • No Charge for services
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• $30.00 fee for a course of care or $25 for an emergency appointment
No waiting list for under 18 year olds

For an appointment, please phone 50210944.

Location: Corner 13th Street and Deakin Avenue, Mildura
Go Karts

This term the 4-6’s researched an invention for Intergraded Studies.

I researched the go kart.

Art Ingles invented the go kart in 1956.

The go kart has changed tremendously since it was first made.

The steering has changed, brakes, framework, engine and lots of other stuff.

Art Ingles was born on the 14th of May 1918 from California and is still alive.

The public fist saw the go kart when Art took it to a car park in California.

By Max Buffon

The 4-6 this term had to pick an invention. I researched video games. I found out that one of the first video game made was tennis for two. The inventor of tennis for two was William A. Higginbotham. It was invented in 1958. Video games now have better graphics, sound effects and multiplayer options. William A. Higginbotham was born on 25th 1910. He was 48 years old when he invented tennis for two.

Morgan Ruchel

Paper

This term I researched paper. The person who invented paper was Tsai Lun. Tsai Lun invented paper in 105AD. The changes that have been made to paper over time are the addition of colour to the paper, different sizes that are available, different textures and now it is easier to print on. Tsai Lun was born in China about 1800 years ago. He was promoted to Emperor for his invention of paper. He died drinking poison. He died in 121AD.

Nathan Kingi
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

Today has been a very busy day with a visit from the Kindergarten Support Assistant from Mildura Aboriginal Association along with our Kindergarten photos with Anna Thomson.

From what I have seen so far Anna has done a wonderful job with the photos and hopes to have them ready for collection next week. If you have not already paid, please send along your money as soon as possible.

Last week we were lucky enough to be involved in the Fire Safety Day at Werrimull P-12 School organised by Ryan Lynch. The children learned about good and bad fires and had the opportunity to explore the fire truck.

Next Wednesday will be one of our last visits to the Library and it is important that all books are returned as soon as possible so that Mrs Mentiplay is able to complete her stocktake. Books can be returned via older siblings or brought to Kinder any day.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Caroline Smith

Dates to Remember

23rd November Kindergarten Photos
30th November Library Day
14th December Flying Start Week Transition Day for Kinder 2012
20th December School Awards Night
21st December Last day of Kinder for 2011

Pilot Program Dates

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

Shared Snack Ideas

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