From the Principal

Only a brief message in the last week of school. I know that the holidays are for relaxing and rejuvenating but I can’t stress enough the importance of supporting and encouraging your child to read over the break. Research has shown that encouraging our children’s reading is the best way to support their learning and intellectual development, and an ideal way to put them on the path to future success. Two weeks without “formal learning” is a long break for majority of our students and to keep them improving and value adding they need to be doing a little bit whilst they are on holidays.

This Friday is CELEBRATION DAY the whole school will be participating in various fun activities and lunch will be provided. This day is a CASUAL DRESS DAY and EARLY FINISH – 2PM.

Last week I visited our 5 students at Alpine School for their Community Learning Project presentation. They were all dressed up looking very professional and spoke clearly. Their presentation was fantastic and obviously much time and effort had been put into it from all students. I am now looking forward to seeing the project completed.

Please stay safe over the two week break and see you back on the 16th July 2012.
Primary Celebration
On Friday, all P-6 students will participate in a range of fun activities to conclude their ‘Healthy Living’ unit of work. In small groups, students will use the healthy eating guide (dinner plate) to choose appropriate ingredients for their lunch. Students of all levels will plan, prepare and sample their creation! All students have been asked to pay $5.00 to cover the cost of consumables however they will not require a packed lunch on this day!

Once we have found the Werrimull Junior MasterChef Champion, students will have the opportunity to further display their knowledge by participating in a quiz. As a reward for filling the marble jar, all primary students will choose their activity to finish the semester.

If you have any questions regarding the last day of term don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Lightning Premiership
After a truck load of correspondence and two practise games Grade 4-6 students eventually got the opportunity to participate in the Red Cliffs District Lightning Premiership last Wednesday.

Raymond & Cam were part of the winning soccer team and now look forward to a trip to Swan Hill to participate against the best teams from the North West of Victoria. Dana & Jocelyn were about to pack their bags for Swan Hill too, however a late goal forced a penalty shootout and unfortunately they lost by one goal!

Taylah, Zoe & Tamsin all played in the B netball team. Despite their best efforts they were unable to overcome much stronger opponents.

The football team found the going a bit tough! Robinvale kicked 5 goals 15 behinds in the opening match to register an easy victory despite the efforts of Supercoach Bamford! The boys enjoyed an easy victory in the second game against the combined Cardross/Red Cliffs East/Koorlong team. The last game was a close battle against Red Cliffs Primary School; it was pleasing to see so many of the Werrimull boys gain possessions.
Differentiation- Professional Learning

A small number of staff members attended a training day in Murrayville last Thursday. The focus for the day was differentiated instruction and as many of you are already aware the current professional learning for staff and students at Werrimull P-12 School is focused on this very topic. What is differentiation?

_Differentiation means tailoring instruction to meet individual needs. Teachers may differentiate content, process, products, or the learning environment. The use of ongoing assessment and flexible grouping makes this a successful approach to instruction._

During the second semester students and staff will participate in workshops where new strategies will be introduced and expectations will be made explicit in order to form a shared vision.

**In basic terms, differentiation is...**

- Having high expectations for all students
- Adjustment of the core content
- Assigning activities geared to different learning styles, interests, and levels of thinking
- Providing students with choices about what and how they learn
- Flexible because teachers move students in and out of groups based upon students' instructional needs
- Acknowledgment of individual needs
- Articulated, high level goals reflecting continuous progress
- Assessment to determine student growth and new needs
- Adjustment of curriculum by complexity, breadth, and rate

_Educational experiences which extend, replace, or supplement standard curriculum_

**What can you do as a parent to help?**

- Understand that teachers cannot (and should not) differentiate all assignments and materials every day
- Encourage students to let teachers know when assignments are a good fit and when they are not
- Encourage students to compete against themselves rather than comparing themselves to peers

_Discuss your child’s progress with them and find out what tools they are using to monitor their own learning. For example, learning goals, rubrics and reflection journals._

Jamie Russell
Hello again folks. The Cats were again in the media this week, but this time it was certainly for the wrong reasons. One senior member of the GFC was allegedly involved in an incident in which a woman was the victim of physical abuse. The club has seen fit to suspend the player for the rest of the year. The only comment I would like to make is to ask all local men to join me in denouncing violence against women and that it takes a real man to stand up and be counted when he sees something wrong.

On a brighter note we are coming to the end of the Semester and it is a time for celebration. The Primary section will be holding a celebration day Friday the last day of term. I am not sure of the details for this day as the Primary staff are keep them under wraps for the moment, but I am sure that it will be a fun day in which students can celebrate their achievements of the last Semester.

The Secondary section will again be celebrating Christmas in June for their end of Semester celebrations. Like the Primary’s it is a chance for Secondary students to let their hair down, celebrate the end of exams and holidays and then come back next Semester refreshed and ready to go.

The day will carry similar themes as the last few years with activities in the morning followed by Kris Kringle, the blind auction, Christmas Lunch and then an early finish at 2 pm. Among the many items we have for the blind auction we have managed to secure an Acer 21.5” monitor, courtesy of Office Everything as the major prize. I wonder which auction pack it will be in and just who will be the lucky winner?

So I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the students on a successful Semester and wish them a safe and happy mid-year break. Make sure that you come back healthy and energized for Semester Two. VCE students you will have work to do so make sure you are not all play and no study and on social occasions look after each other and don’t get into a car with someone who has been drinking alcohol.

See you next Semester!

Cheers!!

So to all students; all the best with your study and prepare yourself for passing.

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

Be Well

Kelly Morrison
Wellbeing Coordinator
Dates to Remember

June

- Flying Start: 25th – 28th June
- Xmas in June: 29th June
- Last Day of Term 2: 29th June
  2.00pm Finish

July

- First day of term 3: 16th July
- Secondary Snow camp: 30th July – 3rd Aug

Happy Birthday

- Jack Buffon: 26th June
- Claudia Fox: 2nd July
- Jocely Muriwai: 4th July
- Jack Lambert: 5th July

School Lunch orders are available this Wednesday from the Hotel

Just a Reminder

As it’s a departmental requirement for students that are absent, a parent or guardian needs to fill in a 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.
Dear parent or guardian

The ATO, with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through their school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through the school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school, and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student’s name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

- students born in Australia will need to provide their
  - birth certificate number, state of issue, and year of registration, or
  - Australian passport number and date of issue
- students born overseas will need to provide their
  - overseas passport number and country of issue, or
  - Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue, or
  - Australian passport number and date of issue

It is important that the application form is completed correctly and in full, and signed by the student. All information provided on the application form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to the school or the Tax Office.

Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address within 28 days of the application being received by the Tax Office.

Please complete and return the attached consent form if you give permission for your child to take advantage of this opportunity.

Enquiring on your child’s behalf

Due to privacy provisions, parents of children aged 14 or older are only able to enquire about their children’s tax affairs, including TFNs, if they are registered as an authorised contact with the Tax Office. After your child has received their TFN they can authorise you by phoning the Tax Office on 13 28 61 between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

More information

If you have any further questions or need more information, please phone 13 28 61 between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday and ask for the Community Consultation and Assistance area.

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Parent/guardian consent form

I understand the school's TFN program is a voluntary program and I give permission
for .......................................................... (student’s name) to apply for their TFN
through the program.

I understand the school does not need to see original documentation.

.......................................................... (signature of parent/guardian)

/     /    (date)
127th Annual Wentworth Show
Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 August 2012
Junior Exhibition & Competition Opportunities

Junior Sheep Judging
10 to 16 Years
Living within 400kms of Wentworth

Junior Flowers
Primary & Secondary

Dog Jump
Open to all Dogs

Junior Cookery
Primary & Secondary

Junior Poultry
Up to 15 Years

Junior Pigeons
Up to 16 Years

School Poster Competition
Primary Schools
"Wentworth Show"
25 & 26 August 2012

Junior Craft & Needlework
Under 7, 9, 11, 13, 16 & 18 Years

Junior Show Girl
Sub Junior (5 years & Under)
Miss Junior (10 to 14 Years)

Junior Photography
16 Years & Under

Post Office Prize
Design a Stamp
"The Year of the Farmer"
Kinder, Grade 1 & 2,
Grade 3 & 4, Grade 5 & 6

Junior Fine Arts
16 Years & Under

PVC & Pipe Sculpture Competition
"Pipe Dreams"
Kinder to Grade 2,
Grade 3 to Grade 6 &
Year 7 to Year 9

Junior Vegetables
Primary & Secondary

Junior Preserves, Produce & Eggs
10 Years & Under (for eggs)
16 Years & Under

Junior Fruit
Primary & Secondary

Wearables Art
"Woolpack Fashions"

For further information contact the
Show Secretary
Susan McKenzie
Ph: 5027 6304

Schedules available from:-
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Post Office, Wentworth Drapery,
Ruby's Cargo, Wentworth Library,
Elders Real Estate Wentworth.

MILDURA
Lloyd's trading, Wallers Bushman's
Outfitters, Horseland, Elders, C & G
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