From the Principal

The Year 7 & 8 students are enjoying a FULLY FUNDED camp at the University of Ballarat this week. The Rural Outreach Program has been a huge success as it gives students from remote and rural areas the opportunity to experience different aspects of life after school. The group will arrive home in time for buses on Thursday.

The extensive application process to identify new House & School Captains concluded on Friday. I would like to congratulate all students who submitted applications; the quality of application letters, CV’s, and speeches was nothing short of outstanding. Mrs Robyn Blackie was here on Wednesday afternoon to hear one applicant speak and was very impressed, calling the following day to express her delight! House and School Captains will be announced at the Presentation Night on Tuesday 20th December.

Year 9 & 10 students are currently studying for their impending exams. The exam timetable will be available on the website this week. If you have any questions about the exams contact me at school.

The Telstra Beach to Bush program is visiting Werrimull P-12 School next Monday. The program aims to educate regional children about hazards in all aquatic environments with a major emphasis on beach and surf safety. It was developed as a result of the large number of rescues performed where the patient resided more than 50 kilometers from the beach. Trained lifesavers will educate students on key water safety messages and lifesaving skills through interactive and informative activities.

The Chinese LOTE program will continue in 2012. The Victorian Government has made a long-term commitment to revolutionise languages education in Victorian schools. The Victorian Government’s Vision for Languages Education was launched earlier this month affirming the commitment to these programs and explaining why it has made languages education a priority. Endless research has highlighted the benefits of learning a second language.

Languages education:

- enriches our learners intellectually, educationally and culturally
- enables our learners to communicate across cultures
- contributes to social cohesiveness through better communication and understanding
- further develops the existing linguistic and cultural resources in our community
- contributes to our strategic, economic and international development
- enhances employment and career prospects for the individual (MCEETYA 2005).

For many years it has been acknowledged that learning another language enhances the learner’s understanding of and insights into their own language. If we are to sustain the LOTE program at Werrimull P-12 School we must embrace it!

Mr Peter Crisp, Member for Mildura, will be unveiling a plaque to commemorate the official opening of the refurbished Secondary wing and facility upgrade on Wednesday 14th December. The unveiling of the plaque is scheduled for 10.30am; this will be followed by morning tea. All community members are invited to attend this event.

Mrs Erin Fush will return from leave next Monday. I trust Mrs Fush has enjoyed her time at home with daughter Niamh. We are very lucky to have someone with the expertise of Mrs Fush return to prepare for the 2012 school year.

Jamie Russell
Dates to Remember

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
Secondary wing opening  14th December
Presentation night  20th December
Last Day School  22nd December

All Community members are invited to the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the official opening of the refurbished Secondary wing and facility upgrade on

Wednesday 14th December at 10.30am (arrive by 10.15am).

Morning tea will be available following the official opening.
In Intergraded Studies, 4-6’s and I are learning about inventions. We needed to choose an object and find out facts, who invented it and when.

I chose mobile phones because I use it all the time and I really wanted to know who invented it.

Martin Cooper invented the first Cell Phone in 1983. It was replaced by Radio Telephones. It also made people’s lives easier because they can take it wherever they go; this includes going camping (If you have reception.)

Martin Cooper was born December 26, 1928. He has a wife named Arlene Harris and the couple don’t have any kids. He is a British painter and a musician.

By Stacey Heather O’Neill

First Cell phone

Radio Telephone

Martin Cooper
The invention that I have been researching and making a poster about in Integrated Studies is the Gun. Samuel Colt invented the rifle in 1846. Samuel Colt was born in 1814 and died in 1862 at the age of 46. I chose to research the gun because I like how they shoot and I like to use guns. It has changed over time. Some changes have been; they shoot more than one bullet, the body’s look different and they shoot faster.

Raymond Henschke

The invention I chose to do my poster on was the bulletproof vest because I like the way they stop bullets and knives.

The bulletproof vest was invented by Norval V Cobb in 1538. Norval V Cobb invented the bulletproof vest in 1538 but changed his name Norval Cobb Vaughn.

By Riley.
What's Happening

The days are slipping by quickly and at this rate it will be the end of the year before we know it.

This week the four year old children will receive a permission form for the Mildura Ballet excursion with the School. This permission form needs to be returned asap and can be returned by an older sibling at the School if necessary.

We will be visiting the Library on Wednesday to return our books but as mentioned last week we will not be borrowing new books as it is too close to the end of the year and Mrs Mentiplay needs to do a book stocktake.

A reminder to all parents who will have children at the Kindergarten next year, either three or four year old, that the AGM is on this Thursday at the Werrimull Hotel at 7pm. It is important that you all attend if at all possible.

Have a wonderful week.

Miss Caroline Smith