I start off with a quick reminder to all school councillors that tonight is our review meeting with Warren St Clair – it is very important meeting so please all make the effort to be there.

Last week was again a very busy one for all staff and students, our students that are studying unit 4 subjects only have about two months (this includes the holidays) before exams start, therefore they must complete all their required work requirements and learning. It is now that our VCE students (if they haven’t already) need to put their heads down and work. For our parents of VCE students this is your time to continue to support and encourage them, but also keep them on track and focused. For more information visit the school website to get helpful study techniques or contact Mr Morrison.

Please be aware that no students are to be on school grounds until 8:40am each school day as staff are not able to supervise until this time. Obviously there are exceptions (you may need to drop your child off earlier than this on an occasion) please contact the school and let us know so we are aware and can make sure they are safe.

Tomorrow is an interrupted day as union members are taking action against the government. The present government made election promises to the education sector which they are now not honouring and therefore a stop work day has been scheduled for Wednesday 5th September. I fully support our teachers that have decided to take action! Due to this action the following year levels will not be required at school tomorrow – all Primary and Year 7 & 8 students. If any parents have any issues around this please contact me.

The school council has just finalised the decision to have the Secondary Flexible Learning Area’s roof quoted as it leaks in many places which is causing dramas to our learning spaces. During the September and summer holidays the whole roof will be replaced to stop the leaks and therefore stop other safety issues such as mouldy carpet. We have also had the Primary Flexible Area updated with fresh paint, new carpet and cupboards. This will allow better teaching spaces for our students and staff. The “old” toilet block is still on the agenda we are waiting for more information from the Department (we were told information would be made available in September) as to what is to happen with this block. Due to the asbestos involved it is a complex situation, I will keep you all informed as to the outcome.

Three weeks remain in the third term and with the weather starting to heat up all students will need to get their summer uniform organised. If any students are out of uniform they are required to have a signed note from their parent.

As always if you need clarification around anything to do with your child’s education please contact the school and make an appointment so as we are all on the same page.

Enjoy the first week of spring!

Erin Fush
SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS

*Wear your favourite football team’s colours to work or school and help support young people fighting cancer.*

It’s the Fight Cancer Foundation’s most important national fundraising event and will be held this Friday 7th September, 2012.

Football is all about spirit, strength, courage and the fight to win. Those touched by cancer need the same qualities to win their fight against the disease. By wearing your football team’s colours, and making a gold coin donation, you’ll help us fight cancer and save lives.

To read more about this great cause click [http://www.footycoloursday.com.au/](http://www.footycoloursday.com.au/)

THIS WEEK IS MOONEYSMART WEEK!

*MoneySmart Week is an independent, not-for-profit national initiative promoting the importance of financial literacy. Knowing how to make sound money decisions is a core skill in today's world, regardless of age.*

MoneySmart Week 2012 includes:

- A call to action for all Australians to take the next step in their financial health: ‘Do a Money Health Check’.
- A National Awards program to recognise outstanding achievements in financial literacy.
- Promotion of existing money management programs, tools and resources.
- A range of special activities and events in workplaces and the community.

Who is behind MoneySmart Week?

MoneySmart Week is a national initiative set up in 2012 by members of the Australian Government Financial Literacy Board. The group, led by Paul Clitheroe AM, is made up of people who are leaders in their respective fields. They bring passion, commitment and expertise to advancing Australians' financial literacy. The Week is founded on the principles and objectives outlined in the National Financial Literacy Strategy, available at [www.financialliteracy.gov.au](http://www.financialliteracy.gov.au)

Jamie Russell
Hello again folks. Well Spring has definitely sprung. Temperatures are getting up near 30 degrees the sun block is coming out and students are wearing their hats in the yard. Just a reminder that we do check the UV levels every morning and students will more than likely need hats so make sure they have them. Of course in Term 4 it is compulsory anyway.

While we are doing reminders I’d like to send out a note to students and parents engaged in an SBAT (School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship) or to those that hope to begin one. As the name of the program implies the apprenticeship or traineeship involved is “School Based”. The SBAT’s require students to be engaged in the workplace for 13 hours per week or blocks of time in lieu of weekly work and the rest of the time is spent at school. But this is not merely a formality or babysitting service while not in the workplace, the student is expected to achieve their best outcomes in their schooling. Students that decide they can slacken off at school are not living up to their side of the SBAT bargain and in doing so they put their SBAT at risk.

SBAT’s are partnerships between the student’s and parent’s, the workplace and the school. This partnership is a very important one, but what must be understood is that it is a “stay at school” program and not a “leave school early” program. Being involved in an SBAT means that the parties involved acknowledge that it is important for students to complete as much of their schooling as possible. This is for a number of reasons. Firstly it gives the student the opportunity to develop as many options and choices as possible and secondly it makes the student a greater asset for their employer. Now because it is a partnership, it needs everyone to be on the same page. If for any reason the employer, the parents or the school are unhappy with arrangements or performance then they have the right to dissolve the partnership. In practicality this means that if the student slackens off and starts to fail at school, the school can dissolve the partnership and the student no longer has an SBAT.

Of course no one at the school wants this to happen as the SBAT’s are fantastic pathways opportunities for students. Just make sure if you want to enter into one you enter into it with your eyes open. And for those of you already engaged in one, keep your eyes on the ball and don’t put it at risk just because you don’t think school is important anymore.

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.

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

September
School Council                           4th September
Yrs 3,4,7&8 Farm safety day Ouyen   12th Sept
Keys Please course Yrs 9+10               19th Sept
Last day term 3 2pm Finish                   21st Sept

October
Drug forum Yrs7-8                      16th October
Book Fair                                22nd to 24th October
5+6 Camp Lake Cullulleraine             29th-2nd Nov

November
Unit 4 Exams                              1st –16th November
Pupil Free day                           5th November
Melbourne Cup                            6th November
School Council                           28th 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

Happy Birthday
Kimberley Rowe     4th September
Montoya Carter     7th September

School Lunch orders are available this Wednesday & Thursday 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.
School Banking Colouring Competition

All you have to do is bank on Woof Wednesday for the next three weeks. Each time you bank over the next three weeks you will receive an entry to colour in the Dollarmites. Return your coloured in picture/s to Mrs Wright and you could be in to win some great prizes.

You can view the prizes at the office.

Section 1 K-3s
Section 2 4-6s
Section 3 7-9s

Reminder

Book club orders are due back to Mrs Carter by Thursday 6th September.

Thank you

WCS Reunion

Prep 1962 – prep 1982:
Including all those that came and went from these year levels - including all Meringur students

Saturday October 6th, 2012

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!

On sale until Monday 10th September.

Tickets on sale www.trybooking.com > buy a ticket > search : WCS

Pre-sold tickets only - no ticket, no entry
**Millewa Pre-School**

**What's Happening**

Kinder photos went smoothly last Tuesday, from the sneak peek that Nicole has posted online with parents permission the photos have come out beautifully. I would like to thank Nicole for coming out to the Pre-School for the day and interacting with the children in such a positive manner. It shouldn’t be too long before those of you who ordered photos receive them.

Today (Tuesday 4th) is our annual Steam Train day which includes a visit to Big Lizzie, the playground at Barclay Square, the Red Cliffs library and a ride on the Kinder Express. I’m sure that we will all enjoy the day and the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities outside of our usual kindergarten program.

Tuesday 11th September is an exciting day as we are being visited by the Museum Victoria Discovery Team who will be presenting a session on Dinosaurs and Fossils! As part of the Partnership Program the Preps from Werrimull P-12 School will be joining us for this session.

Tuesday 18th September is the last day for the three year olds for the Term. We’d love to celebrate another successful Term by having a Footy Colours Day and inviting parents and other family members to join us for lunch and a kick of the footy on the School oval. More details will be sent home next week.

**Dates to Remember**

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