I would like to begin by welcoming Mrs Erin Fush back to Werrimull P-12 School. Mrs Fush enjoyed her first day as a working mother yesterday as she hit the ground running! It was pleasing to see the excitement in many of the students as she made her anticipated return. Although the planning for 2012 is underway Mrs Fush will be busy during the remaining weeks organising events such as our awards night and staff professional learning. By all reports Jonathon passed with flying colours on his first day as a stay at home dad! I’m sure many of you look forward to meeting Niamh in the near future.

We have a couple of busy weeks as we approach the end of the 2011 school year. This week, the Year 9 & 10 students are completing Semester 2 exams. The last exam is scheduled for Thursday.

The P-6 students enjoyed a visit from Lifesaving Victoria yesterday as part of the ‘Beach to Bush’ program. This theory session will be followed by a practical open water experience early next year.

K-6 students travel to Mildura this Thursday to attend the ballet and participate in activities at Lock 11. Grade 1-6 students will then sleepover Thursday night and complete a range of camp activities Friday. If you have any questions regarding the sleepover don’t hesitate to contact Miss Smith or Miss Rankin.

Mr Whittle is travelling to Glenormiston this afternoon to visit the students at Alpine School. They are presenting their community project tomorrow night. The team of students have focussed on water safety for their project and will deliver the important message to the whole school community in 2012.

Mason Ruchel and Thomas Skinner are flying to Melbourne tomorrow to attend the ceremony for Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars. The boys are staying on campus at Melbourne University Wednesday night; this will give them an opportunity to meet other recipients from rural areas. Good luck to Mason and Tom!

Next week we begin classes for 2012. ‘Flying start’ is an important part of our transition program, ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED AT SCHOOL FOR THE WHOLE WEEK! The four year old Pre-School children will attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday as they adjust to life as a Prep student.

Next Wednesday (14th December) Mr Peter Crisp will be officially opening our refurbished Secondary wing. The opening is a combined BER and State Capital Works opening. Two plaques will be unveiled on the day, one to recognise the contribution of State Government (this will be unveiled by Peter Crisp MP) and another to recognise the contribution of Federal Government (unveiled by either John Forrest or a school representative). Morning tea will be served at approximately 10.40am. The last school council meeting for 2011 is also on Wednesday 14th December!

Jamie Russell
Just a brief message to thank all staff, students, parents and the community for your well wishes and support over the past semester. I am looking forward to getting back to work and starting the new chapter in my life as a working mother, my husband is at home with our little girl who is growing up big already.

Just a reminder that our AWARDS NIGHT is on the 20th of December at 6:30pm, we will again have a shared tea starting at 5:30pm. The school will supply the meat and we ask each family to bring along a salad to share. A family order form will go home please fill it in and send it back ASAP so as we can get organised.

The awards night allows us to celebrate the achievements of our school community and wish each other a safe and merry Christmas. Please make every effort to be a part of the celebration of learning at Werrimull P-12 School.

Erin Fush
Co-Principal

Only 18 more sleeps until the big man in the red suit comes.

Hopefully you all have been good.
Hello again folks. The warm weather has been very helpful and I know that some of you have already completed your harvest. Here’s hoping the earlier rain didn’t have too much of an effect on grain quality and that we see some improvements in the price sooner rather than later.

Last week I was away in Ballarat and I didn’t get the chance to send in a column for the week. So today I’d like to tell you about what when on in Ballarat.

Some may already know that last week Mrs Helen Sly and I took the Year 7/8 group to Ballarat to visit the University of Ballarat. This was part of the pilot program being run by UB’s Regional Outreach Centre in partnership with eight other small rural and remote schools across the state.

The group left early on Monday morning and we arrived in Ballarat in time for lunch on the shores of Lake Wendoree. We then met our hosts at UB and moved in to our accommodation. We were bunked in one of the on campus residences at UB’s Mt Helen Campus where students were able to get a feel of what it would be like to attend university away from home.

Over the next two days students were able to experience many aspects of university life and courses. They played sports, had lectures, did experiments, worked in teams with students from other schools and were able to explore the Mt Helen Campus and sample some of the life and entertainment Ballarat has to offer.

All of the students had a great time and they had their eyes opened in many ways. The basis of the experience was to put students in a situation out of their comfort zone and to debunk any myths or feelings of uncertainty regarding rural and remote students studying away from home. Cost will always be a factor when studying away, but programs such as the UB pilot are attempting to present away study as a viable option from a social accessibility point of view. Experiences like this give our students the confidence in their own ability to function in an unfamiliar setting and go a long way to ensuring that students are successful choosing to study away from home.

I would personally like to thank Mrs Sly for all of her efforts on the trip as she took a lot of the load off my shoulders and I would like to thank all of the students for the way they behaved and represented Werrimull P-12 School. Well Done!

Be Well.

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:
I am always available at school should anyone wish to discuss post secondary school study options.

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

Be Well

Kelly Morrison
Wellbeing Coordinator
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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.
Merry xmas. Don’t give your teeth a holiday from brushing.

Sunraysia Community Health Services, Community Dental Program welcomes:

All Children 0 – 17 covered by a current Healthcare Card
or Pensioner Concession Card. - No Charge for services
Children 0 -12 not covered by Concession Cards.
- $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

Lego

This term the grade 4-6 did inventions, we had to make a poster on a topic of our choice. I picked Lego. I found out Lego was made by Ole Kirk Christinsen. He was born on the 7th of April 1891 and Died on the 11th of March 1958. Lego started as wooden blocks that joined together then changed into plastic blocks.

By Reece
My invention is the fishing reel. A fishing reel helps you wind in fish. It was invented in 1650 but George Snyder claimed it in the 1820s. The original inventor is unknown.

George Snyder was born in the late 1780s and died in the 1850s. I chose it because I like to go fishing and like fishing reels.

The fishing reel has changed over time, because the reel is easier to wind in.

By Zac

Electric Wind Screen Wiper

Robert Kearns was born March 10th 1927. He was a mechanical engineer for 10 years. In 1967 he quit and made the first electric Wind Screen Wiper in the same year. 38 years later he died on February 9th 2005 age 77. I chose this invention because I saw an ad for a movie about the Wind Screen Wiper. The Wind Screen Wiper has changed because you can get sensors so when it rains they wipe the window them self.

By Kieran Simmons
As you all know we all wear shoes today. They help protect our feet, keep them cool in the summer and spring, and keep them warm in the winter and autumn. People think Egyptians invented the shoe. No one knows who exactly invented shoes. I chose to research shoes because we wear them every day and I wondered who made them. Shoes have changed a lot over time. They have more colours, styles and how comfortable they are. Improvements to shoes in the future could be rocket shoes, spring shoes, changes in the materials and more colours.

By Taylah!

Just a reminder that the Christmas raffle books and hamper Donations need to be back to the office by Friday 16th December.
Millewa Pre-School

Term Three Staff
- Caroline Smith, Teacher
- Alanna Hill, Assistant

What's Happening

I’d like to say a big thank-you to all the parents who attended the AGM last week, especially those who have taken on Committee roles for 2012.

The office bearers for 2012 are:
- President - Nerrilee Harmer
- Vice President - Chris Douglas
- Treasurer - Jess Hards
- Secretary - Megan Rudd
- Fundraising - Charlotte Harmer

Next Wednesday December 14th is transition day for children attending the Pre-School in 2012. Next year’s three year olds are invited to attend between 9:30am - 11:30am with their parents and need to bring along their immunisation records. Next year’s four year olds will stay the whole day but parents are asked to come to Kinder at 2:30pm to fill out new enrolment and fee forms for next year. If you can’t make it on the day forms will be sent home and must be returned on or before the last day of Kinder (December 21st).

Shared Snack Ideas
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- Dry biscuits
- Dried fruit

Pilot Program Dates
- December 8th - Mildura Ballet (all day activity)
- December 12th - Flying Start begins for 2012

Dates to Remember
- 12th December - Flying Start
- 14th December - Transition Day for Kinder 2012
- 20th December - School Awards Night

A reminder to parents of the four year old group to return their Mildura Ballet permission forms tomorrow!

Please return all library books as soon as possible to either School or Kindergarten.
Sunnycliffs Primary School

Presents

Puss in Boots 3D

When: December 15th
Where: Deakin Cinema Complex
Time: 7.30pm
Cost: $15 per person

For enquires or to purchase tickets please contact the school on 50 241684.