Welcome back to all staff, students and families, I hope your holidays were relaxing and rejuvenating. Our year 12 students only have 3 weeks left of formal schooling so teachers and students are busy completing all required work before their final exams.

I’d like to welcome Lauren Hepworth to our staff – every Tuesday Miss Hepworth will be working with the P-3 group and also getting to know the kinder students as in 2013 she will take up the position of our Early Years Teacher. We also have a 2nd year student teacher – Krystal Talbot – working with us for the next 3 weeks. It is fantastic to have new teachers in our school as we learn from them also.

Congratulations to Matt and Renee Kelly and their family on the arrival of Annie Ellen Francis and also to Darryl and Joelene Goldsmith and their family on the arrival of Ryder James.

This term is a busy one for the whole school as our official transition program starts, workforce planning is finalised, primary camps and secondary exams. These are just a few of the scheduled activities – please check the dates to remember column each week so as you know what is coming up. **An important date that I ask you all to put on the calendar is the Awards and Concert night on Tuesday 18th December.** More information about the evening will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Just to make you all aware Mr Donnelly from next week will be taking the rest of the term off on sick leave, he is in dire need of a knee replacement. No students will be disadvantaged as we have replaced him with Mr Birnie. Leith is an excellent and experienced maths and technology teacher and has agreed to help support our students in the last 10 weeks of this year.

Lastly, the working bee for parents to finish the tennis courts is on the 19th of this month starting at 12:30pm. Please contact Graeme Ruchel for more details and to let him know if you are available to help out on this day.
Welcome to term 4! I trust you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday period. I would like to start by highlighting some of the major events taking place in the next 10 weeks.

GOOD LUCK ZAC SYMES
Next Monday Zac Symes travels to Bendigo to compete in the 12/13 year old discus event. He will compete against the best in the region, good luck Zac!

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY
Motorcycling Victoria are visiting Werrimull P-12 School on Friday 26th October to deliver a session to P-7 students. Notes were sent home yesterday, please ensure they are returned to school by this Friday. Please note there is a $2.50 charge for this event, money from your child’s student account can be used to cover this cost.

GRADE 5 & 6 LAKE CULLULLERAINCE CAMP
Grade 5/6 students will enjoy a week at Lake Cullulleraine starting Monday 29th October. Permission forms and other associated details were sent home last term. I will be attending the camp this year and Wildside Outdoors will once again facilitate all day activities. If you have any questions regarding the camp contact me at school.

PREP- GRADE 4 SLEEPOVER
P-4 students have the opportunity to participate in the annual ‘sleepover’ at Werrimull P-12 School on Thursday 29th November. As has been the case in previous years, Prep students will be picked up after dinner. Further details regarding the sleepover will be provided closer to the date.

K-6 BALLET EXCURSION
Primary students will once again have the opportunity to attend the annual Ballet performance on Thursday 6th December. This day will be part of the Kinder transition program with all K-6 students enjoying a whole day in Mildura. If you have any questions regarding this excursion contact Miss Smith.

NAPLAN REPORTS
NAPLAN reports were sent home with mid semester reports. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss your child’s results call Narelle to make an appointment with the appropriate teacher.

READING AND SPELLING
All Primary students have weekly spelling words and are expected to record their reading in their reading diary. Please support your child to practise their spelling words and read with them regularly. Grade 3-6 students should be encouraged to leave a comment in their reading diary each time they read.

Jamie Russell
Hello again folks. Well it’s week one of Term Four! Where did the year go? I hope everyone had a safe and refreshing break and is ready as we turn the last corner of the year and begin the straight for home. For those of you with the opportunity I can advise first hand that there are plenty of yabbies about if you get the chance and a congrats to all the Swans fans out there on their victory over the Hawks in the AFL. Not that I really cared but I just love seeing the Hawks go down! And speaking of winners and losers it was of course excellent to see Holden get up again over the lacklustre Fords at Mt Panorama. Go Holden!

Now as it is the beginning of the Term it is just an opportunity to do a few reminders.

Year 10’s and 11’s are reminded that Work Experience forms are due in to Mrs Wright at the front office by Monday the 29th of October. This doesn’t mean that you have to wait until the 29th to get your forms in! Students have had them since mid last Term and have been reminded that if they need assistance they can come and see me for help. So get those forms in ASAP.

Our Year 12’s start their last Term of Secondary Schooling and this effectively will only be for three weeks with their last day at school being the 26th of November. They then have the 29th-31st for SwotVac during which they are not required at school but are encouraged to attend to access teacher support and then exams begin for everyone with English on Thursday the 1st of December.

Work Experience for Year 10’s and 11’s will go from November 19th to 23rd. The Year 11’s will be given from Monday the 26th to Friday the 30th as a study week during which they will not be required at school but are encouraged to attend just like the Year 12’s in order to access teachers. Timetabled VCE classes however will not be running. Year 10’s are expected to attend as per usual.

Years 9 to 11 will have their Exam Week from Monday the 3rd of December to Friday the 7th and then the whole school switches to “Flying Start” from the 10th to the 14th when formal classes will cease for the year. Student Activity Day on Monday the 17th will then be followed by the School Awards and Concert Night on Tuesday the 18th. Students attending from the 19th to the 21st will then be engaged in individual projects and teacher support in preparation for 2013.

A very busy Term awaits us all!

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 follow these links for information on Study Habits

http://www.studygs.net/

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
Dates to Remember

October

- Drug forum Yrs7-8 16th October
- PARENT WORKING BEE Friday October 19th
  12:30pm start – please contact Graeme Ruchel for further information
- Book Fair 22nd to 26th October
- Motorsafe presentation 26th October
- 5+6 Camp Lake Cullulleraine 29th-2nd November

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
- School starts 2013 Thursday 31st January

Happy Birthday

Evette Rowe 10th October
Max Buffon 14th October
Amelia Symes 14th October

School Lunch orders are available this Wednesday 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
The Mildura Settlers Junior Cricket Club is running the MILO Have a Go cricket program again this year for 5 to 8 year old children. Registration day is on Wednesday 24th October 2012 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Mildura Settlers Cricket Club, Madec Drive (off Deakin Avenue), Mildura

CONTACT: Anthony Henderson 0428 282 099

Red Cliffs summer junior tennis will commence on Saturday 13th October 2012.

Section play will be from 9am and junior coaching ($5 EACH CHILD) from 9-10am with John Patzl.

Everyone is welcome to come along.

All Enquiries to Junior Coordinator Lisa Hill. 50 257 577 0400 726 824 Email: rick_lisa@bigpond.com.

Calling ALL Millewa Families

Mildura Rural City Council
Community Futures & Early Years Services

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
three playgroup sessions & will be a chance to

talk about your

Millewa Community Plan Proposed Action:

“Look at opportunities to establish

a playgroup in the community”

This is your opportunity to tell us what your needs are and to also experience a playgroup session on the dates below

Wednesday 17 October
Wednesday 14 November
Wednesday 12 December

All sessions will be 1.30pm - 3.00pm

If you wish to attend all three or one is up to you.

Families with children ranging from babies to 5 year olds welcome (including Grandparents, Caregivers & Parents)

LOCATION:

Millewa Pre-School
King Street, Werrimull

ENQUIRIES:

Caroline (03) 5028 1293
Karen 5015 8186
Laura 0400 134 879
Come to Our BOOK FAIR!
It's a Reading Celebration!

DATES · TIMES · PLACE

October 22nd to October 26th

Recess 10.40am to 10.50pm
Lunch 12.45pm to 1.15pm

Library

All Purchases Benefit Our School!

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.
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What's Happening

This Term will once again be a busy one as we wrap up the year.

The Partnership Program will continue this Term with more visits to School as part of our Transition Program as we prepare our four year olds for Prep next year.

As part of Transition the four year olds will participate in Flying Start from December 10 where they will be at school for a week (except for Wednesday) just like in Term One, 2013.

The three year olds will also have a full day at kindergarten at the end of Term as practice for next year when they become the four year old group.

More details on the Transition program will be provided in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to the Goldsmith family as they welcomed Ryder to the world over the weekend. I’m sure that Austin, Juliet and Lillia will love getting to know their new baby brother.

Dates to Remember

- **11 October** Partnership Visit to School
- **16 October** Library Day
- **25 October** Partnership Visit to Kinder
- **26 October** Back to Front Draw Fundraiser
- **10 December** Flying Start / Transition Week
- **18 December** Last Day of Term / Christmas Party
- **18 December** Awards Night / Concert at School

Shared Snack Ideas

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

Water

Please remember to pack a drink bottle for your child every day. Even in the cooler weather we need to drink lots of water and it is the only drink that we allow at kinder on a daily basis.