Another perfect day for our annual swimming sports and what a performance from all the students. It started off as usual with the synchronised swimming which I must say was the highest standard I have seen in the 8 eight years I have been here. Both Tunart and Willah put their talents on show with Willah just nudging out Tunart with their pool performance. Then the traditional swimming events started and again all students put in their all to gain those vital points for their houses. It is amazing to see students from Prep through to Year 11 get in the pool and challenge themselves and it is the only school I know who not only celebrates the winners but cheers ALL swimmers to the very end. Thank you to the parents, community, staff and students for making it another wonderful day. It is also a BIG CONGRATS to Willah for winning the swimming trophy the first time they have taken the trophy home since 2009. I would also like to mention the age group champions:

- **5 – 8 Girls**: Mia Hards & Mackenna Douglas
- **5 – 8 Boys**: Gus Rowe
- **9 – 10 Girls**: Shianna Kenny
- **9 – 10 Boys**: Seamus Kelly
- **11 – 12 Girls**: Hannah Fox
- **11 – 12 Boys**: Wilkie Hudson
- **13 – 14 Girls**: Zoe Shorrock
- **13 – 14 Boys**: Tom Fox
- **15 – 21 Boys**: Mitch Roads

We also need to acknowledge the following swimmers that have new records:

- **5 – 8 Boys** Freestyle: Gus Rowe
- **13 – 14 Boys** Butterfly: Tom Fox
- **15 – 21 Boys** Butterfly: Mitch Roads

Another celebration story that has been unfolding over the holidays and of recent weeks is Morgan Ruchel and his achievements in Baseball. Morgan not only made the SA Under 16 Baseball team but they were the National Champions beating Victoria whom had thrashed them earlier in the tournament, Morgan played a major role in the win taking catches in the outfield. Congratulations to Morgan!

This I promise is the correct email address for Mr Nigel Pavilach, the DET have changed it once and then I missed a letter so this is it – pavilach.nigel.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please email any of the staff for any information on your child’s education or for an appointment.

Just a reminder that as students get older they do get more smelly. Students have been reminded to use a soap when showering, they need to be using a roll on deodorant at school throughout the day and they also need to be regularly changing their t-shirts during the week. At times our classrooms can be very stinky so if we all remember the three points above it will make our educational setting a more pleasant place.

Due to our change in staffing profile this year there are times where the front office is unattended or the phones are unable to be answered immediately. If the office is unattended please ring the bell, if no one is in the office area a sign will be placed on the front desk to direct you where to go. The answering machine will also be turned on throughout the day please leave a message as it is checked regularly and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**REMINDER NEXT WEDNESDAY 24TH IS A PUPIL FREE DAY ALL WERRIMULL P-12 STAFF WILL BE HEADING TO OUYEN FOR A WRITING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER DAY.**
Happy Birthday

No birthdays this fortnight

Dates to Remember

**February**
- MMM Swimming: 19th February
- Pupil Free day: 24th February
- Red Food Day: 26th February

**March**
- Mallee Swimming: 2nd March
- Book Fair: 7th–11th March
- Immunisation: 8th March
- Labour Day Public Holiday: 14th March
- School Council Meeting & AGM 6pm: 16th March
- Additional Day of Kinda (4yr olds): 23rd March
- Red Food Day: 24th March
- Last day of Term 1, 200pm finish: 24th March

**April**
- First Day of Term 2: 11th April
- Yr 10&11 Work Experience: 18th–22nd April
- Red Food Day: 29th April

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CONTRACTORS LIST

Any contractor that is interested in completing any work for the Werrimull P-12 School throughout 2016 please contact the school on 50281251. The school is putting together its own list so as we ensure we contact local contractors when any jobs come up.

If you have any scraps of fabric and wool at home that you would like to donate to the school we will be using it for primary craft/PDT. No size is too small!!!

Thanks

Ms Hall
Millewa Pre-School

What's Happening
We’ve been busy settling in over the past few weeks, getting to know each other as individuals and learning to get along and work cooperatively as a group.

Last week we had our favourite Tuesday of the year, Pancake Tuesday, when we make yummy pancakes from scratch as a group. Cooking is a wonderful opportunity to practice basic maths and turn taking skills with the kindergarten group with counting and measuring of both liquids and solids. Hands on experiences of simple concepts such as these is very important in the early years and when they are enthusiastic about the exploration of it all it’s so much.

Shared Snack
At the Millewa Pre-School we have shared snack each day and ask that you bring along one thing to share each day with the rest of the group.
If you send along something bigger, such as a packet of dry biscuits, cheese or dried fruit, we don’t expect anything for the next week or two.

Shared Snack Ideas
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- **Dry biscuits (no more for now, we have plenty)**
- Dried fruit
- No nuts please for shared snack

As Mrs Narelle Wright continues with her studies she is learning all aspects of working as a co-educator in our kindergarten. Narelle’s role is not restricted to simply supporting me as the Early Childhood Teacher, as a co-educator she is expected to know the children as well as I do and participate in or direct their learning experiences throughout the year. Including all educators in this process is part of the essential succession planning for the Pre-School.

As a result, at least one afternoon a week Narelle will be working with our group while I take a step back to give her a chance to put into practise all that she has learnt so far. This will allow her to further develop her own learning and confidence as well as give the children the opportunity to see her as an important part of their learning journey at the Millewa Pre-School.

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Dear Parents

Below are the dates we have organised for 2016. These dates are subject to change BUT we will notify you early if this is the case. There are also some other dates e.g. camps that are still to be finalised and these will be sent home as soon as possible. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation around change of dates and the adding of new dates.

**TERM 1**

**February**
- 19<sup>th</sup> MMM Swim Sports (Secondary)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Pupil Free – Cluster Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Primary Swim Sports
- 26<sup>th</sup> Red Food

**March**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunraysia Swim Sports (Secondary)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 24<sup>th</sup> Red Food – Last Day of Term 2pm finish

**TERM 2**

**APRIL**
- 11<sup>th</sup> First day of Term
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 10 & 11 Work Experience
- 29<sup>th</sup> Red Food

**May**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Werrimull K – 12 Cross Country
- 5<sup>th</sup> Koorlong Cross Country (Primary)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sunraysia Cross Country (Primary/ Secondary)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mildura Arts Centre (MAC) excursion K – 6
- 27<sup>th</sup> Red Food

**June**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Winter Fair
- 14<sup>th</sup> Lightening Premiership (4 – 6)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Red Food – Last Day of Term 2pm finish

**July**
- 11<sup>th</sup> First Day of Term
- 26<sup>th</sup> MAC Excursion K – 6
- 29<sup>th</sup> Red Food

**August**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Werrimull K- 12 Athletics
- 26<sup>th</sup> Red Food
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mallee Athletics

**September**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mini Olympics 4 – 6
- 16<sup>th</sup> Red Food – Last day of Term 2pm finish

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