From the Principal

Professional Development

Last week as you are aware the staff travelled to Ouyen to participate in the Mallee Cluster Day where the focus was on writing and how to support student improvement in this area. It was extremely worthwhile for all learning areas and has added a new dimension to how we introduce our students to writing different text types. Along with spelling this is a major focus area and will inform our path going forward.

MMM and Mallee Swimming

We had a group of students participate in the final MMM swimming event on the 19th February. Due to all the Mallee schools getting smaller in numbers is was decided that from 2017 we will do things differently as a cluster to get the most out of the day for our students, this does not mean our students will be disadvantaged. All the students that participated put in a big effort and Mitchell Roads was successful in being selected to go to the next stage. Mitch has competed in the Mallee Swim today no doubt he will have put in another excellent effort.

Book Fair

Next week the Book Fair is open at the school, if you would like any information about this please contact the front office.

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Angus Crocket our only year 9 student has been attending the Alpine School since the start of this Term, and has been having an absolute ball. He has been participating in leadership courses and learning how to problem solve collaboratively. Mr Doug Whittle will visit him next week where Angus will present his Community Learning Project. In the past the students have come up with great events that have brought the community together and Angus will have something to continue this theme so please keep your eyes out for more information.

School Council

Just a reminder that school council information went home last week and the nomination forms are due back TOMORROW. Please consider being part of this wonderful school by nominating to join our school council. If you need a nomination form please contact the front office. The school council AGM is on WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 2016.
### Dates to Remember

#### 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 Mar
- 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

#### May

- Werrimull K-12 Cross Country: 2nd May
- Koorlong Cross Country (Primary): 5th May
- NAPLAN: 10th - 12th May

### Happy Birthday

- **Nathan Kingi**: 4th March
- **Gus Rowe**: 11th March

### Book Club

Please return your book club orders to Mrs Carter no later than Friday 11th MARCH

Thank you

### 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.
You're invited to our Book Fair!

Find these and hundreds more books at the fair!

All purchases benefit our school!

Date: 7th to 11th March
Time: 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm
Place: VCE Room Werrimull P-12 School

Kids who read SUCCEED!
What’s Happening

It has been wonderful to see the group get closer together as the term progresses and see the children working and playing with a range of their peers rather than settling into one social group. As they learn and play with different children of different ages, gender and interests they extend their own knowledge of the world around them and acceptable social behaviour.

This week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Della Walker, our Koorie Pre-School Assistant (KPSA) who comes out to us at least once each term from the Mallee District Aboriginal Service. When Della spends time with our three and four year old group she shares her cultural knowledge with the children and expands their understanding beyond the Millewa. She focuses on sharing stories with the children then following up with an art activity which relates to the story. We are very lucky to have Della visit us and look forward to her next visit with enthusiasm.

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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
♦ Dried fruit
♦ No nuts please for shared snack

Family Easter Day

The Millewa Pre-School invites all family members to join us for Easter celebrations on Tuesday 22 March at the Millewa Pre-School from 11am onwards.

There will be activities and shared lunch followed by an Easter egg hunt.

We ask that families bring a plate of food to share on the day.