



NEWSLETTER

Term 4
December 7th, 2016

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council Meeting @ 6pm	Wed 7 th Dec
School council dinner – Whitty café 6:30pm	
Prep-2 campout at school	Thur 8 th Dec
School Concert @ Cheshunt Hall	Thur 15 th Dec
Last day for students – normal 3:30 finish	Friday 16th Dec
Staff at school – Pupil Free (curric. Planning)	Mon 19 th Dec
Staff meeting – 1:00pm finish for staff	Tue 20 th Dec

Vacation Care Mon 16th - 27th Jan 2017

Staff return Mon 30th Jan, Pupil Free Tues 31st Jan

Students return Wednesday 1st February, 2017

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

LAST SOCIAL ENTERPRISE! Get your car washed and have a hot drink and some food. The school enterprise will be back next year. It might be a car wash and a café or it might be something else. We will also look at what cause we support as well. We are doing a Christmas special (there will be festive decorations and dress-ups) our aim is to make \$245.92 so we can hit \$3,000 currently we are on \$2,770.58 this social enterprise has been awesome! Let's make it even better.

By Cope and Edan



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

In social enterprise we have raised money to buy three communal water filter tanks. The school is called St Mary's girls boarding school located in Mautuma location of Likuyani sub-country of Kakamega country in Western Kenya. Likuyani is very hard to reach that is why the girls board. It is a public school with 350 primary students and a nursery with 45 students.

Their current water source is a nearby untreated stream, so it will be a nice belated Christmas present for them. These water filters will be delivered in January. The Life Straw company will not only provide water tanks but also education on how to use it, spare parts and check-ups for the next 3 years.

We are all very proud of what we have achieved. By Kalika and Claire

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Last week, Peter came down to the school and he talked to us about our Social Enterprise. We got awards for making money to get 3 water tanks for Kenya. Peter said we have been going good raising money for a school in western Kenya because without clean drinking water they will get sick. Corrie & Paul



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

On the 5th of December the grade 6's graduated for high school! Daphne and Summer waitressed from our school but there were different kids in year 5 that waited and waitressed as well. For the dances because there are more girls than boys, the girls just took in turns of the dances with the boys. The dances were the rhumba the fox trot, the waltz and jive and there was a group dance that the students made up. Then the parents got to come up and dance with their kids.

After all of that excitement each school got called up to get their certificate and then got a photo. Then the waiters got to serve out food that we cooked at cooking. After everyone was finished with the food we started to wash the dishes and clean up a bit. The night was heaps of fun and for the year 6's "it's a new phase of their lives" and we are all proud of them for getting this far. By Summer and Daphne



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END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

The Land of Freedom

At the end of the year we have a play and it's called the Land of Freedom. There's a boy named Harry and a girl named Grace they have a lot of crazy things happen to them. They go for a long journey they end up in Botany Bay in Sydney and do some really bad and funny things. They got sent to a children's factory to work and some of the kids stay there forever, some get bought to go work on farms, so they're basically slaves. They meet heaps of people on the way. Most scenes have songs and actions with them. We're really proud of our efforts we hope you enjoy it.

By Amy & Mikaylee



At the end of year play we have a lot of songs which most of them are played live by our school band and all have actions. Some of the songs Angus & Judd like are, 'We are Australian', 'It's a hard knock life', 'Waltzing Matilda' and 'What shall we do with a drunken sailor.' For 'It's a hard knock life' we use a backing track. The band has keyboard, drums bass guitar, and guitar. By Judd and Angus

Characters for the end of year school play

Our end of year play is about a brother and sister who are accused of stealing. Some of the characters are: Harry who is a boy who takes daring chances. Grace, (Harry's sister) is always very optimistic. The policemen, 1, 2 and 3 who are a bunch of silly people who think they are the best. Commander Dickens who is the policemen's boss. A cook who is a crazy person. Hamish who runs the children's factory, he has quite a temper. Elizabeth is Hamish's wife who is much nicer than Hamish. Ella a factory worker who always finds a good side to things and loves work. Tom runs a farm and is

mostly angry. Hannah, (Tom's wife) who is nice. Tarni, an Aboriginal girl who Harry and Grace find and befriend and Liza who protests for servants rights. I cannot wait for the play and then the next year. By Charlotte.R & Seamus.

TRANSITION –New Preps

Kody, Kayleb, and Aroha are the new preps. They have been coming on Monday's and today is their first full day. Today Kayleb and Aroha came on the bus to school. They are starting to make a lot of friends. Today they are making Christmas things. Kayleb gets on the bus at Amilie's bus stop. They are starting to like school a lot. By Zoi and Amilie.



Aroha

Kayleb

Kody



Literacy corner

HOME READING – END OF YEAR



Congratulations to the 100 nights + club:

Isabelle, Vera, Reuben, Casey, Melita, Emilio, Zoi, Mike, Toria, Judd, Paul, Corrie, Amilie, Angus, Charlotte P, Daphne, Mikaylee

Congratulations to the 200 nights + club:

Normie, Emily, Paige, Inanay, Claire, Wirra, Darcy, Kalika, Edan, Cope, Charlotte R, Summer, Tom, Lachlan, Xander, Bella, Viveka, Cheniqua

'THUMBS UP' AWARD

The Principal's 'Thumbs Up' Award recipients:

Casey: For being very organised at school and producing well-presented work.

Viveka: For helping write the great end of year play.

Cheniqua: For her great mentoring of younger students with revising and editing work.

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

Last Monday was a big night for Wirra and Tom. Both performed in the annual Whitfield District Primary School instrumental concert. Wirra played guitar with Isabelle and Darcy. They performed a picking piece simply called No. 7 and No. 8. Wirra felt a bit nervous but did an excellent job. Tom performed in a group with Xander. Tom played a picking solo on guitar called 'Aura Lee'. Then strumming gently, Xander performed '3 String Blues'. Then the pair strummed 'Absolutely Everybody'. Tom felt great after the performance. This year's band (or should we say ensemble) performed two well-known pieces called 'Star Wars' and 'It's a long way to the top' by AC/DC. Everyone did brilliantly and can't wait until next year. By Tom and Wirra



PREP – 2 SLEEPOVER

Thursday the P-2's have a sleepover at the school. We will set up the tents on the oval. Then we will have a play. We will get sticks for the camp fire. Then we will make pizza for dinner. Then we will roast the marshmallows. Yummy. When we finish eating the marshmallows we will sing songs together. Then we will go in to the maze to find bugs and spiders. Then we go to the toilets to brush our teeth. Then we go to bed. Good night. Some of our favourite parts our eating marshmallows, eating pizza, and finding bugs and spiders. By Ollie and Emilio



The forecast is not looking so great for campout – but we will go ahead and alter our activities (movie) and sleeping arrangements (inside) if the rain persists. Too difficult to reschedule with so few days left (and it would be a shame for them to miss out). Thank you, Dianne & Mark.

All school newsletters are available on the **NEW LOOK school website;**
www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

REPORTS

Student's semester 2 reports will come home from school on Thursday 15th December.

School Concert

As you will have already read, the school concert is on **Thursday 15th December** at the **Cheshunt Hall**. Students will need to be at the hall by **6:30pm**. The show will start at 7pm sharp.

Next week from Monday 12th through to Thursday 15th Dec, the whole school will be rehearsing at the Cheshunt Hall. We will be leaving school at 9:30am each morning and returning around recess time. We will be travelling on Wendy's coach each of these days.

END OF YEAR – VACATION CARE

Friday 16th December is the last day for students in 2016. The bus will run as normal and school will conclude at 3:30pm. OSH will operate as normal and finish at 6pm for the year.

Staff will be at school on Monday 19th Dec for a 2017 planning day. Staff will also be present for a staff meeting on Tuesday 20th Dec. with the school officially closed from 1pm.

VACATION CARE

Vacation Care will operate from **Monday 16th January – Friday 27th January, 2017**.

A booking sheet has gone home today. Please return before the end of school. This assists with staffing as well as ensure your children don't miss out on a place if it is booked out for a particular day or excursion.

Otherwise, bookings can be made via the OSH mobile **0448 298 467**.

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Staff return on Monday 30th January.

Students first day - Wednesday 1st February.

Feeling Safe: For Primary School Students

Get the facts

This fact sheet is about making sure you know how to keep safe. It gives you the facts about what to do if someone is hurting you or your friends or making you feel unsafe.

What are your rights?

- Everyone has the right to feel safe and be protected.
- No one is allowed to threaten you, hurt you or touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.



How do I know if something is wrong?

- Every relationship should be respectful.
- It is wrong for anyone to hurt you or make you feel unsafe, uncomfortable or afraid.
- Remember a person doesn't have to physically hurt or touch you to be doing the wrong thing.
- Even if you are not sure, if something doesn't feel right you should tell an adult who can help you.

What should I do if I feel unsafe?

- Tell an adult you trust – telling someone won't get you in trouble.
- If you feel threatened, unsafe, or if you feel uncomfortable about how someone is touching you, talking to you, or treating you, you should tell a trusted adult.
- You can tell a teacher or any adult at your school. They will be able to help you.
- You can also tell your parent, carer, or any family member or adult you trust.
- Even if the person who is making you feel like this has asked you not to tell anyone, you should still talk to an adult. It is more important that you are safe and protected.

What should I do if I am worried that someone I know is unsafe?

- Tell an adult you trust.
- You can tell a teacher or any adult at your school.
- They will be able to help your friend or the person you are worried about.
- You can also tell your parent, carer, or any family member or adult that you trust.
- Even if the person who you are worried about has asked you not to tell anyone, you should still talk to an adult. It is more important to make sure that your friend is safe and protected.

What will happen if I tell an adult at the school that I feel unsafe, or that I think my friend is unsafe?

- Adults at your school must listen to your concerns and help.
- In some cases the adult at school may need to tell another adult about your concerns so that you, or the person you know can be protected.
- Adults at your school can provide you with support and make sure you don't have to deal with this alone.

What if I don't feel like I can talk to anyone at my school?

- If you don't feel like you can talk to an adult at your school, you can talk to your parent or carer.
- If you don't feel like you can talk to your parent or carer, you can talk to another adult within your family. This may be an aunt, uncle, a step parent, or a grandparent.
- If you don't feel like you can talk to any of these adults, you should still try and find an adult that you can trust, and that you can talk to.
- You don't need to deal with things on your own.

There are many people who can help you. Here are some other suggestions:

- visit eHeadspace (which provides an online and a Gam-tam telephone support service) www.eheadspspace.org.au or 1800 650 850.
- call KidzHelp Line on 1800 55 1800 or visit www.kidzhelpline.com.au for 24 hour support
- call or visit your local police station or call 000.

