



NEWSLETTER

Term 1
February 22nd, 2017

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming away 11:30-2:30:	23rd, 24th 28th Feb 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 9th March
Grade 6 Sailing Camp	6th - 10th March
Labor Day (Public Holiday)	Mon 13th March
Grade 3-4 Camp (15 Mile Ck)	14th - 17th March
School council & AGM @ 7pm	Tues 21st March
Cluster Music Day / Tabloid sports	Thur 23rd March
Parent/student/teacher interviews	29th - 30th March
Term 1 ends 2:30pm	Fri 31st March

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

The school calendar dates in the pink text box above, provide you with the excursions and events that are happening at the school in the next few weeks. It is important that parents take notice of the events and dates (write them in your dairy/calendar), as we now have the general permission form for local school excursions during school times.

Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge !

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council is the AGM (followed by a school council meeting) It will be held on **Tuesday 21st March @ 7.00pm**. All parents have been supplied with a Self-Nomination Form – please return these if you are interested in joining school council. All parents, regardless of whether you are on school council or not, are welcome to attend. Please consider being part of this fantastic group that help shape the direction of our school. School council meets at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

PREPS REST DAYS

The new preps will continue to have rest days each Wednesday. Full week begins after the Labour Day public holiday.

OSH

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for OSH or to cancel a permanent booking. Please do not ring the school number for OSH or changes to end of school day arrangements.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

In Integrated Studies this term we are learning about dinosaurs and fossils. We are doing dinosaurs in four topics of our learning; Science, Maths, English and Integrated Studies itself. In Science most student brought rocks to show the class and investigate their rocks. Most of the rocks were quite different.



Numeracy corner

In Maths we are making graphs of data found this term, e.g. Allosaurus length =12m, height=5m and weight =4 tonnes. We chose an area to work on. There were around 14 dinosaurs and the minimum dinosaurs to graph were 8.



Literacy corner



In English we are reading 'Dinotopia' the book and doing reading responses in our reading journals. The book is fiction but the dinosaurs in the book are not. And in Integrated Studies we are learning even more about all these things. By Cope



PARENT HELPERS

A huge thank you to all the parents that have helped out in many ways already this year ☺

Thank you to the parents that have offered to help with the swimming program and to help listen to students read so far.

Thanks to Rosie (Wednesday's) and Nicky (Thursday's) who have offered to listen to our little ones read. Please contact the school if you too would like to listen to reading. Thanks

	Swimming helper		Swimming helper
Tuesday 21st Feb	Jill & Kate L	Thursday 2nd March	Lindy, Kate L, Nikki
Thursday 23rd Feb	Sammy, Kate L, Nikki	Friday 3rd March	Rosie & Kate L
Friday 24th Feb	Suz & Kate L	Tuesday 7th March	Lindy, Kate L & Jill
Tuesday 28th Feb	Suz & Kate L & Jill	Thursday 9th March	Sammy, Kate L, Nikki

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HOME READING

We again have 'Home Reading' this year across the school. These little yellow books (P-2) and green books (3-6) have lots of great tips for parents to help their child learn to read and they have sticker awards to reward the children for their efforts. Praise and encouragement goes a long way and can be added to the comments section as well.

We will have a number of students who will reach their 25 nights certificate by the next newsletter. Well done!



CAMPS

Reminder that the grade 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the cluster. Information, permission & medical forms for this camp were sent home last week. The camp is from Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th March. Please return these forms this week. Students need to be dropped off at the camp on Tuesday by 10am and collected from the camp on Friday 1pm.

PAYMENT PLANS

Invoices/accounts for swimming and excursions will be sent home this week. As the year progresses we have many great excursions and camps to offer our students. The school and parents association subsidise a great proportion of the cost of these. We do rely on the payments from parents that we ask for. If you hold a current Health Care Card, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). Money is paid to the school to use for your child's Camps and Excursion costs. Forms were sent home at the start of the year. Contact the school for more information.

As for previous years, parents are able to plan ahead and make payments towards camps and excursions coming up – or to pay off existing excursions in instalments.

Remember to make sure your family name is in any EFT – internet banking transfers.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) details:

Acc. Name: Whitfield District Primary School

Acc. Number: 10107371

BSB Number: 063-531

'THUMBS UP' AWARD

The Principal's 'Thumbs Up' Award recipients are students that have been seen doing great things at our school. The latest recipients are:

Normie: For being a great partner in class and using her fantastic reading skills to teach the younger ones.

Kody: For his great start to school and fantastic reading practice at home.

Amy: For a great start to the cooking program by trying new foods and always willing to help.

GARDENING

Last week in gardening everyone had to do their catch up weeding for the time we didn't weed over the holiday. Every week you work on your garden bed with your buddy and hopefully by the end of the year it looks fabulous. Every Monday we have cooking. We normally pick some veggies in the morning and use them. Today we harvested capsicums, cucumber, tomatoes, corn, zucchinis, eggplants and chives. By Mikaylee



Excess Garden Produce

Is your garden producing more than you can use, preserve or you had so many that you simply don't want to see any more of them?

Then the Kitchen Garden program may be able to use your excess produce. Please let the school know and we will check if Carla can use them in the Monday cooking session.

Email: van.bergen.mark.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

EVERY DAY COUNTS – school attendance

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Remember...

*Phone the school **5729 8286**,

*Phone or text the principal **0428 298 286**,

*email whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

*or supply **a note** before or after the absence.

COOKING

Today at cooking the year 3's made Thai chicken soup. It had beans, corn and chili from our garden.

At kitchen 2 there was grilled eggplant, capsicum and goats cheese salad. It had eggplant and capsicum from our garden.

At kitchen 3 there was cucumber, haloumi and cherry tomato salad. It had cucumber and cherry tomatoes from our garden.

At kitchen 4 there was Grilled yellow capsicum and bocconcini. There was no produce from our garden in it

At kitchen 5 there were peach friands which were the dessert. There was no produce from our garden in it. But thanks to the Manning's for the peaches. By Edan



SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS

If your child is having a 'sleepover' at another student's house and is catching the bus to get there, please notify Wendy. It is important that the bus rolls are accurate.

Please call Wendy in the morning if your child is not catching the bus to school (and usually does).

Mobile **0418 989 938**, and she is also on

UHF Ch 40 and Satellite Ph:**0406 327 214**

Thanks ☺

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Students are currently identifying and researching social causes that interest them. The students will then create presentations and the whole school will preference them and this will decide the social cause we support this year. We will then evaluate and decide on an enterprise for 2017. This may be similar to last year's car wash & café, it may be improved and modified or it may be completely different. We will keep you posted throughout this term and hope to have a student run enterprise by the end of the term.

LIBRARY and ART

In Library we were researching animals, like fruit bats, and we make them to take home or use as display so others can see what we made and we put facts on the side of the animal we made. In Art we are doing dot painting (pointillism). In dot painting you only can do dots. And sometimes we do line painting and you get to do whatever you want to do. With dot painting some people did, fruit, fire or people, all sorts of things. We look at other people's paintings to get ideas of what to paint. We do art every second week. We do library every first week. And we have fun.

By Corrie



All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

Cluster Music Day / Tabloid Sports

Thursday 23rd March

Students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (9-12-year-olds) from the King Valley Cluster schools will have a day of experiencing Indigenous Music at Whitfield District Primary School. During the day they will participate in music workshops that expose them to a variety of indigenous instruments, dance, and songs.

We were successful with our grant application from The King Valley Arts Committee; this will help with the costs on the day. We are very fortunate to have Sani Townsend attend the day and provide workshops for the students. Sani has danced with the Bangarra Dance Theatre and is a well-known Australian performer and choreographer.

The day's program will begin at 10.00am (gather at 9.45am). F-2 students will walk to the Whitfield Recreation Reserve and they will be participating in Tabloid sports with the other cluster students.

Sani Townson will perform with the students in the afternoon, and the students will present a simple vocal piece developed during the day. Parents and people from the local community will be invited to attend this performance at 2:00pm. The F-2 students will also see the performance.

All students are required to bring a packed lunch, hat and drink bottle on this day.

FREE Working with Children Check for parents and school volunteers.

Whitfield District Primary School provides a safe and secure environment for students and staff. The school has established protocols and procedures that effectively monitor and manage visitors without compromising the open and inclusive nature of the school. Visitors (parent, grandparents) are always welcome and actively encouraged to be part of the students learning. School staff monitor and manage all visitors and hold the *duty of care* at all times during school.

If you are interested in helping out on camps, a Working with Children Checks is *mandatory* for attending school camps. The working with children check is **free** for volunteers. The check is valid for 5 years and takes 10 minutes to complete online (this was tested with a parent today). You then just take the printed page into Australia Post (Wang or Benalla) – show photo ID and they will take your photo for the card for free. Done!

This card is also handy for other volunteer organisations like children's sporting clubs and groups that require the WWCC.

Any questions, or if you'd like to complete the online application at school. Please contact me at the school.

Thanks, Mark Van Bergen (Principal)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Second hand school uniforms

The school currently has a number of second hand items in its collection. We probably have too many items, so parents are welcome to have a look and take items that would be suitable for their child, just see any of the staff. Thank you to the parents that have donated uniform items that their children have grown out of.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

The school continues to run Social and Emotional Literacy as part of our curriculum. The year 3-6's will be doing this on Mondays afternoon in term 1 & 3. Dianne's class will be doing this in terms 2 & 4.

We are building on students' knowledge of the past 2 years of SEL. The 3-6's in term 3 will be 'making' iMovies, songs, meditations, board games, booklets and posters about the six areas of learning. This will showcase their knowledge and provide a great resource for future students to use and learn.



This week's topic was 'character strengths' Ask your grade 3-6 child about what we did.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whitfield Community Childcare is taking enrolments now!

Contact:

Jess Young - 0413 119 172

Kate Walsh - 0401 537 213

whitfieldcommunitychildcare@gmail.com



Childcare is looking for donations of quality toy prams or balance bikes – if you have such an item that you no longer use the childcare children would greatly appreciate it.