

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Exceptional Educational Experiences

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Year 6 Sailing Camp	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Labor Day (Public Holiday – no school)	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Cooking – Year 3-6	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Parent/student/teacher interviews	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March
School council & AGM @ 7pm	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3-4 Camp (15 Mile Ck)	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Term 1 ends @ 2:30pm (Osh ends at 5pm)</b>	<b>Thur 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>

OSHC Vacation care: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April  
For bookings call or text 0448 298 467

#### **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 diary/calendar), as we now have the general permission form for local school excursions during school times.

**Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge !**

**All school newsletters are available on the school website;**

[www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au)

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next School Council meeting is the AGM. It will be held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00pm**. Parents have been supplied with a Self-Nomination Form – please return these if you are interested in joining school council. School Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. 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.

#### **PREPS REST DAYS**

The Preps will begin their full week next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **OSHC NEWS**

Our OSHC is taking bookings for the school holidays. If you would like to book your child in for fun, craft and games for the holidays or to make a booking for after school please ring

Pam on **0448 298 467**. Please do not ring the school number for OSH or changes to end of school day arrangements.

#### **'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:

**Aroha:** For making big improvements in swimming and water confidence.

**Paul:** For improving in swimming and having a really positive attitude to all activities.

#### **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](mailto:whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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

#### **BUSHFIRE FOLLOW UP**

In association with our Student Support Services we have attached a helpful fact sheet with ideas on how to support your children (and yourselves) after the bushfire last week. If you would like your child to receive support in any way please don't hesitate to contact the school and we can refer them to the Student Support Services. A big thankyou goes to all our local CFA members, school families and staff who all pulled together in a stressful situation.

#### **PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER Interviews**

These occur on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March. A timetable of interviews came home today. Please contact the school by **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** if the allocated time does not suit so you can book another day with staff.

#### **CAMPS – Year 6 Sailing Camp & Year 3/4 Outdoor School Camp**

The Year 6's left on Tuesday for their King Valley Cluster Sailing and Transition camp in Rye from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March.

The Year 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the our Cluster. Information, booklet and medical forms for this camp have gone home today. Please fill these in and **return by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. The camp is from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Students

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need to be dropped off at the camp on Monday by 10am and collected from the camp on Thursday by 1pm.

### **FREE Volunteers 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 currently helping or interested in helping out with our cooking program, reading with the younger children, camps or excursions, a Volunteer Working with Children Check is mandatory in all Victorian State Schools. The working with children check is **free** for volunteers. The check is valid for 5 years and takes 10 minutes to complete online (see [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)). You then just take the printed page into Australia Post (Wangaratta or Benalla) – show your 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!  
Claire Bradbury (Acting Principal)

### **SWIMMING 'Thanks' FOR PARENT HELPERS**

Thank you to the parents that helped with the swimming program. The extra hands mean that our younger swimmers get twice as much practice than would otherwise be possible.

### **WANGARATTA YOUNG WRITERS AWARD**

Details of this competition has been attached to our newsletter. If you are interested in this please pick up an entry from either Wangaratta Council or our school office.

### **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

We participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Wednesday last week. We divided into three groups to clean up our school, the



Whitfield Recreation Reserve and the local township. Overall we didn't find a lot of rubbish which is great!



### **HOME READING**

**We have a number of students who have already reached their 25 nights' certificate. Well done!**



### **Congratulations 25 nights home reading:**

Inanay, Johann, Tobias, Casey, Isabelle, Owen, Wirra, Kalika, Charlotte, Emily, Zoi.



## Literacy corner

### **SWIMMING AT THE YMCA By Wirra and Cope**

This year the swimming program at the YMCA had two groups. The strokes we learned were freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, survival backstroke and sculling head and feet first. The entries



we learnt were compact jump, slide-in front and back and step-in entry. The dives included shallow dive, deep dive and kneeling dive. Other things we learnt were treading water and tumble turns at the end of the pool. Tuesday was our last lesson and we got to have free time and purchase a treat at the café.

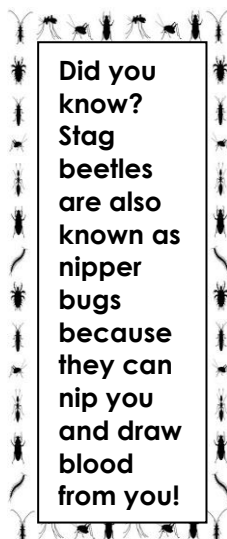
### **ART By Ollie and Paul**

In Art, our teacher Mrs Moore has been teaching us about patterns and an artist called Gaudie. The way that Gaudie died went like this. He was looking at the church that he had made. He had not finished the church yet, but when he stood back, a tram came and hit him, that is how he died. We

have also been doing patterns and shapes. We had to colour in the shapes and then we told the teacher what we would use this shape for. We had to stick it in, clean the room then we could go to lunch.

### FACTS ABOUT MINI BEASTS by Emilio

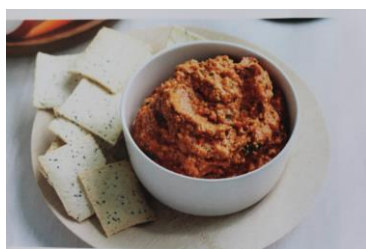
Did you know?



\* The goliath tarantula is about the size of a dinner plate, and the smallest spider is the size of a full stop.  
 \*Most spiders have a poisonous bite that they use to stun or kill their prey.  
 \* Female spiders are usually bigger and more poisonous than male spiders.  
 \* Tarantula and sun spiders crush their victims with their very powerful and strong jaws  
 \*the black widow spider pumps venom into its prey

### COOKING by Claire and Amy

In cooking we did not use meat but instead we used lots and lots of produce from our garden. There were blueberry and banana pancakes, mini carrot muffins, white bean salad, roast capsicum dip with bread and much more. Linda is doing a great job with her new role as the cooking teacher. **Could we please have any glass jars from home, because we are preserving our produce from the garden, thank you!**



#### Roast Capsicum Dip

**Ingredients:** (need jars )

- One red capsicum
- 150g of feta cheese
- One garlic clove

- One small red chilli (de-seeded)
- 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley leaves
- A pinch of salt

**Method:**

1. Roast capsicum in oven for 10-15 minutes or until skin is blistering.
2. Take the roasted capsicum out of the oven and place it in a plastic bag for ten minutes.
3. Peel skin away from capsicum and finely chop.
4. Process capsicum, garlic, feta, chili, and parsley in a blender until smooth.
5. Place in bowls and refrigerate until ready to eat.

### JUDD'S MOTOCROSS RACE by Judd

On the weekend, Dad and I got up and got all of our stuff ready to go racing, we washed my bike, washed my chest amour because it had mud on it and I got my clothes bag ready. Then we went to the Cobram motocross track. When we got there I went to one of my friends, Jake, and we walked the track and talked for a bit. Later on Reece came with Kie and Dillan. Reece bought his TV and Xbox 360 we played on the Xbox and played the game MX VS ATV. Then Reece and I played with the toy motorbikes and made a track. Then I had pasta dinner then we went out on the track and got a ride on the golf buggy then went to sleep. The next day the riders briefing started and we had to listen to the safety rules, then it was practise. We looked at the list and we were dead last in practice and races, so we waited about 30 minutes and then it was practise for the 65, and I went out about 8<sup>th</sup>. The track was good but a bit wet. We waited about an hour and then went out for our first race, but we had to wait another hour because there was a massive crash. I had an alright start but I got a good place, the track was better than before and I came 4<sup>th</sup>. I waited another two hours then went out to the start gate and got a pretty good start. The track was good but I had a massive crash and went over the bars and came in 7<sup>th</sup> in that race. I went straight back out and the track was awesome and I came 4<sup>th</sup> overall, then we went home.

