

NEWSLETTER

Term 3
August 21st, 2018

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

School council @ 7pm - Tonight	Tues 21st Aug
5-6's Wang High Expo Day	Wed 22nd Aug
Bike Ride Day (rail trail)	Fri 24th Aug
Ski camp yr 4-6 (optional)	Wed 29th – 31st Aug
Snow Day @ Mt. Buffalo	Fri 31st Aug
Cooking	Mon 3rd & 17th Sept
Music Viva cluster performance @ Whitfield	Wed 5th Sep
3-6 Social Enterprise – TRIVIA NIGHT– 6pm	Fri 14th Sept
School Council @ 7pm	Tues 18th Sep
End of term 3	Fri 21st Sep

BIKE RIDE

Permission notes and information regarding the bike ride this Friday has come home today.

Could you please sign and return these permission forms ASAP. (Tomorrow would be great).

The weather is looking great. If you would like to join us on the ride, please contact me at the school by Thursday morning. Thank you.

SKI CAMP

Information and clothing lists regarding ski camp next week has come home today. Please ensure you get this information from your child. Contact Dianne or Mark if you have any questions regarding the details or equipment.

SNOW DAY

The school Snow Day will be next Friday the 31st of August. This is a fantastic family day. Information and permission forms have come home today. Please send these back as soon as possible as we need to organise the transport arrangements by Monday (hopefully) before the ski camp.

OSHC

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for Outside School Hours Care. Please also use this number for afterschool arrangements as this phone is always checked just before dismissal at 3:30pm.

'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:

Corrie: For his willingness to have a go at everything in class and offering to take on tasks.

Casey: For showing leadership in group activities, such as dance.

Ollie: For his willingness to have a go at everything in class and offering to take on tasks.

Kody: For practicing his maths skills on the maths trainer and learning some times tables.

Students can use the multiplication trainer at home to hone their skills for 5-10 minutes. The web address is

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/math-trainer-multiply.html>

HOT LUNCHES

A big thank you to Laing's and Rach for the Vegetable soup and trifle, and to Petra and Nicole T for dumplings and cookies. Last week we had schnitzels and pudding from Tara and Cath. Hot lunches are provided for just \$3.00.

HOME READING

We have a number of students who have already reached their 150 nights' certificate.



Congratulations 25 nights home reading:

Joah, Edan

Congratulations 100 nights home reading:

Aroha, Nina,

Congratulations 125 nights home reading:

Johann, Tobias, Ned, Emilio, Emily

Congratulations 150 nights home reading:

Casey

Congratulations 200 nights home reading:

Claire, Kalika, Zoi

SAME DAY REPORTING OF UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Thank you to parents that have contacted us before 9am to advise us of their child's absence. It really helps us here at a small school in not having to chase up absences during the teaching day. Thank you ☺

Please text 0428 298 286 or phone 57 298 286 for all absences by 9am please.

YEAR 6 – Back & Beyond – 15 Mile Ck

From Monday 13th – Friday 17th the Whitfield year sixes went to 15 Mile Creek for the 'Back and Beyond' camp. Cope and I were in group 1 and our group was called the BMX bandicoots. Our group was named this because at 15 MC there is a hill called Mars Bar Hill that is real steep, so, our group made a mountain bike track. This will help people for getting up the hill. It is easier and nicer than the road. People will also be using this track for an upcoming mountain bike race happening in December. All the camp was based around leadership, co-operation and finding our strengths. On Tuesday night our group ran the night, including food and activities. We chose pizza for dinner and dessert pizza for dessert. We ran a nighttime flying fox and campfire for the activities. It all went well. On Wednesday it was the other groups turn to run the night. They chose to play games that night. It went well also. As well as the night, we still had day activities. Our group could choose three sessions of our choice. Our choices were bike riding, rock climbing and raft building. Everyone in our group had fun with all the activities. On Thursday it was project day, this is when we built the mountain bike track. And that night we did orienteering which was fun. And on Friday we showed everyone our projects and went home.

By Amilie and Cope.



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www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

YEAR 6 – Back & Beyond – 15 Mile Ck

From Monday to Friday there was a Back and Beyond camp at 15 Mile Creek. There were two groups, the BMX Bandicoots and the Wildlife Warriors. The focus of the camp was on co-operation, strengths and leadership. Many of the activities involved team building too. We learnt how to work with different people and use our skills in activities. Things like raft building, seesaw, sensory trail and lots more needed co-operation, leadership, ect.

On Monday the Wildlife Warriors played some games, had a tour of the camp, found out our groups as well as our group leaders who were Bree and Matt. In the afternoon, we did some team activities like, blind sensory trail. We had to pair up and lead each other through a course and then swap. We did the seesaw; the whole group had to try to balance the seesaw with everyone on.

On Tuesday we did our chosen activities, riding bikes out to Barts Bark Hut, doing the skills track along the way and then went to the dam. At the dam, we built a raft and got to the other side and back. On the way back we went through the big puddle. We then went back out on bikes again this time to the rock-climbing wall. We split into two groups, one with Bree and one with Matt. That night the BMX Bandicoots ran the night. We had pizza for dinner and dessert pizzas for dessert. We went on the flying fox in the dark and played games.



On Wednesday we did orienteering, it was raining. But we still did it. There were three maps green 1, 2 and 3, blue 1 and 2 and red 1 and 2. Green was the easiest it was just around the camp, blue was larger and red was the hardest. We then planned for a night that we had to run, we cooked pasta and golden syrup dumplings. We then decided on games to play. In the afternoon we made nesting boxes, but we had limited time so we just designed the front with burners. We then got the food ready for our night. We then ate and

started playing some games. We played spotlight first with 22 kids and some of the teachers, we then played disease it's pretty much gang up tag, it was fun. We then played sardines, one person would hide and the rest would search, once found you would hide with the person, we then played Chinese whispers, it turned out okay.

Thursday: We started making our nesting boxes in the morning people started finishing their designs and drilling them together. On one side there was the hole and lines for grip. There was a foyer on the inside so the animals could climb over into the bigger space. There were wood shavings in the bigger part for insulation. Once we put them together we put a coat of oil on them for protection. Once we did that we looked for a spot to put them while they dried. We also had a visit from a lady from Landcare and she brought a pole camera to look in the few nesting boxes that were still up. There was nothing in there. Once the nesting boxes had dried we put them up. On the way back we found a kangaroo skull, we put it on the end of a stick and called it Dead Darren.



On Friday we presented our projects. We started by showing them a video presentation then taking the other group on a tour to see all our nest boxes Dead Darren was our tour guide. The BMX Bandicoots took us on the bikes to see their mountain bike track. It went up mars bar hill, it was so much more fun than the actual hill. After that we had a BBQ lunch and went home ☺

By Kalika, Charlotte and Edan

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

We are going to be running our **TRIVIA NIGHT** on Friday 14th September at the Whitfield Recreation reserve.

The main meal will be different curries. There will be dessert too and child minding for the little ones. All the 3-6's will be involved in running the night. Please save the date and support the students enterprise. More info to come soon.

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN!

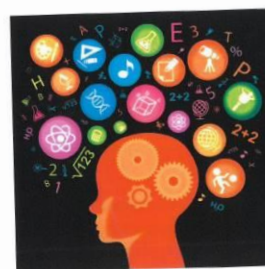
Come to Whitfield Recreation Reserve on **Friday 14th September at 6:30pm** to have the best Trivia Night of your life! We will provide food for all!

Bring your kids and we will take care of them and provide activities for them. The cost of the Trivia Night is:

\$10 per person (over 12 years old)

\$5 for under 12 years old

The money raised will go to Claire Crossman (wildlife rescue) for blankets, heat pads, milk formula and pouches. It will also go to conservation of the Great Barrier Reef. The Whitfield District Primary School students will be running the Trivia Night.



2018 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Parents have already been invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The Parent Opinion Survey closes this week **Sunday 26th August**.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. Parents will receive the login details today with the newsletter. Please speak to the principal if you have misplaced the login details or would like more information.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.



Literacy corner

BOOK WEEK

It is book week this week and today we had an author – Stacey Welsh come to the school and show us her picture story books, read them and answer questions.

Student articles may appear in the next edition of the newsletter (it was only this morning!)

