



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Exceptional Educational Experiences

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Feb Swimming – away 11:30-2:45**  
21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, & 1<sup>st</sup> March

Italian Day @ Moyhu PS	Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Year 6 Sailing Camp	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Labor Day (Public Holiday)	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March
School council & AGM @ 7pm	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Parent/student/teacher interviews	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Term 1 ends 2:30pm	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April

### 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 !**

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council is the AGM (followed by a school council meeting) It will be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00pm**. 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. Self-Nomination forms are available at the school. School council meets at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

### PREPS REST DAYS

The new preps will 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.

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

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

### 'THUMBS UP' AWARD

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

**Ethan:** For his courage and great progress in swimming lessons.

**Reuben:** For his good focus and efforts in his first few cooking sessions.

**Casey:** For always 'having a go' and contributing to all class discussions.

**Judd:** For his great leadership in his cooking group.



## Numeracy corner

The school has purchased Mathletics for all students again this year. Students are able to log in at home and do some additional maths practice. Log in details remain the same for all existing students.

Students login and password details for Mathletics and Reading Eggs will be pasted into the inside front cover of their Home Reading books for use at home.

### 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 and cooking program. Please contact the school if you too would like to listen to the Year F-3 students reading in the mornings too. Thank you ☺

	Swimming helper		Swimming helper
Thursday 21st Feb	Ben J / [green highlight]	Tuesday 26th Feb	Dave G / Kate W
Friday 22nd Feb	Jacob / Kate G	Friday 1st March	Jess / Liss
Monday 25th Feb	Liss / Dave G		

The **green highlight** indicates where there are still spaces available if you would like to help. Please send a note, text or call the school if you can assist with any of these dates. Thanks ☺

Term 1	Cooking helper	Term 2	Cooking helper
Tuesday 5th March	Rosie /	Tuesday 30th April	Rosie /
Tuesday 19th March	Dave G /	Tuesday 14th May	Sandy / Christos
Tuesday 2nd April	Kaye /	Tuesday 28th May	Caz / Sandy
		Tuesday 11th June	Nikki S /
		Tuesday 26th June	Rosie / Nikki S

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## SWIMMING

On Friday we started swimming lessons we refreshed ourselves with some of the strokes. We got in two groups, there were some 3's, 4's, 5's and 6's at the Y M C A. The younger kids went to Moore's. We did back stroke, free style, floating and diving. We enjoyed it very much but our legs almost fell off!

I wish we did swimming all the time, we had a lot of fun. By Normie and Delilah



**Our 2019 swimming program will continue this Thursday and Friday and then into next week (Mon, Tues, Fri). Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to come and help out at Moore Than Swimming.**

## CAMPS

We learnt how to communicate well with a partner and in a group. Group 1 decorated nesting boxes and they made a who am I nature trail. Group 2 made a sand pit out of logs and they made a see-saw, they put all their names on a sign. The sand pit is called Sandy the sand pit. Every day we played table tennis and king of the rings. Group 1's name was the 'Killer Drop Bears', Group 2's name was the 'Feisty Foxes'. In aquatics, we played a game with ping-pong balls where you had to collect as many ping-pong balls as you can. On Bike riding, we went up Mars Bar Hill and went down the Dino Trail and there is a board walk that you ride on, there was a rusty broken down car in the bush too. By Judd and Wirra



The Year 6's have a King Valley Cluster Sailing and Transition camp in Rye from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March. Students will complete a Yachting Australia –Start Sailing 1 course, and will have an awesome time while doing it. Forms for this camp have come home today. Please return them to the school ASAP.

## PAYMENT PLANS

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. CSEF forms for concession card holders went home earlier in the year, if you need another form we have more at the school.

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



# Literacy corner

## HOME READING

The students have started their 'Home Reading' with most students reading each night. The 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. Your help and nightly practice is vital. Reading at home has many benefits for your child and you.



## 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**, she is also on **UHF Ch 40**

Thanks ☺

## Gardening

It's the season that we have been waiting for! We picked tomatoes, eggplant, squash, zucchini, lots of apple cucumber, cucumbers, basil, oregano, mint, rosemary, chives and garlic.

We had to do lots of weeding when we came back from our holidays.

The beans have not been producing because it's too hot and the bees have not been pollinating the flowers.

There is not much water in the tank, we need more rain!!!

It's been a bit humid and hot which has made gardening unpleasant.

We are cooking Tuesday and we will be using gardening produce. By Milly and Toria



## COOKING

We made crepes (sweet and savoury). We had tomato and basil on savoury and on the sweet we had banana and strawberries. This week we are doing Italian dishes. We have lots of produce for cooking. Every fortnight we do cooking and the food is delicious.

By Emily & Paul.



## CRICKET CLINIC

On Wednesday, we learnt how to play cricket and cricket activities. There were four activities involved with cricket. We also played some Cricket games like snowball figgy with Cricket balls. A Cricket stars person called Charles visited us, he was the one who taught us how to play the Cricket games. At the end of the

Cricket Clinic, Charles gave us sheets of paper for a Cricket program for signing up for learning about how to play Cricket. My favourite was bowling because it was exactly like bowling but you had to roll the ball to someone else. By Owen and Zachari.



## BUDDIES – NEW PREPS

We have got our new buddies and welcomed some new kids. Our two new preps are Ethan & Maya. We also have a new year 5 student, Robert. We have made buddy posters with our new buddies. Here are the new buddy partners: Ned & Ethan, Emilio & Rueben, Amy & Maya, Judd & Tobias, Wirra & Kody, Paul & Johann, Zac & Joah, Milly & Nina, Robert & Mike, Zoi & Aroha, Emily & Ruby, Ollie & Hope, Owen & Casey, Toria & Lachlan, Normie & Vera and Delilah & Inanay.

By Ned & Emilio



## NEW ARRIVALS

The two baby chicks hatched, one last Wednesday and one was born on Thursday, which was Valentine's Day. They are less than a week old. The mother is a brown and white hen that is very protective plus the chicks are white. The chicks eat crushed Weetbix. The tiny chicks are cute and fluffy. Robert and Casey



## 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 School **0428 298 286**,

\*Email [whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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

The school must be informed of all absences by 9am. Same day reporting of absences legislation that was introduced in July last year, means that if your child is absent and we haven't received notification, the school must then contact the parents regarding the absence. It really helps us here at a small school if we don't to chase up absences during the teaching day. Thank you ☺

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

We will be doing our own Whitfield Community Clean Up on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 9:00-10:00am.**

If you would like to join us, meet us at our assembly area at 9am.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Second hand school uniforms

The school currently has some second hand items in its collection. 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.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### NetSetGO – GO – Competition

We are looking for students from the Valley Cluster Schools to take part in Saturday Morning Netball.

**Saturday Morning Netball 11.15am – 12.15pm**

**Boys & Girls 8-10 year old (Grade 3&4)**

**Commencing Saturday 11th MAY, 2019**

If your child is wanting to play Saturday morning Netball and would like to join the Valley Cluster Team, please contact Sharna Sloan on 0408038891 or 0357279179

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



# Show us your Wheels

As a fundraising event for the Moyhu Primary School

The Show and Shine is open to all cars, 4WDs, tractors and bikes – any year, make or model  
So if you have a vehicle you're proud of and want to show it off then bring it on down

• **Cars** • **4WD** • **Bikes** • **Tractors**



**Trophies awarded for all categories including modern, classic/vintage, touring bike, sports bike, best paint and best engine bay**

**Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

10:00am – Award winners Announced at 2:00pm  
Moyhu Primary School, 2799 Wangaratta - Whitfield Road, Moyhu  
Cost: Car Entrants \$5.00 a car and spectators Gold Coin Donation

**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

**HOT FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE**

proudly presented by the Parents and Friends of Moyhu Primary School

For more information please call the school: **03 5727 9298**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**SUNDAY 24 FEB**  
**OLYMPIC POOL**

YMCA