

NEWSLETTER

Term 1
March 27th, 2019

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parent/student/teacher interviews	2 nd – 3 rd April
Term 1 ends @ 2:30pm (Osh ends at 5pm)	Fri 5th April
OSHC Vacation care: Mon 8 th - Thur 18 th April	
For bookings call or text 0448 298 467	
Term 2 begins	Tuesday 23rd April
Cluster performance-puppets @ Myrree	Wed 24 th April
ANZAC DAY public holiday	Thur 25 th April
3-4 Camp at 15 Mile Ck	Mon 6 th – Thur 9 th May
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	Tues 14 th – Thur 16 th May
Life Ed van	Fri 17 th May
Personal Best Sports @ Appin Park	Tuesday 21 st May
School Council meeting @ 7pm	Tues 21 st May

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!

OSHC NEWS

The OSHC holiday program went home last week. 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**. Holiday program is available on the school website.

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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.

Maya: For some great home reading and fantastic writing and drawing in class.

Tobias: For the awesome amount of writing he is doing in class.

Amy: For her creativity and great poetry.

Paul: For retrying the digital literacy quiz and asking great questions the second time round.



Numeracy corner

Sharing recipes

Discussing maths when cooking can provide a daily maths lesson involving measurement, time, and cost.

Here are some activities you could try at home:

- » Collect and read recipes and discuss the use of fractions, millilitres and grams. Encourage your child to make accurate measurements using measuring cups and spoons.
- » Discuss how you would double or halve a recipe. Encourage your child to record new measurements for the recipe. Discuss why and when you might need to do this.
- » Identify the temperature and cooking time on the recipe. Discuss why different recipes have different temperatures and cooking times.
- » Estimate the cost to buy all the ingredients to make the recipe. Compare this with the actual cost of items. Ask your child if they think it was cheaper to buy the ingredients and make dinner or get takeaway.
- » Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full – for example, L for litre, ml for millilitre, tsp. for teaspoon, tbsp. for tablespoon.
- » Investigate the prices of fresh fruit and vegetables available in the supermarkets compared with market vendors.

SWIMMING

Swimming was amazing!

I went to the YMCA. Mr. VB was the survival teacher and the other teachers were the stroke teachers. The strokes I improved on were breaststroke and butterfly!

Survival was a bit more challenging. We took our clothes to the swimming pool and tried taking them off in the water.

On Friday, we played games in the water. We played mat races, our team won both races. Then we play Scarecrow figgy. At the end we got to spend \$3.50. I shared with Inanay. We got a raspberry slushy, an iced cookie and a Zooper Dooper! I loved Swimming!

By Ruby.

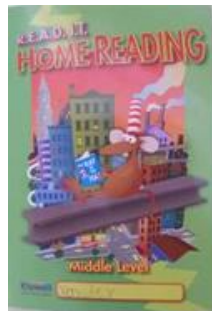




Literacy corner

HOME READING

The students have started their 'Home Reading' with most students reading each night. The yellow books (P-3) and green books (4-6) 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.



We have a number of students who have already reached their 50 nights' certificate!

Congratulations 25 nights home reading:

Ethan, Maya, Joah, Aroha, Inanay, Mike, Delilah, Toria

Congratulations 50 nights home reading:

Ruby, Casey, Emilio, Emily, Milly, Ned, Wirra, Zoi

SWIMMING

Swimming was spectacular. The P-3 went to the Moore's pool and the 4-6 went to the YMCA.

At the Moore's pool we did survival backstroke and sculling feet first, it was so hard.

On the last day we went on the rope swing and we got lollies. By Reuben



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 ☺

SWIMMING

Swimming was great. I did rainbow arms. By Ethan



We went swimming. I did torpedo. I did it lots of times. Then I got a board and did bubble arms lots of times. Then I did back stroke lots of times. By Joah.



Swimming was awesome! I did survival back stroke and a compact jump. After swimming I got a warhead. By Mike



I did Survival backstroke and I did torpedo but survival backstroke was a little bit hard. By Nina

Swimming amazing I jumped off the edge it was fun we did torpedo we dived I liked it. It was good we went on the rope swing. By Kody



Swimming was lots of fun. By Aroha



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

*Or supply a note before the absence.

The school must be informed of all absences by 9am. Thank you ☺

SWIMMING

I did back stroke it is fun. My best thing is diving. The rope swing is good. I like going on my back on the rope swing. By Johann



I like swimming. I liked the rope swing. By Maya



Swimming was a lot of fun ! We did backstroke it was challenging. I also did survival backstroke that was challenging too. I also did torpedo that was hard, keeping my feet straight was

tricky. Freestyle was really hard and I also swallowed water. By Hope

I went swimming. I jumped off the rope swing. By Tobias.



Swimming was AMAZING! We learnt lots of different strokes. Some were easy and some were hard. I learnt backstroke and freestyle, this was the easy one. Now the hard one, breaststroke. This was hard at first then it got easy. Pin drop was my favourite. Swimming was fun! By Vera



PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will be conducted afterschool next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you are not able to make your allotted time, please organise a swap or call the school to organise another time to meet with your child's teacher. Timetable of interviews came home today.

SCIENCE 4-6

Every second week on Wednesday we do science with Miss B. We are learning about solids, liquids and gases and how they have different properties. With liquids we measured the viscosity by doing an experiment to see what liquid was the slowest or fastest. We also experimented with gases using a bottle with a balloon on the top of it. We did this by putting it in hot water and that made the balloon inflate. The way it inflated was the hot water warming the bottle and making the balloon go up, by the air in the bottle warming up and expanding. We also do a class chart to get our ideas solved and make new ideas.

By ☺llie and ☺wen.



HOT LUNCHES – Terms 2 & 3



Hot lunches will make a welcome return again this year on **WEDNESDAY's** in terms 2 & 3.

The parents Association has sent a note home today asking for your suggestions on what meals / desserts you would prefer to make.

Please return this form this week, so a roster and dates can be distributed before the end of this term.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE Volunteers Working with Children Check for parents and school volunteers.

The working with children check is **free** for volunteers and you can be recognised as a volunteer at Whitfield District Primary School. The check is valid for 5 years and takes 10 minutes to complete online (see www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au). The Working With Children Checks are required in many community and sporting organisations in Victoria, so it can be a very handy card to have. Once the online form has been completed, you then just take the printed page into Australia Post – show your photo ID and they will take your photo for the card for free. Any questions, or if you'd like to complete the online application at school, just organise a time and I can help you. Thanks!

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Premier's ACTIVE APRIL

The school has registered for Premier's Active April 2019. The aim is to be active for 30 minutes a day for the month of April.

Students, family, friends and community members can join the school team. Our team name is WhitfieldDistrictPrimary and our **team ID is: whitfielddistrictprimary** (all lower case)

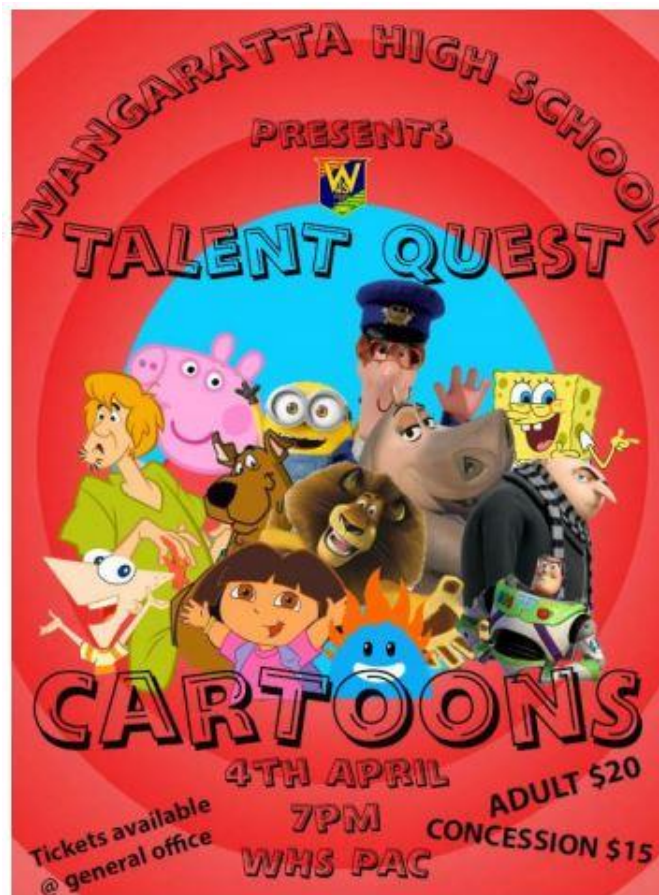
I have registered students at the school and we can record our daily 30 minutes of activity that we do every day at Whitfield District Primary. I have printed out the Active April card for your child – which entitles your child to the free passes and discounts outlined below.

You can also register yourself and the rest of your family and join the WhitfieldDistrictPrimary team and print your own discount cards.

www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

- ▶ 10 free passes at your local YMCA or access to a local government recreation facility
- ▶ 30% discount at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium and LEGOLAND Discovery Centre Melbourne
- ▶ One 2 for 1 ticket offer for Otway Fly Treetop Adventures
- ▶ 10% discount at Sovereign Hill
- ▶ 15% discount at Sportsmart in store and online
- ▶ Free experiences at participating Parks Victoria parks
- ▶ 15% discount for a Coasting : Stand Up Paddleboarding session
- ▶ 15% off Rock Up Netball Train and Youth Programs

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SWIMMING PICTURES



- ▶ 20% discount for Netball Victoria community clinics
- ▶ One 2 for 1 green fee offer at participating Golf Victoria courses
- ▶ 10% discount on term 2 My Golf Junior Programs
- ▶ Five free group dance lessons at a participating DanceSport Victoria centre
- ▶ One free Cardio Tennis trial at participating Tennis Victoria courts
- ▶ One hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- ▶ Entry into the draw to win tickets to 2020 Australian Open Tennis Finals*