



# NEWSLETTER

Term 2  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Exceptional Educational Experiences

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Queens B'day Public Holiday	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June
All students return to school 😊	Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> June
School council meeting via WebEx @ 7pm	Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> June
End of term - 2:30pm finish	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3 commences	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July

We're back!

Tuesday will see the return of all students to schools across Victoria. We are certainly looking forward to having all our students back on-site learning and playing together.

Miss Feldtmann's class has made a great return to school. They have been seeing their parents off at the bridge, sanitising their hands before they enter the school and when they come back in from break time. They have been using water bottles for drinking and have been great working together inside and outside as a class.

Parents too have been fantastic at supporting hand hygiene, not entering the school grounds, supplying containers and cutlery for lunches that need reheating and keeping their child home if they are unwell. These practices combined with increased, daily cleaning of the school, should keep our students, staff and families healthy and minimise the spread of various sniffles, bugs, etc.

Hopefully as the year progresses, we will start to see the return of excursions, visitors and parents at our school. The learning curve has been immense, thank you and congratulations to all for your efforts at home with your children. I hope to capture some of the practices of working differently at home that have been valued by students and parents so we can look at how to introduce them into our school routines. I will distribute a questionnaire next week and look forward to your responses.

Enjoy the long weekend, and the resumption of some activities and 'normality'.

Kind Regards,

Mark van Bergen (Principal)

## RETURN OF DEVICES and EQUIPMENT

If your child borrowed a device from the school or equipment, such as sporting equipment, dice, etc. Please have them bring these items to school on Tuesday. Thank you.



# Literacy corner

Some stories that Miss Feldtmann received about learning from home from her grade 1-2 students.

### Doing school at home – By Sylvie

Remote learning is when you have school at home. We had to stay at home because of Coronavirus. It is very contagious which means it spreads from sick people to other people easily.

Learning from home was good. I liked spending time with my family more often. I liked learning about space and doing reading eggs.

I miss budgie. I also miss my teacher and my friends. I am excited to go back to school in 3 more sleeps.

Here are some photos of me doing school work at home.



I miss budgie!



### REMOTE LEARNING by Maya

I enjoyed doing Maths. I do not like doing writing. Sometimes I have been a bit proud of my writing. I have missed playing with my friends because they are special. I like to look at the Southern Cross and learn about stars and planets.

If we were at school and someone had the corona virus and we were in contact with that person we will get corona virus too.



### REMOTE LEARNING by Joah

I like remote learning because you get to see your family and you get to watch TV. It's good to be at home and also mum doesn't have to drive home.

The bad thing is I miss school because it was fun, lots of space and I miss my friends. Also, I miss the staff that school has.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.00pm via WebEx Meetings.

We currently have one vacancy on school council.

If you would like to join school council or if you would like to know more of what is involved, please contact the school or Sandy King (school council president). 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. This year we have a school review, and we will be seeking parents' views and ideas. School council meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

### SCHOOL BUS

Thank you to Wendy for supporting our families with dropping off and collection of learning materials during this term. Wendy's bus will operate as normal from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. She has been implementing cleaning and has the seats behind her cordoned off as per government advice. This advice also stipulates that students are not required to social distance on the bus. Students sanitise their hands before they enter the school each day, it would be good practice that they do so when they arrive home.

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

#### 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](http://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. It is also required for parents volunteering on a camp. 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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[www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au)



**P-3 Class. Morning stretches after morning activity.**