



# NEWSLETTER

Term 4  
December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Exceptional Educational Experiences

## DATES TO REMEMBER

End of year film – available from 5pm	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
School reports sent home	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Lake William Hovell excursion 10am-2pm	Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
End of year assembly/graduation at 1:30pm at Lake William Hovell	Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec

Vacation Care Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2021  
For booking call 0448 298 467

Staff return for 2021	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan
School commences for students	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2021

## Final newsletter for the year

What has been one of the more interesting years I have had in my eleven years at Whitfield is coming to an end. It has been different in so many ways, good in some ways, challenging in some ways and just plain different. The last few days of school will be no exception.

Our Grade 6 students have been working with a Melbourne comedian Kirsty Webeck and other students across the cluster. The students have been honing their comedic skills and delivery and a video to commemorate their graduation is being created for the cluster graduation this year. Thanks to Mr Graham from Myrree for leading this and producing the video. Grade 6 students and parents will be provided the link to watch this early next week.



We will formally recognise and present our grade 6 graduates with their leaving certificate and gift on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm at Lake William Hovell. All parents are welcome to attend at 1:30pm for this presentation and end of year assembly.

At the end of the assembly (2:00pm), parents are welcome to collect their students and head home or keep having fun together at the lake. The bus and teachers will be returning at 2:00pm to school with the remaining students for a 3:30pm dismissal. The bus will operate as normal, but there will not be OSHC operating on this day.

## Now taking enrolments for 2021



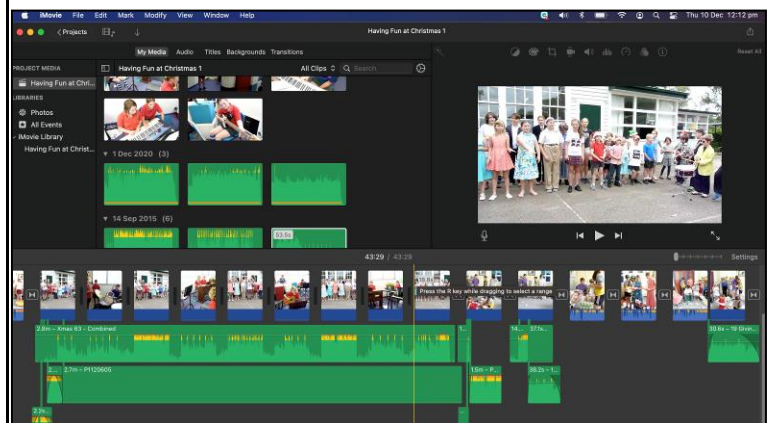
Enrolment forms are available on the school website [www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au) If you would like us to send you a hard copy in the mail, please contact the school or email your request. The school website also has plenty of information for parents about our school.

**School commences for all students on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

Staff return on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## Having Fun at Christmas.

This year the end of year production, 'Having Fun at Christmas' is in the final stages of editing and production. Students have done a great job learning all their lines, lyrics, music and dances. It should be fun viewing. We aim to have the film available for you and your family to view on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.



## End of year reports.

Student end of year reports will come home with students on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

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# COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING CHANGES TO SEMESTER 2 STUDENT REPORTS

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you to provide an update on changes to Semester 2 student reports at Whitfield District Primary School.

At Whitfield District Primary School we know it is vital to involve students and their parents/carers in learning. This includes providing a written report to parents/carers on student progress and achievement at least twice a year.

The Department of Education and Training has recently adjusted the expectations around student reporting for Semester 2 in recognition of the continued disruption caused by COVID-19.

While Whitfield District Primary School has continued to deliver a teaching and learning program and monitor the learning of each student, we have adjusted our usual program to reflect the recent period(s) of remote and flexible delivery.

Whitfield District Primary School will therefore provide a simplified written report for the parent/carer of each student enrolled at the school for Semester 2, 2020 focusing on what progress has been made and what has been achieved by each child.

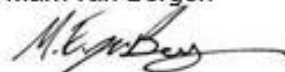
Reports will include:

- a description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum Foundation to Level 10.
- a comment on student participation and engagement in the learning program offered;
- for English and Mathematics:
  - student achievement information;
  - progress shown from the last time these curriculum areas were reported on;
  - a five-point scale.
- for all other curriculum areas taught:
  - a short comment on progress and achievement across the Semester.

Parents/carers are welcome to contact their child's teacher by email or calling the school on (03) 5729 8286 to discuss your child's report or arrange a time to.

Thank you for your continued support during the transition between remote and flexible learning and onsite learning.

Mark van Bergen



(Principal)