



NEWSLETTER

Term 4
November 26th, 2021

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Prep Transition 9-1:30pm	Mon 29 th Nov
School Council 7pm	Tues 30 th Nov
Hot Lunches (school provided)	Wed 1 st Dec
Grade P-3 15 Mile Creek Day Excursion	Mon 6 th Dec
Grade 3-5 15 Mile Creek Day Excursion	Tues 7 th Dec
Statewide Transition	Tues 7 th Dec
School Photos	Thurs 9 th Dec
Big Day Out	Wed 15 th Dec
Last Day of Term for Students	Thurs 16 th Dec
School Concert	Thurs 16 th Dec

Exceptional Educational Experiences

This edition of the newsletter is chock full of student articles about what has been happening over the last few weeks. Don't forget to take note of the dates to remember. Write them in your calendar and put them on the fridge as you don't want to miss out!



Literacy corner



Frozen!

We hopped off the bus! All the way to the theatre we could see little girls dressed up as Anna and Elsa. We went into the theatre, it was very loud. Then the show started. Some of the special effects were really impressive. Some of us didn't really like Elsa's dress at the start, but there was this bit where she ripped off her dress and under it was a gorgeous sparkly

{too bright dress}, it reflected the lights like a disco ball and sent rainbow colors around the room.

But we were a bit disappointed that they didn't include some of the best bits in the movie, like:

The giant ice monster

The chandelier falling on Elsa

The avalanche

Hans getting punched in the face and going to jail.

Elsa freezing hand cuffs.

But overall, it was better than people's expectations!

By Inanay and Normie



Urban Camp!

We sat down on the step. We were at Urban Camp, Melbourne. Maddie started by telling us how things worked and where things were. Maddie told us where our dorms were, then we headed to them. We were in dorm 1 with Isabelle, Inanay, Casey, Aroha and Rory. Dorm 2 was Sarah and Rachel. Dorm 3 was Normie, Vera, Hope, Ivy and Ruby. Dorm 5 was Mike, Lars, Reuben, Owen and Kody. Dale had his own dorm.

We got our beds ready and set up then we walked up to the oval and played camouflage while dinner was cooking. We played two games then went back to eat dinner. We had spaghetti bolognese, it was so good, and for dessert we had jelly and ice cream. After dinner we got changed and watched a movie. It was called 'A Dog's Way

Home'. It got really sad, some people almost cried. Then we had supper - we had milo and a biscuit. After that, we brushed our teeth and got ready for bed. In the morning we had breakfast. There was toast, cereal, yogurt, and fruit. Then we got dressed and ready for the day. We packed up all our luggage and put it in the Urban Camp minibus then while we waited we played with Dale's down ball. We all knew IT was going to happen... The ball got bounced too high and is now placed on Urban Camp's Roof where it will stay.

By Milly and Emily



The Zoo

We walked from Urban Camp to the zoo. I was in a group with Ruby, Normie, Hope, Ivy and Aroha. First, we went to the otters but they weren't there. We moved on to the elephants then we went to the meerkats, they were really cute. There were little tunnels, and we took a selfie.

By Vera



The ZOO

We wandered around the zoo in small groups that were based on our dorms. We had lots of things on our 'to see' list. Casey's favourite was the giraffes (these were her favourites before and after visiting the zoo). Casey thought that the giraffes must be her ancestors because they are both sooo tall. We went into the butterfly house, it was so hot! There were so many butterflies. The keeper said there were 600 to 700 butterflies, which is more than usual. Next we saw the elephants. One of them was playing with a ball. There were 7 elephants and these were my equal favourite with the seals. The seals were in the wild sea area with the penguins, fish, stingrays, Port Jackson sharks and pelicans. We saw the carnivores, zebras, meerkats, gorillas and a LOT of monkeys. The day was fun and interesting. We learnt lots like: us kids don't have long attention spans.

By Isabelle and Casey



Monkeys at the Zoo

The baboons were one of the best because they were running around chasing each other. There was also an old one who was just sitting down under the cover. We called him The Wise One.

The orangutans were the funniest because they were a mother and daughter. The mother didn't like it when the daughter got all the attention, so she would push her off the ledge or try to be funny. The keeper told us that apparently if she got her hands on a photo of herself and others in it, she would rip out the other people so the picture had only her. The gorillas also were funny because they pretended to be on the phone and were sitting next to the window.

By Lars, Owen and Mikey



The Train Trip Home

We rushed out of the zoo. As we went to board our train, the doors of the train closed, and we helplessly watched it leave.

20 minutes later our new train came. I was feeling a bit rushed because I didn't want to be left behind. As the train began moving, I realized that we had the whole carriage to ourselves.

Sarah explained to us that we had to be ultra-quick at the station. We followed Rachel to our luggage, but it wasn't there yet. So, we went to Lucky 7. I got a Slurpy and Pringles. Then I had to rush to pick up our luggage. Some people were still in the shop. Lars, Reuben, Rachel, and I moved people's luggage closer up the path. Suddenly a stampede of kids came running down the path. We rushed and stumbled to the train. I began laughing, what a funny sight! Finally, we got onto the train. 'Sigh'. My arms ached and I gratefully sat down. This train had a lot of people on it. I finished my Slurpy and went to the train toilet after Reuben. I felt like I was floating as I walked down the aisle. I was tired. Eventually we stopped at Seymour. The public coach was quite busy. Ivy sat next to me. I ate my Pringles and listened to music on my MP3. As we got closer to Wang, the later it got. It had been an exciting and eventful adventure.

By Ruby O



Italian

Throughout Term 3 students have been studying words and phrases to do with vegetables. Pupils enjoyed reading Strega Nona's Harvest and hearing the magic words that she used to make her garden grow. Grades 3 to 6 spent many weeks working hard to create their own board games using their knowledge of Italian vegetables. Finally they got to play their own and others board games. Students have developed an impressive knowledge of vegetables which I hope they will share with you at home.

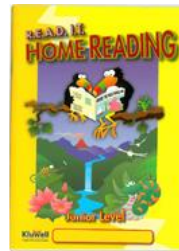
Oh and don't worry if you find your child talking to the moon. They're just trying out some Strega Nona's magic. ☺

Signora Peg



HOME READING

These books 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.



Congratulations to the following students that have completed and recorded 75 nights home reading!

Tobias

100 nights home reading!

Nina, Maddison

125 nights home reading!

Joah

150 nights home reading!

Liam, Chloe, Ruby, Esther, Bonnie, Inanay

275 nights home reading!

Ruby O

2022 Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for 2022. If you have a child who will be in Prep next year or will be a new family in the area, please contact us so we can send the enrolment forms home.

Transition sessions

Our second session for new preps will take place on Monday 29th of November from 9-1:30pm. We ask that you pack your child a snack, fruit, lunch, a water bottle, and a broad brimmed hat. Statewide transition for all new students will take place on Tuesday 7th December.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 9th December. **Please ensure you return the forms to school by Monday 6th December.**

We are aware that this date is a transition day at Wangaratta High School. We have notified the High School and let them know that parents will bring their children to the transition day after their school photos have been taken.

End of Year Concert

It has been great to see the students getting into the swing of the school concert by learning their lines, singing the songs, and practicing their instruments.

Remember to please copy the songs onto a device at home, and then return the USB to school. Families who haven't returned the USBs by the end of the year, will be asked to pay for them.

Current Covid Restrictions and Requirements in Victorian Government Schools

Face masks	YES – all staff, visitors and Grade Three and above Recommended for students in Prep to Year 2.
Visitors to schools	YES Double vaccination required to be on school site, including parents.
Excursions	YES
School Photos	YES
Camps	YES
Kinder and Year 7 Transition	YES
Interschool Activities	YES

Vaccination Requirements for Visitors

Any visitor or volunteers performing work in schools (including parent helpers) must be fully vaccinated by 29 November (unless a medical exemption applies) to attend on site.

QR Codes and Sighting Vaccination Records

Visitors to school grounds must comply with vaccination requirements, density limits, face mask requirements, QR code check-ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

- o Check-in with QR code is for the purposes of contact tracing, which is different to:
- o Staff sighting vaccination evidence (e.g., on Service Victoria App) for visitors entering school buildings premises.

The density limit of one person per four square metres should be applied to any spaces and activities being attended by parent/carers and other visitors. The density limit applies to all persons in the space, including students.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS

If your child is having a 'sleepover' at another student's house and is NOT a regular bus traveller, then an 'Ad-Hoc' bus traveller form must be completed at least a day before the intended travel. The principal can provide you with this form.

Please text/call Wendy if your child is not utilising the school bus to school (and usually does).
Mobile **0418 989 938**

EVERY DAY COUNTS – school attendance

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. Same day reporting of absences legislation means that if your child is absent and we haven't received notification, the school must then contact the parents regarding the absence.

END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

At the end of each school day, the whole school meets to discuss the day and upcoming events and distribute notices (just like this newsletter). This is also when we announce the students who will be attending OSHC and give any messages to students regarding changes to their usual after school arrangements. It is important that those requests are made by 3:15pm at the latest.

- Bookings for OSHC can be made via text or message on **0448 298 467**.
- Messages regarding after school arrangements can be made via text or message on **0428 298 286**.

These mobiles are checked every day at 3:25pm. Do not ring and leave a message on the school landline as we often cannot answer it or get to the messages whilst we are teaching and working with your children.