



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1  
March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Exceptional Educational Experiences

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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 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.

## 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.

## 'THUMBS UP' AWARD

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

**Kody:** For his work and enthusiasm with his garden bed.

**Ruby:** For being self-motivated to do her best in all school activities.

**Emilio:** For his willingness to 'have a go' and use strategies with difficult maths problems.

**Wirra:** For making the most of his opportunities on Sailing Camp.

## PARENT HELPERS

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



# Numeracy corner

## EXPLORING NUMERACY WITH YOUR CHILD

### Exploring sports

Sports provide a good opportunity to engage your child in maths, particularly if they are a keen sportsperson.

Here are some questions to ask your child when watching or playing their favourite sport:

- » How does your favourite sport tally the score? What maths is presented on the tally?
- » How do other sports tally the score – for example, tennis, golf, cricket, netball, football?
- » What maths do you use to find the total of the scores?
- » Who is at the top of the ladder? How is this determined?
- » Are there other ways to record the score?
- » How long do your favourite sport games go for in minutes and seconds? How is the time in the game divided? Into halves, quarters or something else?
- » What are the shapes of different playing fields and courts? Talk about edges and angles.
- » How can you estimate the perimeter and area of a playing field?
- » How many cars could be parked on the MCG field? How could we work this out?

## SWIMMING

For most of February we had our swimming lessons at Moore's and the YMCA. We learnt about the safety and free style strokes. We got to wear flippers and take off our clothes that we brought to the pool. We also went through a tunnel with fake seaweed and every time we went through it went lower. At the last session we had a race with the floating mats and we played volleyball. Also on the last day we had a free swim and play. We played scarecrow figgy and other games. When we were dressed, we got to by some food and drinks at the pool. There were chips, dim Sims, potato cakes and slushies, also biscuits and cup-cakes. We liked swimming at the YMCA this year. By Ollie and Normie.

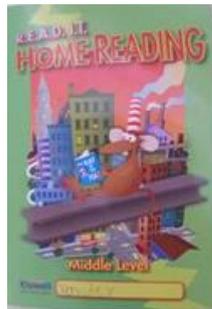
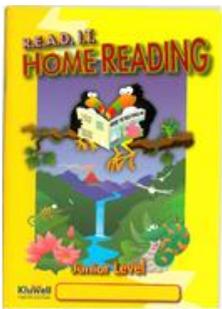




# Literacy corner

## 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.



**Congratulations to the following students that have already completed and recorded 25 nights home reading.**

Johann, Kody, Nina, Ruby, Vera, Casey, Emily, Normie, Owen, Milly, Robert, Emilio, Zoi, Ollie, Wirra, Ned.

## COOKING

Last week in cooking we made Indian food. We had a mango drink, an eggplant and potato curry, avocado dip, chapatti and samosas. They had lots of spices and flavour. Next week we will be doing Asian food!

By Milly and Emily.



## 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 ☺

## SAILING CAMP

The weather on the first day was really good for beginners it was 10 knots (20km/h), the second day was way too windy it was 22 knots (40km/h). On the third day the wind was a lot like the first day 10 Knots (20km/h) perfect for sailing. The last day the wind was perfect for the race it was 12 knots (23km/h).



In the race (the King Valley Cup) you were put in heats. You had to get first or second to make it into the semi-finals, then if you came first or second in the semis you would go into the final. Wirra came 1<sup>st</sup>, Euca came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lily came 3<sup>rd</sup>. When you sail you have to sit on the wind side of the mast. You have to steer with the tiller or the tiller extension. You also have to pull in the main sheet, and then when you do a push turn (tack) or pull turn (jibe), you have to duck and move to the other side of the boat and just keep on doing that. ☺

By Judd and Wirra☺



Wirra receiving the King Valley Cup from Bob Cooper

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

We put on gloves because we needed to protect our hands. We had two bags, one for recycling and one for rubbish. We split into groups. Our group we went along Jessie's Creek and then around the football oval.

By Toria and Robert.



## SAILING CAMP

At sailing camp we didn't just do sailing. We played and did lots of other fun activities. We made friends with other kids in the cluster and met our sailing instructors. Our sailing instructors were Bob & Peter. Peter had his pet dog there called Ruby. When we first got there Bob & Peter showed us how to turn the boat and how to sail the boats.



We were in Optis. We sailed and then came out. In our free time the games we played were cricket, tiggy, downball and playing with the Frisbee. For dinner on the first night we had chickpea curry. When it got dark we played cards. Mr V.B showed us how to play Monopoly Deal. We slept on the floor on mats and in our sleeping bags. For breakfast we had cereal or toast. We then played and because it was too windy for sailing we went to Fort Nepean. When we got back we played then some people went fishing on the pier. Others played in the park. Our dinner was spaghetti bolognese. The next morning we learnt how to set up the boats and started sailing. We sailed most of the day on the third day and we also had ice-cream and saw the seals.



When we went out to the seals I went on the little red boat that Bob drove. It was the fastest. Ruby went on Peter's boat and had her little red life jacket on. Dave showed us how to play Ultimate Frisbee. My team won 2-1. We had a barbecue dinner and went to bed. For breakfast the next morning people had left over dessert. We had the King Valley Cup and then went back home. Everybody had made a lot of new friends. Sailing camp was terrific. By Ned

## SAILING CAMP – Fort Nepean

On Wednesday we went to Fort Nepean. When we got up there we broke into pairs and went in. Did you know that the first shot fired by the Allied Forces in World War 1 was from Fort Nepean? When the soldiers were on duty they put their guns on gun holder. By Paul.



## ITALIAN DAY

We had four activities which were Art, Music, Soccer, Quizlet live and we had gelato which is ice-cream in Italian. We got put into groups and we answered questions.

We did the tarantella and it is a type of dance we had bean bags and tambourines. In soccer we started with warm ups and had two different groups one was a proper soccer game and the other was mini games with naughts and crosses. An Italian puppeteer named Dennis Murphy come and did a very funny show for us. By Zac 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. Thank you ☺

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

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

## INTEGRATED STUDIES

This term for Integrated Studies we will all be working with our buddies about South America and Africa (which actually comes from half Greek prefix

(Aphrike) meaning without cold) and the other half comes from Latin prefix (Aprica) meaning sunny together it forms Africa. In Chile it is nearly all desert



around the west coast of South America where the great Andes mountain range is. It is the second biggest mountain range in the world reaching 6,961 meters tall.

We will finish posters of the continent we have chosen to explore with our buddies and post them up at school, so when they are finished please have look yourself.

By Emilio and Amy.

## 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 out **team ID is: whitfielddistrictprimary** (all lower case)

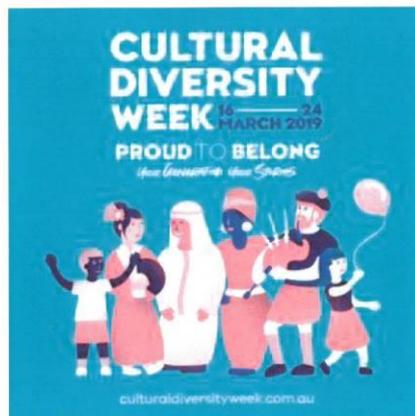
I can register your child/ren and we can record our daily 30 minutes of activity that we do every day at Whitfield District Primary. I can also print out the Active April card for your child – which entitles your child to the free passes and discounts outlined below.

If you **do NOT** want me to register your child, please call the school, text or email by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March to opt-out.

Alternatively you can register your family yourself and join the WhitfieldDistrictPrimary team and print your own discount cards.

[www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### KING VALLEY COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

10:30am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2019

To be held in the gardens of Pizzini Winery located at  
175 King Valley Rd in Whitfield.

# FREE EVENT



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dear Hot Shot Players and families, Tennis will commence with Doug Smith this Wednesday at 3.45 p.m. at the courts. Pam will be able to walk you up to the courts from the school, please arrange with the school to have this happen. Tennis will be completed by 4.30 as Doug needs to be in Benalla for the start of work at 6 p.m. Please remember your hats, sunscreen and water. Hot shots will be at quarter to four until 4.30 p.m. also.

Tennis the next week will probably be on Thursday at quarter to 4 but Doug will let us know on Wednesday. This has been a late start as Ben is no longer coaching and Doug has not been able to secure another coach. Please come along if you can so it is worthwhile for him to come. The cost will be \$12.00 and there are no Membership fees this term as the Membership year ends on 30th June, 2019.

We hope to see you all on Wednesday. Happy tennis. Reta & Pam

- ▶ 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

- ▶ 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\*