

NEWSLETTER

Term 1
February 21st, 2018

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming – (away 11:15-2:30) 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th, 28th Feb, 1st, 2nd March

School Council Meeting @ 7pm **Tues 27th Feb**

Cooking – Year 3-6 **Mon 5th March**

Year 6 Sailing Camp **Tues 6th - Fri 9th March**

Labor Day (Public Holiday) **Mon 12th March**

Cooking – Year 3-6 **Mon 19th March**

Parent/student/teacher interviews **19th – 20th March**

School council & AGM @ 7pm **Tues 20th March**

Year 3-4 Camp (15 Mile Ck) **Mon 26th – Thur 29th March**

Term 1 ends 2:30pm **Thur 29th March**

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 !

All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council meeting is **Tuesday 27th Feb** starting at 7:00pm. The following meeting is the AGM, it will be held on **Tuesday 20th March @ 7.00pm**. All parents are welcome to attend school council meetings. Please consider being part of this fantastic group that help shape the direction of our school.

PREPS REST DAYS

The new preps will continue to have rest days each Wednesday. Full week begins after the Labour Day public holiday.

OSH News!

By Amy and Zac

In OSH we came up the idea of painting an Aboriginal painting after looking at some books. We used ear buds and different



colours and dots to make the picture. Zac's picture was about a tree growing out of the sun. We had lots of fun!

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. The latest recipients are:

Tobias: For doing really well in reading each night at home.

Toria: For working hard on her swimming skills.

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 Principal **0428 298 286**,

*Email whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

*Or supply **a note** before or after the absence.

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**, and she is also on

UHF Ch 40 and Satellite Ph:**0406 327 214**

Thanks ☺

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents that have offered to help with the swimming and cooking program. Please contact the school if you would like to listen to the Year Prep-2 students reading. Thank you ☺

The Parents Association does an amazing job each year in helping make our camps and excursions more affordable for all students. Please support their fundraising events – there is often many times and ways you can assist.

PARENT WELCOME BBQ AND INFO NIGHT - THANK YOU!

Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the BBQ and information night last Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to meet the teachers and hear about all the wonderful programs we've got planned for this term and throughout the year. If you would like any information about what we talked about please don't hesitate to contact the school.

CAMPS – Year 6 Sailing Camp & Year 3/4 Outdoor School Camp

The Year 6's have a King Valley Cluster Sailing and Transition camp in Rye from the 6th – 9th March. Students will complete a Yachting Australia –Start Sailing 1 course, and will have an awesome time while doing it. Forms for this camp have gone home today, please make sure they are returned by **Monday 26th February**.

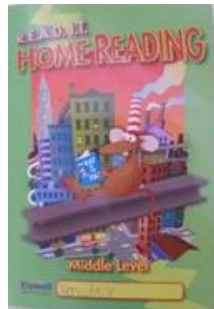
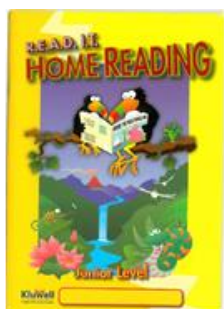
The Year 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the our Cluster. Information, booklet and medical forms for this camp will go home next week. The camp is from Monday 26th – Thursday 29th March. Students need to be dropped off at the camp on Monday by 10am and collected from the camp on Thursday by 1pm.



Literacy corner

HOME READING

The students have started their 'Home Reading' with most students reading each night. The yellow books (P-2) and green books (3-6) 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.



SWIMMING By Kalika and Isabelle

For swimming we split into two groups, one went to Moore Than Swimming and the other group went to the YMCA. At the YMCA we split into another two groups. One group does survival skills and the other stroke technique, we have half an hour on each then swap. In survival skills we revised safe entries into all types of water, laps using sculling techniques and we had a quiz about water safety.



In stroke technique we revised our free style, backstroke and breaststroke; our teacher Penny, had lots of tips and tricks to help us improve our strokes. We had a great time at swimming.

Our 2018 swimming program will continue this Thursday and Friday and then into next week (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri). Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to come and help out at Moore Than Swimming.

KING VALLEY CLUSTER COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TASK By Charlotte and Cope

This term some of the Year 6's from the cluster schools are getting involved in a collaborative learning task to



do with how we use water in our schools and community. We are communicating using the polycom system and having weekly chats with the other students. We came up with questions to put in a survey which we did with the whole school. This week we will find out the results and talk about it in another polycom session. We are looking forward discussing the results.

ART By Judd and Normie

In Art we made pop up buildings, it was fun when people put theirs together. We had to put mosaics on our pop up buildings. We did not have to make just buildings we also had to decorate a pizza box if you wanted to.

MINI BEASTS by Emilio

Facts about Mini Beast:

Did you know?

- The Assassin Bug is one of the most dangerous bugs in the world.
- The Assassin Bugs stab their prey and immobilize them, then suck out the prey's fluids with their soda straw
- The Assassin Bug can also stab the human body and damage major organs, one could probably kill a human (these bugs don't live in Australia)
- The Goliath Beetle is the heaviest flying beetle in Africa, also one of the biggest insects in the world
- Some Goliath Beetles are heavier than an apple reaching up to 115g (these are my favourite insects)



GARDENING by Amy and Wirra

In gardening, we were all given a new garden bed to care for. Amy got the artichoke bed and Wirra got the pumpkin bed. Some kids got two beds and some kids got big beds. Paul, Melita and Hope got the herb bed. Normie and Emilio got the corn bed. In Cope's garden bed there were lots of weeds. All the kids had weeds to pull. We have lots of vegetables ready to harvest and take to cooking.

COOKING by Casey and Paul

In cooking we made blue berry scones, and zucchini totters. The best part about cooking is working with others. We really like harvesting vegetables we grow in our garden, the best part is learning to cook nice yummy food.



Zucchini Totts

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ cups Zucchini finely grated
- ½ teaspoon of Italian herbs (dry)
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 cup panko crumbs

METHOD:

*Shred zucchini with a vegetable grater. Pat zucchini dry with a few sheets of paper towel. While you don't need to completely dry the zucchini you do want to absorb some of the moisture. You want to keep drying the zucchini until the stage where when you pat the shredded

zucchini with a paper towel, the paper towel is moist but no longer soaking with water.

*Preheat oven at 180c.

*Measure out 1 ½ cups of dry zucchini and add to a large mixing bowl. Add egg, cheese and breadcrumbs. Stir until everything is thoroughly combined.

*Take 1 tablespoon of zucchini batter and squeeze between the palms of your hands, compressing it. Some water should also release out. Using both hands now, shape to resemble of cylinder. Place on a lined baking tray.

*Repeat this until all the mixture is used.

*Bake for 15-20 minutes until the bottoms are brown and crispy.

*Turn-over and bake for another 5 minutes.

ITALIAN by Toria and Charlotte

Every Wednesday we have Italian with Signora Halbwidl/Acca. We have been learning about numbers in Italian and greetings, but have mostly been doing months of the year and days of the week. We coloured in birthday cakes and had to draw candles depending on how old we were. Near the start of term, Signora Acca gave us a strip of paper that had a message on it in Italian; we had to work out what it meant. It said 'my birthday is' and we then had to write our birthday in Italian. We are having lots of fun and learning heaps!

COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUEENS BATON RELAY by Claire

In Art we made banners for the Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay. Some people partnered up and others did not. We got to design our own banners for the local community banner competition.



Isabelle, Normie, Melita and Emily and Casey won in their group. Their posters were made bigger and put onto a banner and then displayed at Apex Park as part of the Queens Baton Relay celebration. Eight year old Isabelle said "I am very proud to have my banner displayed right near the stage." Casey Sheppard said "it still feels exciting to have my banner displayed." Normie felt so proud to have her banner displayed with all her friends. Melita and Emily enjoyed working together and felt great that they were recognised for their work. Everyone was proud to have their work displayed.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Please find attached an outline about the Respectful Relationships Program that we are running throughout the year. We will continue to alternate each class each week during this term so we can complete a Baseline Assessment and build an Action Plan for the rest of this year. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact the school.

SCIENCE by Owen and Corrie

In Science we're working on life cycles of plants how they grow and how they form into a plant. Sunflowers take a year to grow. Some plants take a very short time to grow like thyme. Some plants can grow in water, other plants can be bigger than 30cm. Plants can be different sizes and can grow in all conditions.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean Up Australia Day is officially on Friday 2nd March, but due to our swimming program we will be doing our own Whitfield Community Clean Up on **Wednesday 28th February 9:00-10:00am**. If you would like to join us, meet us at our assembly area at 9am.



HOTSHOTS by Reta Sheppard

Dear Everyone,
A reminder that tennis for Coaching and Hot Shots all start at 4.15 p.m. and that there are no other times. There will be a short tennis meeting after the tennis coaching is completed and we encourage everyone to come along. Please bring ideas of how we can improve and help the Hot Shots program. I encourage all players to make an effort to come along as Ben comes all the way from Beechworth and he likes to see everyone participating.
Happy tennis!

Regional Little Athletics Championships by Emily and Cope

Last weekend we went to Shepparton for the Regional Track and Field championships. Emily competed in long jump, 60m hurdles, 70m and 200m sprints. Cope competed in 100m and 200m sprints. He got a bronze medal for shot put and a gold medal for high jump (1:36m!). He will travel to Melbourne next month for the State Championships.

Congratulations to you both, Emily and Cope!!!!

