



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

## Exceptional Educational Experiences

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 3-4 Camp (15 Mile Ck) Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Thur 29<sup>th</sup> March  
**Term 1 ends @ 2:30pm (Osh ends at 5pm) Thur 29<sup>th</sup> March**

OSHC Vacation care: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April  
For bookings call or text 0448 298 467

Term 2 begins	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
School Council @ 7pm	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> April
ANZAC DAY public holiday	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Personal Best Sports @ Appin Park	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> May
'Wizard of Oz' Performance – Melbourne	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May

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

### NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to our new school council for 2018:-

**President:** Sandy King

**Vice President:** Sammy Rumbelow

**Secretary:** Suz Christison

**School Councillors:** Rachael Richards, Mel Guy, Rosie Suter, Kate Gilson, Lindy Roberts, Jessica Young.

A big thankyou to our out-going President Steve Allsop and out-going school councillor Cath Collins. We appreciate all of your hard work over the years!

### OSHC NEWS

The OSHC holiday program is included with this newsletter. If you would like to book your child in for fun, craft and games for the holidays or to make a booking for after school please ring Pam on **0448 298 467**.

### '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:

**Lachlan:** For outstanding improvement in his home reading.

**Emilio:** For showing initiative and great leadership skills during cooking.

### 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](mailto:whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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

### PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who were able to make it to our interviews this week. We enjoyed catching up with you and talking about all the wonderful learning your child/ren have been engaged in.

### Year 3/4 Outdoor School Camp

The Year 3-4's have their camp beginning next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 15 Mile Creek with the our Cluster. The camp is from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Students need to be dropped off at the camp on **Monday at 10:30am** and collected from the camp on **Thursday at 1:00pm**.

### INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM - Term 2

**Current students:** Renewal forms for students currently enrolled in our instrumental program have gone home today. Please let us know if they are continuing to learn their instrument by filling in the form and returning this tomorrow.

**New students to the program:** an application form has been sent home if your child would like to begin to learn an instrument.

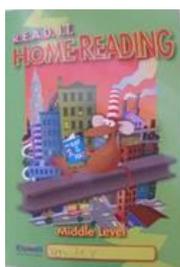
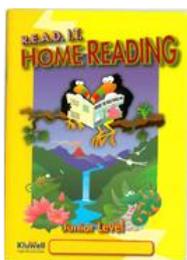
### FREE Volunteers Working with Children Check for parents and school volunteers.

Just a reminder that if you are currently helping or interested in helping out with our cooking program, reading with the younger children, camps or excursions, a Volunteer Working with Children Check is mandatory in all Victorian State Schools. The working with children check is **free** for volunteers. 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)). 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. This card is also handy for other volunteer organisations like children's sporting clubs and groups that require the WWCC. Any questions, or if you'd like to complete the online application at school. Thanks!

## HOME READING

**We have a number of students who have already reached their 50 nights' certificate. Well done!**



### Congratulations 25 nights home reading:

Aroha, Kody, Nina, Mike, Lachlan, Hope, Melita, Delilah, Toria, Ollie, Paul.

### Congratulations 50 nights home reading:

Zoi, Wirra, Claire, Kalika.



# Literacy corner

## SWIMMING

**Inanay:** I learnt bubble and turn arm. I learnt backstroke and I learnt free style. On the last day we got lollies. We got to go on the rope swing. I felt very good when I was in the middle class.



**Casey:** At swimming I can do backstroke and freestyle. I am very good at freestyle. I like diving and I love free play. I can almost float I learnt how to take off my t-shirt in the water. I can save people with a noodle. I can get 10 things off the bottom in the water in 1 minute.

**Lachlan:** I loved swimming, it was the best time ever because I did the rope swing it was really good fun. I was more confident than last year.



I did back stroke, forward stroke, humpty dumpty, torpedo, bubbles and floating, it was amazing. At the end of the swimming lessons I got an ice-cream and some lollies.



**Aroha:** I can do diving, kicking and backstroke.

**Delilah:** I learnt the life guard backstroke, kicking and taking a shirt off in water and diving. I also learnt back stroke, floating and treading water. I learnt front stroke which is freestyle. I love swimming.

**Hope:** I like swimming because I get to do back stroke and front stroke. It was fun and the rope swing was the best thing out of the whole thing.



**Johann:** I liked swimming. I liked swinging on the rope.

**Nina:** I learnt freestyle . I learnt bubbles and breathe. I swung off the rope swing. I learnt backstroke.



**Tobias:** I liked swimming in the deep end. I like swinging on the rope swing.



**Vera:** I did back stroke, free style, slide in, floating and diving in the deep end. It was fun! And Torpedo!!

**Reuben:** Swimming was fun, we did back stroke and diving, bubble turn arm, floating and jumping, that was the best ever. The best thing was the rope. I did a bomb it was fun. At the last day we could buy lollies.

### The Fire by Mike

I went to the fire, Dad and I saw the fire. The fire looked like a volcano. The smoke covered the road.

### The Fire by Kody

The fire it was big, it could of burnt your house down. It was dangerous it was



everywhere. Helicopters were tipping water on the fire. It was fine in the end.

### **GARDENING by Amy and Corrie**

In gardening we will be planting broccoli, leak and garlic in preparation for cooking in Term 2. We have been pulling plants out and harvesting the plants to put produce in the freezer. The artichokes are being pulled out as they are spreading onto the path. The eggplant bed is now the garlic bed. Two of the beds were full of grass, we pulled out all the grass. The two beds now have no plants in them, ready for new soil and new plants.

### **FACTS ABOUT THE CAPSICUM...**

Did you know the capsicum comes in two different genders, male and female? The female has four different sections. However, the male has three different sections instead of four. The female is better to eat with salad because its sweeter than the male.

### **SAILING CAMP by Kalika**

On the first day it was too windy to go sailing so our instructors, Bob, Peter and Ruby taught us how to read the wind in knots and taught us the parts of the boat, how to rig a boat and how to do a push turn (tack).

Luckily, on the second day the wind was right so we could sail. We started off in a boat called an Opti or Optimist, which are slow boats that look like bathtubs with sails attached. Luckily by morning tea some of us were able to have a go on the Open Bics (yes, they are made by the pencil/pen company). Bics have open backs, are hollow and have bigger harder sails making them faster, lighter and easier to flip. By the end of the day three of us were riding the RS Feva which is bigger and faster again. When Charlotte and I were on it the wind was very low making it quite slow but easier to learn on. Luckily the wind picked up as the afternoon went on, at one point Charlotte and I were both on one side leaning out and still close to tipping. After being on it with Charlotte, I went on it with Emma.

On the third day some of us had Bic races. I lost my first race because someones boat fell on mine, the second race I also lost but I won the third race! After the individual races we had a relay. I was with Clove, Andrew and Sam against Charlotte, Emma, Kade and Cope, we started off losing but thanks to a few advantages we managed to win. As well as the races we were also just sailing the Bics around. It was quite windy so I almost flipped

over a few times (and did tip once). We also went to the South Channel Lighthouse to see some seals, they were so cool and a bit lazy except for the playful pups.

The fourth day was race day. The race consisted of two rounds each race with four people in it, the winners advancing to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. I unfortunately came 2<sup>nd</sup> in my race so did Amilie so we were very pleased when Charlotte and Cope got into the finals. The four people in the finals were Will, Andrew, Cope and Charlotte. I was very pleased when Charlotte came 1<sup>st</sup> and Cope came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Overall it was a great camp.





Dear Hotshot Players and families,  
 This **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 4:15pm** will be the last day of tennis this term as there will be a lot away at school camps on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. We will again have a BBQ at 5 o'clock after the finish of tennis and we welcome everyone to come along and enjoy some time together. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Whitfield match on Saturday. It was a good day for tennis and we hope you all enjoyed it and learnt a lot from it. We hope to have another day like this. A big thank you to the parents who came along and helped with umpiring and other parents who had a hit with the younger children. We look forward to catching up with everyone on Thursday. Happy tennis! From Reta



**STANDARD MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE**



**Learn skills and gain confidence to assist friends, family and co-workers experiencing mental health problems.**

*Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of a mental health problem*

If you're interested in attending this course, please use contact details below to enrol. Hurry limited spots available!

LOCATION: Whitfield Recreational Reserve, King Valley Community Complex

DATE: 26th and 27th March 2018

PRICE: FREE!

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# cultural diversity week

## KING VALLEY COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

10:30am on Friday 23rd of March 2018

To be held in the gardens of Pizzini Winery  
 Located at 175 King Valley Rd, Whitfield

### FREE EVENT

Come and celebrate the cultural diversity of the King Valley district!

