

NEWSLETTER

Term 1
March 29th, 2017

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parent/student/teacher interviews 29th – 30th March
Term 1 ends @ 2:30pm (Osh ends at 5pm) Fri 31st March

OSH Vacation care – Mon 3rd - Thur 13th April
For bookings call or text 0448 298 467

Term 2 begins **TUESDAY** 18th April
School Council @ 7pm Tues 18th April
Working Bee 3:30 – 6pm Friday 21st April
ANZAC DAY public holiday Tues 25th April
NAPLAN years 3 & 5 Tues 9th – Thur 11th May
Personal Best Athletics @ Appin Park Tues 16th May
School Council @ 7pm Tues 16th May
'Aladdin' – Performance – Melbourne Wed 24th 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!



Literacy corner

Camps provide not only a fantastic learning experience that students will remember for life, but offers rich material from which to write.

SAILING CAMP

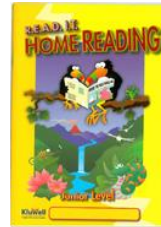
My favourite part of sailing camp was getting to know the year 6's from the cluster. We all had a ball on sailing camp. We all started off in the 'Optis', they were like bath tubs with a sail, then by the end, once we were comfortable, we were allowed to get some bigger boats out. I had a really rough time on the first day but by the end of the camp I was riding an "A" class catamaran on trapeze. It was really scary at the start because I had no idea what to do but by the end I figured out all you had to do was trust the rope and relax, I went out to blue water steering the boat. I also really enjoyed

going on the 'RS Fever' because there were two people with two different jobs. The 'Bics' were really fast once the wind picked up they were pretty easy to tip over. I really loved camp! By Summer



HOME READING

We have a number of students who have already reached their 25 nights' certificate. Well done!



Congratulations 25 nights home reading.
Melita, Reuben

Congratulations 50 nights home reading.
Amilie, Charlotte, Kalika, Summer

3/4 Camp – 'Challenge and Grow'. 15 Mile Ck

I was scared to go on the flying fox but I still enjoyed it. I went canoeing and I went orienteering it was fun. I went bike riding it was fun and hard, I was very tired after bike riding. I had roasted potatoes and I played ping pong. I saw a swamp wallaby and a white wing chuff. By Amy

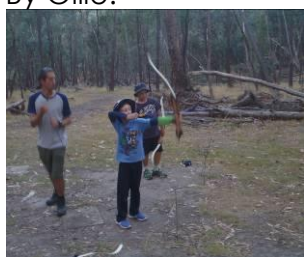


Our values at 15 Mile Creek were inquisitive/ responsibility/ the golden rule/ and lots more than this. We did emotional roller coasters. They are for emotions like sad, mad, excited, happy and ok. By Paul.

3/4 Camp – 'Challenge and Grow'. 15 Mile Ck

On the 14th of March, the 3/4s went to 15 mile creek camp (there were 3's and 4's from different schools.) When I got there I got to have free play. After that, I had to go make a circle around some cones. I got to play a game called "have you ever". Then I got into our group. My group was group 3. Then my group went up the hut near the garden. I had to say my name, what I was looking forward to and my favourite ice cream. In the afternoon I did some orienteering then I went to Bart's Bark Hut. Then that evening the 3's and 4's played some games with Pete. The next day (Wednesday) I had bike riding. I went down the bike track. That afternoon I went camping and when I was sleeping I heard some crickets, cows and boo book owl. Next morning I went on the flying fox. Then I went canoeing. After that I had archery. Then that morning I did some gardening and made a spike for the echidna. Then I went home.

By Ollie.



SAILING CAMP

On the way to Rye, I made a new friend Chloe, Chloe and I did some cross word puzzles on the bus. When we got there, I did my bags and then I helped Chloe with her bags. The first day I wasn't very good at sailing. On the first night we watched 'Sing' it was very funny and I liked the music. On day 2 we first saw the wind graph and then Bob (the sailing instructor) explained what the graph meant. We practised push turns (tacking). On day 3 we learnt pull turns (gibe). Then we did and push and pull turn course. By Daphne



'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:

Kayleb: For a great start to school and 'having a go' at everything.

Casey: For asking really good clarifying questions when she is not sure of something.

Corrie: For being very friendly on camp and offering to help others.

3/4 Camp – 'Challenge and Grow'. 15 Mile Ck

On Tuesday the 14th of March 3/4's went to 15 Mile Creek for camp. The 1st night for dinner we had roast chicken that was my favourite. My favourite activity was archery, I was nervous at first but then I got it in the middle! My second favourite was flying fox, I got to have 4 goes. I liked it as well when my group got free and played in the dam. Orienteering was fun. I liked 15 Mile Creek. By Emilio



At camp my group's values were

1. Care
2. Respect
3. Communication
4. Commitment

My highlight of the week was canoeing. There were three people in each canoe when we went canoeing. We played a game where we had to get ping pong balls with numbers on them. By Seamus.



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INTEGRATED STUDIES

In integrated studies, we are learning about dinosaurs, rocks and fossils. We are currently doing information reports about dinosaurs. In the information report, we have to include a general opening statement, a description of different features in paragraphs, a concluding statement and reference citations. I (Amilie) am finding out about the dinosaur Pachycephalosaurus and Kalika is researching about the dinosaur Archaeopteryx.
By Kalika and Amilie

3/4 Camp – 'Challenge and Grow'. 15 Mile Ck

On camp we did canoeing. I was nervous because I didn't know how good I was and if I fell out of the canoe. And each time I tried I got better at it. I was nervous because I didn't know my partner Abeey that well yet. I learnt new meanings of words at camp and they are pretty tricky to spell and we had similar rules as at school like the 'golden rule.' We had to try new foods. I tried new foods and they were yum. 15 Mile Creek camp was fun and we saw lots of animals. By Corrie



PAYMENT PLANS

As for previous years, parents are able to plan ahead and make payments towards camps and excursions coming up – or to pay off existing excursions in instalments.

Remember to make sure your family name is in any EFT – internet banking transfers.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) details:

Acc. Name: Whitfield District Primary School

Acc. Number: 10107371

BSB Number: 063-531

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COOKING

Every Monday we have cooking at Edi Upper Primary School with Carla. There are five groups or cucinas. We cook different dishes each week. Today we had Greek chicken meatballs and warm pasta salad, eggplant, olive and feta patties, Caesar salad, zucchini slice muffins and sugar free chocolate hazelnut brownies. The vegetables that we used from our gardens in the recipes were: tomatoes, basil, mint, oregano, eggplant and zucchini. Everyone had to try a little bit of everything. The dishes were all really good but our favourite was Greek chicken meatballs and pasta warm salad that Cope, Amilie and Corrie made with Heather as the adult in cucina five. We made the eggplant, olive and feta patties in cucina four.

By Charlotte and Angus.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

The most recent task we have done in digital technologies was a test sheet, Miss B would say the questions and the answers and you would have to circle A B C or D, e.g. question 3: there is a site online that says if you click on the ad you will get a free car:

- A. They look pretty safe, I'll do it
- B. Never, this site would never give a free car
- C. My car is getting old; why would I say no?
- D. All of the above

Then circle the answer you think is best for the situation and the answer for this one B (by the way, never do this!) We've also completed an acceptable use agreement license, we need this so we can go online safely.

By Cope & Edan

OSH

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for vacation care. The excursion and some days are filling fast. Please book so that you don't miss out!

ITALIANO

Knowing how to express numbers in Italian, or any language, is very important as they are used in all aspects of daily life. With this in mind, students began the year revising and learning numbers in Italian. Foundation students have been learning numbers to ten, grade 1/2 to 20, grade 3/4 from 20 to 100 and 5/6 to 100,000. Senior students are now able to say the date in Italian, including the year. To consolidate their knowledge of numbers, students made a slightly revised game of Snakes and Ladders (serpenti e scale). Students got together to play and share the games they designed and made.



Stay tuned to find out what students get up to leaning about clothing.
Happy reading! Signora Twitchett.

3/4 Camp – 'Challenge and Grow'. 15 Mile Ck

I was in group 1. I liked it when we went on the flying fox. I didn't really like orienteering in the rain. When we were doing orienteering I worked with my new friends Brodie and Riley. On the flying fox we got to have 4 goes! We went on the flying fox by order of our height. On our last go we got to pick a friend to do it with. I picked Harvey. When we put on our harness you got a wedgie. We saw a swamp wallaby, eastern grey kangaroo and a white winged chuff. On the camp out when we were sleeping I heard a wild dog howling.
By Judd



3/4 Camp – 'Challenge and Grow'. 15 Mile Ck

I was scared to go on the flying fox but I did it. Orienteering was a bit hard but it is fun. Bike riding was hard up the hill but I did it. I like the bike tracks. Canoeing was fun we got to jump off the canoes. By Zoi



END OF TERM

This Friday for the end of term, students will be provided with a BBQ lunch. At 2pm there will be a short performance of some of the musical learning that has happened in music this term. School will end at **2:30pm**. Osh will operate from 2:30 – **5:00pm**.

Over the holidays, we are getting the roof over the office and library replaced. The main school building will be out of action whilst the works are happening. Vacation Care will operate as normal.

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.

'ALADDIN'

On Wednesday 24th May, the whole school will be travelling to Melbourne by coach to see 'Aladdin' at Her Majesty's Theatre. Permission forms came home today. The Parents Association have subsidised more than half the cost. We'll have about 20 tickets available for a family member to join us. This will be at cost price **\$120** (\$90 for the show + \$30 bus) and needs to be paid by the Friday 21st April. On Monday 24th April, we will open up any remaining tickets to additional family, volunteers, and then community members.

SEEDLING ORDERS

Just a reminder that if you are wanting to order seedlings from King Valley Aquaponics you need to have your order in by Friday.