

# NEWSLETTER

Term 1  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Exceptional Educational Experiences

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Hot Shots starts	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Welcome BBQ & info night- 6pm	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Commonwealth Games relay 4pm	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Swimming – away 11:15-2:30	16 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb
	26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Cooking – Year 3-6	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb
School Council Meeting @ 7pm	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Cooking – Year 3-6	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 Sailing Camp	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Labor Day (Public Holiday)	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Cooking – Year 3-6	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Parent/student/teacher interviews	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March
School council & AGM @ 7pm	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3-4 Camp (15 Mile Ck)	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Term 1 ends 2:30pm	Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> 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 dairy/calendar), as we now have the general permission form for local school excursions during school times.

**Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge !**

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council meeting is **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** starting at 7:00pm. The following meeting is the AGM, it will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 have rest days each Wednesday. Full week begins after the Labour Day public holiday.

### 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.

All school newsletters are available on the school website;

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

### '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:

**Johann:** For having a go at everything and settling in well at school.

**Cope:** For already taking on a leadership role as a new Year 6 and being willing to help others.



## Numeracy corner

The school has purchased Mathletics for all students again this year. Students are able to log in at home and do some additional maths practice. Log in details remain the same for all existing students.

Students login and password details for Mathletics and Reading Eggs will be pasted into the inside front cover of their Home Reading books for use at home.

### PARENT HELPERS

A huge thank you to all the parents that have helped out in many ways already this year including the working bee last Friday after school ☺!

Thank you to the parents that have offered to help with the swimming and cooking program. Please contact the school if you too 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. Please check out the note that came home today. Thank you.

## PARENT WELCOME BBQ AND INFO NIGHT

We will be hosting a BBQ and information night for all parents on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm. It's 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. Thank you to those families who have let us know if they are coming, it would be great to have numbers and any specific dietary requirements by this Friday (for catering purposes). See you there!

## SWIMMING

Our 2018 swimming program begins on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. A roster will be sent home to those parents who have volunteered to come and help out at Moore Than Swimming.

## CAMPS

We have some great camps coming up this term. The Year 6's have a King Valley Cluster Sailing and Transition camp in Rye from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March. Students will complete a Yachting Australia –Start Sailing 1 course, and will have an awesome time while doing it.

The Year 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the our Cluster. Information, permission & medical forms for this camp will come home soon. 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 by 10am and collected from the camp on Thursday by 1pm.

## PAYMENT PLANS

Invoices/accounts for swimming and excursions will be sent out next week. As the year progresses we have many great excursions and camps to offer our students. The school and parents association subsidise a great proportion of the cost of these. We do rely on the payments from parents that we ask for.

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



# Literacy corner

## HOME READING

We again have the 'Home Reading' this year across the school. 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. Praise and encouragement goes a long way and can be added to the comments section as well.

Your help and nightly practice is vital. Reading at home has many benefits for your child and you.

It gives your child time to.....

1. Practice reading using the strategies we have learnt at school. (This week we have been learning how to use the pictures, diagrams and illustrations to help us work out the words.)
2. Develop good habits to help with future homework demands. (Make a regular time to read, after school, before tea, before bed or after breakfast. Find a time that suits you and your child.)
3. Have quiet time and a cuddle with you as they learn to enjoy books.

If you have any questions have a chat with the teachers at any time or come along to the BBQ and information night on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.



## BUDDIES – NEW PREPS by Kalika

On the first day of school our buddies were announced. We have buddies so the Preps have someone to ask for help if they need it. My buddy is Nina, Charlotte's buddy is Tobias, Cope's buddy is Johann and Amilie's buddy is Aroha. So far we have done buddy posters, communication videos, jobs and gardening with our buddies.



## SCIENCE

This term our theme is Biological Science and we will be studying plants. If any students have some interesting plants or books/photos about plants, please bring them to school this Friday.

## INTEGRATED STUDIES by Cope

This term the school is studying mini beasts. Mini beasts include bugs, beetles, spiders and more. The Prep-3's are learning about what mini beasts are, their body parts and where they live. The Year 4-6's are learning about the impact of mini beasts, what bugs help the environment, and ones that do not. The students will be studying a bug each. Some might be the same and some will be different. It is our choice what we study and we are going to research how we can help our bug.

## THE SIX SCHOOL VALUES by Charlotte

Every year our school makes videos about our school values. There are six. We do it in groups with our buddies. There is, **communication** which involves talking things through, listening and helping to teach and explain. **Honesty** involves, truthful communication and looking after things. **Learning** involves, having a go, keep trying, practising and keep learning. **Teamwork** involves, playing with every one, taking turns, learning together, sharing, letting people join in and being fair. **Respect** involves, treating people the way you want to be treated and respecting differences. **Goal Setting** involves, having personal goals, persistence and personal bests. We made videos to remind us of our school values. I enjoyed doing it and had lots of fun.

## 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.



## 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 ☺

## GARDENING by Paul

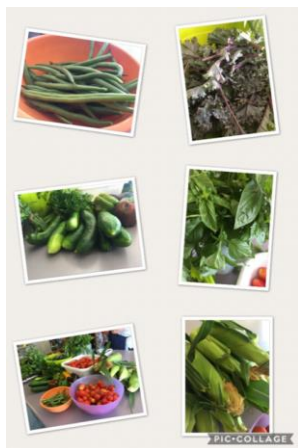
In gardening we were doing a big clean up. We were pulling out weeds\ water the plants and we gave the chickens the weeds. Emilio pulled a giant weed all by himself, it was as big as the wheel barrow! It was cool and big.



## COOKING by Ollie

On Monday the Year 3-6 class had cooking with Linda, it was the Year 3's first time. When we got there, we split into groups at different cooking stations. There were five stations, I was in a group with Amilie, Wirra, Normie and Zac. After we cooked the food, we all sat down at the tables and started eating the food we

made. Then we went back to school and started to work. It was fun!



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Second hand school uniforms

The school currently has a number of second hand items in its collection. We probably have too many items, so parents are welcome to have a look and take items that would be suitable for their child, just see any of the staff. Thank you to the parents that have donated

uniform items that their children have grown out of.

## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS (social and emotional literacy program)

This year the school will continue to run a social and emotional literacy as part of our curriculum, with the added components of Respectful Relationships. The whole school will be alternating each week with this program during Term 1 so we can complete a Baseline Assessment and build an Action Plan for the rest of this year. Please come to the Parent BBQ to hear more about this program.

## MUSIC

Music is back and starting tomorrow! We are continuing to offer individual music lessons for students this year. We still have places available for group or individual lessons in guitar, drums, flute, voice and keyboard. Please contact the office for a form or speak to Claire to book your child in for Term 1 or Term 2.



Coaching and Hot Shots will commence on Thursday's. Hot Shots will start at 4 p.m. for the Primary school students and the second group of coaching will be at 4.45 p.m. Everyone is welcome and all equipment is supplied. Everyone is to bring your hat, sunscreen and water please. Please let the school know how your child is getting to courts e.g. taken by a parent, walking in a group with an older child etc. Look forward to seeing you all on Thursday! Reta Sheppard ph. 57 298 337 or email: [sheppard@netc.net.au](mailto:sheppard@netc.net.au)