

NEWSLETTER

**Term 1
February 8th, 2017**

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Welcome BBQ & info	6pm	Thur 16 th Feb
School Council Meeting @ 7pm		Tues 21 st Feb
Swimming away 11:30-2:30:	21 st , 23 rd , 24 th 28 th Feb	2 nd , 3 rd , 7 th , 9 th March
Grade 6 Sailing Camp		6 th - 10 th March
Labor Day (Public Holiday)		Mon 13 th March
Grade 3-4 Camp (15 Mile Ck)		14 th - 17 th March
School council & AGM @ 7pm		Tues 21 st March
Parent/student/teacher interviews		29 th - 30 th March
Term 1 ends 2:30pm		Fri 31 st 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 21st Feb** starting at 7:00pm. The following meeting is the AGM, it will be held on Tuesday 21st 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

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.

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'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:

Isabelle: For being a great partner in class to new Preps.

Zoi: For working, focusing well and 'having a go' at all activities and discussions in class.

Summer: For a great effort in making her Prep buddy feel welcome.



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 have been 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 ☺

Thank you to the parents that have offered to help with the swimming program and to help listening to students read so far.

Thanks to Rosie who has offered to listen to our little ones read. Please contact the school if you too would like to listen to 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.

	Swimming helper		Swimming helper
Tuesday 21 st Feb	Jill & Kate L	Thursday 2 nd March	Lindy & Kate L
Thursday 23 rd Feb	Sammy & Kate L	Friday 3 rd March	Rosie & Kate L
Friday 24 th Feb	Suz & Kate L	Tuesday 7 th March	Lindy, Kate L & Jill
Tuesday 28 th Feb	Suz & Kate L & Jill	Thursday 9 th March	Sammy & Kate L

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CAMPS

We have some great camps coming up this term. The grade 6's have a cluster sailing & transition camp in Rye from the 6th – 10th March. Students will complete a Yachting Australia –Start Sailing 1 course, and will have an awesome time while doing it.

The grade 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the cluster. Information, permission & medical forms for this camp will come home next week. The camp is from Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th March. Students need to be dropped off at the camp on Tuesday by 10am and collected from the camp on Friday 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

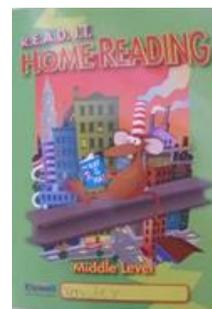
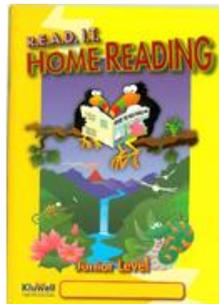
We again have the 'Home Reading' this year across the school. These little yellow books (P-2) and green books (3-6) have lots of great tips for parents to help their child learn to read and they have sticker awards to reward the children for their efforts. Praise and encouragement goes a long way and 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 Thursday 16th February at 6pm.



BUDDIES – NEW PREPS

There are three new kids at our school now. Aroha is Summer's buddy and she likes playing on her swing at home and doing ballet.



Kayleb is Tom's buddy he likes playing in his big sprinkler and monster trucks.

Kody is Edan's buddy he likes Laser tag and Milkshakes.



They all have learnt a lot during the past week and I think they all enjoy it, they have made lots of new friends too. We all like our buddies we have made some iMovie's with them and we do gardening and jobs with them.
By Summer

SCIENCE

This term our integrated theme is Dinosaurs and fossils. In Science we will be study Earth Science. Can students **please bring some interesting rocks/stones** from your home area for **Science on Friday**.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

In integrated studies we have just started studying dinosaurs, fossils, rocks/earth. In the three to six classroom their class book is 'Dinotopia' which is about these two people Arthur (the dad) and Will (the son) who get shipwrecked by a typhoon and get washed up on an island with dinosaurs and humans living side by side. I am really excited about this term and I have dug up fossils before. By Angus.

If you have any dinosaur books or books on fossils at home, it would be great if your child can share the book at school for the term.

THE SIX SCHOOL VALUES

The six school values are communication, honesty, learning, teamwork, respect and goal setting. We started making iMovie's on Thursday with our buddies and got put in pairs with other buddies. I was with my buddy Toria also in our group was Kalika, Zoi and Normie. We were doing 'Respect' for our iMovie. Our movie was about being aware of people's differences, respecting the environment and treating people the way you want to be treated.

By Amilie.



Excess Garden Produce

Is your garden producing more than you can use, preserve or you had so many that you simply don't want to see any more of them?

Then the Kitchen Garden program may be able to use your excess produce. Please let the school know and we will check if Carla can use them in the Monday cooking session.

Email: van.bergen.mark.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 ☺

GARDENING

On Friday all the buddies met outside to choose our garden. The bigger buddies name was pulled out of a hat and then the partner joined them to find a garden bed. All of the garden beds had lots of weeds but some were better than others. I have a garden with Lachlan my buddy, it is the onion bed. It is big so we share it with Paul and Isabelle. Our garden was one of the better ones because it had heaps of big weeds which are easier to pull out than little weeds. After the first gardening session we had about half the garden done. I was surprised at how much my old garden bed had grown over the Christmas holidays. There was one bed that had no weeds! I can't wait till the next gardening to finish off our beds.

By Charlotte.



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COOKING

Our first cooking was as fun as going to a waterpark. My group cooked a cabbage and apple dish. It only had five ingredients. All the dishes were yummy. The new year threes did an awesome job on their first cooking. They learnt how to use knives and learnt where everything is in the kitchen. Emilio, Ollie, Amy and Zoi made a fruit salad that was so good they had to make it massive, so everyone could have some. There was corn and sweet potato fritters. Another group produced eggplant bake. Tomato salad was also on the menu. By Tom.



CYBERSAFETY

This term we will learn a little bit about cyber safety. So far we have started our acceptable use licence and played a game where we had to help a family to be cyber safe. One way of being cyber safe is making sure you don't send anyone your personal information. We also learnt what cyber bullying is, it is someone sending mean messages or comments on social media. I learnt what copyright and a 'cyber footprint' are. By Kalika

MUSIC

In classroom music on Thursdays the students have been working with Miss B on the Musical futures program. The P-2 are being introduced to the guitar this term as well as listening logs. 3-6 students starting drumming skills using chairs and drum sticks. Students will also be doing some beat boxing and learning about indigenous music. The whole school is also learning some vocal tongue twist-warm up exercises and we are strating to learn the songs from 'Aladdin'. (Musical the whole school will see on Wed 24th May in Melbourne)



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.

TENNIS at Whiffield



Coaching and Hot Shots has commenced and is on again on Thursday's. Hot Shots will start at 4 p.m. along with all primary school students doing coaching this term. Second group of coaching will be at 4.45 p.m. If you were in the second group last year you will be in the 2nd group again this year. Everyone is welcome, if you would like to have a go at Hot Shots, suitable from prep and upwards please come along. All equipment supplied. Everyone to bring your hat, sunscreen and water please. Look forward to seeing you all on Thursday. Happy tennis, Reta Sheppard.

Reta is contactable on 57 298 337

Or email: sheppard@netc.net.au



IT'S BACK & FREE!!!!

Teeball for primary school aged boys and girls!!

When: Wednesday 8th February ~ every Wednesday for eight weeks
Where: Wangaratta Baseball/Softball Grounds, Murdoch Road, Wangaratta (next to Cathedral College)

Time: 6pm - 7pm Equipment supplied and sessions run by experienced Wangaratta Rangers Baseball players.

BYO hat & drink bottle ~ see Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Facebook page for details.