



NEWSLETTER

Term 2
April 18th, 2018

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2 begins (no cooking)	Monday 16 th April
Hot lunches begin	Wed 18 th April
School Council @ 7pm	Tues 24 th April
ANZAC DAY public holiday	Tues 25th April
Cooking	Mon 30 th April
Hot Lunches	Wed 2 nd May
Personal Best Sports @ Appin Park	Thursday 10 th May
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	Tues 15 th – Thur 17 th May
'Wizard of Oz' Performance – Melbourne	Wed 23 rd 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

OSHC VACATION CARE NEWS

OSHC ran a holiday program over the last two weeks where the students had lots of fun! They were busy participating in a variety of activities including: Bunnings workshop (made photo frames), had a wheels day, cooked 'Herman the German' cake, played with Lego and Knex, outside games and sports, tie dye, art and craft, drama, music, games, cards and puzzles.



If you would like to book your child in for fun, craft and games 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:

Delilah: For her positive attitude and willingness to try new things at Year 3/4 Camp.

Melita: For her can-do positive attitude at Year 3/4 Camp.

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.

PLANNED ASBESTOS REMOVAL WORKS

On the weekend of the 28th-29th April the Department of Education and Training (DET) will be undertaking some proactive asbestos removal works at the school in the main building (eaves), porch and sports shed. The asbestos-containing material is being removed from the school grounds in strict accordance with the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety framework and environmental regulations.

We will be working closely with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), the responsible body for asbestos removal and remediation works within DET, to ensure disruption to students and staff is minimal. Work will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removalist engaged by DET. As a further precaution, an occupational hygienist will monitor air quality during applicable removal works and must issue a clearance certificate. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. Thanks, Claire.

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). 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!

PERSONAL BEST Athletics - Thursday 10th May

The King Valley Cluster – Personal Best Athletics sports will be held at the **Appin Park Athletics Track** on **Thursday 10th May**. Students need to be delivered to the track **by parents** and need to arrive by **9:45am**. It is a fantastic family day. The day concludes at approximately 2:30pm. Students need to have lunch, snack, water bottle and a hat. Please contact the school if you have any questions about the day.

'THE WIZARD OF OZ'

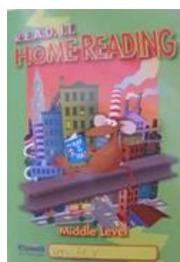
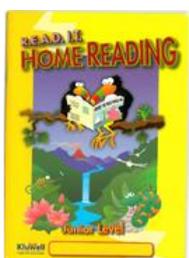
On Wednesday 23rd May, the whole school will be travelling to Melbourne by coach to see the 'Wizard of Oz' at the Regent Theatre. The Parents Association have subsidised more than half the cost for the students. We have 13 adult tickets available (one per family) at \$120. These need to be paid for in advance to secure your seat. We will be leaving the school at **7:50am** and we expect to be back to school at around 8:30 – 9:00pm. Please see the attached note with more details about this fantastic whole school excursion.

HOT LUNCHES

Thank you to Nicole for the yummy Lasagna and to Letitia for the caramel pie and to Rosie for helping to serve today! Remember, when you are cooking for the hot lunches you can bring a receipt and claim back expenses for providing the hot lunch. Hot lunches are provided for just \$3:00 per child, please remember to send this along on the day. A reminder that there are **no hot lunches** next Wednesday due to the ANZAC day holiday.

HOME READING

We have a number of students who have already reached their 75 nights' certificate. Well done!



Congratulations 25 nights home reading:
Ollie, Reuben, Inanay, Casey, Johann, Tobias
Congratulations 50 nights home reading:
Isabelle, Emilio, Lachlan, Inanay
Congratulations 75 nights home reading:
Zoi, Claire, Kalika



Literacy corner

KEN CLARKES VISIT By Wirra

At the end of last term our Mayor, Ken Clarke came to thank us for the Commonwealth Games Relay Baton banners. A while ago everyone made a banner design for when the Commonwealth Games Baton came through Wangaratta, then they got sent to the local council to be judged. Isabelle, Melita, Normie, Emily and Casey got their's made into proper banners that got put up on display. The Mayor came in his Mayoral costume and brought a replica of the baton. we got to



hand this around and we got a school photo with the four banners and our mayor.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY – ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT By Amilie and Cope

In digital technologies, we have been working through our acceptable use agreement. We have to do this to learn about being safe on the internet, email and other online activities. It includes protecting passwords, not giving personal information, not going into unknown sites you are unsure about. It also helps us to remember to not send mean or hurtful comments, or post things people wouldn't like to be posted. Doing this agreement will allow us to go on to email and other sites online. It also makes sure we are safe online. We have been doing this for a few years now, so we know what to do.

SCIENCE by Kalika and Corrie

Our science focus for last term was biology. We learnt about how flowers work and grow. First, we talked about the parts of a flower, stamen, stigma, leaves, petals and stems. Next,

we picked a flower, there were lots to choose from roses, sunflowers, lilies, hydrangeas, chrysanthemums and many more. We then looked it over with a magnifying glass so we had many details for our first diagram of our chosen flower We gave it a longitudinal (long ways) cut then drew another diagram. The last part of the experiment was cutting it in a transverse direction (at right angles to previous cut). Because my group had some buds on our lily we got to cut them as well which was surprisingly different to an open lily in various noticeable and subtle ways. Overall, we really liked this experiment because it was very interesting.

SCHOOL SWIMMING AT THE YMCA

Kalika: Throughout last term, we had swimming at the YMCA. During swimming, I was in a group with Charlotte, Cope, Claire, Zoi, Isabelle and Amilie. We had two different sessions during the one hour of swimming, we had half an hour of survival skills and half an hour of stroke technique. For stroke technique we had a teacher whose name was Penny, my favourite thing we did with Penny was IMs. An IM is an individual medley relay and it is an individual event consisting of all four strokes butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and free style swum in that order (unlike a traditional medley which is backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly then freestyle). I also enjoyed it when we did a team relay where each person swam 25 meters of a stroke or kick that Penny would tell us just before we swam. For example I did butterfly and freestyle in the first relay whereas others did other strokes and kicks. My absolute favourite thing were the flippers. In survival skills we had a few different teachers, we had Ms B, Ms Mexon and Mr Y. My favourite things that we did was safety entries: step in entries, slide in entries back and front, compact jumps, stairs, shallow dives and much, much more. I also liked rescuing, we did two types of rescuing, rigid rescuing with a pole, rope rescues and rescuing with an object. I also enjoyed using PFDs. I even learnt the aqua code: go together, stay afloat and wave, reach to rescue. I loved swimming!

Paul: During swimming, we did free style, backstroke, breaststroke, dolphin kick, treading water, sculling, freestyle and backstroke. We did dolphin kick with flippers. We had half an hour each session with Penny and we had Miss B for breaststroke, treading water and sculling. It was awesome and the most fun swimming lessons ever in my life!

Judd: The first session we met Penny I was worse than I am now at different strokes. I can now do these strokes much easier now. I can do survival backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke and more. It was really fun on the last session because we did mat wars and mat races, the bigger group won every time. Every week we did swimming we swapped around with Penny or Miss B. We were talking about questions about safety skills and what the safety words stand for. We also did survival strokes and safety jumps and we tried using flippers while doing the strokes.

Corrie: When we went swimming I learnt how to do my breaststroke better and a lot faster. Then I learnt to do my breathing in my freestyle and to blow bubbles while I am under water, then I did my backstroke. In the survival group I learnt a shallow dive, a compact jump and survival backstroke. And then I did a backwards scull and a forward scull and then we swam under water for as long as we could, as if there was oil on top of the water. We did treading water for five and more minutes and we did a deep dive and stayed under the water until we got to the flags. In the group with Penny we did dolphin swim and the next time we got to use flippers. On the last day we did races on mats, freestyle, back stroke and relays. Then we had free time to play around in the poo, I jumped off the edge on to a mat then we played mat wars; it was fun. Then we swam through a hoola hoop that was under water, that was all fun, then we got to buy some things from the shop like some sweets.

SAILING CAMP by Amilie

On the first day of sailing, everyone started in the Optimis, their real names were Optimist. To start off, I didn't really like it because I got sea sick, but the next day I didn't get sick! Back to the first day, some people got to sail Bics. They were different to the Optimis because their mast's were taller and they were easier to flip over and faster. On the second day, some people did Bic relays. They were in two different teams, Kalka's team won. On the last day we got up pretty early to the smell of bacon, eggs and pancakes. We had a big breakfast for the big race to win the Whitfield cup. There were four heats. I was with Will, Breanna and Sam, Will won our race. In the finals was Charlotte, Cope, Will and Andrew. They had to do two laps around the buoys. After two laps... In fourth place we have, Andrew. In third place we have, Will. In second

place we have, Cope. And in first place I give you, Charlotte! ☺ We were all happy for Charlotte and Cope, and I think they were to. It was really great.

SAILING CAMP by Charlotte

Last term all the Year Six's from the cluster gathered at the Moyhu Primary school ready to head off to sailing camp. Sailing camp was held at the Rye Yacht Club which is about 4 hours away. The first day we got there it was too windy to sail. That afternoon we went for a walk to a pier which was a five minute walk away. The next day was perfect sailing weather, our instructors, Bob, Peter and Ruby the dog, helped us to set up an Opti. The Opti is a small one person boat that looks a bit like a bath tub! Kalika and I were the first ones to use the tiller extension which is an extension to the tiller so you can sit further out of the boat so you can then go faster! We then had lunch break. After lunch we headed back out to sail. Bob helped us set up an Open Bic. This boat is also a one man boat has a bigger sail and is flatter so that it is easier to tip over it also goes faster. It usually has three sails but we only put on two, there was the Jib, which was the smaller sail at the front controlled by the crew. The other sail was the main sail which was controlled by the skipper. I was the crew controlling the jib and helping to keep the boat balanced. Kalika was the Skipper, she controlled the mainsail as well as steering with the tiller. We nearly tipped it a few times but we ended up staying dry!!! Every night we had a quiz. Were we had to answer questions about other people.

On the second last day Bob asked who would like to have little relays. I was in a team with Kade, Cope and Emma. The other team was Kalika, Clove, Andrew and Sam. The other team won☺! That afternoon we got to ride the Bics. It was fantastic wind. I nearly tipped it several times when I was tacking, luckily I did not. We also got to go out to the old light house. We went out on speed boats. There were two speed boats. The Red Duck and another speed boat. I was in the red Duck with Kalika, Amilie and Emma. We saw lots of seals on the platform under the light house. On the last day was probably the worst wind. There was hardly any! That was the day we had the King Valley Cup! Because there was 16 of us we had four heats of four. I was in the last heat. We started in between two buoys went around another two and came back between the buoys. Who ever won there heat would go on to the Grand Final. I won my heat. For the

Grand Final we had to do two laps. I got a good start and was in the lead. On the Second lap however my centreboard got stuck on the rope of the buoy. No one overtook me though. On the home strait Cope caught up and overtook me! But then I overtook him again and won the cup☺! I was so happy. We got back to Moyhu at about 4:30. Sailing camp was one of my favourite camps. It was a great learning experience and stacks of fun!!

YEAR 6 SAILING CAMP by Cope

Year 6 sailing camp is a camp where the Grade Sixes from the cluster learn to sail in Rye (south of Melbourne). On the first day, I woke up at 6:00 AM and left home at 10 to 7:00AM. The trip to Rye took forever that day all I wanted to do was sail, and guess what I did not. It was too windy on the first day so we did not. Our teachers were Bob, Peter and his dog Ruby as well as the teachers from our cluster helping them. On the first day, all we did was settle in and we went to the pier at night. The second day was when we went sailing for the first time. We sailed 3 times that day. We had a Quiz about each other each day. The second night we walked to the park before bed. The beds were our own and we needed a sleeping bag. We slept in a Large room, (yes, boys and girls in the same room). The next day was Thursday and that day was the best day because we practiced for the cup the next day. We also went to see the seals at the southern channel lighthouse. It was low tide so some seals could not get on the platform below the house. The final day was the cup race for the King Valley cup. All we did that day was the cup. There was 16 players, 4 per race. The winner of each race gets to the final. The finalists were Charlotte R, Cope S/me, Will from Myrree and Andrew from Myrree. Fourth was Andrew, 3rd was Will. The winner by a boost on the final straight was Charlotte and I was 2nd. Bob presented Charlotte with the cup after the races. Then we went on our 5-hour trip back home.