



## NEWSLETTER

Term 2  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

### Exceptional Educational Experiences

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Cooking	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Hot Lunches	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Personal Best Sports @ Appin Park</b>	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Cooking	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May
School Council @ 7pm	Tues 15 <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
Cooking	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Life Education Van	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Queen's B'day Public holiday	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Pupil Free Day (Report Writing)	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Australian Ballet Workshop (Year 3-6)	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Australian Ballet Performance (Year 3-6 a.m.)	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June
End of Term (Jump Rope for heart demo & Lunch)	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June

#### 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 diary/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)

#### OSHC NEWS

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for Outside School Hours Care. Please also use this number for afterschool arrangements as this phone is always checked just before dismissal at 3:30pm.

#### PAYMENT PLANS

As for previous years, parents are able to plan ahead and make payments towards camps and excursions coming up. 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

#### '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:

**Ruby:** For settling in well to her new school.

**Isabelle:** For using her initiative and stepping up into a leadership role.

#### 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.

#### **\*\*BUS INFORMATION from Wendy Duncan\*\***

Please note the following information regarding bus travellers on the morning and afternoon contracted bus service with Public Transport Safety Victoria (PTSV):

**The school bus service is to be utilised by only regular/enrolled bus travellers to their school bus stop. The bus is not be used for after school activities.**

If I am approached by parents to transport non-bus travellers to after school activities, I will not be able to assist your child (or parent) e.g. sleepovers, birthday parties, playdates etc. This is a regulation of PTSV for legal liability of passengers. If you have any queries please contact me on 57298331 or 0418-989938. Regards, Wendy.

#### TERM 2 WORKING BEE By Kate Gilson

Thanks to all families who were able to come along last Friday, to the Working Bee. Held once a term, its a great chance to catch up over a project or regular maintenance tasks. With an Autumn theme, there was lots of leaf raking, mulching, trimming and weeding among other jobs. The Maze and the Playground looks fantastic! Planning for future projects was also part of the afternoon. If you have projects or tasks come to mind, please get in touch via Sandy King - School Council President. A dinner at the Mountain View Hotel afterwards continued a lovely social theme. The efforts of all the children and adults are greatly appreciated, and part of the active efforts that help make our school great!



## 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 their parents** by **9:45am**. It is a fantastic family day. The day concludes at approximately **2:30pm**.

Students need to wear sport shoes, school uniform or a red T shirt and shorts. They will need their lunch, snack, water bottle and a hat and sunscreen. Please contact the school if you have any questions about the day.

## 'THE WIZARD OF OZ' – WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY

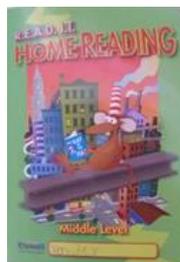
We have **8 adult tickets left (one per family)** at \$120. These need to be paid for by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** to secure your seat. Permission forms are going out today and will need to be back next week. We will be leaving the school at **7:50am**. Students need to wear full school uniform and bring lunch, snack and water bottle for the trip. We will stop to buy dinner on the way back – students need **\$10 - \$15** to buy dinner. We expect to be back to school at around 8:30 – 9:00pm. Please check with call or text to Claire on **0428298286** after 7:30 pm for more precise arrival time.

## HOT LUNCHES

Thank you to Nicole and Letitia for the lasanga and caramel tart last week. This week Kate Gilson and Mel Guy are making baked potatoes and fruit salad and yoghurt. 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.

## HOME READING

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



### Congratulations 25 nights home reading:

Vera, Amy

### Congratulations 50 nights home reading:

Cope, Owen, Normie, Judd, Emily, Corrie, Nina, Tobias, Johann, Mike, Casey, Aroha

### Congratulations 75 nights home reading:

Inanay, Isabelle



# Literacy corner

## YEAR 3/4 CAMP AT 15 MILE CREEK CAMP

**Isabelle:** I arrived at 15-mile creek camp and somebody rang the bell very loudly, so loudly that everyone heard it and ran to the echidna pizza oven and outdoor fire pit. We all took a seat and I found out I was in group two. The names of other people in group two were Madison, Josh, Spencer, Mark, Matilda, Ella, Hamish, Delilah, Toria. The teacher in our group was Ms Mexon and Miss B, our group leader was Zoe. We were all in the same cabin. My highlights were the flying fox, rock climbing and working in the garden. When we did the flying fox we split into two groups. Group one and two went orienteering first and group three and four went on the flying fox. After about half an hour we swapped over. Group one and two went on the flying fox and it was great fun. In the garden we made a bee hotel it looked great. There was a side that looked good and a side that looked bad. In rock climbing I climbed to the top of every wall and I even gave myself challenges.



**Ollie:** On the 26-29 of March the 3-4's in our cluster schools went to 15 mile creek camp. When we got there we got into our groups, I

was in Pete's group with Melita Emilio and Casey. One night each group took turns on the flying fox and orienteering. We did it in two groups and we each got a turn. On Tuesday my group went rock climbing. I climbed three sides. Two of the sides had shoes on them, they were a target for people who didn't want to go to the top. On Wednesday my group went to Mt Samaria. It was a pretty long walk. But sadly I got stung by a queen bull ant six times but I still finished the walk. We also went to a waterfall. We went up the waterfall as far as we could and it was really cool. That night we played a game, there were four groups that tried to throw their shoe at a cone to



knock down a ball, everybody liked it. On Thursday every one packed up, said goodbye and went home.

**Amy:** On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 I went to 3/4 camp with the other three fours from other schools. We settled in and we had a play. Then we went to go rock climbing. I got to



demonstrate it. At lunch I sat with my friends from last year. For the rest of the week we went creek/dam walking and we found a hat and lots of yabby shells. We did a bike ride and we did the skills track and rode to the wombat habitat. We went

to Mount Samaria and we found a tree that looked like a goat or a deer. Then we went to the highest point of the mountain and we went to the waterfall. We went gardening and we found a frog so we called our group the Croakers, we also did some work. The Croakers were a good group, we worked as a team and I had a great time, it was so fun, but it was my last time at this camp.

**Normie:** On 3/4 camp we went on a river walk. I was in a room with Abby, Miley, Rachel, London and Amelia. On the first day I went rock-climbing, I was very happy when I got to the top of the black rocks. I was happy when I went on the flying fox at night and on the last day I was very tired. I was very happy when I went home.



**Zoi:** We had to be there at 10:30am. When we got there we got into our groups. After lunch we went rock climbing, I got the highest on the hardest one, I was so proud of myself.

Bike riding: I like riding on roads but we had to do it on a bike track in the bush. We stopped to do a listening booklet it was fun.

The trust trail: The trust trail is when you get a partner and one person gets a blind fold and the other holds their partner's hand and puts their hand on the rope. It was difficult, I had to step in and out of tyres, it was fun too.



**Emilio:** On 26<sup>th</sup> of March we set off for camp, I was feeling nervous but excited but mainly hungry. We stopped for a treat and drink at the Whitty Cafe then we went to camp at 15 Mile Creek and we had a little play. The teachers split us in to four groups, I was in group 3 it was called Greater Gliders. Pete was my group leader and I was in a group with Ollie, Casey, Mazy, Ethan, Abby, Mia, Emilia, Miley and Melita. The first day we went gardening with Kat the gardener, after that did a team course and worked as a team to finish it. Then we made some damper with butter and jam then played camouflage.



Soon after we returned for dinner then hit the hay. On our third day we went up to Mt Samaria. On the way to the waterfall, I stepped down from the lookout and Pete yelled out 'snake!' First I thought he was joking but he wasn't I found my foot right next to a what I thought was a red belly black snake, I stepped away quickly and I made sure I knew where my feet went for the rest of the day. My heart was still racing after Pete scared it away, after we had a little play, we had lunch then went to the summit. Then we headed back to the to camp and had dinner then went to bed. The next day we packed up our cabins then got picked up by our mums and dads. My week at fifteen-mile creek was great!



**Owen:** At the start of Monday I was super excited about camp because I would see all my friends again from last year, so I got ready nearly in an instant.

When I got to camp I went looking for my friends in an instant second. Two hours later I finally found Don. He goes to Myrree Primary School. I met him last year at the Year 1/2 Camp and we had fun times with each other, but this year was totally different. This year I met two new kids and their names were Ben and Tyler. The four of us hung out with each other all the time, we were even in the same dormitory. On the day we got there we went on a bike ride



and I lost control twice. The first time I lost control was because a kangaroo caught my eye and I was going too fast, the second time I lost control I fell off my bike from the same reason. The next day we went on a creek walk for three hours and came back. We did different activities each day and rock climbing, bush walking. On Thursday we all went home.

**Emily:** On the first day we settled into our dorms, I was in group four. We went rock climbing and I got to the top on each one. The next day we went bug catching, we caught lots of bugs. The next day we went to Mount Samaria. We went to the top and we went to a waterfall. On the next day we went bike riding and we went to the wombat enclosure. On the last day we went and worked in the garden and we went home. That was my camp!



**Melita:** I went to camp, it was fun! I had a noisy cabin, in my cabin I had Amy and Emily. I went on the rock wall, it was fun and it was my first time. I went bike riding it was bumpy riding. On the third day we went to Mount Samaria, it was the best. I also went on the flying fox and did not get scared.



**Delilah:** I went on the rock climbing wall it was fun. I couldn't go very high the first time. I had another go, this time I went higher. I went on a flying fox, I was nervous the first time but it was really fun. I love 3/4 camp, I can't wait until next year.



**Casey:** I went to 15 Mile Creek camp. When I got to camp I was kind of nervous but when I settled in I was ready for an ADVENTURE!!!! My favourite part was everything, I had the best teacher ever, he was Pete. I went on the flying fox and I went 'woohoo!' because it was exciting. We went rock climbing, we had to put on a harness. At the start I only went half way then I had another go and I went to the top. It was fun going down because it was like



bungy jumping. I slept in a top bunk with Zoi. We went bike riding, there was a really cool bike track, it had a hill and small turns. I went to Mt Samaria and that was the end of my journey.

**Toria:** I went on the rock climbing wall, it was really fun, then we went on the flying fox. We went to the garden and made a home for the bugs. On a bike ride Don fell off his bike. Then we went for a bush walk to the waterfall. Camp was so fun.



### 'ONCE UPON A STORY'

Abandoned books are the bones of your storybook and work of art. Children between 9 and 14 are invited to 'flesh out' their book by creating collages and drawings, manipulating pages and images in 2D and 3D.

Tell stories of old, make plans for the future, store secrets and treasures.

Experiment with paper craft and ready-made imagery to create a stunning work of art.



#### WORKSHOP INVITATION

2 Saturdays- 19 and 26 May

At: Wangaratta Library

Time: 10am - 12:30pm Please contact Jacquie Coupe on M: 0423 500 584 to book or for any other information



The Rotary Club of Wangaratta and Wang Lit Fest are sponsoring GANEAA (Goulburn & North East Arts Alliance) member and local creative visual arts specialist, Jacquie Coupe, to provide her very imaginative workshops for local children. This is to occur in the lead up to the Rotary Club of Wangaratta - Wang Lit Fest and Book Fair on The Queens Birthday weekend June 9th and 10th, 2018.

Following the workshops the reworked books will be displayed for others to read at the Wangaratta Library.

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