



NEWSLETTER

Term 2
June 28th, 2017

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

End of Term **Fri 30th June**
(Jump rope for heart demo & Lunch) (12:40pm – 2:30pm)

Term 2 ends @ 2:30pm (OSH ends at 5pm) Fri 30th June
OSH Vacation care – Mon 3rd – Fri 14th July
For bookings call or text 0448 298 467

Term 3 begins **Mon 17th July**
School council Meeting at 7pm **Tues 18th July**
4-6 ski camp (optional) – Falls Creek **Last week of Aug**

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 this term. 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

Regional Leadership Camp – grade 6
Outdoor School – 15 Mile Creek

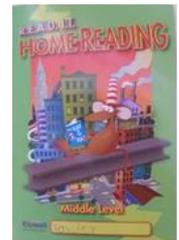
I had a great time at back and beyond camp learning new skills and meeting new people. During camp, each group had to make a community project. One group made a tarp shelter and the other made a giant nest to play in. Our group made a new sensory trail for Fifteen-Mile Creek. You had to be blindfolded and go through a bunch of obstacles with a rope to guide you. We started with some activities on the second and third day. We did bike riding and were lucky enough to ride through the muddy puddle. This did not really relate to leadership, but it built confidence and skills. Another activity was aquatics where our group had to build a raft that would paddle to the other side of the dam and back. We had barrels, rope, wood, and donuts. It

floated and we did get it to the other side and back. However, it fell apart and we had to fix it on the other side. We had lots of ideas about how to build the raft and there was a big argument on how to build it. We started to build it and a few people's ideas were included. On the second last night, each group had to run an activity. Our group picked a talent show. We had a few different acts like singing, magic show and joke telling. The judging panel reviewed each act with a score out of ten. Thursday was project day. Our group split into little groups and we each worked on an obstacle for the sensory trail. I worked with Mikaylee on the maze. There is no rope in the maze so you have to find your own way. Our group behaved much better and there was no arguing. It seemed we worked better in smaller groups. All in all, it was fun and I made a few new friends for next year at High School. By Tom



HOME READING

Well done to the following students for achieving a certificate for their home reading.



Congratulations 25 nights home reading.

Owen

Congratulations 50 nights home reading.

Delilah, Inanay, Amy

Congratulations 75 nights home reading.

Emily, Isabelle, Normie, Paul

Congratulations 100 nights home reading.

Zoi, Summer, Edan

Congratulations 125 nights home reading.

Amilie

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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:

Reuben: For his persistence with bike riding and great practice he put in at lunchtimes this year.

Melita: For her fantastic effort with writing independently and writing more in class.

Kalika: For her good leadership of the interschool soccer team and great personal efforts to lead by example.

Daphne: For her great participation in interschool soccer and being friendly to teammates from other schools.

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Claire and Charlotte who competed in the Regional Cross Country at Winton last week. Claire came 8th and is now off to the State Cross Country titles in July.



On the 8th of June; Claire, Wirra, Charlotte, Edan, Corrie, Angus, Emilio and Tom went to cross country. Claire thought the hardest part of the run was the start because you were so nervous. Wirra came 39th and Claire came 7th. Charlotte and Claire made it through to regionals. Good job to everyone for a trying their hardest and having fun.

By Claire and Wirra

Regional Leadership Camp – grade 6 Outdoor School – 15 Mile Creek

I had a great time at camp, all the Whitfield kids were in a group. Each group had a project, our project was to rebuild the sensory trail. Everyone enjoyed it, you had to go through different obstacles to go through, under or over, you had to have a blind fold and you could choose if you wanted to have someone lead you or not. You had to hold a rope to guide you and you go through tyres a mud pit, go through a maze and spider web, and you go over some stepping stones and there is also trees that you weave through. By the end of the camp everyone had a go and I think lots of people enjoyed it!

Another activity was pioneering (building a bridge). We all had a set activity to do. I was sawing all the bits of wattle trees, we all helped tie all of the wattle trees together with rope and then we all tested it out by going across the creek. It worked really well and it was a team effort! But then we had to take it down for the next group 😊

One of my favourite activities was the orienteering. We had to get into groups of three and we had a map, compass and a sheet to show that we found them. For the first go we had to find blue foamy things with a shape, it was pretty easy but we just had to trust each other and for the second round - it was a bigger orienteering course. We had to find three and if you found all of them you come back and go find some more. We had to go out in the bush with our group and we had to know what we were doing otherwise there was no point because you would just go around in circles. It was really fun.

By the end of camp it was really enjoyable and I had lots of fun and made lots of new friends! I learnt new and skilful things by going and it was a great experience. By Summer



ECOLOGIST VISIT

We had a visit from an ecologist named Nikki, she told us about the three endangered species that live in North East Victoria. There was the Two Spined Blackfish, the Murray River Cray Fish and the final one lives on land it is the Yellow Box gumtree. We walked down to the creek, looked at it, and learnt that the creek was meant to be dirty so that the two animals that lived in the creek could hide from predators that ate them, they were trout. They eat the combined particles. When we got back, we played a game. The aim of the game was to stay alive and not be eaten by predators. There was a certain amount of hoops that you had to stay in but you could only be in one hoop for two seconds, then you would have to run over to another hoop and try not to get tagged by the predators, if you do you would have to slowly take away the hoops until there is no hoops left, or until all the endangered species have died. Overall, we had a great time with Nikki. By Edan

OSH

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for Outside School Hours Care. Vacation Care excursions do fill fast and are often booked out. Some other days do also reach capacity. Please book early to avoid disappointment and to help with staffing. Vacation Care program is available on the school website.

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BIKE ED

Glenn Clarke came to set up a bike course. Glenn had to take the course at the end of the week because he had to take it to a different school. Then we made a new track with the schools equipment. Judd's and Corrie's favourite part of Glenn's course was the bridge because it was fun to balance on. Our favourite part of the course that we made was going under the pole was because we had to lean back like limbo. By Judd and Corrie



Bike Ed

Thank you to all the parents that helped out last Friday on our bike ride day. It was a great day and an excellent way for our students to put into practice what they had learnt in Bike Ed at the school. The additional riders, trailers and supports helps make great experiences for our students happen. Thank you ☺



Please collect student bikes from the school before the holidays. It would be great if students kept riding and improving their skills and confidence over the break.

HOT LUNCHES

Thank you to Sammy for the chicken pasta and Leigh for the apple and rhubarb cakes. Thanks also to Kate G for the hearty baked potatoes and toppings and Letitia for the caramel tart and custard. **We love Hot Lunches**

GARDENING

Monday in gardening, we look after our gardens. Amy and I are growing potatoes, silverbeet, broccoli, capsicum, chilli peppers, coriander, and zucchini. We have chickens. By Amy & Paul



COOKING

On Monday the 19th of June, we did cooking. The produce from our garden was broccoli, kale, chives and rosemary. In addition, the dishes that were made were kale chips and creamy broccoli pasta, potato bake, fried rice, artichoke soup and Heather's apple cake. The ingredients in Heather's apple cake were apples, coconut sugar, and egg, butter, self-raising flour, cinnamon, caster sugar and icing sugar. By Cope and Daphne



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Last Friday there was no social enterprise because we had our bike ride. In social enterprise the week before, we had four other people in the café so they can learn the jobs and so they can teach the other car wash people when we swap over next term. We taught Angus how to make the coffees, hot chocolates and baby chinos. Claire worked with Daphne on the ordering. Ollie taught Emilio how to make toasties and Edan taught Corrie how to make egg and bacon muffins. By Amilie and Kalika



The car wash and café will be open this Friday. Please note that we can only wash 6 cars in the time, so please book to avoid disappointment. You can book on the school website or call the school.

WINTER SPORTS

Yesterday, our older students participated in the Wangaratta Winter Sports Day as part of King Valley Cluster teams. The cluster sent a tee-ball team, netball team and two soccer teams to compete. All the students did fantastically in working as part of a team and all teams improved as the rounds progressed. The tee-ballers lost their first two games, drew their third and won their last two games. The netballers won four games and lost two. The mixed soccer team lost their first games 5-0, but then played all boys teams for the next two games and only went down 1-0 and they won their last game 1-0, which was a great result for their hard work and showed their improvement throughout the day. The boys' soccer team won all their round games to finish top of their group, but narrowly went down 1-0 in the semi final, but created plenty of chances in the last 5 minutes to almost equalize. Well done to all students.



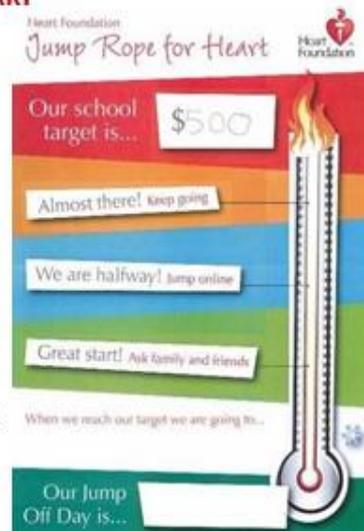
WeDo 2.0 Robotic Lego



Last week we were successful in obtaining an 'Inspiring Australia Science Engagement Maker Project' grant from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, to purchase 12 sets of WeDo 2.0 Robotic Lego (with storage trolley and rechargeable powerpacks). The students have unpacked and sorted the kits and so they will be ready to use next semester in our Digital Technologies class. Students not only need to engineer a working machine, but need to program the algorithms correctly for it to operate successfully.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Students have their Jump Rope for Heart sponsorship forms. The students have already started to practice their skipping skills.



The 'Jump Off Day' is the last day of term. Sponsorship money needs to be handed in by this day. The school will have a pizza

lunch and invites parents, families and community members to attend and see a great demonstration of skipping by our students. Thanks in advance for your support.

Please send in 'Jump Rope for Heart' forms and money tomorrow (Friday morning at the latest)

The "Jump Off" will begin at 12:40pm followed by a pizza lunch. After the lunch break there will be a short musical performance on our 'outdoor stage'. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Student reports will also be distributed.

Staffing Arrangements for the next 12 months

A big thank you to Claire Bradbury who will be stepping up to be acting principal whilst I am on 12 months sabbatical leave. This means that disruptions to our students and programs is minimal. Dianne will continue to do an amazing job in our F-2 classroom, Claire will maintain her current teaching load of Science, Digital technologies, Music, Instrumental and Measurement & Geometry. Jill will support our students and programs in her role as Educational Support. Pam will keep wearing her two hats of Office and OSH (with Leigh's assistance) and our Italian, Library and Art will carry on as usual. My current 3-6 classroom teaching load will be covered by the one teacher, which will be announced shortly after the application process. Thanks again to the fantastic staff, students, parents and community that will continue to provide **'Exceptional Educational Experiences'**.

My family and I will be travelling for 12 months in the Americas and I will be starting my Master of Education as well. If you would like to follow our adventures (or mis-adventures) my boys will be writing a blog and can be followed <https://vanbergenfamily.wordpress.com/> or just see pics on Instagram – search [vanbergenfamily](#)