



NEWSLETTER

Term 4
December 12th, 2017

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council Meeting 6pm	Thurs 14 th Dec
School Council Dinner 7pm – Whitfield Hotel	Thurs 14 th Dec
Parent working bee 3:30-5:30pm	Fri 15 th Dec
Concert Rehearsals @ Cheshunt Hall	Mon18-Thurs 21 st Dec
End of year concert 7pm Cheshunt Hall	Thurs 21 st Dec
Last day of school (finish @ 1:30pm – no lunch break)	Fri 22 nd Dec
No OSHC	Fri 22 nd Dec

Vacation Care Mon 15th – 25th Jan 2018

Staff return Mon 29th Jan, Pupil Free Tues 30th Jan

Students return Wednesday 31st January 2018

All school newsletters are available on the school website: www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

WORKING BEE - FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 3:30-5:30PM

All parents are invited to come to our working bee this Friday. It would be great to get as many as possible to get a few jobs done before the Christmas break!



SCHOOL CONCERT - MYSTERY AT MAGPIE MANOR @ CHESHUNT HALL, THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

What is Mystery at Magpie Manor? Well, here's a short blurb about the storyline.... 'Magpie Manor is in danger of falling down, everyone tries their best to save the Manor, but can it be saved? There are mysteries yet to come!' This musical is outstanding with the usual massive amount of work that goes on behind the scenes e.g. costumes, song and lines practice. To find out what happens and see your child perform come to the Cheshunt hall on Thursday 21st December at 7:00pm (students to be there at 6:30pm). Next week Monday 18th – Thursday 21st December the whole school will be rehearsing at the Cheshunt Hall. We will be leaving the school at 9:15am each morning and returning around recess time. We will be travelling on Wendy's coach each of these days.



REPORTS

Students semester two reports will come home from school on Thursday 21st December.

END OF YEAR – OSHC

Friday 22nd of December is the last day of school for students and staff in 2017. The bus will run as normal but school will conclude at 1:30pm (no lunch break on this day). Please note OSHC **will not** be operating on this day due to pack up for carpet cleaning over the holidays.

VACATION CARE

Vacation care will operate from **Monday 15th January to Friday 25th January 2018**. A booking sheet has gone home today, please return this before the end of school. This assists us with staffing as well as ensure your children don't miss out on a place if it is booked out for a particular day or excursion. Otherwise bookings can be made via the OSHC mobile **0448 298 467**.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM – TERM 1 2018

Participation forms have been sent home today for the school's Instrumental Program for Term 1 2018. Please register your interest by filling in this form and returning to school by **Wednesday 20th December**. Lessons will be offered in acoustic guitar, keyboard, flute, drums and singing. The program will begin on Monday 5th February 2018 and payment will be due on this date.



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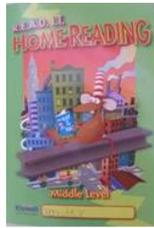
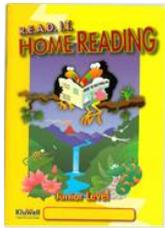
Staff return on Monday 29th January.
Students first day – Wednesday 31st January.

'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:
Toria: For improving in her handwriting skills.
Mikaylee: For showing initiative in taking on extra tasks.
Daphne: For looking out for others during games and activities.
Summer: For demonstrating great modelling skills with her buddies during gardening sessions.
Tom: For approaching tasks with great humour and being willing to help others.

HOME READING

Well done to the following students for achieving the following for their home reading:



Congratulations to the 100 plus club:

Inanay, Vera, Melita, Delilah, Kody, Aroha, Lachlan, Emily, Casey, Hope, Mike, Normie, Toria, Corrie, Emilio, Paul, Judd.

Congratulations to the 200 plus club:

Isabelle, Zoi, Amilie, Wrra, Claire, Cope, Summer, Mikaylee.

Congratulations to the 300 plus club:

Kalika, Tom and Charlotte.



Literacy corner

GRADE 6 GRADUATION NIGHT

On Monday 4th of December the King Valley Cluster Year 6 students graduated Primary School. The event was held at the Cheshunt Hall which was



decorated by the wonderful Whitfield parents. The students made the finger food in the Stephanie Alexander Cooking Program. It was a very fun night, everyone was very excited but nervous. At 6:15pm we started, the first dance was the Waltz, then the Fox Trot, then



the Cha Cha, we learnt all these dances in only a few weeks. My favourite dance was the Cha Cha. After all the dances we had a

free dance, the girls danced to Teamwork by Mackenzie Ziegler and the boys danced to Cosby Sweater by Hilltop Hoods, both really good dances. After that, we all got our certificates given to us and then we had photos. We also had a chance to dance with our parents and after that we had supper (with the Whitfield Year 5 student's school serving.) It was a fantastic night!



VISIT FROM TIM McCURDY by Tom and Emilio

Our local Member of Parliament Tim McCurdy, came and visited the Whitfield District Primary School's social enterprise of the Witty Workers Carwash and Café. Mr McCurdy bought one of the gourmet coffees and the extra bakery items were a hit with the students. During his visit to the school he had his car washed and he had a tour of the school. He told the students that recently he had spoken in Parliament about the school and their social enterprise. Tim McCurdy said that his car had been cleaned well and all the students were doing really well. This was the school's last social enterprise event for 2017.

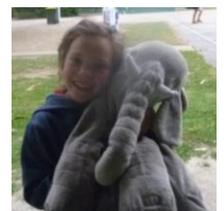


PREP-2 SLEEP OVER

Lachlan: On Thursday I went camping at school. It was fun, I saw a yabby hole. We found a snake skin and half a golf ball then we went back to school for dinner. We had pizza and for dessert we had ice cream. Then we watched the Lego Batman movie then we went to bed.



Vera: I liked the P-2 sleepover. It was fun. I liked it when we had pizza. We stayed in tents, it was fun. It was raining, that made it fun. We saw a snake skin, it was fun, I loved it. I was sleeping in Aroha's tent then I was moved in with Inanay.



Aroha: I liked sleeping in my tent. We had pizza for dinner and an ice-cream for pudding. I liked staying at school.



Declan: My favourite thing was running down the hill because it was fun. My second favourite thing was the ice cream because it was yummy. The worst thing was sleeping in the tent because the rest of the boys kept me awake. My third favourite thing



was finding the yabbies. My fourth favourite thing was finding the snake skin because its snake season. My fifth favourite thing was the walk because I got to have some exercise.

Emily: At Prep-2 camp we set up the tent. Me and Melita slept together. We went on a walk on the golf course and Inanay found a snake skin. After that we went down the hill and we had pizza for tea. In the morning the boys woke up everybody and we couldn't go back to sleep. Me and Melita went to talk to Miss B then we made breakfast, I had toast.



Delilah: At the Prep-2 camp out I rolled down the hill. I loved it, it was so much fun. I loved the walk, everyone saw a yabby hole. We had pizza for dinner and we had icecream too.



Reuben: On the Prep-2 sleep over we rolled down the golf hill, it was fun but the bad thing was that we got itchy. We also saw a yabby hole but there were no yabbies. We saw a snake skin. We ate icecream and pizza and biscuits, they were yum. In our tent it was noisy. We watched Batman.



Kody: I rolled down the hill, it was fun. I rolled down and I ran down the hill.



Owen: After school we stayed at school because we were going to camp at school. In the middle of play we went on a walk. We found a steep hill and our teacher said that we were allowed to roll and run down the hill. Rolling down the hill was the best part of camp. The worst part was sleeping in the tent because Declan was snoring and Kayleb was talking too much. In the morning at seven o'clock Declan, Reuben, Kody, Mike and Kayleb were having a pillow fight. We had cereal and toast for breakfast then our normal school started.



Inanay: I found a snake skin and we went on a walk. On the walk we found a yabby hole. We had pizza for dinner and we watched Batman the movie. My favourite thing was when I found the snake skin.



Melita: I came to school camp, I had fun. My favourite part was playing horses. My second favourite part was setting up the tents. My other favourite part was the walk.



Normie: We went camping at school and we found lots of things. We got a snake skin at the dirty water. We rolled down the big hill and we slept in tents. We had icecream and I had fun.



Isabelle: On Thursday everyone could not sit still because they were so excited. First we sorted out the tents, I was in a tent with Casey, Normie and Hope. Once we sorted out the tents we had afternoon tea, then we had a play. Soon after we went on a walk to the dam. We saw a snake skin and some yabby holes that looked like mini volcanoes. We had pizza for dinner and for dessert we had icecream.



Casey: On Thursday it was Prep-2 camp out and we slept in a tent. First we had afternoon tea then my Mum came to school with my bag of clothes. We put my clothes in Isabelle's tent then we went for a walk. We walked to the dam and we saw yabby holes. We rolled down the hill and then we went back to camp to make pizza. We watched Lego movie then we went to bed. In the morning we had breakfast.



COOKING - THANK YOU CARLA by Seamus and Amy

We all said a special thank you Carla for running the Stephanie Alexander program over the last couple of years. A big thank you to Nettie, Heather and Wendy for helping

each week and teaching us to cook safely and to use cooking materials. We have learnt a lot from you all and value the time that you give to us. But thank you to all our wonderful students for working in the garden to produce what we have – especially Jill who comes in after hours to check on chickens and plants.



COOK BOOK

The King Valley Cluster students have put together a cookbook with favourite healthy lunchbox ideas. This was funded by Gateway Health and they are having a launch tomorrow at Edi Upper Primary School at 11am. Please ring Edi school if you would like to attend. The cookbook is for sale at \$20 per book. If you would like to buy one please send \$20 to school in an envelope marked **cookbook** and **your name**. Well done everyone!

COOKBOOK LAUNCH

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER
11AM
EDI UPPER PS
MORNING TEA PROVIDED
RSVP 57 293 560

Join us this Thursday 14th December at 11am to celebrate the official launch of the King Valley schools Cluster Kitchen Garden Cookbook. This cookbook has been created by children and teachers from each school and in partnership with Gateway Health with the hope that the children will take responsibility and make wholesome positive healthy choices.

KING VALLEY SCHOOLS CLUSTER KITCHEN GARDEN COOKBOOK
\$20 PER COOKBOOK
COOKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY OR YOU CAN CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO ORDER ONE

COMMONWEALTH GAMES BANNER By Judd and Corrie

In Art, the Prep-6 students designed a banner for the Commonwealth Games torch



visit in February 2018. Everybody made a draft before putting it on the special piece of paper. We had to include the words humanity, equality and destiny somewhere in the design. We had ours on a banner behind a bike rider and in a medal. We had to finish it on the day because they need to be handed in by Monday 18th December.

EGG INVESTIGATION by Claire and Zoi

In Science we were learning about eggs! We learnt about different parts of an egg. We cracked an egg onto a plate then investigated the parts of the egg. This involved feeling the thick albumen and the thin albumen (albumen are the whites), looking at the air cell, shell and shell membrane. We parted the egg yolk and whites so that we could poke the egg yolk. Everyone enjoyed such a fun investigation.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE EXPO – BEECHWORTH by Daphne

Last Friday the Year 5/6 students went to Beechworth for a Social Enterprise Expo with all the schools from Northeast Victoria. We ran the car wash and sold some cakes and slices. Other schools show cased what they have been doing so we got to ask them questions and talk about what we learnt from our experience. It was very fun. Beechworth Honey talked to us about their experiences in small business and then we got awards. Once the awards were over we got a free jail tour and some frozen yogurt.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE – THANK YOU! by Paul and Emilio

A very big thank you to our Whitfield community for coming to our car wash and café throughout the year. Your support and help has helped us in raising **\$2,359.84** for the Halo Trust organisation! We have learnt a lot from our small business and we have learnt a lot from each other. We would like you to come and support us next year with our social enterprise; we will be doing something different next year so watch this space!

