



# NEWSLETTER

Term 4  
November 1st, 2017

Exceptional Educational Experiences

## DATES TO REMEMBER

No Social Enterprise	Fri 3rd Nov
Walk around Whiffield 9-9:45am	Tues 31st Oct
Music Count Us In song 12pm	Thurs 2nd Nov
Year 3-6 Aspiration activities @ Wang HS	Fri 3rd Nov
Whitfield Cup Celebrations @ school	Mon 6th Nov
Melbourne Cup Holiday	Tues 7th Nov
Year 5/6 Personal Development Session 1 @ WDPS	Wed 8th Nov
Life Education Van	Mon 13th Nov
Pre-Prep Transition 9:00am-1:00pm	Mon 13th Nov
School Photos	Tues 14th Nov
Mick Thomas & Special Guests School Fundraiser	Sat 24th Nov
Report Writing Day – no school	Mon 27th Nov
Instrumental Concert	Tues 28th Nov

All school newsletters are available on the school website: [www.whiffieldps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whiffieldps.vic.edu.au)

### 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 during the term. It is important that parents take notice of the events and dates (write them in your dairy/calendar). **Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge!**

### OSHC

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for Outside School Hours Care. The cost for this is minimal and Pam Spencer runs a fun and well organised program each night!

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Tuesday 14<sup>TH</sup> November we will be having our school photos taken. The forms to order either a class photo and/or family photos must be filled in, money, cheque or credit details must be included and sent back to the school no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. **Please do not pay the school.**

### YEAR 3-6 SOVEREIGN HILL PHOTOS

During the Year 3-6 camp at Sovereign Hill last week the students had a class and individual photo in costume taken by a professional photographer. An order form has been included with the newsletter, please fill this in

and contact Red Hill Photographic Rooms to order these. **Please do not pay the school.**

### 'WALK TO SCHOOL' ACTIVITIES



On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October we had our walk around Whitfield. A big thankyou to Dianne Feldtmann who talked to the students and parents about the history of our local area as we walked around the town.



### TENNIS AT WHITFIELD RECREATION RESERVE: Thursdays @ 4:00pm

A reminder that tennis coaching and Hot Shots is on each Thursday. Please contact Reta Sheppard on 57298 337 for more information. A reminder that students need to have an adult with them when going up to the courts, if you have not already done so, please let the school know before Thursday if you are picking up your children or Reta or Pam are doing this. Thank you.

### NEW MEMBER OF WDPS!

We have a new chick in our pen born this week – welcome to Whitfield 'Diggy!'



### VINYL REVIVAL PROJECT WINNER

Congratulations to Summer Rumbelow for winning a High Achievement Award for her art work for the Wangaratta Jazz Festival. She will receive a \$50 voucher at a presentation on Friday night on the Community Stage in Ford Street. Well done Summer!

### PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

The following students received a certificate of achievement for the Premiers Reading Challenge. Well done on all your wonderful reading!

Year 1 – Inanay,

Year 2 – Declan, Isabelle, Owen, Casey, Normie, Emily

Year 3 – Zoi, Emilio, Toria,

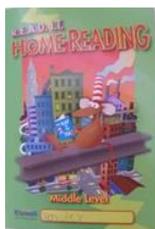
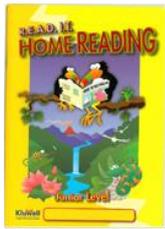
Year 4 – Claire, Judd

Year 5 – Kalika, Charlotte, Cope,

Year 6 – Daphne, Tom

## HOME READING

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



**Congratulations 100 nights home reading:** Owen  
**Congratulations 125 nights home reading:** Delilah, Kody  
**Congratulations 150 nights home reading:** Mike, Inanay, Emily  
**Congratulations 175 nights home reading:** Wirra  
**Congratulations 200 nights home reading:** Isabelle, Amilie and Summer

## '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:

**Emily:** For demonstrating leadership skills and working well with others during the Year 1/2 Camp.

**Paul:** For demonstrating great initiative during cooking activities this week.

## HATS IN TERM 4

It is part of our school policy to wear a broad brim school hat during this term, please make sure your child has their hat at school.



# Literacy corner

## LEARNING AT THE RAGGED SCHOOL, SOVEREIGN HILL by Claire

At the Ragged School we had to learn how to say the ABC backwards. The first time we tried most of us were mumbling it, so our teacher told us to practise it overnight. The next day after practising we were pros at the ABC backwards and forwards. For handwriting, we had to chant four words that start with S. We used a pot hook to remember them. The four words were size, shape, slope, and spacing. For handwriting we started with pencil and paper. First we wrote, "A lie has no legs" remembering our four S words. The next day we were allowed to write with a nib pen and ink and we learnt how to use



blotting paper. We wrote "if first you don't succeed try, try again" and "A lie has no legs" and "waste not want not."

Some people got an award for acting well, diligence and good behavior. Toria, Mikaylee, Angus and Amilie got a pencil for amazing effort. Charlotte, Summer and Judd got employment. Charlotte was employed by Jill for neat sewing because Jill owned a clothes store. Summer was employed by Ms Mexon for being clean and using initiative as she owned the Bakery and Judd was employed by Miss B for being very hard working for her farm. Tom and Claire got a "gold"



medallion for amazing work. Everyone tried their hardest and it was amazing how much every one improved.

## SOVEREIGN HILL DOCTOR by Corrie

The Sovereign Hill doctor came and he said Paul needed his eyes checked because he kept leaning all over his desk. He had to put a rotten apple on his eyes because he apparently has bad eyesight. Tom and Charlotte had head lice so they needed all their hair shaved off. Amy and Daphne needed a cow paddy on their chest because they were coughing. In addition, the doctor was very funny and had an accent.

## OUR TRIP TO SOVEREIGN HILL by Toria

On Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> October the children from Year 3-6 went on a bus to Ballarat. Miss B drove the bus and she took us to our accommodation. We settled into our rooms and then we went back in the bus to Coles. In groups we shopped for our breakfasts for the week. When we went back to the accommodation we had pizza for dinner then went for a swim. The place had an indoor heated pool. We also played board games. We had an early night because we had to be ready for the Ragged School the next morning. Our rooms had bunk beds and we had a big



kitchen. We went to the Ragged School on the bus and when we got there we met our teacher, she was very strict but we learnt a lot.

## THE RAGGED SCHOOL by Summer

Throughout the time we were at the ragged school, we split into three groups for our trades. For the first session the boys went gold mining and to the steam works, one of the girls groups went to a sewing class and the other girl group went to apothecaries. I was in the apothecaries for the first session, apothecaries is like an old chemist. There were two rooms in one cottage and one of the rooms were for the doctor, the doctor was also a vet, dentist and a midwife. We got told that if the cottage smelt good and clean it meant that you were healthy and well and if it smelt disgusting you would get very sick. If the patient has just visited the doctor and there was something wrong with the patient then Ma'am at the counter would make the tablets on the spot with all the herbs and ingredients for them. By the end of the session we got to make some bath salts. The second time we went to trades, the boys went off to gardening and brought back a plant. One of the girls groups went to sewing again and the other group went to peg doll making. I learnt that glue was made out of flour and water back then. We got to decorate our own peg and take it home.



## SOVEREIGN HILL SECRET CHAMBER MINE TOUR by Judd

In the afternoon of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October we went to the Secret Chamber Mine Tour. We had to hop on a tram that went down into the mine. On the way down it was pitch black I could not see a thing, there was heaps of different ways to go. Luckily we had an instructor helping us get around the mine. The instructor said that after the miners finished working they stole gold and every day after mining they had to have a shower with a person watching them to see if the miners did anything weird in the shower. After that we walked through the mine and we went into a room and there was a hologram. The story was about the Chinese coming over to the gold fields in Ballarat.

## DAY TWO SOVEREIGN HILL – RED HILL MINE TOUR by Cope

On Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October after the Ragged School, the class went to the Red Hill Mine Tour to see how it was to be down a mine

and what happened in the mine we were in. The biggest piece of gold found in the mine is the second biggest piece of gold ever found. It was called 'The Welcome Nugget'. Today it is worth about 31 million dollars. The mine was self-guided so there was a speaker to guide us. It started about the foul air and being new in the mine. After that it was about some Cornish miners mining randomly and who found the gold. The gold was 68.98 kg in weight.



## RAGGED SCHOOL by Amilie

On Tuesday and Wednesday we as a school went to the Ragged School. On Tuesday we got taken back in time to 1854. Our teacher was very nice but was strict in 1854. We had to stand when we spoke and call her Ma'am like old palm. We had little jobs like row monitors, toy monitors, making sure everyone was here. For writing we had to chant the four "S" words, they were, Shape, Slope, Size and Spacing. The Ragged School was really fun in the end. I hope we can go again.



## MINI GOLF by Zoi



There were 1 to 15 holes and only *three* people got a hole in one. There were two mini golf courses, one was inside and one was outside. The inside one was about pirates, dinosaurs, and things that popped out and the outside one was about the gold rush. Claire hit the ball hard, it went into the bushes I lined up the ball, and I missed. My best is two hits. Claire's best was one hit Charlotte's best was two hits Daphne's best is one hit Kalika's best is two hits and Miss B's best was one hit. It was fun at the mini golf and after that we walked back the hotel and went swimming.



## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Our **Café and Carwash** are not operating this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. It will be open the following Friday.