



NEWSLETTER

Term 1
March 8th, 2016

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Swimming away 11:30-2:30:	Thur 10 th March
Labour Day (Public Holiday)	Mon 14 th March
Grade 3-4 Camp (15 Mile Ck)	15 th - 18 th March
School council & AGM @ 7pm	Tues 15 th March
Parent/student/teacher interviews	22 nd & 23 rd March
Term 1 ends @2:30pm OSH finishes @ 5pm	Thur 24 th March
Vacation Care 8am-6pm	Tue 29 th March – Fri 8 th April
	Bookings call 0448 298 467
Term 2 starts	Mon 11 th April

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!

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council is the AGM (followed by a school council meeting) It will be held on **Tuesday 15th March @ 7.00pm**. All parents have been supplied with a Self-Nomination Form – please return these if you are interested in joining school council. **We still have a couple of vacancies.** Please consider being part of this fantastic group that help shape the direction of our school.

PREPS REST DAYS

The new preps will have their last rest day this Wednesday. Full week begins after the Labour Day public holiday next week.

OSH

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for OSH or to cancel a permanent booking. Please do not ring the school number for OSH or changes to end of school day arrangements, (we are often teaching and can't retrieve school phone messages until after 3:30). Leave all 'end of day' arrangement messages on the OSH phone – this is checked just prior to dismissal.

SAILING CAMP - Poem

All about the boats

The starter boat was called an 'Opti',
Once we got them down to the beach we
learnt to set them up properly.

Once set up we worked together to get them
in the water,
So the time we have to wait to hop in is a lot
shorter.

It was hard to get use to but once we got it
it was fun,
But it was really hot out in the sun.

The next boat up was called a 'Bic'
It was faster than the Opti's so really quite
quick.

But unfortunately for us it was easy to tip,
And when they did you were in for a dip.

The Bic was fast and my favourite one,
It was just great and heaps and heaps of fun.

The last boat I will talk about is called an 'RS-
Fever' a two-person boat,
It had so many things in it I was surprised it
could float.

By Xander



'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:

Mike: For always having a good go at his work and being cheerful.

Mikaylee: For completing class activities with thought, care and producing her best.

Charlotte P: For perseverance with sailing.

All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

Prep-3 Social & Emotional Literacy class

Last week we played a game where we had to balance straws - we had to keep it still, work together and watch each other. We played a traffic lights game, we had to practise listening, remembering and no wiggling around. We talked about the body language that goes with listening (looking at the person and no fiddling) We wrote about a time when we were brave, and we read 'Rose meets Mr Wintergarten'. By Amy and Judd.



Mike in front of the 'Strengths' tree

We voted on a group name. Monday afternoon is now the '**A.L** group/club/lesson' it stands for **A**mazing **L**iteracy.... We talked about being brave when we are scared, and other personal strengths like kindness, funny, playful, good listener, helpful, brave, hard working. We set personal strength goals. Ask us about our personal goals!

Love Normie and Paul

***Parents should have received today a quick questionnaire regarding your child/ren's Personal Strengths.** Please complete and return to the school. Thank you.



Literacy corner

HOME READING

We again have 'Home Reading' this year across the school. These little yellow books (P-2) and green books (3-6) have lots of great tips for parents to help their child learn to read and they have sticker awards to reward the children for their efforts. Praise and encouragement goes a long way and can be added to the comments section as well.

We have some more students who have read for 25 nights! Congratulations to Emily, Paige, Mike, Isabelle, Zoi, Normie, Inanay, Casey, Amilie, Kalika, Claire, Cope, Edan, Wirra, Angus, Judd. **Well done!**

LEADERSHIP CAMP

Two weeks ago four of the grade 6's went to leadership camp. In my group there was Xander, Lachlan, Cheniqua, Chloe, Zara, Cody, Briley, James, Our instructors were Amy and Matt. The first day we were packing for the Lake William Hovel we were staying there for three nights. The second day we went river sledding to our camp site it was really fun. The third day we walked to the canoes and canoed to the second camp site witch was close to our last camp spot at the top of the dam last year. The fourth day we canoed back and we walked to our last camp site, we got a bit lost on the way so we had to turn around and come back!

We learnt that it's easier to be a leader in a group not by our self. By Bella



***Students received their Leadership Reports from the Outdoor School today. Well done!**

Sailing Camp poems – By Viveka Snorkelling

Beautiful
Pipi Shells
School of fish
Sand coral seaweed starfish
Pufferfish jellyfish poo mussels fish
Fun cold warm scary wet
amazing



Point Nepean

Fort
Bay walk
War old dark
Fun interesting view pictures
Prime Minister died In the sea
Saw spirit of Tasmania
awesome



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

This year we have a new subject called Social Enterprise. Our job for the lesson is to have a business that raises money for a cause. Mr V.B. has talked about how it is not a one off, like a fundraiser, but an ongoing experience. We are up to the stage where we are deciding on what to support. At the start there were 21 different causes we came up with. Now there are six groups trying to persuade the school. We have to do an 'Adobe Voice' presentation. As Mr V.B. says 'all of them are great causes to support'. The six ideas are quite different. They vary from clean drinking water, to education for girls, support for refugees, helping the elderly, unexploded mines in Laos and habitats for endangered animals. But we are going to agree on supporting one by the end of the term. Then we will come up with ideas for an enterprise next term. By Tom



SAILING CAMP

King Valley Cup & Fishing

Last week the grade 6's went on sailing camp. Obviously this camp was mostly about learning to sail, but I'm going to talk about THE KING VALLEY CUP! On Wednesday we all did a practice race and Xander won, and I came last. As soon as I knew I came last I said to myself "I'm never going to be even close to winning the cup". So each day all of us got a little bit better and on the third day we started sailing on the 'Bics', they were a lot faster. On Friday was the King Valley Cup race. I was very nervous, but I was excited too. I was in the second race against 3 other people. But then for a few seconds I thought '*I must be dreaming*' because I WON! I was so happy. I made it to the Final. In the Final I was against 2 other people and when the teacher said 'go' all of us sprinted for the boats and I fell over twice! So we all got in a boat each and started sailing. I was very far behind the other two, so I just said to myself "No use". We all kept sailing for a bit and then 1 of the kids went

in to shallow water and she got stuck. So then I overtook her and then there was only 1 boat still in front of me and I was determined to win then. We were about to go around the first buoy but then the other boat got stuck in a sand bar and then I overtook him! I was so happy, but I felt sorry for the other boats, and then I passed the final buoys and I had won the cup!



Now I'm going to talk about fishing. On Tuesday we had our first fishing trip, I didn't fish but I wanted to come and watch. We all stayed there for a bit and not a fish to be caught, but there were a lot of nibbles on the bait. It was a very cold evening but finally someone caught the smallest little fish and then we used it as bait but we didn't catch anything with it. It was a fun week and everyone else had fun to.

By Charlotte P.



Sailing camp

Last week the grade six's went on sailing camp, on the second day the grade six's went on a boat ride with Bob to the South Channel Marker. We saw seals, they smelt horrible the seals were at the south channel marker we got to see them in the water, we also saw Banjo sharks blending into the sand, dolphins in and out of the water and we saw a sting ray in the sand, all we could see was its eyes.



SWIMMING

For the last few days we have been doing swimming! The older kids have been going to the YMCA and the younger kids have been going to Moore's. I go to the YMCA, we have two groups and two swimming teachers, Coby is one of the teachers and she does stroke technique with us and while one group is with her the other group is either with Mr. V.B. or Ms. B. and they do survival stuff with us! Like... floating, sculling, and treading water, survival strokes and safe entries. We go to swimming on the bus and Wendy drops us off then comes back in an hour. We do half an hour with Coby than half an hour with Ms. B or Mr. VB! For the first week we did it every day but now we only do it twice a week!

It is very fun at swimming;) By Summer.



PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents that have helped with the swimming program and have helped listen to students read so far.

	Swimming helper
Thursday 10 th March	Kate & Sammy

Thanks to Nicky, Rosie and Kate G who have offered to listen to our little ones read. Please contact the school if you too would like to listen to reading. Thank you ☺

LIBRARY

So far in library our topic has been: Animals! We can choose any animal we want whether it is extinct or living right now.

We have all made fabulous things! So far with the help of Darcy I have made: a scene of the bird hunting spider and a project on the Tasmanian tiger, there were some cool facts about it. Last week we played the logo game it was fun! The aim of the game is to guess what brand or logo it is. We weren't very sure who won, but it was fun!

We borrow books, we can borrow three books at the most. My favourite series is the bad guys, it's about bad guys doing good things and it's funny. There are different books for P-2's to 3-6's sometimes we show our work to the class and can stick it onto a window or a wall.

We also do different topics, these are some of the topics we have done: weather, dinosaurs, space, war, sea creatures, plants, Christmas things and Easter things. Overall we all have had lots of fun.

The library van comes every two weeks and we have to bring our books back. We can keep reading them if we haven't finished them or we can return them and get another book. By Edan

CAMPS

The grade 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the cluster.

****Reminder** – students need to be dropped off at the camp between 10:30 – 11am on Tuesday 15th. Pick up is at 2pm on Friday 18th March.

PAYMENT PLANS

As the year progresses we have many great excursions and camps to offer our students. The school and parents association subsidise a great proportion of the cost of these. We do rely on the payments from parents that we ask for.

As for previous years, parents are able to plan ahead and make payments towards camps and excursions coming up – or to pay off existing excursions in instalments.

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

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.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – Well done all!

