

NEWSLETTER

Term 2
April 15th, 2016

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council Meeting	Tues 19 th April
ANZAC DAY public holiday	Mon 25 th April
'Matilda'–Melbourne be at school 7:45am	Wed 27 th April
Cluster Music Day 3-6's @ Whitfield	Thur 28 th April
Life Ed van	Wed 4 th May
Naplan (Gr 3 & 5)	Tues 10 th – Thur 12 th May
Personal Best Athletics – Wangaratta	Tues 17 th May
Fundraiser 'Sal Kimber' – Cheshunt Hall	Sat 21 st May
Bike Ed	Mon 30 th May – Fri 3 rd June
QUEENS B'DAY public holiday	Mon 13 th June
Pupil Free Day	Tues 14 th June
End of Term	Fri 24 th June

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council is on Tuesday 19th April at 7pm.

HOT LUNCHES are back!

Thank you for our first hot lunch makers for the term, Suz & Kate G. We all enjoyed delicious creamy tuna pasta and a trio of slices.



Remember, you can bring a receipt and claim back expenses for providing the hot lunch. Just bring the receipt to Mark or Pam in the office.

'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:

Vera: For working hard at school and doing extra maths practice at home.

Paul: For being friendly and being interested in other peoples holidays.

Charlotte R: For being a fantastic big buddy who leads, encourages and supports.



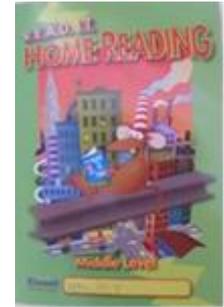
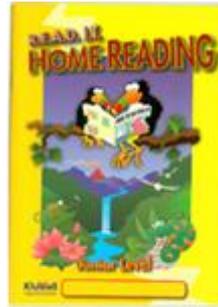
Literacy corner

SPACE

This term our Integrated unit is about 'Space'. Look out at home for news articles, programs and literature on the topic. Share your knowledge and interest in the night sky with your children (and be prepared to be amazed by some of the facts they will come home with!)



HOME READING



Congratulations 25 nights home reading.

Melita, Paul

Congratulations 50 nights home reading.

Paige, Mike, Casey, Emily, Zoi, Edan, Wirra, Lachlan, Cope, Mikaylee, Xander

Congratulations 75 nights home reading!

Tom

Well done to these students (and parents!)

Holiday writing.

After jotting down all the things that students did in the holidays, the grade 3-6's wrote down the verbs associated with each activity and then added adjectives to describe that action. Students then had to write a 100 word article about their favorite part of the break. Here is a sample of some of their work. Enjoy.

Lego building

One part of my holidays was Lego building. I like designing. I designed my creations carefully. I also designed my creations with stages. I had plan, draft and fix up as my stages. I enjoy sitting in my room putting one block on another. I built creations like a police

jeep, 3 yachts, a Ferris wheel, a fire lighter and a satellite. Also at the start of the holidays I built an airport with 2 big planes, a terminal and a road. I think it is a great way to spend your day. By Tom

Horse Tricks

My favourite part of my holidays was training my horse how to jump, she is so good at it. I got a log and laid it on the ground and made her jump it, then I got 2 bricks and put them on the ground under the log and she jumped it too!



I liked Easter because my family came down to the farm. The night before Easter we stayed up to 12.00 we were so tired on Easter, but I raced and found most of the Easter eggs.

By Bella



My Friend

My favourite part of the holidays was when I went on a 2hr trail ride with my friend Erin, it was so much fun, I would do it any day!

I liked it when Erin and I slept on the trampoline.

I was very cold and curious but as soon as we started bouncing it got much warmer.

I also went camping with Erin and mum, we set up our tent and then started the fire. As soon as it started to get dark all you could hear was the streaming river. I loved toasting marshmallows on the camp fire.

By Summer



FOOTY

Footy was my favourite part of my holiday. Walking up the ramp with my family was awesome, as was my cousins being there. I was impatiently waiting for the 60 second countdown before the game to finish. The Bulldogs getting a goal in the first 20 seconds was great! At the start of the game I was a bit nervous knowing that we were playing Fremantle. After half time we were winning by a lot. I was excitedly jumping around waving my flag. Then Fremantle got a couple of goals and my heart skipped a few beats.

But then we got some more goals and won and that was fantastic.

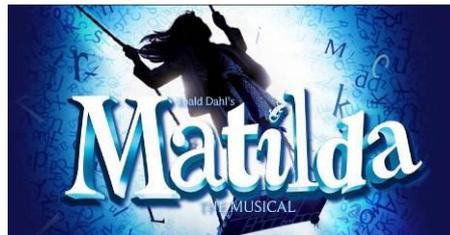
By Xander



Cousins

I went to my cousins and it was also my mum's birthday.

We visited my poppy's and had 2 slices of pizza, played for a bit then went home. My two younger cousins walked to bed then my other cousin and I ordered more pizza. Later we played snap. When my cousin snapped the cards loudly I jumped and accidentally threw all of my cards. We laughed for ages then talked for a bit and fell asleep. I woke up and we went shopping, then Mum came and picked me up then we drove home. By Mikaylee



Matilda

My favourite part of the holidays was when I went to see Matilda. My favourite bit of Matilda was Miss Trunchbull and the song 'Revolting'. It was very funny because Miss Trunchbull was [REDACTED] (Edited; so we don't ruin the surprise for our trip on Wed 27th April!)

I liked it when my cousins and I drove to the Ned Kelly museum and show. The museum was amazing. The show was scary and a little funny. I also learnt a few things and one of them was that once they killed Ned Kelly that his skull may have been used as a paper weight. I think that it is funny and a little weird. By Viveka

Reminder – 'Matilda' excursion to Melbourne Wednesday 27th April. Be at school by 7:45am

Bus will have left by 8am. We expect to be back to school around 8:30 – 9:00pm. Please check with call or text to Mark after 7:30 pm on **0428 298 286** for more precise arrival time.

We have just 3 tickets left for sale @ \$98 First in and paid, best dressed. Call the school.

Emotional Literacy – A.L. (amazing literacy)

Today we talked about: Helpful & hurtful things to do when you are feeling angry. For example, balloon breaths, palm press (to squeeze your angry feelings away), walk away, sing 'Let it go', tell someone (a problem shared is a problem halved), count to 10 slowly.

We made finger puppets, singing 'where is...?' We talked about, catching others filling someone's bucket.

By Claire & Melita

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

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL



GET ACTIVE THIS APRIL!

All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Enjoy great benefits and you can win awesome prizes too.

Register today – activeapril.vic.gov.au

Register to get:

- ▶ 10 free YMCA passes or access to a local government facility
- ▶ 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- ▶ one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- ▶ one free Get into Cardio Tennis session
- ▶ a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- ▶ entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2017 Australian Tennis Open Finals*

Your school can win:

- ▶ visits from high profile sporting personalities
- ▶ sporting equipment

MAJOR PARTNER: YMCA
PARTNERS: tennis, SPORTSMART, SEA LIFE
PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL
VICTORIA State Government

*Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au for details. *Winner receives two tickets to each of the 2017 men's and women's finals.

The school has registered for Premier's Active April 2016. The aim is to be active for 30 minutes a day for the month of April.

It's not too late for students, family, friends and community members to join the school team. Our team name is **Whitfield District PS** and our team ID is: **whitfield-district-ps** (all lower case).

If you would like the school to register your child/ren you can return the form sent home on Tuesday and I will register them and we can record our daily 30 minutes of activity that we do **every day** at Whitfield District Primary.



Students with our new sports equipment we just ordered. Also the grade 6's with their new Grade 6 shirts!

If you would like any further information about the Active April you can check out the website www.activeapril.vic.gov.au or call me at the school.

All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES



REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA
SMALL TOWN TRANSFORMATIONS



Small Town Transformations is a Victorian Government Initiative

Upper King Valley Arts Project – Community Update #3

Exciting news – the Upper King Valley Arts Project Expression of Interest for a Small Towns Transformation Grant has been short listed for funding consideration.

This second round involves the gathering of detailed information regarding the Working Groups ability to manage the project and budget, the marketing and communication of the arts program and the site identified as the ideal location for the sculptural element of the application if successful.

The Working Group is busily gathering this information so that the \$350,000 can be secured for our region. The deadline for this second Expression of Interest is the end of April with the successful applicants being notified not too long after.

If the Upper King Valley's application is successful there will be many opportunities for the whole community to have input over sections of the arts program, so please keep a look out for information which will come through various sources. There will also be opportunities for those in the community who would like to contribute to this exciting project outside of the arts component, the working group will seek assistance with marketing/communications, events management and sponsorship (financial and in kind) to name just a few areas.

For those wanting more information or to offer any kind of support, please email Natalie Pizzini on natalie@pizzini.com.au or call phone 0419 408 587.

FOOTY CLINIC AT WHITFIELD – Thursday's



Free-volunteer run, Footy clinic for school kid

The clinic will run from **4:30pm – 5:30pm** on Thursday's at the Whitfield Rec. Reserve. Sausages for the kids after training. Parent help greatly appreciated!

The next
Rural City of Wangaratta Council Meeting
will be held
Tuesday 19 April at 6:00pm at the
CHESHUNT HALL

Attend and have your say!

This is your opportunity to meet the Council decision makers and ask questions

Do you have a question about the closure of the Whitfield Transfer Station and how it will affect not only the immediate surrounds but Rose River and Tolmie? Do you want a better understanding of the options Council are considering?

Will the Moyhu Transfer Station opening just twice a month be a variable alternative to you?

Many of you have said you have issues with Council, that you feel it's all about Wangaratta and the rural areas are ignored - well here is your opportunity

With regards the Transfer Station closures, many of you said the decision was made regardless of our submissions but a silent majority won't sway Council. If you take the time to attend and ask questions maybe it will make a difference but, if you stay silent nothing will change.

Public Question Time

Members of the public are welcome to submit written questions to the council meeting. This will give the relevant Director the opportunity to research and answer your question at that meeting. These questions are best submitted by email BEFORE 10am on Tuesday April 19.

By email: council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

A time for answering questions relevant to an agenda item is set aside before consideration of that agenda item. The Agenda is not available until Friday afternoon April 15 pm online.

Time is also set aside for answering other questions at the end of the meeting.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LearnToDance 

MYRRHEE HALL

Monday, April 18th- Monday, May 23rd

7.00-8.00pm \$70.00 per couple- (6 weekly lessons)

(all proceeds will contribute to the new façade for the Myrrhee Hall)

Childminding available at Myrrhee School

Would you like to learn to ballroom dance? Learn to Waltz, Foxtrot, Rumba and more.

You are never too old or young to start dancing - there is no such thing as two left feet! Come along and learn to dance with Ann and Geoff and get ready to enjoy the Myrrhee Gala Ball in June.

Bookings are now open. Email myrrheecommunity@gmail.com or telephone Myrrhee School 5729 7524.



SAL KIMBER
& THE ROLLIN' WHEEL
SAT. 21st MAY. CHESHUNT HALL

MUSIC FUN FOR ALL. SUPPORT ACTS: B.L.RUMBELOW & SUZ CHRISTISON. FAMILY FRIENDLY TIME 5:30 – 9:30PM

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