



NEWSLETTER

Term 1
March 22nd, 2016

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parent/student/teacher interviews 22nd & 23rd March

Term 1 ends @2:30pm OSH finishes @ 5pm Thur 24th March

Vacation Care 8am-6pm Tue 29th March – Fri 8th April

Bookings call 0448 298 467

Term 2 starts Mon 11th April

School Council Meeting Tues 19th April

ANZAC DAY public holiday Mon 25th April

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

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

OSH

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for Vacation Care. Excursions filling fast.

Grade 3-4 Camp @ Outdoor School (15 Mile ck) Harry Power's water source

Group 3 and 4 went to Power's Lookout and there was something new that we saw on the camp that before we never knew was there. It was Harry Power's drinking spot! There were 3 places where the water was dripping. We got to drink it and it was great! There was a cave where some people thought was his hideout. In the cave there was a little light in between all the darkness, and it was an exit. We could walk through and there was a root that we could hold onto and pull ourselves out. We were very high up and we had lunch and we saw a big hollow tree and Pete told us that it was probably a big hotel for animals and in our books we saw what could've been living in the tree. By Edan



Harry Power's lookout

When we got to Power's lookout we got a little explore around lookout 2 (the one around the car park). So that meant that we could go on the lookout and look at the info board. Then group 3 went to lookout 1 and group 4 went to the waterhole. The track is rock stairs and metal steps. At both lookouts I could see my house. It was cool. Our group saw a hat that someone dropped. Then we went into the caves and then near them. Then we looked around to see all the different plants and trees. But after that we headed back. By Cope



What we learnt

With the water hole we learnt that there was an underground creek running and there was a crack in between the rocks and the surface So water could evaporate through and make water on the rock.

At powers lookout we learnt that the King Valley fire didn't go near the caves.

By Edan & Cope

Grade 3-4 Camp

Moyhu timber reserves walk.

Group 2 walked about 7 kilometres in the Moyhu timber reserve. There were about three medium type hills. When we got to the top of the last mountain we had a little break. Then we went down the mountain. Half way down we had a little game called "my favourite animal". Then about a kilometre later we had lunch and read a book called the legend of the golden snail. When we got to the bottom of the mountain we walked across the road into the Edi Cutting.



Solo time/bread crumbs

Half way through the walk Dave said to us "you can sit here". So we sat down for about twenty minutes and drew a picture in our booklets. It was pretty nice to have our own time.

River sledding

When we got to the Edi Cutting we met up with group one. Then we got changed into our bathers and then put on our life jacket. We had a swim while group one were river sledding. After a couple of minutes group one had a go of the river sleds. The first time Wirra went on his own. Then Darcy had a go by himself as well. For the last go they went together.



Making our marks

On the last day group two and three went out to the back of the Brookfield Maze and chopped down a few willow trees to make the echidna quills. When we got back to 15 Mile ck we got taught how to use the carving knives. Now I know to cut away from you. And we got taught how to use the horses I used both of them. By Darcy & Wirra



'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:

Isabelle: For working on her personal strength, which is 'hardworking'

Emilio: For working on his strength of being funny and making people laugh

Cope: For being engaged and involved in every activity on camp and contributing to the group.

Prep-3 Social & Emotional Literacy class

We learnt a chant with actions to use when we are finding something hard.....

"I think I can, I think I can, I try and try, I try and try, I did it I did it, I can I can"

We listened to music and talked about when it helps to calm down and when it helps to cheer up... And other things to help calm down or cheer up. We wrote 'I am'... 'I can' on rocks... We can use them to help us decide what we are feeling and what we can do to change hard feelings. By Wirra and Emily



Literacy corner

HOME READING



Congratulations 25 nights home reading.

Vera, Amy, Emilio, Toria, Delilah, Cheniqua, Xander, Lachlan, Charlotte P, Daphne, Bella

Congratulations 50 nights home reading!

Inanay, Normie, Tom, Darcy, Viveka, Charlotte R, Kalika, Summer.

Well done to these students (and parents!)

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.

LAST DAY OF TERM

This Thursday is the last day of term. The school will provide a BBQ lunch for students at lunchtime (1pm). Students will be putting on a musical performance, starting at 2:00pm. Parents, family and community members are welcome to attend. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. OSH finishes at 5pm on Thursday.

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents that helped with the swimming program. Our students made great progress with their water confidence and swimming ability over the sessions.



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 ☺

WILD WEATHER – Last Friday

Today when we were in class... there was a big gust of wind then suddenly **bang!** What could it be? So we investigated. A big branch had fallen down.



It fell on the undercover area near the garden shed; the SES came and started to clean it up! When we were helping the little kids with their work we were allowed to go and see the SES chain sawing the branches. They had to put tape around the area around the garden and the undercover area and garden shelter. They also had to put a rope there because if the shelter was going to fall the rope would stop it from falling! When the big branch fell the

shelter caved in and the poles were all crooked and we couldn't play there anymore. That happened on Friday, but on Monday it was all cleaned up and now there is no more shelter. By Summer



3-4 CAMP

Night walk

On the first night groups 3 and 4 went on a night walk. Claire and I liked it because we saw a possum and heard a koala. We also liked it because it was fun in the dark. We set out yabby nets. We checked them on the night walk but sadly there were no yabbies. When we all got back everyone was tired and went to bed.

Cameras

On the second day group 3 put out cool night vision cameras. We put ours close to a wombat hole but did not get a film of anything. So on the last night we watched other things about camp.

Digging for water

On the third day on the bike ride we stopped at a dried up creek. We went down and got told to dig. So we did and found water. Claire and I learnt that water is still going but underground. By Amilie & Claire



Social Enterprise

The students have decided to support clean drinking water for students – with the aim of getting a life-straw tank for a school. Over the holidays we encourage kids to think of ideas for our business / enterprise, with profits made going to purchase life-straw tanks for schools in need.

15 Mile Creek – Grade 3-4 Camp

Yabbies

On our first day we put yabby nets in the dam, out the back of the camp. We used cherry tomatoes for bait. We learnt that you have to put a bit of the net out of the water, so if an animal goes in and needs to go to the top to breathe it can. On the night walk we checked the nets but there were no yabbies in the nets. The next day we checked the nets. There were yabbies in everyone's except for our net, but all the cherry tomatoes were gone. Before we let them go we had a race to see which yabby would get to the water first. One of the yabbies was angry because we had held it, so the other yabby won. Kalika learnt that you can use soap for bait because the yabbies try to get rid of it to clean their water. She also learnt what yabbies look like. Charlotte learnt that yabbies can be a dark shade of blue and that they like lettuce. Catching yabbies was great fun.

Canoeing

On Thursday we went canoeing at the dam. We used blow up canoes and one normal canoe. We were in partners, Charlotte and Kalika were sharing a canoe. Kalika went at the back because she was steering and Charlotte was at the front because she was the motor. We got to play canoe ball. It was girls vs boys, because girls were with girls and boys were with boys. How you play is; you have two teams (girls and boys.) The ball has to go to every canoe on one team before you can shoot (without being intercepted by the other team). The goal is a canoe (moving goals). Some people fell out when trying to catch the ball but the game was really fun. Charlotte learnt how to play canoe ball and Kalika learnt that you can steer a canoe without switching sides. Canoeing and yabbying was a terrific experience.
By Charlotte and Kalika.



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

MAJOR PARTNER:  PARTNERS:     

Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au for details. *Winner receives two tickets to each of the four men's and women's finals. Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne.

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

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.

Additional information has been sent home today for you to register as the Active April starts during the holidays.

Also when parents register themselves and their children you receive **10 free YMCA passes** and a number of other discounts and promotions.

Students, family, friends and community members can 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 today and I will register them and we can record our daily 30 minutes of activity that we do **every day** at Whitfield District Primary.

**Please note that the free YMCA passes can only be accessed if the parent registers their child.*



Xander with his Active April YMCA pass (10 visits) and discount voucher
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