



## NEWSLETTER

Term 4  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Exceptional Educational Experiences

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Somers Camp</b> (selected students 5/6)	<b>4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
<b>School council meeting</b> (6pm)-dinner (6:30)	<b>Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
<b>Statewide transition day</b>	<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
<b>P-2 campout at school</b>	<b>Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
<b>Concert rehearsal @ Cheshunt Hall</b>	<b>Mon 17-Thur 20 Dec</b>
<b>End of year concert -7pm</b> Cheshunt Hall	<b>Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
<b>Last day of school (finish @ 1:00pm – no lunch break)</b>	<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>
<b>No OSHC</b>	<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>

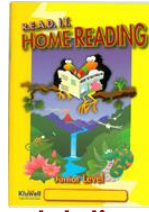
**Vacation Care Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019**

**Staff return Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, Pupil Free Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Students return Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

### HOME READING

We have a number of students who have done some fantastic home reading this year.



**Congratulations 100 nights home reading:**

Joah, Edan

**Congratulations 125 nights home reading:**

Lachlan, Mike

**Congratulations 175 nights home reading:**

Emilio

**Congratulations 200 nights home reading:**

Ruby

**Congratulations 225 nights home reading:**

Ned

**Congratulations 300 nights home reading!**

Charlotte, Claire, Isabelle, Kalika, Zoi



### WILSONS PROMONTORY CAMP

On Monday we went to the beach, it was the best. On Tuesday we had a ranger talk, we got safety gear on and got into groups. My group got the most rubbish.

On Wednesday we went to the beach, I went on a boogie board and I got 7 good waves. We had an animal ranger talk.

On Thursday we had a ranger talk. And we also spent the money at the gift shop. On Friday we drove for 3 hours and stopped for lunch. We had fish and chips and ice cream. And we drove for 2 more hours.

My highlight was the rock pools I saw star fish. By Delilah



### WILSONS PROM

My highlight was boogie boarding, it was awesome. I caught lots of waves, it was so cold, like shivering cold, but I still went in the water. Why was boogie boarding my highlight? Because I caught my first wave and went all the way into the beach. The temperature was hot and cold, we saw a yellow tail black cockatoo. We saw emus, wombats and kangaroos. By Casey.



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### **WILSONS PROM – Norman Beach**

I am sitting on the beach the afternoon breeze blows through the air, I am wet, I am cold, and I am shivering so I decide to help make some sand castles. When I realise Rosie, Casey and Judd are not making sand castles they're making sand animals. So I say to myself 'why not?' After, finishing a mermaid, we made a turtle laying eggs on the beach, a dolphin jumping up (on the sand, which I still find rather odd) and a fish. Before I go off, I help Zoi, Milly and Isabelle make a little village. They asked "could you make a long tunnel?", and I replied "ooh yeah." So with the help of Milly (I had to tell her what to do), in the end, we had dug a one foot down and 3 feet long tunnel I (I measured it). We named it Grand Southern Tunnel (my idea). Zoi had made a moat around the castle, and had lots of little huts thanks to Isabelle and Judd, the whole thing was huge. After a while, the tide came in and washed it away. It was emotional for us, well at least me, all our hard work just got flooded. However, we got over it. We had lasagne for dinner and read the school end of year play before brushing our teeth and going to bed. By Emilio.



### **ROCK POOLS – Picnic Bay, Wilsons Prom**

When Wednesday afternoon came around we put our 'get wet' shoes on and drove to Picnic Bay, we went rock-pooling there. At first it was hard to find little animals and plants but then we started spotting them more. First we saw sea anemone some were red and some were white. We learnt that the plants and animals adapt to being in water and to being out of water. How most of them do it is by soaking up all the water letting the water out when the water comes in at high tide. I think that the star fish we saw were cute, some were colourful with green, blue and red some were just orangey brown but ALL of them were small plus cute. We saw (and squirted) sea squirts, they weren't all that glamorous. I also found

out that sea squirts were animals, this I found hard to get my head around. Most of the things we saw were animals. We saw muscles on rocks they were SO hard to break.

By Isabelle.



At Wilsons Prom camp the 3-6's did all this amazing stuff like rock pools, hiking and swimming. But on one of days we were there we went down to Picnic Bay where we explored all these cool and fascinating rock pools. In some of them were sea squirts which squirt out water, we saw some Waratah anemones which we thought were sea squirts, and we also saw a sea slug. After a while the tide started coming in and we decided to head back, but we stayed a while and played on the rocks. On the way back up to the bus we were lucky to see a wombat eating. Then it went back into the bushes, and then we arrived at the bus. By Ollie



### **Ranger Talk – Marine Debris**

On Tuesday, we had a ranger talk with Tara she is amazing, she can remember a lot, it is incredible. We broke up in two groups and went around the National Park. There was a green and a blue group, I was in the blue. We got a lot of rubbish. We found a box from a tent that was a bonus. We found some rubbish under trees and little bits in the dirt. We were amazingly proud of ourselves. Tara said we did an outstanding job. The green group did a good job too, they got many little bits we got the big bits. Anyway, all of us did a very good job, and we won, but in my world we all win. By Zoi





## INDIGENOUS RANGER TALK – Wilsons Prom

At camp we did ranger talks, one of our ranger talks was with Luke, he showed us some of the foods that natives ate. Some were waratah greens also known as coastal spinach. Luke told us a story about an aboriginal lady whose head was chopped off, she washed up at the beach with no head and she is still looking for her head, and she now is a white wombat. We got to try a reedy type plant, we ate the white base of it, it tasted good. The plant was also used to make baskets and there was a soft plant they would put in there for the babies. On the beach we saw lots of bite marks in the cuttlefish, I saw a Dolphin bite mark in one of the cuttlefish. We saw some old puffer fish on the beach we also saw a stick person with a puffer fish head and we added a kelp scarf. The indigenous ranger talk was my favourite. By Amy.



## Soccer on the beach at Wilsons Prom

Soccer was definitely one of my highlights on the camp. I was on a team with Amilie, Charlotte, Emilio and Kalika. The other team was Edan, Corrie, Wirra and Ned. We decided to keep the same teams all the way throughout the camp and just keep on adding to the scores. Other people joined sometimes like Mr V.B., Judd and Cope.

The end scores were 9-7 and Edan's team had won. The people who scored on Edan's team were Corrie scored three goals, Wirra scored 2, Ned scored three and Edan scored one.

By Claire



## SAME DAY REPORTING OF ABSENCES

Thank you to parents that have contacted us before 9am to advise us of their child's absence. It really helps us here at a small school in not having to chase up absences during the teaching day.

Thank you © **Please text 0428 298 286 or phone 57 298 286 for all absences by 9am please.**

## BEECHWORTH CAMP

On Tuesday, Whitfield and Edi Upper schools went to Beechworth camp. The first thing we did was go to the Court House, it was cool. I was the judge, I think I was good with my words for a beginner. Ruby was Ned Kelly, I said to Ruby 'guilty! You will be hanged!' The next thing we did is we went to the Burke Museum. We went to the street of shops, it had lots of old things. They also had lots of birds. They also had a Tasmanian tiger, it was awesome.

On the second night we went on a trailer ride. The person that drove the motor bike was funny. There was a man that wet us with a water pistol. It was great fun.

Then we went to the goal, it had lots of razor wire. We went to Ned Kelly's cell, it had a frog in it. On the last day we went gold panning. We had to dip it in the water and then shake it. Everybody found gold. The whole camp was awesome. By Inanay.



## Prep student's day at Beechworth

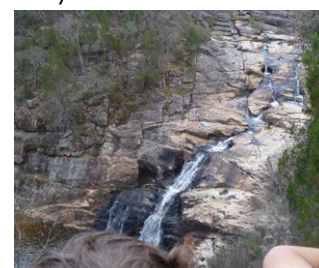
At the Gold Shop I got a green rock. At the Lolly Shop I got a sour lolly. At the Honey shop I did some tasting. By Joah.

The Lolly Shop smelt great. At the Gold shop I got lots of rocks. There was a girl's cell and a boy's cell. By Nina.



At the gold shop there were lots rocks. The woolshed Falls was good. There was lots of water. By Tobias.

We went to the gold shop the gold shop had lots of gold and rocks. The Lolly shop had lots of lollies they were yummy. Harry Power's cell was fun I went up the stairs. By Johann.





## BEECHWORTH CAMP

I found gold it was shiny it was fun, we used gold pans. At the lolly shop I bought a sour bomb it was sour. At the honey shop we got to taste honey I liked blue gum. By Kody.

Camp was fun! Whitfield and Edi schools went to the bakery in Beechworth. We got to make biscuits and bread. The bread was hard to make.

Next we went to the gold shop. I got a bag of gemstones for \$3.00. I saw where the gold was kept when it was found.

At Lake Sambal Caravan Park we went to the park near our cabins. We played a game where you run through a set of swings and try to get a home run. At the end of the day the park owner Roger, took us on a trailer ride then a man chased us with a water pistol. I got wet. The next day we went to the old gaol. I got locked in a cell. In Ned Kelly's cell I saw a frog in the corner. At the end of camp we went to the lolly shop it was full of lollies. The whole camp was AWESOME! By Lachlan.



## BEECHWORTH CAMP

I found gold, it was a little bit hard finding gold. At the Chinese Gardens there was a hidden tunnel. I got a lolly, it was yummy. It was sour. Ned's armour was cool, we saw Ned Kelly gun called 'Betty'. By Mike.



Camp was amazing. Edi Upper and our school went to the old courthouse. I dressed up as a prosecutor. We did a play but not everybody got to be in it.

The next day went to the Bilson's Brewery, we got to have a taste test. We went under the building, there was lots of old stuff. Then we got to take a bottle with cordial in it. I got Portello. On the last day we went to the lolly shop. I bought four lollies with \$4.80. I bought sour bombs, fads, fizz wizz and sherbet. By Reuben.

## BEECHWORTH CAMP

Bakery: I love camp because Whitfield and Edi schools went to the bakery, we made bread and cookies. I made four cookies, one was a star and the second one was a person cookie.

Gold panning: I liked camp because I found gold. I kept slipping on the rocks, I hurt my hand.

Gold shop: I liked all the gold, it was very cool. But I didn't buy any gold. By Hope



Edi and Whitfield 1-2 students went to the court house to learn about the history. We did a play on Ned Kelly. I acted as the jury. Ruby acted as Ned Kelly. The play was funny.

Trailer ride. The ride was really fun because a man had a water pistol. I was lucky because I didn't get wet. Then I told him I wasn't wet then he said "hi five" and he squirted me, I wasn't lucky anymore.

Then we went to the bakery and we got messy we made some cookies and some bread. On the last day we went to the lolly shop it was really hard to pick the lollies. It was a great camp, it was fun. By Vera.

## BEECHWORTH CAMP

I loved my camp. I went to the cell, it was smelly. At the courthouse Inanay banged the hammer. On the first night we had pasta and apple crumble. Wednesday: I had breakfast at the outdoor kitchen, then we made lunch. We watched a man send a message at the telegraph station. I made bread at the Beechworth bakery. By Aroha.



## BEECHWORTH CAMP

On Tuesday when Edi and Whitfield 1/2's reached Beechworth for camp we had morning-tea. After morning-tea we went to the courthouse. We learnt about the history of the house. Then 7 of us did a play. I was NED KELLY.

12:30 We went to the Powder Magazine. The Video did not work.

1:00pm we had lunch at Memorial Park. Then we went to the Burke Museum. We did a Look and Find. Most people found all of them. I saw stuffed birds and a stuff Tasmanian tiger. The Museum was interesting but fun.

Then we drove to the Caravan Park and settled in. We decided who was in each cabin. I was in a cabin with Inanay, Vera and Issy. We had two cabin leaders. On Tuesday we had Sara and on Wednesday we had Simone. Then we had dinner and dessert. Dinner was pasta and salad. Dessert was apple crumble with cream. Then we went to bed.

The next day, we had breakfast. Then we drove to the old gaol and did a tour. The man's name was David. I saw Ned Kelly's cell and his mother's cell. The cell were fun, but outside was more fun. There was a dirty pool and a dead doll. She was creepy.

We had morning-tea after the Old Gaol. Next we went to the Telegraph Station. The man sent a Morse code to someone in Bendigo. I liked it. Then we drove to the Ned Kelly Vault. I saw his broken belt and his gun Betty. Very interesting to me. We went to the Bakery next. I made 5 cookies. Then we made beautiful bread. Yummy! Then we went to Bilson Brewery. We saw the old Carts and the old bus and funeral Cart. We got to take cordial home, I took Portello.

The next day we went.... GOLD PANNING!! I found gold. Afterwards we met the preps and had morning-tea. Next we went to the gold shop. I looked at the gold. I bought a leopard rock. Then we walked to the..... Lolly Shop! It smelt great. I bought two lollies, a tornado and a Big Baby Pop. Then we all jumped in vehicles and went back to Whitfield. I thought Camp was AMAZING! I loved Camp! By Ruby.



## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE – TRIVIA NIGHT

On Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, the 3-6's ran our second trivia night at the Whitfield Recreation Reserve. There were different jobs for each person. There was cooking, waiting, reading out questions, collecting the money at the front door, drinks, raffle and the kids club.

At 6pm, we started reading the categories, which were: Marine life, Australian, Earth, Science, Animals, History, Songs, Prehistoric, Movies and Sport.

Later on, we started to serve the lasagne and pizza because we were half way into the trivia night. At about the eighth category, we started handing out the dessert, which was ice cream and gelato. At the end, we started adding up the scores secretly so the adults would not see the scores. Then we read out the scores and table six won. We handed out the prizes to the people on the table then we packed up and went home. By Ollie.



Thank you to the following local businesses that supported the students social enterprise:

King Valley Fine Foods

Pizzini Wines

King River Brewery

The Oven @ Cheshunt (for the pizza dough)

**A profit of \$1061 was made from the night**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Still plenty of '**Exceptional Educational Experiences**' happening this month. Please take note of the events and dates (write them in your diary/calendar). **Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge!**

## 2019

Staff return on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**Students first day – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

## REPORTS

Student's semester two reports will come home from school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December.



## SCHOOL CONCERT – From one show to the next @ CHESHUNT HALL, THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

'From one show to the next' is play written by two grade 6 students, Amilie and Kalika. 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 20<sup>th</sup> December. The show starts at 7:00pm sharp (**students to be there at 6:30pm**).

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Please ensure your child is at school on time for these days. **As should be the case if your child is late, make sure you sign them in at the office. DO NOT drop at the front gate as we may be away (like at the hall).**

### '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:

**Kody:** For doing a great job on his first two night camp and being a friendly member of the group.

**Reuben:** For being organised on camp and being helpful.

**Melita:** For her independence and making the most of her camp experience.

**Isabelle:** For her independence and making the most of her camp experience.



### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### Whitfield Community Childcare Centre

Would like to warmly invite Past, Present and Future Families to our Family Christmas BBQ provided by the Whitfield Childcare Centre

**Date: Tuesday the 18th of December**

**Where: At the Childcare Centre**

**Time: 4.00pm to 6.00pm**

**BYO Drinks**

There will also be an **OPEN DAY at 3:30pm** if any families would like to come and visit the centre.

Santa will be at the Centre at 5.15pm

If you would like Santa to give your child a present at a value of no more than \$10.00, please have them wrapped and named at the childcare centre in the morning of the 18th of December

R.S.V.P by the Tuesday the 11th of December to Kim Boyd or Jess Sartori for catering purposes.

## KING VALLEY COUNTRY IMAGES CALENDAR

The King Valley Country Images Calendar is **NOW ON SALE!** This quality calendar has been a great gift idea and advertisement to our fantastic valley for many years.

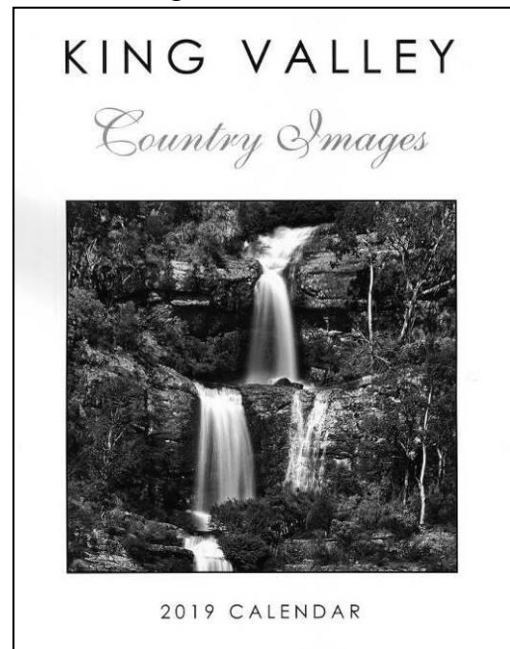
This year, the Whitfield District Primary School has had the opportunity to produce the calendar and raise funds from its sale (thanks to the Whitfield Childcare!)

Thank you to all the parents who have worked tirelessly, and to tight timelines, to produce this quality calendar.

Calendars are for sale for **\$20**

Calendars are for sale at the school, or through many supporting businesses in the valley.

Great Christmas gift idea!



### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### Fundraiser

#### Trash & Treasure

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2018**

**10 am to 3 pm**

at

**King Valley Community Memorial Hall**  
(former Whitfield RSL Hall, near CFA Shed)

**Stall Holders Welcome**

**\$5 a stall** (bookings preferred)

Please come along and support  
your local community event

For information, donated items &  
stall bookings, please contact

**Ange (Secretary) on 5729 8487**