

NEWSLETTER

Term 3
September 4th, 2019

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Proud & Deadly Indigenous awards @ WHS	Thur 12 th Sept
3-6 cooking	Tuesday 10 th & 17 th Sept
School Council meeting @ 7pm	Tues 17 th Sept
Charlie & the Choc Factory – Melb.	Wed 18 th Sept
Sporting colours day	Fri 20 th Sept

Term 3 ends @ 2:30pm (Osh ends at 5pm) Fri 20th Sept
 OSHC Vacation care – Mon 23rd Sept - **Thur 3rd Oct**
 For bookings call or text 0448 298 467

Term 4 begins (Walk To School month starts) Mon 7th Oct
Zone Athletics – selected 4-6's Fri 11th Oct

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

The school calendar dates in the pink text box, 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).

Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge!

'THUMBS UP' AWARD

The Principal's 'Thumbs Up' Award recipients are students that have been seen doing great things at our school.



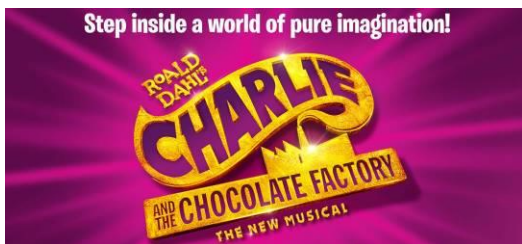
Hope: For being kind and friendly and giving her best in class activities.

Owen: For his positive attitude on ski camp and looking after himself.

Casey: For his positive attitude on ski camp and looking after himself.

Paul: For his persistence and positive attitude to learning new skills.

CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY



On Wednesday 18th September, the whole school will be going to see the production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Her Majesty's Theatre in Melbourne. Students in Miss Feldtmann's class have been reading the

story by Roald Dahl. All tickets have been sold. We look forward to a great day.



Literacy corner

The 4-6 class have been looking at varying sentence beginnings and sentence length over the last few weeks. The ski camp has provided great writing material to practice and improve these skills. Enjoy ☺

On ski camp...

The sound of skis cutting into the snow creeps up behind me. I look over to my left, it's a tall boy wearing a red bib. It's Josh, I think to myself. Suddenly he swerves in front of me. He's cut me off, I'm headed toward some trees. I quickly turn to my right. There's a path someone had made leading through the trees. I take it. I reach the end of the cut-off and I make my way to the middle of the track. I spot him. Racing to get in front, I crouch down and lean against my boots, I creep up to the front of the pack Josh is leading. Finally I make it to the front, the last few hundred metres was close. Too close. He almost went in front of me, 'no' I yell. I see Josh zoom past me, so I zoom past him. Then he crosses over my ski and we both go over. I look up and see Euca rush past us both "bugger" I yell, Euca had beat the two of us. By Emilio Miliankos-King.



Skiing Home

The cold air hit my face while me and my group were going up the ski lift. We were going to ski home, but first we had to go down two runs called Village Bowl and Broadway. The runs were green but there were some tricky bits, like some steep hills and sharp turns. One time I fell over while going down a steep hill. The path was a bit curvy but not sharp enough that you would run into the hill or fall

off the hill. My group had to stop at the signs so that we could catch up with other people in the group that were a bit behind. Whoosh! I went skiing past people that were also going down the hill. We were near the end, I was going faster than my group. The last bit was really fun because it was downhill and no one was in the way.

I waited for a bit down the bottom for my group because I went too fast. Eventually my group was at the bottom. "Come on" said Dave pointing to the road that would take us home. It was a bit tricky because of people and snow mobiles, but we finally made it to the lodge. I put my boots, skis and clothes away and went to the lounge room and chatted to people. I was exhausted. By Ollie.



My Knee

I was going down a really steep run called Ruined Castle. I was dreading going down the steep part. I fell. My skis came off and it felt like my leg was broken. It hurt so much, the pain going through my leg was incredible, I could barely walk. So I told the teacher, then she took me back to Cloud 9 to hang out with the first timers so I could rest my leg. It was then time to go back to the lodge. It was hard going down the staircase. When I went into the cool room Milly and Casey came to see if I was ok. I said I was fine, but I wasn't. Sammy looked at my leg she said that it was swollen, she put some ice on it and some oil so it healed quicker. The next morning Sammy put tape on my leg to hold it in to place.

I skied in a lower group to rest my knee. I felt good, but when I got to school my knee clicked. By Zoi.



Ski Camp

On the first day we all started on Mouse Trap, it was fun but boring at the same time. Judd, Ned, Jack, Wirra & I all started with turning, most of us got it pretty easy but not me. It took a while to learn but I got it the next day. On the second day I was with Sarah and we went down Drovers Dream, it was so funny when I fell over but I got up and I fell over again, but I was cool with it. I tried Rapunzel's it was hard but fun at the same time. On the way back to the lodge we went down Wombats Ramble. I fell pretty hard, it hurt. I was stunned for about 10 seconds. I was a little shaken up but I managed to keep going. I was told to drink lots of water which I did, but man did I have a headache it was like a half migraine. It was fine after a while but it hurt at the time. By Paul.



Scotty's and Corkscrew Gully on snowboard

Up one side, down. Up the other side, down again. It felt like Corkscrew Gully was a halfpipe. Up, down, up, down, it was much more fun than out on the groomed slopes. After a while I went back onto the main slope. Near the bottom I stopped turning and straitened up so I could get enough speed to get to the Scotty's chairlift. We were clipping in at the top of Scotty's trail. Then we were getting up and following Sammy (our parent snowboard teacher) "We're going down Scotty's" I thought (Scotty's is one of the hardest blue runs). I was following Sammy and Judd was following me, we were doing closed turns which means you come back on yourself whereas in open turns you do much bigger turns so you face downhill for longer so you go faster. Halfway down we swapped over, Judd was after Sammy and we did more open turns. By Wirra



Going down Wombat's Ramble for the first time

Ski camp was completely amazing! Especially the part when I went down Wombats Ramble, it was super cool! You see, I'm one of the first timers so this whole skiing thing is new for me and it was much easier than I thought (apart from trying to get up, that was a huge pain!) So anyway, going down Wombat's Ramble was really amazing, but firstly I had to take a tour with the others to know the way. So we did that first and by the end, I found out that Wombat's Ramble takes you all the way down to the bottom of the mountain. We had to take the ski lifts to get back up the top of the mountain. Once we were up the top, we went down Wombat's Ramble again, but the second time was a race down to the bottom of the mountain, and it turns out, the first one down was me! (Mostly because I love going super-fast and I think using poles makes skiing harder, so I didn't use poles. Also I didn't really have control of my skis because I was going so fast.) I'm definitely going to go to ski camp next year! Next year, I think... 'no'... 'I know' I am going to be a master at skiing! By Owen



Ski Camp

"Wow" I said when we got to the lodge. We were finally there, I looked up, and I was in a room with Milly, Zoi, Masie, Matilda, Olivia and Carla. We were sleeping in the 'dungeon'. I unpacked my stuff and made my bed and then I went up to talk with everyone. I had lunch minutes later and then I went and got ready to leave for skiing. When I got back from skiing it was time to relax, I changed into comfortable clothes and talked to my friends. There were showers and toilets near our rooms. The next morning I was tired and the girls had to wake me up. We had breakfast and then I talked to the girls in my room. It was time to leave soon, I had to get all my snow gear on then we left for skiing again. We had a really yummy lunch it was hot dogs and then we left AGAIN. When we got back I was really tired so I stayed in the room and relaxed. I had dinner and then went to watch the fireworks! When we got back to the lodge we had some

dessert and went to rest. When it got to morning we had breakfast put on our gear and left for our last skiing lesson. When I finished I went to buy souvenirs and then hopped on the bus and left to go home! By Amy



Going on the pomas and doing blue runs

"Poma here we come!" We were off and going on the pomas. We started on the Monkey Bar and did it twice. Then we went on the big poma. Skiing down and then across to the poma, I hopped on after Zoi. Josh from Greta came off at the same spot two times in a row.

Going down a blue run for the first time in my life, Highway 83, at the top I stood so nervous. Mr van Bergen took us around doing swerves and turning. All the way down Highway, down the hill again then we went on Main Street. Going down Main Street I felt a bit more in control on the second time we did it. Rapunzel was up next, it looked so steep from the lift, so I was nervous. Down I go, "oh no" I got my ski stuck in the snow. I fell over. I get back up and off I go and I finally reach the bottom. Up the lift and we are doing it again! So I swerve down and hit the bottom, I did not fall over "yes!" One more time, I decided to go down the thin bit and I did it!!!! Mr Van Bergen said that we are going down Scotty's tomorrow, I was excited. I think my favourite blue run was Scotty's out of all the blue runs! By Milly



NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5's that completed NAPLAN tests in May, the results have finally arrived and have been sent home today. Well done students, there were some great reading and numeracy results.

HOME READING



We have a number of students who have gained a certificate!

Congratulations 50 nights home reading:

Toria

Congratulations 75 nights home reading:

Maya, Mike

Congratulations 125 nights home reading:

Inanay, Johann

Congratulations 200 nights home reading:

Ruby

How ski camp felt.

Oh no, Oh no! My skis are crossed, I'm going down through the snow crash, AHH!

Yes I got it. I did not fall over this time, I am getting good this.

"Do we have to go on Drovers Dream? I like Wombat's Ramble. Ok then, then let's go". Off the ski lift, but down someone from my group goes down in front of me and crash.

"Come with me if you want to go down Highway 83". Me, me, me, me! Oops, we went down Main Street instead. That one is even harder but it was still fun.

Now we can do the longest ski run in Falls Creek, but it is not as hard. I am losing balance and I'm down again. Next year is going to be even more fun. I can't wait. By Emily



COOKING TERM 3 & 4

A huge thank you to all the parents that have helped out in many ways already this year. We have spaces for volunteers to help with the cooking program. Please let Mark know if you can help with any of the dates. Thanks ☺

Tuesday 10th Sept _____ Kaye _____

Tuesday 17th Sept _____

Tuesday 15th Oct _____

Tuesday 29th Oct _____

Tuesday 12th Nov _____

Tuesday 26th Nov _____ (prep-2's)

Tuesday 10th Dec _____

Highway 83

On the last day of ski camp my group were going to go on Highway 83.

Me, Owen and Hamish were going with Miss Feldtmann. Highway 83 is very steep, that is why it is a blue run. At one point I had to go down sideways on my skis, but we got down anyway in the end. When we got down to the bottom of the hill it was snowing.

At the bottom we got into our order to get on the ski lift, first Owen, then Miss Feldtmann, then me and Hamish. I wanted to go again, but we ran out of time to go again, so we went on Wombat's Ramble to go back down the hill because the other groups were waiting for us to come back. So we could all then get on the bus and go home again. By Normie.



Fireworks!

"BANG, BANG, BANG!" We're about to hop onto the ski lift to watch the ski race and the fireworks. "BANG, BANG," the fireworks have started. Wirra, Ollie and I hop on the lift. Blue fireworks, then green, yellow, red purple and other fascinating colours are flying about as the fireworks explode. Calmly walking down the track, we were thinking we were going to see the race and the fireworks up on the hill but instead we are watching them on the ski lift. Fireworks that explode into smaller bits then even smaller bits are definitely my favourite. "Why do we see them explode then we hear the noise seconds later?" Ollie asks. "Because we are farer away from them and light travels faster than sound" Wirra answers. Trees everywhere are blocking some of our vision but we can still see them exploding. Watch in amazement at the fireworks explode is what we do for the trip up.

"BOOM!" The last firework explodes and we start talking about what would happen if we fell off. Falling off at the end of this lift wouldn't be too bad because there is a net at the end. Sprinting off the platform we then look around and see that there aren't many people around. Being late and missing the ski race was pretty disappointing, but we enjoyed watching the fireworks from the ski lift. Wirra and I start throwing snowballs at a sign as we wait for the others. Snow is everywhere and we start sliding down hills. I go look for another place to play

because everybody is there. Jack & Ollie have found a good spot and I go over and join them. I go over with them and soon lots of people come and we have a massive snowball fight. Snowballs are flying everywhere. "SPLAT!" a snowball goes past me and I see Emilio threw it. One that I threw at him is a direct shot. Darkness has crept over though and we have to go back to the lodge. Everybody is still throwing snowballs on the way back. I get some snow and whack it with my hand against a sign. It gets squished and squirts into my eyes. Dessert is after the fireworks and it was delicious. We celebrate Jack & Olivia's birthdays and then go to bed. Thursday night was terrific! By Ned



END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please do not leave messages on the school landline for end of day arrangements. We often do not have the ability to answer the phone whilst we are teaching and cannot check the messages until after school.

The OSH phone **0448 298 467** and school mobile **0428 298 286** are both checked every day prior to dismissal at 3:30pm. Messages are conveyed directly to students. **Please ensure your message is provided before 3:30pm.**

The Shuttle

The shuttle was a small bus for snow, it had giant tracks made for snow. It could carry up to 12 people, but we made it carry 14. It stopped at the snow shuttle stops, like bus stops and the shuttle had a big metal wire like box at the front for carrying skis and poles. There were seat belts we didn't need to use them, because we weren't going very fast, like 10-20kph. The shuttle left big marks in the snow and left snow rectangles.

When we used the shuttle. We used the shuttle mainly when we came back from skiing, so we could go to the lodge easily. I went on the

shuttle 3 times this way (I think), or going to skiing, (this only happened once but I was there).

Why I thought the shuttle was amazing. I thought the shuttle was amazing because there was kind of big hill which was in my own boots fine, but in ski boots it was like trying to climb Mount Everest, just not as cold or with the breathing problems. But then carrying skis in ski boots is like trying to cross the Atlantic Ocean with a row boat! So the shuttle was like a teleporter, all I needed to do was hop in and enjoy the view. The shuttle was like a dream come true!
By Robert.



Snowboarding down Ruined Castle

Ruined castle was the best, it was fast and so fun carving from side to side. When we got down to the lift we had to wait in line for a while because there were some kids from Hotham. Then it came to our go, we went on the magic carpet which was a conveyer belt thing that moved, then whoosh the chair lift came swinging fast. On the chairlift there was a terrain park underneath the chair and we saw a guy do a back flip on a snow board, it was so cool. We strapped in to our boards up the top and headed down again. This time we were going to the Scotty's chair to get back and have lunch. I was going so much faster than usual carving faster and tighter turns, I was on fire! Suddenly we went down the straight slope to Scotty's chair lift, I looked over to Wirra, he had a massive crash. He was winded. I wasn't concentrating on snowboarding anymore and I crashed and slid on my back for the rest of the way down. It was so annoying that I crashed because I hurt my butt. Then I snowboarded to Scotty's chair. Ruined Castle was my favourite run because it was easy and fun. I was stuffed by then.

By Judd



Musica Viva

We listened to music then we had to listen to see if we could hear what instrument was not playing. We had to listen very hard so we could hear because all the other instruments were playing at the same time. There was a cello, piano, voice and a clarinet.

At the end we could ask questions and get the answers from the players. One of the questions was where did they play? Paul asked that. If your question was not answered you could ask later. And it was fun. By Casey and Normandy



We went to the Musica Viva concert and we did actions to March of the Fire Ants. It was a tango and we did triplet actions. We sang Lorikeet in a triplet and a canon and then we switched the order. We enjoyed the performance. By Toria and Delilah

Musica Viva Concert - Thursday 15th August Written by Year Prep-3

Our school cluster went to the Whitfield Recreation Reserve to hear a concert by a quartet of four musicians. They played a cello, keyboard, clarinet, percussion and had a singer. They played 'Lorikeet', 'March of the Fire Ants', 'Poinciana' and 'Cicada'.

We learned how to conduct five beats per bar with our hands. We listened as they played 'Lorikeet' and we had to listen for which instrument wasn't playing. The cluster schools were divided into three groups and we had to say 'Lo-ri-keet' at different times and put them together.

We listened as the keyboard player played some clap sticks around the room. We had to listen for how far or close they were.

Amy, Reuben, Vera, Ruby, Paul, Ned and other kids from other schools went up to the front.

Most of us had percussion instruments and had to make a noise during the story of the 'Cicada.'



SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS

Please call Wendy in the morning if your child is not catching the bus to school (and usually does).

Mobile **0418 989 938**, she is also on **UHF Ch 40**

Thanks ☺

Musica Viva: Lorikeet

Thursday last week, we went to the Whitfield Rec Reserve to see 'March of the Fire Ants'. We also heard a song called 'Lorikeet', where we split up into three groups. The first group sang 'Lor', the second sang 'Ri' and the third sang 'Keet'.

After we split it up we sang Lorikeet altogether and we made the song by bunching up the words. Then the players started to play the instruments while we sang.

We also marched to the piece "March of the Fire Ants". So all of the schools got up and started marching to the piece. We loved it! By Owen and Robert

Four Musica Viva songs

We went to the Whitfield Rec Reserve, there was a quartet with four people in it. They played four songs, Lorikeet, March of the Fire Ants, Poinciana and Cicada. The interments they played were the cello, keyboard, clarinet, percussion / singer.

They come from Brisbane and they have been all around Australia with their music, playing together. We liked how they mixed the music together and they got us involved by doing actions and singing. By Zoi, Milly and Emily.

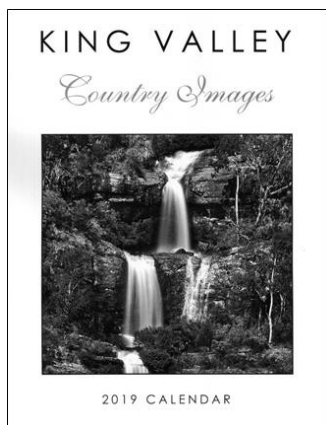


One of the things the band did was walk around with clapping sticks, we had to close our eyes so we didn't cheat. The aim of the game was to guess how close and far away the sound was. The clapping sticks sound was the beat of the next song they played (March of the Fire Ants). We both enjoyed it and can't wait for next year's performance (not Judd though he will be in High School).

By Emilio and Judd.

Thank you to King Valley Arts, for funding this event for the cluster schools – it is greatly appreciated by the students and families.

**King Valley Country Images 2020 calendar
(School Fundraiser)**



**Photo submission close this week!
Enter a photo now!**

Please email submissions to
kvcalendar2020@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CoolHeads
Young Driver Program - it's all about attitude

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers. Presented by Benalla Police and local agencies

Safe driving for life - it's all about ATTITUDE!

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2019
Benalla Performing Arts & Convention Centre (BPACC)
Arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start | Free entry

Enquiries contact:
Leading Senior Constable
Paula Allen (03) 5760 0200
Senior Constable
Mark Kennedy (03) 5760 0200

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**All school newsletters are available on the
school website:**
www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

Alpine Lions Girls Football clinic.

Yesterday three girls (including ex-student Summer Rumbelow) from the Alpine Lions junior women's team came and ran a football clinic for our students. They did a great job and the students had fun.



Hot Lunches

Thank you to all
The parents that have supplied and served hot lunches this term. There is only one Hot Lunches left for the term, as the last Wednesday of term we will be at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We'll miss hot lunches.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NERPSA North East Regional Pre School Association

An invitation is extended to all parents and families as well as interested teachers and other professionals to attend an:

INFORMATION EVENING
"Setting our Children up for Success"

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER | 7.00 ~ 8.30PM
WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

This presentation asks the question: "what is success?" and unpacks many features of what may constitute a successful and rewarding life for children that goes far beyond reciting the alphabet and counting and being "bright". Practical ideas and strategies are provided which include, the importance of self-expression, reaching out when you need to, taking on challenges, meaningful relationships and effective communication.

Consultant: Melinda Vander Reest is an early childhood consultant from Early Life Foundations. With 30 years of experience working with young children, families and educators in a variety of settings across Australia and Internationally. She has Early Childhood and Primary qualifications as well as a Bachelor of Special Education and an Advanced Certificate of Child and Family Development.

➤ To attend please register (free) at Eventbrite online at:
<https://nerpsa2019.eventbrite.com.au>

NERPSA: Early Years Management, Wangaratta: nerpsa.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES



TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

WANGARATTA
HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 18th September

6.30pm

In the Flexible Learning Centre (FLC)

Come along for more information about commencing Year 7 at Wangaratta High School in 2020. Parents and students welcome.

Please call 03 5723 0500 to RSVP.



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ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

School is better when you're here

DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school. Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school! School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems. Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

DO MY PARENTS NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF I'M GOING TO BE AWAY?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away. If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you're away.

ARE THERE ANY GOOD REASONS TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school. Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays. If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

IF I'M NOT AT SCHOOL WHAT DO I MISS OUT ON?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge. Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time. If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections. Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

WHAT IF I'M HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING TO SCHOOL?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine. If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.