



NEWSLETTER

Term 2
June 26th, 2019

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

5-6 Wang winter sports – cluster teams	Thur 27 th June
End of term / jump rope demo	Fri 28 th June
School finish at 2:30pm / OSHC at 5pm	
Vacation Care Mon 1 st – Fri 12 th July 8am-6pm	
Bookings phone Pam on 0448 298 467	
Term 3 begins	Mon 15 th July
School Council meeting @ 7pm	Tues 23 rd July
Bike Ed (working bike & helmet required) from	Mon 28 th July
Cluster winter sports day @ Whitfield	Fri 2 nd Aug
MusicaViva performance @ Moyhu	Thur 15 th Aug
4-6s Ski Camp 3days/2night	Last week of Aug. TBC
Charlie & the Choc Factory – Melb.	Wed 18 th Sept
Term 3 ends	Fri 20 th Sept

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!



'THUMBS UP' AWARD

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

Kody: For his encouraging of others in soccer drills and games.

Isabelle: For being supportive to younger students.

Zac: For his active involvement in the cooking sessions.

Ned: For his focus on learning and thirst for knowledge and understanding.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS

If your child is having a 'sleepover' at another student's house and is catching the bus to get there, please notify Wendy. It is important that the bus rolls are accurate.

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 ☺



Literacy corner

Exceptional Educational Experiences

Engaging learning activities provide a great basis from which to focus on literacy. Listening, asking questions and reading information about real experiences make the writing process relevant and a great opportunity to introduce new vocabulary and techniques to engage the audience.

I hope you enjoy the grade 4-6 student articles that have been published. There are also some drafts of our Preps and grade ones, who are in the publishing process at the moment. Stay tuned.

Victorian Opera – Alice through the opera glass

At the start of the week we went to see Alice through the opera glass. Alice had a cold so she didn't sing any songs, she had someone singing for her. The man who was playing the rabbit was really funny, but he needed to stand up for himself when he gave in to Alice. She made him play the flute. The show was mostly based on Alice through the looking glass.

In one part of the show they went under water to find a mermaid and the mermaid was wearing a really nice dress and she had a very good voice. The show was about how Alice and Rabbit went on a quest to get Rabbit back to normal.

By Normie and Owen

VICTORIAN OPERA



All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

Online Opera Workshops

Before the opera we watched four online video workshops and learnt a song called Toreador which was about bull fighting. We learnt about what happens backstage and how they rehearsed. The orchestra which was conducted by Simon, rehearsed separately until there is one week left until the show. We also learnt French and a little bit of Italian, which are some languages that they sing in. German and Spanish are other languages. The costumes were designed and made specifically for the people. They took hours, no... days to make.

Also we learnt how they live streamed the videos. We watched these videos four Wednesday's in a row. And we learnt why they need little plates with engravings over the lights, (to make patterns). We heard them sing songs and do acts with the director. This all came together at the opera itself. With the videos beforehand we understood what was happening in the show.

By Isabelle and Zac



Opera and the Orchestra

The last couple of weeks we have been listening and watching live videos. Simon taught us in Italian, French and German. He taught us a song called Toreador in French. Alice, the main actor, had a croaky voice so she just spoke and acted, and another opera singer sang for her. Simon was the conductor and he held a baton in his hand so they kept in time. These are some of the instruments that we heard, violin, oboe, bassoon, flute and cello. We liked how all these instruments went to together, we really enjoyed the show and the music. By Zoi and Milly.

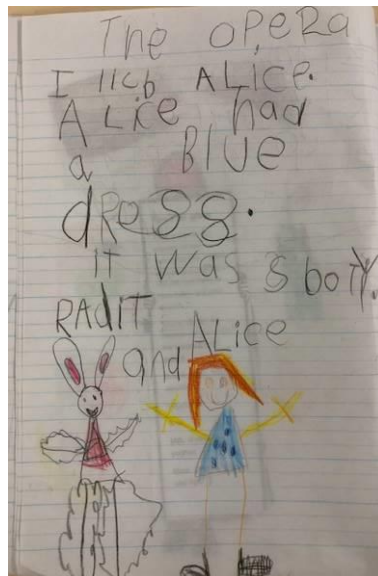


Arts Centre Tour –Hamer Hall

We went on a tour of Hamer Hall which can hold up to two and a half thousand people! There is a giant panel over the orchestra platform which reflected the sound back, so the audience can hear clearly. If they were having a rock concert they would put it away, also they will shut the curtains, because the sound would be coming out of speakers. All the walls were painted to look like sedimentary rock, and also the lights were hanging down to look like stalactites which are orange. There were four green and two were red ones, they can change colour on command. The chairs were made so if no one sat there it didn't affect the sound. By Robert and Delilah.



Prep – 1 'Alice through the opera glass' drafts



Nina's draft – (left)
(grade 1)

Maya's draft – (Below)
(Prep)

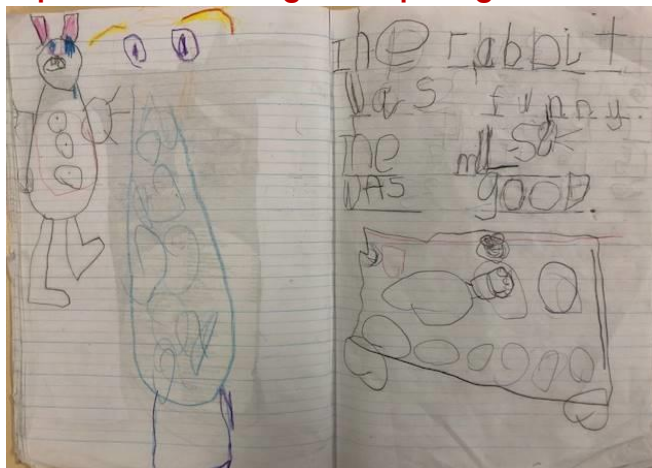


Arts Centre Tour – Fairfax Theatre

We had a tour of the Fairfax theatre. The theatre was the smallest theatre, it could fit 300 people at maximum. The tour guides were telling us how the theatre mainly performs plays. There were these big round discs that reflected the sound around the theatre. The Fairfax Theatre was 5 floors underground so you couldn't hear the cars on the street, but you could hear the skateboarders! When there is a show they put security out the front to tell the skateboarders to not ride while the show is on. By Judd and Amy.



Prep – 1 'Alice through the opera glass' drafts



Ethan's draft (Prep)

The King Valley Art Show

On Friday the 7th of June the Whitfield Primary School's community and parents catered for the Art Show at the King Valley Brewery (though it was the first time ever that 2 kids that are currently at the school helped out).

I thought it would be a good experience for me and see how everything works in a busy kitchen (and we got to eat some of the left overs!)

Inside the kitchen we had to cook and serve 8 courses. The first course after the savoury platters was the leek and feta tarts that the students of Whitfield made in our cooking program. We were on duty non-stop because after each course we had to clean up, do dishes and quickly get the next course out. By Emilio and Claire

Cross Country

A big congratulations to the 8 people who participated at zone cross country and did a good job in the big race.

Good luck to the 4 people that made it to Regionals at Winton. We all had butterflies before we ran. It was a new experience for some people because some of them had not run with that many people. The 8 people who participated were Emily, Casey, Zoi, Ned, Milly, Claire, Isabelle and Wirra. The 4 people who made it to regionals were Milly, Claire, Isabelle and Wirra. By Wirra and Emily.

*Congratulations to Milly who came 9th at the regionals and is now off to the State Cross Country early next term.

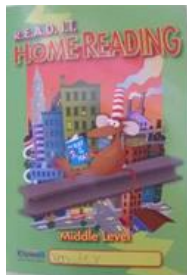


Art Workshop with Fleur Rendell.

On our art day, Myrree came to our school to do art with us because an artist named Fleur Rendell came to our school. She thought us how to lino print by getting a rubbery material and tracing around a drawing that we drew on it. Once we did that we got some paint and covered it in it. After that we got paper and pushed against it. There was also another way to push it, it was a Japanese tool that rubbed against it. Then we pulled off the paper and the picture you traced showed on your paper. There were different types like words, letters, shapes, food and objects. Our teacher and Principal Mr van Bergen did one, but I saved him by telling him his words would be backwards when he printed. One Myrree kid got cut by the tool we used but he was ok. After that Myrree left to go back to their school and we asked Fleur some questions about art and her career. She told us that she doesn't live off her art but she does sell it. By Ollie and Casey.



HOME READING



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

Congratulations 50 nights home reading:

Maya

Congratulations 75 nights home reading:

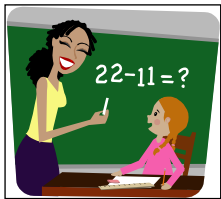
Nina, Normie

Congratulations 100 nights home reading:

Emily



Missing these 15 books possibly in 3 plastic folders. Has anyone seen them please? They are newish books and were in line for some book covering.



Numeracy corner

Asking questions to investigate

Ask your child questions like these to encourage them to investigate maths:

- » What shapes can you see?
- » How could we measure the...?
- » How will we find half?
- » What is the best way to share the...?
- » How do I get from ... to ...?
- » Which is closer: the sandpit or the swing?
- » How tall can you build a tower before it falls?

HOT LUNCHES – Terms 2 & 3

Thanks to Cath and Rosie for the baked spuds and Suz for the chocolate cake last week. Today's

schnitzel and rice from Petra was great and thanks again to Rosie for the banana smoothies. Thanks to all that helped with hot lunches this term. ☺



OSHC

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for Vacation Care. Some days are filling fast. Check the website for details.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whitfield Day Care along with

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Director

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Is running a

First Aid Course a level 1 or 2.

Saturday 29th June 9.00am - 5.00pm approx

Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)

\$150.00 per person

Provide, [Asthma Awareness 10760NAT](#)

Emergency Asthma Management and Anaphylaxis awareness

\$190.00 per person

Could you please contact Nikki Sheppard on 0437 737 587 or email gnsheppard@bigpond.com for more details.

NINJA GYM
TUESDAY 2ND JULY
GYMNASTICS TRAINING
TUESDAY 2ND JULY

AQUA GUARDS
WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY

MOVE, PLAY & RELAX
THURSDAY 4TH JULY

YMCA DANCE WITH ROBYN
TUESDAY 9TH JULY

POOL INFLATABLE FUN
THURSDAY 11TH JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Activities for 5 to 12 year olds!
Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre
HP Barr Reserve, Wangaratta.

Full program details available at Customer Service & online:
www.wangaratta.ymca.org.au

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Future articles – next edition

Melbourne Victory soccer



Fruit Fly Circus performance



MasterChef cooking session



Zone winter sports (5/6s)