



NEWSLETTER

Term 4
October 30th, 2019

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Whitfield Cup	Fri 1 st Nov
Pupil free day	Mon 4 th Nov
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Tues 5 th Nov
School photos	Fri 8 th Nov
2020 Prep orientation 9-1pm	Mondays 11, 18, 25 th Nov
3-6s Remembrance Day – Cheshunt Hall	Mon 11 th Nov
Social Enterprise Awards Beechworth	Fri 15 th Nov
School Council Meeting – 7pm	Tues 19 th Nov
Instrumental Concert – 4pm at school	Thur 21 st Nov
3-6 Alpine Nat. Pk. Camp	Mon 25 th -Fri 29 th Nov
Grade 6 Graduation – Greta Hall @ 6pm	Mon 2 nd Dec
4-6 Personal Development – Moyhu 1:30	Thur 5 th Dec
Grade 6 transition week Wang HS	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th
Selected 4/5's Woorabinda camp	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th
Statewide transition day	Tues 10 th Dec
End of year concert at Cheshunt Hall	Thur 19 th Dec

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. 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!

2020 Enrolments

A reminder to families with children starting school in 2020, enrolment forms are required before the orientation program which begins on Monday 11th November. Please contact the school if you need any assistance.

'THUMBS UP' AWARD

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



Johann: For his great work habits and his friendly and positive manner.

Claire: For demonstrating responsibility and leadership in the Social Enterprise business.

Ned: For his group work in drama and helping to get their play organised and completed.

Wirra: For demonstrating responsibility and leadership in the Social Enterprise business.

All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

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.**



Literacy corner

BPANGERANG CULTURAL ARTEFACTS

We learnt about how thin or small their shields were. Or how useful they can be like making a friction fire. There was lots of artefacts, including three different boomerangs. The killer boomerang, you would throw it near and miss then the kangaroo turns around and you throw a spear at the kangaroo. The returning boomerang you would throw it at small birds and then there is the "strange" boomerang that you don't throw. There was also an old phone that you would spin around on a piece of string and it made a loud car sound (because of its shape). This let people know if you were entering their land. They used tree sap to make resin that they would use to make axes and for the head they would sharpen a greenstone with sand stone. A green stone was worth 2 possum cloaks. There was 40 possum skins in one cloak. By Zac and Robert.



HOME READING



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

Congratulations 75 nights home reading:

Paul

Congratulations 100 nights home reading:

Ethan, Kody, Maya

Congratulations 175 nights home reading:

Inanay

BOOKS CLUBS

A couple of weeks ago Mr VB had an excellent idea to make a thing called book club. We divided into four groups. The group's books were: Narnia, The Famous Five, Heidi and Loyal Creatures. Mr VB gave us sheets to stick into our books so we can write what we learnt in the book. The book I'm reading is Narnia (The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe). I have learnt that Amy's favourite character is Aslan the lion. I (Owen) learnt that the Famous Five book has a big connection to Paul's memories. Once we have finished the book we will choose another book for us to read. Me and Owen find the book club very interesting and look forward to the next book we read. I wonder what it is? By Ollie and Owen.



BOOK SHOPPING

Maze Runner or Lord of the Rings? So hard to decide.

On Friday we went to BIGW and Edgar's book shop to buy books. Mr VB wanted the 3-6 students to buy a book each for the school. We went to BIGW first to have a look, but not buy a book yet because Mr VB wanted us to have a look at both stores before we made our decision. We walked to Edgar's to hopefully buy a book, some people bought a collection or just one book. Most students bought a book from Edgar's because the school had an account there. The students that didn't buy book from Edgars went to BIGW and bought the book they had seen earlier. Every student bought a different book

so the school didn't buy the same book twice. Students bought different types of books such as adventure/quest, war, biographies, fiction and action. We left and went to the art gallery/centre for a Bpangerang presentation. By Judd and Emilio



COOKING TERM 4

Please let the school know if you would like to help out with the cooking sessions in term 4

Tuesday 12th Nov ____Petra____

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

Tuesday 10th Dec Sandy/Christos



(above) Food from yesterday's cooking session

Walk to school month

Students have done a great job of actively getting to school or the bus stop this month. Some students rode, some walked cross-country through paddocks, some rollerbladed, skateboarded and a number organised to be dropped off before the school and walked the remaining distance. Plenty of cut up fruit was available on arrival for the students.





To keep the physical activity theme for October going, we also had a cricket clinic the same morning (read article below). And to finish off the month, we had a fitness class on Monday provided (thanks to the Wangaratta YMCA and Wangaratta Council)



CRICKET CLINIC

Have you ever played snow ball tag? We have. It's kind of like gang up tag. Someone is "it" and their job is to catch people using the "snowball" (a tennis ball). You are not allowed to throw the ball at others. When you get tagged you go and get another ball. You keep going until everyone is caught.

Nick, our instructor from cricket Victoria put us in pairs. 7 was Isabelle's number and 2 was Paul's. We all had a partner and we would take turns at bowling, wicket keeping, batting & fielding. Each pair would bat or bowl at least once. Lucky pairs got to do both.

Bam! Someone smacked the ball and it went flying and then started plummeting. Going down, down, down until Mr V.B. nearly caught it. Nearly caught it, it was so close, he had it but it wasn't the easiest catch. I don't blame him.

We thanked Nick for the fun experience and in return he gave us a flyer. The flyer was inviting us to join the Greta cricket club.

By Isabelle and Paul



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

In Social Enterprise we have been making lasagnes and selling fresh organic vegetables from our garden beds. We have been selling them every fortnight. We had to take money off for the ingredients that we bought to make the lasagnes from the money that we got from selling the lasagnes and fresh vegetables. Last stall we made about \$200, which we also did about a fortnight before that. People that pre-order lasagnes can come and pick them up and buy some fresh vegetables as well. We will be having the next stall on cup day on the 1st of November (end of this week). We will have the stall set up when you arrive and before fashions on the field. Hope you enjoy the fresh food and lasagnes! By Zoi and Milly.



END OF YEAR PLAY

This year our play will be called Robin of Sherwood! The main characters are our grade sixes: Wirra as Robin Hood, Claire as Maid Marion, Paul as Sheriff of Nottingham, Judd as Friar Tuck the monk, Ned as Little John and Zac as the King Richard. There will be 11 songs in the play. The play will be held at 6pm on Thursday 19th December at the Cheshunt Hall. It's a funny play with lots of comedy, some of the songs will be 'Stop', 'All men to arms', 'Rise up Englanders' to name a few. Sheriff is a mean man who is taking from the poor and giving to the rich, he has an assistant called Igor, and Igor has a hunch back.

By Amy and Delilah

Upcoming Year 3-6 Camp

Yes! Camp is only 4 weeks away and as it gets nearer we talk about the activities more and we get more excited. Here's our overall plan; first we walk to the top of Mt Stirling and look at the spectacular view, then the next day we have an enjoyable time bike riding down to our next camp. The third day we do rock climbing and abseiling. On the fourth day we go creek walking and the fifth we canoe across William Hovel to the boat ramp for a BBQ, where we will see the prep to twos. The

trip will have its ups and downs but overall it will be fun. In RRRR we are talking about ways to overcome our fears. Here are some of the examples: drink water, eat food, sleep and talking to friends and teachers. We are all looking forward to it and will have lots of fun.
By Claire and Wirra

EXPERT GROUPS

In integrated studies we are becoming an expert on awesome things that we might see on our camp. People got to pick a topic that interests them; like trees, animals, bugs, birds, creek animals, geology, plants and astronomy. My topic is trees. On Mount Stirling we might find Snow Gums and lower down, Mountain Ash and Stringybark. Toria is researching birds found at Mount Stirling. By Toria and Emily



MELBOURNE ZOO Prep-Year 2 Excursion

The F-2 went to the Melbourne Zoo. I saw a silver back gorilla all of my group saw it too. Then I saw an elephant I reckon it was the best animal. It was bigger than I expected I was impressed. And its skin was really dirty. After that I went to see a platypus but it was pretty hard to see still it was cool. We saw a penguin they were all babies but one was not a baby. We saw lions too after that we went in the butterfly house it was hot in there. I liked the Melbourne Zoo. By Joah



The Zoo Trip

On the zoo trip we went to the reptiles. In the reptiles house there was a little crocodile. It was green and it had sharp teeth. It was in the water sitting still. Next we went to the gorilla. In the enclosure there was a silver back gorilla. It was grey and white. I saw a toy truck in the enclosure for it to play with. By Johann



The Zoo by Tobias

We went to the zoo we saw the zebras and the giraffe and we went to the platypus it was dark. Then we saw the Tassie devils. Then we had a snack we saw the gorilla.

By Ethan

We went to the zoo. We saw the gorillas they were fluffy. The butterfly house was cool.

We went to the Moyhu at 8.00am then we got on the bus then we were there. We went to the hippopotamus it had a dirty head and it was drinking it was shiny and black.

The Butterflies. The butterflies were flying all over the place. A rainbow butterfly landed on me. By Nina



I liked the elephant because it was strong and the butterflies were colourful. By Maya

By Aroha

We saw two lions asleep on a high bed. The meerkat were in an enclosure they were kissing and playing. Meerkats are small.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Rosie Suter has a plastic bottle greenhouse project she is working on and would love to collect your PET plastic bottles. Please see Rosie at end of day pick up or call/text on 0418 503 946 if you have some bottles. ©



Grade 3 Articles

The excursion on Friday!

On Friday the 25th of October the 3-6 went on Wendy's bus and picked up the Myrree kids then went to Wangaratta. When we got to Wang we went to BIG W. We looked at some books for school, nobody bought any books because there was a book shop to look at. We went to Edgar's book shop! I bought a book at Edgar's it was called 'The Diamond Pony'.

Next we went to an aboriginal artefacts talk. The person who spoke was the nephew of Kutcha Edwards. He was also showing aboriginal tools, bags and boomerangs. My favourite thing was the telephone (bullroarer)

it is a piece of wood slightly curved on a string you would swing it round and round your head and it would make a noise so that the people in another tribe would know that someone was coming on to their land. The Aboriginal people would know that it wasn't a natural sound. After the Aboriginal artefacts show we hopped on the bus and went back to school.
By Inanay.



The 3-6 class had a ride into Wang with Myrree school, driven by Wendy. Once in Wang, Whitfield left Myrree and walked to..... BIG W!

We went to Big W looking for books but there was another book shop: Edgar's!
At Edgar's we met Myrree. I looked for a book but didn't buy one. Most other people bought a book. We all went back to Big W and I bought a book called: Quidditch through the Ages!

Next we went to an Aboriginal artefacts talk. The person speaking was an Aboriginal. He taught me lots about Aboriginal culture. He showed us so tools, bags, boomerangs and some other stuff. My favourite thing was the mobile phone. The mobile phone was a thin curved piece of wood attached to a small length of string. I enjoyed the excursion.
By Ruby



I went to the bookshop and bought a Lego book. The book describes one hundred things you can build.

Bpangerang people use a bullroarer instead of a doorbell. By Mike.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**AGE FRIENDLY
COMMUNITIES
KING VALLEY
GOOD NEIGHBOUR
PROGRAM**

Drop in Day
for information, a chat, ideas
Friday 8 November
from 10.00am to 2.00pm
at King Valley Community Memorial Hall
in Whitfield
Refreshments Provided

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The King Valley Community Memorial Hall Inc. Committee
will commemorate

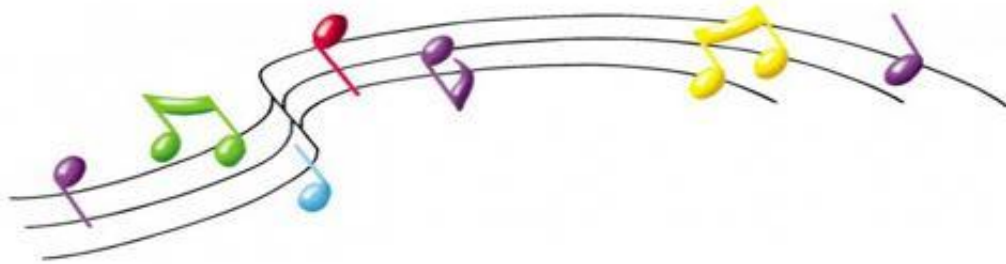
The Remembrance Day Service
at
Cheshunt Hall
King Valley Road, Cheshunt
(please note change of venue this year)
on

Monday 11th November 2019 at 11am
This year will include commemorating **two fallen nurses.**

Light refreshments served afterwards by King Valley CWA

All are welcome

For information, please contact **Ange** (Secretary) on **5729 8487**
or Lyn Lewis on **5729 8383**



You are invited to the annual...

Whitfield District Primary School



Instrumental Concert

Come and see our student's display their wonderful singing, keyboard, drum, bass and acoustic guitar skills!

When? Thursday 21st November 2019

What time? 4pm

Where? Music Room

Whitfield District Primary School

