



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

## Exceptional Educational Experiences

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming 11:30-2:45	March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6 Sailing Camp	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Cooking – Year 3-5	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Labor Day (Public Holiday)	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March
National ride2school day	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Cooking – Year 3-6	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March
School council & AGM @ 7pm	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Swimming 11:30-2:45	March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>
Parent/student/teacher interviews	24 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Excursion Myrree–games / ballet workshop	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Term 1 ends 2:30pm	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March
OSHC Vacation care: Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar - Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr For bookings call or text 0448 298 467	
Term 2 Commences	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Cooking – Year 3-6	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Somers Camp selected 5-6's	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
'Shrek' the musical – Melbourne	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April

### SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

The school calendar dates above, provide you with the excursions and events that are happening at the school this term. It is important that parents take notice of the events and dates (write them in your diary/calendar). It is important to know when things are as we have a general permission form for local school excursions during school times. **Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge!**

### Early newsletter this fortnight.

As I will be away on Sailing Camp this week, I thought that with many events coming up this term it would be worth getting a newsletter out today (even though there are no student articles ready ☺).

### 'THUMBS UP' AWARD

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

**Sylvie:** For settling into her new school's routines and making friends.

**Aroha:** For her enthusiastic approach to her maths homework.

**Casey:** For always being ready to learn in class and being in control of her learning.

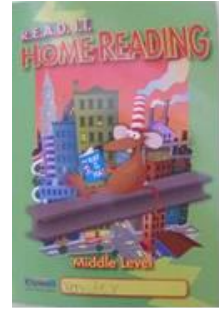
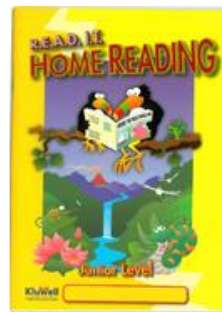
**Milly:** For including students of all ages into games and activities in the playground.



# Literacy corner

### HOME READING

The students have started their 'Home Reading' with most students reading each night. The yellow books (P-3) and green books (4-6) have lots of great tips for parents to help their child learn to read and they have sticker awards to reward the children for their efforts. Your help and nightly practice is vital. Reading at home has many benefits for your child and you.



**Congratulations to the following students that have already completed and recorded 25 nights home reading.**

Maxwell, Johann, Inanay, Hope, Isabelle, Delilah, Milly, Zoi, Emilio

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

This morning students did their bit for our local environment with our Clean Up Australia Day contribution. Students in Grade 6 commented that there has been a noticeable reduction in the amount of rubbish and recycling we collect from around the town each year ☺



**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**  
**FREE Volunteers Working with Children Check for parents and school volunteers.**

The working with children check is **free** for volunteers and you can be recognised as a volunteer at Whitfield District Primary School. The check is valid for 5 years and takes 10 minutes to complete online (see [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)).

The Working With Children Checks are required in many community and sporting organisations in Victoria, so it can be a very handy card to have. It is also required for parents volunteering on a camp. Once the online form has been completed, you then just take the printed page into Australia Post – show your photo ID and they will take your photo for the card for free. Any questions, or if you'd like to complete the online application at school, just organise a time and I can help you. Thanks!

**INTEGRATED STUDIES**

An education officer from North East Water came to the school last week. The 4-6 class had a tour of the Water Treatment Facility in Whitfield. Stay tuned for articles in the next edition.



**SWIMMING and COOKING**

Thanks to those parents who have already volunteered to come and help out at Moore than Swimming. I've updated the rosters to allow more parents to be involved and share the load. Please notify us if you cannot make your session (or if you have arranged a swap).

	Swimming helper		Swimming helper
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Petra / A-K.P	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Petra / Liss
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Jess.Y / Liss	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Jess.Y / Jamie
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Kate.W/Nikki/Jake	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Kate.W / Nikki
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	A-K.P / Liss	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Jamie / Dave.G

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next School Council meeting is The **Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00pm. All parents, regardless of whether you are on school council or not, are welcome to attend. Please consider being part of this fantastic group that help shape the direction of our school. Self-Nomination forms are available at the school to join council. School council meets at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. This year we have a school review (term 2), and we will be seeking parents views and ideas.

**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**. **It is important that the bus rolls are accurate. For non-bus travellers to access the bus, an ad-hoc travel form must be completed at least 2 days before intended travel** (as it requires Principal and bus driver approval).

**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 School **0428 298 286**,
- \*Email [whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- \*Or supply **a note** before the absence.

The school must be informed of all absences by 9am. Same day reporting of absences legislation means that if your child is absent and we haven't received notification, the school must then contact the parents regarding the absence. It really helps us here at a small school if we don't have to chase up absences during the teaching day. Thank you ☺

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Enrol Now**

Whitfield Community Childcare is a beautiful, small centre where your children will be nurtured and challenged to grow into strong, caring little people.

Drop in and see us Tuesdays and Thursdays or email [whitfieldcommunitychildcare@gmail.com](mailto:whitfieldcommunitychildcare@gmail.com) for more information



**All school newsletters are available on the school website;**  
[www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au)

## PAYMENT PLANS

As the year progresses we have many great excursions and camps to offer our students. The school and school council subsidise a great proportion of the cost of these. We do rely on the payments from parents that we ask for.

As for previous years, parents are able to plan ahead and make payments towards camps and excursions coming up – or to pay off existing excursions in instalments.

Remember to make sure your family name is in any EFT – internet banking transfers.

### Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) details:

**Acc. Name:** Whitfield District Primary School

**Acc. Number:** 10107371

**BSB Number:** 063-531

## COOKING

We have had a couple of great cooking sessions this year, utilising plenty of vegetables from our fantastic garden. Thanks to the volunteers who have offered to help this semester. If you are unable to make the session please let us know before the day. Thank you ☺




Term 1	Cooking helper	Term 2	Cooking helper
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Petra / Rosie	<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Rosie / Petra
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Mel.G / A-K.P	<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mel.G / Sandy
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	Tara / Nettie	<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Caz / Petra
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Sandy / Tara	<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mel.G / A-K.P
		<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Caz / Nikki
		<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Rosie / Nikki

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February we had a hockey clinic with players and coaches from the Wangaratta Dragons Hockey Club. Below is a notice about their 'come & try hockey' sessions that they're conducting on Wednesday's at the Bill Eaton Reserve in Wangaratta.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



# TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL




## INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, 5th March  
6pm to 7pm

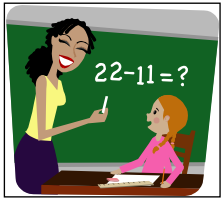
*In the Flexible Learning Centre (FLC)*

The session will also cover information about the 2021 SEAL Program intake at Wangaratta High School.

Please call 03 5723 0500 to RSVP.

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# Numeracy corner

## EXPLORING NUMERACY WITH YOUR CHILD

### Exploring sports

Sports provide a good opportunity to engage your child in maths, particularly if they are a keen sportsperson.

Here are some questions to ask your child when watching or playing their favourite sport:

- How does your favourite sport tally the score? What maths is presented on the tally?
- How do other sports tally the score – for example, tennis, golf, cricket, netball, football?
- What maths do you use to find the total of the scores?
- Who is at the top of the ladder? How is this determined?
- Are there other ways to record the score?
- How long do your favourite sport games go for in minutes and seconds? How is the time in the game divided? Into halves, quarters or something else?
- What are the shapes of different playing fields and courts? Talk about edges and angles.
- How can you estimate the perimeter and area of a playing field?
- How many cars could be parked on the MCG field? How could we work this out?

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### Wangaratta Netball Association Inc

Registration No: A0004413M  
email: wangnetball@westnet.com.au www.wangarattanetball.com.au

#### 2020 Junior Competitions/Programs

**NETSet Go – NET/SET TIERS – Activity/Skills Program** 5–7 years - Foundation, Grade 1 & 2  
4.30pm – 5.30pm

Commences: Friday 17 April 2020

**NetSetGo - GO TIER – Competition** 8–10 years - Grades 3 and 4  
11.15am - midday

Team Registration: 26 March 2019 5.30pm - 7pm

Season commences: Saturday 9 May 2020

**Junior Competition** 11-17 years – Grade 5 onwards  
8.30am – 11.15am

Team Registration: 26 March 2020 5.30pm - 7pm

Season commences: Saturday 18 April 2020

Please Note: Online registrations for all Junior competitions/programs do not open until 1 March 2020

Further information is available on the Wangaratta Netball Association website including online player, coach and umpire registration

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[www.whiffieldps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whiffieldps.vic.edu.au)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



# Car Boot Sale

TURN YOUR 'TRASH' INTO CASH AND HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL'S YEAR 9 LEADERSHIP TRIP TO CHINA!

SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 8AM – 12PM

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL  
EDWARDS STREET CAR PARK

ALL WEATHER EVENT

BOOK AND PAY THROUGH WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL  
03 5723 0500

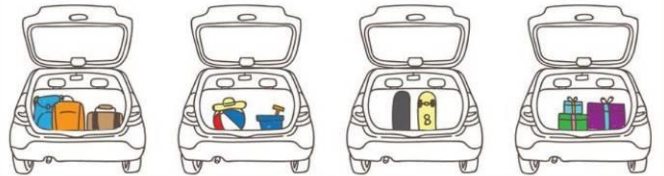
CARPARK SITE (2.7M x 6M) \$10

(LEAVE YOUR CAR ONSITE OR UNLOAD & PARK ON A SIDE STREET)

GAZEBO SITE (3x3M) \$20

(NO SPACE FOR CARS)

NO FOOD, DANGEROUS/ILLEGAL GOODS



## 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 3:15pm.**

We have had a number of messages recently that have come as we are dismissing the students (even afterwards). Please text or call these messages through in a timely fashion, to avoid confusion and stress for your child.

## Every day counts

Remember to text 0428 298 286 or call the school 57 298 286 by 9am if your child will be absent.

