



NEWSLETTER

Term 2
June 18th, 2020

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

End of term -2:30pm finish (OSHC 5pm finish) Fri 26th June

OSHC Vacation care

Tues 30th June & Wed 1st July

Tues 7th & Wed 8th July

For bookings call or text 0448 298 467

Check the website for details

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

Term 3 commences 😊	Mon 13 th July
School council meeting - 7pm	Tues 21 st July
School council meeting - 7pm	Tues 18 th Aug
School review days	Wed 19 th Aug & Mon 31 st Aug
End of term 3	Fri 18 th Sept
Term 4 commences	Mon 5 th Oct

Everyone's back!

It has been tremendous to have all students back this last week and a half. A particular highlight for me has been seeing students working together and helping each other with learning in the classroom.



It has also been great to see them enjoying each other's company during break times.

Hopefully next term we will start to see the return of excursions, visitors and parents at our school as restrictions are eased and guidance is provided. With the previous newsletter, I sent out a brief questionnaire hoping to capture some of the practices of working differently at home that have been valued by students and parents. Thank you to parents that have responded to the questionnaire. If you haven't, another has been sent with this newsletter. We'd really appreciate a few more responses, as it has been really good to hear the different perspectives from families.

Kind Regards,
Mark van Bergen (Principal)



Literacy corner

During remote learning, grade 4-6 students used some of the strengths we identified in our **Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR)** class during term 1. Here are some of their reflections.

In home learning, we used some strengths to help us through it. I used **fairness** when I waited for my mum to finish a meeting when I needed some help. I was **generous** when I made my mum a cup of tea when she was working. And last of all, I used **determination** when I really wanted to finish my work. By Ollie.

The strengths I used in home learning.

Self-control, example not being angry when the mansion was taking forever.

Creativity, example adding a high speed train to my 13 storey mansion.

Honesty, example being truthful and not lying to mum or dad even if I don't want to do the activity. By Robert.

These are the three strengths I used during home learning.

I was **Determined** when I did my tree house because I did it for a long time.

I used **Humour** when mum was sad I made her laugh by telling her a funny joke.

I was **Enthusiastic** doing my skipping because I was skipping for a long time. By Vera.

Strengths I used during home learning

Trustworthiness: Mum said I had to do my house design so I did it. **Determination:** I had not much left to do on my 13 storey Mansion so I was determined to get it done. **Creativity:** By putting in a 10 meter high water slide. By Emily

During home learning I think I made some strengths and used some strengths.

Fairness: I used Fairness when I played Greedy Pig with Milly and Ned.

Creativity: I think I used this strength when I did my 13 Storey Mansion, I was stuck on one of the floors so I did a farm yard.

Determination: When I was a bit stuck on my Essential Assessment, I stuck to it and finished it. By Ruby

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 21st July @ 7.00pm.

We currently have one vacancy on school council.

If you would like to join school council or if you would like to know more of what is involved, please contact the school or Sandy King (school council president). 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. Next term we have a school review, and we will be seeking parents' views and ideas. School council meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

MORE REFLECTIONS ON STRENGTHS USED DURING REMOTE LEARNING – Grade 4-6 class

Strengths I used during home learning.

Generosity. I went and helped with jobs up at Cheshunt in my school time.

Trustworthiness. When I said to my mum that I would do my house design, I did it.

Determination. I had determination to finish my house design.

Creativity. Thinking of my rooms that were going to be in my 13 storey mansion. By Milly.

Strengths I used during home learning.

An example that shows **trustworthiness**, **determination** and **generosity** was in week 2, when I needed help from mum and mum needed help from me with some jobs. I didn't have too much work to get through so I told mum I would get all my work done before lunch. And I did and I had time to help her and mum had time to help me. Now we have an awesome fire pit up on the hill. By Emilio.

Creativity. It was too cold and too dark to set the tent outside, so I set the tent up in my room

Trustworthiness. The horse's water trough had slime on it so I told mum I would clean it and I did. By Delilah

My remote learning strengths.

1. **Fairness**, when mum helped me with my work, I helped her with jobs.
2. **Honesty**, I wasn't really honest on my work because I said I was finished, but I was not.
3. **Trustworthy** when I promised to do my jobs and I did.
4. **Humour** at dinner I made mum laugh and Richard. By Reuben

Personal strengths I used in the time of home learning!

Creativity: In the time of home learning I made a butterfly out of autumn leaves. I also made a wind dance. I had to use creativity to make these things!

Determination: One of the maths tasks was making two house designs TO SCALE! When a house design didn't work I made another design.

Generosity: When Mum was tired and in bed I made her a coffee. By Inanay.



My home learning strengths.

I used these strengths during home learning, I made some small stories with them, these are:

1. **Humour**, told my family some jokes during a hard task.
2. **Creativity**, I was stuck on a floor for my 13 storey treehouse so I did the first thing that I liked and did it for the floor I was stuck on.
3. **Determination**, I just finished the house plan until I noticed we are supposed to do two, my mum went crazy so I said "Come on Mum, we can get this done today!" We finished it two hours later. Because that was tiring, I was aloud the rest of the day not doing school work ☺

By Owen

My Home learning strengths

Fairness: Mum and I were playing the Greedy Pig game.

Compassion: Mum was sick I gave her Panadol.

Creativity: I rode my calf with string.
By Hope.

Home learning.

Determined. I did my treehouse.

Generous. I helped my mum do the dishes

Honesty. I stole a cookie from the cookie jar, I told my mum I did it.

By Mike.

MORE REFLECTIONS ON STRENGTHS USED DURING REMOTE LEARNING – Grade 4-6 class

Over home learning I have used lots new skills. The skills I used were **determination, creativity** and **perseverance**. Our teachers and family helped us a lot over home learning. It was different to normal school but I got used to it after a while. By Normie.

Home learning

At home I made Brandy Snaps and Ginger Bread. I found out that my strengths are **optimism, determination** and I am **creative**. It was hard to roll the Brandy Snaps on the wooden spoon handle but I didn't give up. I kept on going when they broke. I filled them with whipped cream. I was really happy with them. By Toria

Home learning/strengths.

Hope and **optimism**. So I finished all my home learning work, I was so proud of myself. I started to walk to mum so she could give me more work, but I thought to myself I have done all my work so I should be relaxing and enjoy the rest of the day.

Honesty. "Guess what mum, I did all my work" "Are you sure?" "Yes"

I did do my work, actually. By Zoi

Strengths I used in home learning!

Creativity: One of the maths tasks in home learning was drawing a to-scale 13 storey mansion. I was doing this task and I got stuck on a level so I thought that I could do a room where you race pigs and I did it!!

Compassion: One day my Mum wasn't feeling good so I made her a cup of tea.

Determination: Another one of the maths tasks was making to-scale house designs. This was a bit hard for me but I was determined to get it done on time and I achieved that. By Isabelle.

Determination, help mum with the calf when she was busy.

Self-control, by not eating too much chocolate.

Creativity, thinking of way to not get bored. By Casey

Home learning strengths!

I gained a few strengths like humour and honesty, etc.

I used the strength **humour** after hearing Mr. VB's jokes on Google Classroom, and I told all these jokes to my mum & brother and they loved them!

I used the strength **honesty** when I didn't do my work when my mum told me to & I used it when I was playing games on my computer instead of working.

The last strength I think I gained over online schooling was **generosity**, because my mum was working every week and left me with my brother to do school and I was always helping him with his work. By Amy ☺



Gary Galah & Mr Van Bergen telling the joke of the day during remote learning.

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



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

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

*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 ☺

All school newsletters are available on the new look school website;
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KING VALLEY COUNTRY IMAGES 2021

Whitfield school students, parents and community!

Photo submissions welcome!

Whitfield Primary School is currently calling for contributions of photographs for its annual fundraiser - the 2021 King Valley Country Images Calendar.

High quality / high resolution. Scenic images of the King Valley. The calendar will be in black and white.

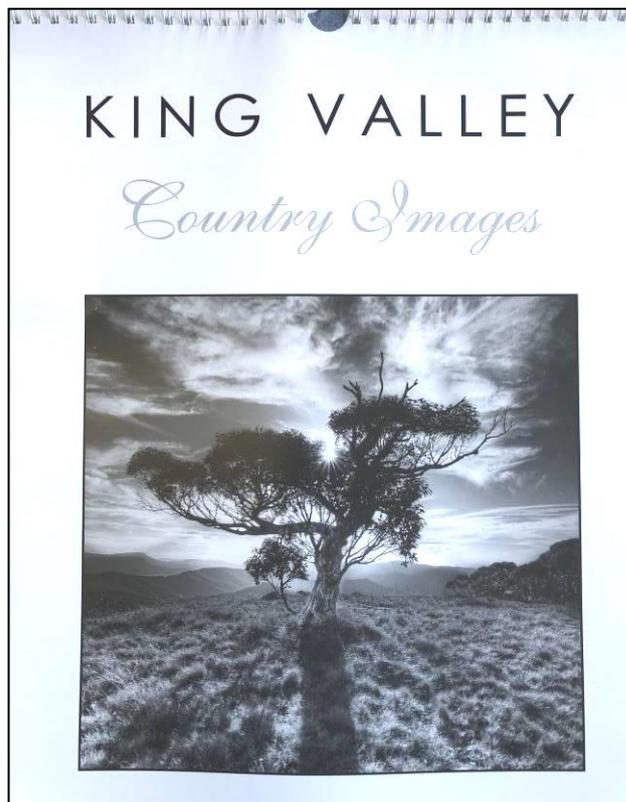
Please email photograph contributions to: kvcountryimages@gmail.com

With the Name of the Photographer and Title of the Photograph. Feel free also to email if you have queries, and to arrange drop off of originals/USB stick. 13 photographs will be selected - we will let you know if your submission will be in the 2021 calendar.

Take a photo or spread the word - ask any friends or contacts who are photographers - one simple way to support our school fundraiser.

Thanking you, in anticipation of your support!

Submissions close July 15th



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

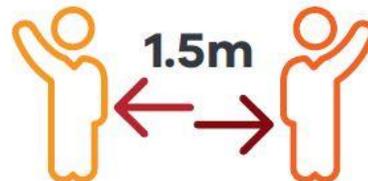
If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs



- wash your hands regularly.

