



NEWSLETTER

Term 3
July 15th, 2020

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

School council meeting - 7pm via Webex	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

Welcome back!

NEW FURNITURE

Just in case your child has not already mentioned it to you, we have new furniture in both the classrooms.



The 4-6 classroom. Now a great collaborative space to work and learn together (something that was lacking in term 2!).



The P-3 classroom also has some new storage. The white tables in both rooms are whiteboard tables that the students can use to work things out and brainstorm or plan.



TERM 3

As you would be aware, the Victorian Government has introduced new measures to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

These measures do not apply to schools in regional and rural Victoria, including ours 😊

Our school thankfully can continue to operate as normal this term. The health advice is that schools can continue to operate while observing health measures recommended by the Victorian Chief Health Officer. This is similar to the advice we had last term.

Unfortunately, this means that visitors are limited to those delivery essential services and parents should practice social distancing at pick-up & drop-off. Also at present, the advice is that activities that involve on-site attendance by students from different educational institutions (e.g. interschool sport or cooking) should not take place or be replaced, where possible, with virtual alternatives.) The schools are currently exploring and seeking advice regarding options for excursions.

Remember that if you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a COVID-19 testing facility, inform the school and stay home.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus These continue to be challenging times and I will keep you updated on further information as soon as it is available.

Stay well and keep safe.

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 ☺

PARENTS INVOLVEMENT IN LEARNING

One of the key pieces of feedback we received from parents from the survey regarding Remote & Flexible Learning was that parents enjoyed being involved in their child's learning (but maybe not teaching them all subjects - all week!)

Our Integrated Studies topic this term is **Asia**. This had been planned to coincide with the Tokyo Olympics, but that's not happening now.

Students in the 4-6 class are all researching a different country in Asia that they know little about at the moment – which hopefully will lead to the greatest learning.

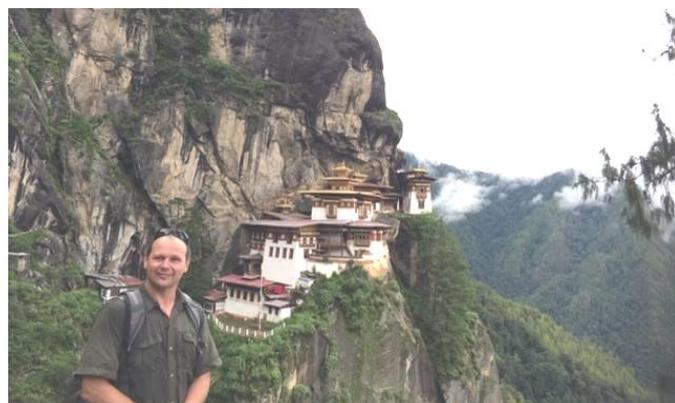
Students came home with their country and a list of areas they'd like to discover about their country yesterday. Hopefully they showed you.

This is where you can get involved!

Whether it is helping them cook a dish, watch and explain a documentary, help them count and greet in the country's language or finding out about some of the attractions, terrain, culture, etc. any help would be super. Also, many of these countries have pretty interesting histories and governments that your assistance in aiding their understanding would be great.

Please don't hesitate to give me a call or email if you would like further information or advice. As some of you would know, I love travel and geography and would be more than happy to talk to you about it.

As they would say in Dzongkha (the national language of Bhutan) "*Kaadinchhey La*"

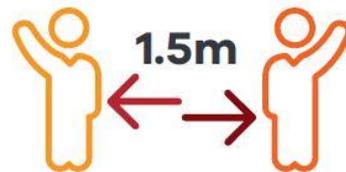


CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

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.



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 this week

