



NEWSLETTER

Term 4
October 16th, 2020

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Footy Colours Day	Tues 20 th Oct
School council meeting via WebEx	Tues 20 th Oct
Book week – dress up day	Wed 21 st Oct
School review validation day	Thur 22 nd Oct
Public Holiday	Fri 23rd Oct
School camp 15 MC – grade 3-6	Mon 26- Thur 29 th Oct
School camp 15 MC – Prep - 2	Wed 28 th – Thur 29 th Oct
Whitfield Cup for students	Fri 30 th Oct
Curriculum Day – pupil free	Mon 2nd Nov
Cup Day Public holiday	Tue 3rd Nov
School review panel day	Thur 10 th Nov
School council meeting via WebEx	Tues 17 th Nov
Last day for students	Thur 17 th Dec

TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES AND EVENTS

The school calendar dates above, provide you with the events that are happening at the school this term. Although mixing with other schools is off the cards and there are a number of COVID safe practices that impact our usual programming at the moment, we will be endeavouring to do all we can to provide 'Exceptional Educational Experiences' to our students. At present, we can't have visitors, parents and volunteers on-site, but we hope the dates and the information in this newsletter provide you with the knowledge to encourage and support your child's engagement in the activities.

Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge!

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 ☺



Literacy Corner

HOME READING

Your help and nightly practice is vital. Reading at home has many benefits for your child and you. It was great to see this continue for many students during the two lockdown periods. For the rest of the year, we will be recognising students that have read consistently during the fortnight between newsletters, (rather than the number of nights).



Congratulations to the following students that have read and recorded at least 4 nights per week so far this term.

Liam, Maxwell, Ethan, Joshua, Maya, Sylvie, Joah, Johann, Nina, Issy, Ruby, Delilah, Isabelle, Owen, Emilio, Zoi.

Authors online.

We are very pleased to share with you that this term we have some online interactive sessions with authors booked for our students across the cluster. It will be great for our students to be able to hear from and ask questions of the following authors.

Monday 26th October 10.00-10.45 Grades P-3

Sue DeGennaro is an author and an illustrator. She has illustrated 20 picture books

Monday 9th November 10.00-10.45 Grades P-3

Gabriel Evans is an energetic children's book illustrator and author of over twenty books – with two CBCA Notables for titles he has illustrated

Monday 9th November 11.15-12.30 Grades 4-6

George Ivanoff is the author of over 80 books for young people, including many education titles. He is best known for his. You Choose books — a

series of interactive books where the reader gets to make key decisions about how the story progresses.

Monday 16th November 10.00-10.45 Grades 4-6

Felice Arena is one of Australia's much-loved children's authors. His books have topped bestseller lists and garnered several awards, including six Australian Children's Choice Book Awards. His works include the incredibly popular Specky Magee series, the hilarious Farticus Maximus books, Whippersnapper, Wish, the Boyz-Rule and Girlz-Rock books.



Felice Arena

Asia wrap up

We have just wrapped up our term 3 topic on Asia. The students in both classes found some fantastic information about their country and we have found just how diverse the Asian continent is. The 4-6 class have chosen three interesting points and one picture to share in this newsletter. Enjoy and learn ☺

*Some Syrian towns have more cats than people.

*Syria used to be called Assyria

*The national bird is called the Hermit ibis. By Normie



*Thailand is famous for the temples and the budda statue.

The capital city of Thailand is called Bangkok.

*Thailand has special taxis called tuk-tuks, the tree wheeled vehicles.

By Owen.

*North Korea has lots of types of food but the one I like is a cookie called yakgwa it is not really a snack it is a dessert.



*The biggest province in North Korea is called Hamgyong and it is 20,000km².

North Korean schools are different than Australian schools, North Koreans to kinder for 1 year, 4 years in primary and the same in high school. By Reuben

*One of the things people use in Bangladesh are rickshaws

*Kabaddi is the national sport of Bangladesh

*Bangladesh is a big country. By Casey



*Most common sport in Cambodia is volleyball

*Khmer rouge killed 2 million people

*The population in Cambodia is 17 million.

By Milly



*Laos has rugged mountainous terrain with rich mineral resources. Crucial minerals previously exploited include copper, gold, iron and silver, while other minerals for materials are coal sapphire and tin.

*Laotian people have gardens right next to the Mekong and all the way up the hill so the water from the river waters the plants. They have their huts and houses on the top.

*Football (Soccer) is the most loved sport in Laos. As with most of the region, Laos loves sports and football is by far the most popular in the country. Laos has been a member of FIFA since 1952. They also do dragon boat racing in Luang Prabang. Which is usually 12/13 boys rowing at the same time and racing against another boat team, whoever crosses the line first wins. By Ruby



*In India it is famous for soccer, hockey, cricket and a sport called Kabaddi.

*India has tigers, elephants and cobras.

*The girls wear saris and there is over 1 billion people in India. By Mike.

*Oman is safer than Australia.

*Oman only has 6 years of school.

*Oman is cheaper to live in, but 1 dollar in Oman is the price of 3 Australian dollars so Oman's money is more expensive. By Luca



*Bhutanese food is influenced by Chinese, Tibetan and Indian culture. The main dish, which generally includes white or red rice, seasonal vegetables, and meat (pork and chicken), are often cooked with chili or cheese.

*Bhutan is known for its natural beauty, forest conservation, gross national happiness, great culture & heritage and biodiversity. Bhutan covers 72% forest area of the country which is one of the large biodiversity places in the world.

*Climate in

Bhutan depends on the Altitude. In the northern parts of Bhutan where mountains rise



up to the height of 7,000m. To the south closer to India, the weather is hot and humid in the summer and cool in winter. The monsoon rains are usually heavy. By Inanay.

*Malaysia is a common for pickpocketing.

*Badminton is a common sport.

*There are 32,365,999 people in Malaysia.

By Delilah



Mongolia

*The main meat they eat is goat.

*They are a rich county with minerals.

*They do archery one horses mostly men do it. By Emily

*Nepal's special food is mo mos

*Nepal's flag has five sides so it is special

*Nepal's sacred animal is a cow By Hope



*The Philippines main dish is sea food

*The Carabao is the sacred animal of the Philippines

*he Philippines has a dance called 'pole dancing' By Vera



All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

Republic of Tajikistan.

*The Dushanbe Flagpole which is the second highest free standing flagpole in the world at 165m.

Tajikistan's 2020 population is estimated at 9,537,645 people. Tajikistan's population is equivalent to 0.12% of the total world population.

*Education in Tajikistan lasts four years of primary school followed by two stages of secondary school (lasting five and two years, respectively). Attendance at school is between ages seven to seventeen. By Emilio



*Korea was split into two countries, South and North Korea because of a war.

*The biggest attraction in South Korea

Gyeongbokgung palace because it was the first and biggest palace built, it is located in Seoul and was built during the Joseon Dynasty times in 1395.



*The music in Korea is called K-pop, it has many small groups & bands. By Amy

*Singapore is very small and there is only one city

*This is how you say /My name is "Nama saya"

*The main attraction is the Marina Bay Skyline.

By Zoi



Maldives

*Only 200 of the 1,200 islands are inhabited.

*Maldivian people wear long clothes that cover the whole body because they are a Muslim faith.



*The highest point of all the islands is 2.4 metres above sea level. By Isabelle

*Yemen's population is 29,825,964

*In summer the top temp is 54C and the average is 30C

*Yemen has a war going on so I would recommend not going there.

By Issy



Asia wrap up

*History: 65 years ago, Vietnam was split in two one being communists and the other being South Vietnam



*Food: dogs and cats are sometimes main ingredients of Vietnam meals

*Safety: despite having a big war there, Vietnam is a pretty safe place. By Ollie

Bangarra Dance workshops

Our school is taking the opportunity to participate in two online indigenous dance workshops run by Bangarra and funded by Creative Victoria. These online dance sessions will be during camp week. The Prep – 2 class will be Tuesday at school – and the grade 3-6's will be happening while we are at camp on Tuesday. Bangarra dance theatre will work with our students and share Indigenous cultures and stories. The workshops are for students of all cultural backgrounds and are designed at a beginner level to encourage both students and teachers to participate.



Footy Colours Day.

This **Tuesday 20th October** is Footy Colours Day. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite team sporting colours. This year we will provide a sausage sizzle lunch for all students – no cost. We will encourage students to bring a gold coin donation to support the Footy Colours Day cause which is the Fight Cancer Foundation.



Book week

This **Wednesday 21st October** our school will be holding its Book Week celebrations. This year's theme is 'Curious creatures, Wild minds'. So we encourage students on Wednesday 21st October to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character or as something that fits the theme of 'Curious creatures, wild minds'.



Social Enterprise

The grade 4-6 students are full swing into their social enterprise businesses. They have three enterprises: Sewing (masks and scrunchies), Tie Dye (T-shirts and socks) and worm juice fertiliser. More information regarding purchasing any of these great products will come from the students in the coming weeks. In the meantime the 'www – Whitfield Worm Wee' group would like any empty 2L milk or juice containers (with lids) that you could give to your child to bring to the school. These will be used for bottling the worm wee fertiliser.

Camp reminder.

We have all the forms returned and are getting excited to go to camp at 15 Mile Creek in just over a week. Just a reminder that:

*Grade 3-6 students will need to be dropped off at the camp (692 Benalla-Whitfield Rd, Greta South), between 9:45am -10am. The camp will begin at 10am on Monday 26th October.

*Prep – 2 students will need to be dropped off at the camp on Wednesday 28th October at 9am.

ALL students will need to be collected at 1pm on Thursday 29th October.

**Prep students have the option of staying overnight on Wednesday or being collected Wednesday evening and returned on Thursday. Please let Dianne or myself know of your intentions and please contact us if you would like to discuss any aspect of the camp.

An equipment list will be provided next week.

Now taking enrolments for 2021

This is a notice to families with children starting school in 2021 that the school is now taking enrolments.

Enrolment forms are available on the school website www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au If you would like us to send you a hard copy in the mail, please contact the school or email your request. The school website also has plenty of information for parents about our school.

Traditionally we have commenced our orientation program in the second week of November. We are working through the current COVID-19 restrictions and advice for schools, (which may change before the second week of November)!

At this stage it is looking like Miss Fedlmann will be able to visit the Moyhu Kindergarten to meet students and we may be able to have small groups of kinder children on-site at school, (but with no mixing with our current students at this stage). Hopefully things continue to improve and our 'normal' transition program may be possible, which comprises of four sessions (9am -1pm) and a final 'all day' session on the 8th December.

We will provide the most up to date advice on the situation regarding transition activities, but the key is to have your child's enrolment form completed and submitted to the school by Friday 6th November. Please contact the school if you need any assistance or have any questions.

COMMUNITY NOTICE



It was great to see community junior sport back again with Tennis commencing after school yesterday. A huge thank you to Reta Sheppard and Pam Deeker for this opportunity for our community. If you have any questions about hot shots or Whitfield tennis contact Reta 57 298 337 or sheppard@netc.net.au

Remember to please try and bring your own racket but they can wipe the club rackets if you are unable to have your own racket. Reminder that coaches and all adults to wear a mask, everyone to sign a register, hand sanitiser to be used and NOT more than ten players on a court and of course social

distancing. Hat and drink bottle are essential in term 4. Let the school know if your child is going to walk to the courts with Pam and the group after school.

'THUMBS UP' AWARD



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

Joshua: For settling into his new school's routines so well and making friends.

Ruby: For being amazingly independent in the classroom for a Prep student.

Emilio: For his leadership and drive in getting the tie dye business up and running in Social Enterprise.

Delilah: For her fantastic home reading and for sharing connections to her school learning.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

This is a COVIDSafe school

This school has a COVIDSafe Plan to maintain the safety of all staff and students during Term 4.

The four pillars of the COVIDSafe Plan are:

- 1. Reinforcing COVIDSafe behaviours
- 2. Creating COVIDSafe networks
- 3. Promoting COVIDSafe activities
- 4. Responding to coronavirus (COVID-19) risk

The available evidence suggests that the risk to staff and students remains low when recommended health and safety strategies are followed and that schools do not pose a greater risk of infection than other locations.

For detailed information visit: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

3 WAYS TO STAY SAFE WHILE YOU'RE OUT

- 1. Stay 1.5 metres apart from others
- 2. Wear a face mask
- 3. Wash your hands regularly

If you have symptoms, stay home

STAYING AWAY NEEDS TO TOGETHER

Visit vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS

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 wherever possible between yourself and other adults
- avoid handshakes and hugs
- wash your hands regularly

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