



NEWSLETTER

Term 4
November 6th, 2020

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Authors online P-3 & 4-6 class	Mon 9 th Nov
School review panel day	Tues 10 th Nov
Authors online 4-6 class	Mon 16 th Nov
School council meeting via WebEx	Tues 17 th Nov
Prep transition 2:00pm – 3:30pm	Thur 19 th Nov
Prep transition 2:00pm – 3:30pm	Thur 26 th Nov
School photos 11am (approx.)	Tues 1 st Dec
Prep transition 2:00pm – 3:30pm	Thur 3 rd Dec
Cooking session at school	Tues 8 th Dec
Statewide transition day (Details TBC)	Tues 8 th Dec
Last day for students	Thur 17 th Dec

It's been a big few weeks!

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. This is evident in this edition of the newsletter with articles about camp at 15 Mile Creek and Whitfield Cup Day, as well as some book week, footy colours day and a pizza cooking day.

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!

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.

Miss Feldtmann will visit the Moyhu Kindergarten on Thursday 12th November to meet the 2021 students and we will be able to have small groups of kinder children on-site for

transition activities at school, (there is no mixing with our current students permitted, so this will occur when Miss Feldtmann's class has art/music). These transition sessions will be on Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm – 3:30pm commencing on Thursday 19th November.

Only students with completed enrolment forms can attend transition activities. Please have your child's enrolment form completed and submitted to the school by Friday 13th November. Dianne can collect enrolment forms when she visits the Moyhu kindergarten on Thursday 12th November (9am-11am) if that suits. Please contact the school if you need any assistance or have any questions.



Literacy corner

The activities over the last few weeks have provided some great writing material for our students. A few have even managed to write an article for the newsletter already! More student articles to come in the next edition ☺

Camp poem - By Isabelle

Try some toast,
Get a bullseye and boast,
Have some fun,
This camp was number one!

Flying on the flying fox,
Orienteering really rocks!

Raft building and pushing
people in,
Screaming and laughing,
we were making a din!

Then it was home time,
And that's the end of my rhyme.



Raft building at 15 Mile Creek!

Last week we (W.D.P.S) went to 15-Mile Creek for a four day camp. The 3-6 went on Monday and the F-2 joined us on Wednesday. On Tuesday in the afternoon my group 'the Go-Go Goannas' did raft building at the dam, the group's raft before us fell apart. First we started by making the raft with four bits of wood, two boards of wood, four plastic barrels and some cam straps. Once we were done building the raft we lifted it in to the water. We paddled to one side of the dam and started paddling

back to the other side. In the middle of the dam most kids including me jumped off. Then we started trying to push Matty (our group teacher) off. He stood up pretending to let us push him off but then started pushing all of us off. Later when we had all hopped back on to the raft I started trying to push Sarah off then everyone came to help, which meant we were all up on one end of the raft. The raft tipped up and all the paddles and people fell off the raft. Then we paddled back to the edge of the dam! Raft building was so much fun! By Inanay.



Despite having cup day on Friday, last week the whole school came to 15 mile creek for fun and the excitement. One of the many activities was the flying fox! But before we went over to the fun we had to equip ourselves with a harness and a helmet so we could actually go on the fox. When we were ready, we set off to the fox. The teachers had to explain some rules for safety. But then it was time to fly. The first people went up to the jump deck and got ready to jump. 3, 2, 1 Whoosh, they were off and flying. "WEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE" we all screamed. One after another we were off and going down the cable. Sometimes people did tricks, spins, upside down and wall runs. Even some teachers went on it. One word to describe it, Amazing. By Ollie and Luca.



Rock Climbing

Yes! I'd gotten past the overhang! It was Monday, the *Go-Go Goannas were at the Rock tower.

(*Inanay, Emilio, Milly, Issy, Isabelle, Zoi, Vera, Hope, Toria, Rory and Me). Matty Tindell was our group leader. Now I am abseiling down past the overhang. I had done the Bell climb (red and purple), the green,



black and white one, oh yeah and the abseil from the top ledge of the tower. Sarah wasn't here, but Mr. Van Bergen and *Laura were. *Laura is one of the on and off staff at 15 MC. Now I am writing this down as a memory of one of the funnest and coolest and happiest times of my life. I am really grateful that the teachers and parents let us all go, as well as the 15MC camp staff. Thank you. By Ruby O.

'THUMBS UP' AWARD

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



Ethan: For great participation in all special events at school and at camp.

Maya: For her great persistence and approach to all camp activities and her positive friendships.

Vera: For her 'have a go' attitude on camp and in music.

Ollie: For his tremendous leadership and care for others throughout camp.

School Review Parent Forum

As you may be aware we are in the midst of our school review which happens every four years. As part of the process the Review Panel conduct a Parent Forum – to hear directly from parents. (The Review Panel consists of an external reviewer, my supervisor, two principals from other school and the school council president).

The Parent Forum will be online via the WebEx Meetings App at 10am on Tuesday 10th November. If you would like to participate in this forum, then please email or text me to register your interest and willingness to attend online on Tuesday. A meeting link will be provided for those who register on Tuesday morning. Ideally the panel has requested around 8 parents. Thanks for your support.

THE WHITFIELD CUP RACE



Ending the day we had the final race the Whitfield cup! In the first heat Amy and Normie the people who everyone predicted would come last, actually came in second place! "my horse was too bony and laggy," was what Normie told us. In first place in the first heat was Milly and Maya which was not a surprising win, whilst they were at the finish line two pairs were falling over in the back of the field. Once we had the final competitors; Luca and Johann, Milly & Maya, Isabelle & Sylvie, Sarah & Aroha. In first place we had Luca and Johann! Second place Milly and Maya and in third place was Isabelle and Sylvie. Johann says "it was surprising and I was happy to win".

By Amy (Normie's jockey who's apparently bony 😊)



FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

Last week our school had the famous cup day. One of the many things we did was the fashions on the field. People dressed up as themselves or a character from a book, movie or video games. In our class there were lots of zany characters including, Minions, Link, Teletubbies, Banana Man, Me from the basement and many others. Then there was the little kids and in there we had; Skeleton man, Elsa, the bride, Bob the robber and the judge. Even the teachers joined in with Australia's biggest fan, Bonesy the punk rocker and Hawaii hula dancer.

"I liked dressing up as a minion" said Casey. "I had never seen such an amazing assortment of colourful characters" said Sarah.

By Ollie & Owen



Every day counts



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

More Fashions on the field.



WHITFIELD CUP DAY STALLS

Food

This Cup Day was different because of Covid19, The Food was limited, but we were allowed Popcorn.

Casey: "The butter popcorn didn't have much flavour, that is usually my favourite!"

Delilah: "The Popcorn was better than last year."

Amy: "I asked for salt but got butter!"

Ollie: "The icing sugar ran out really quick"

Toria: "We had to work very hard to make enough popcorn!"

Vera: "I didn't even eat any!"

Sarah: "I was lucky enough to get the last bag!"

The group that made the Popcorn was working hard all morning to make enough for everyone. And they sure accomplished that! There was so much Popcorn!



Games

We had some different games this year... Laser Tag, Jelly Bean Count, Darts, Water Balloons, Balloon Pop, Corndogging, Donut Challenge and Nerf gun shot.

Vera: "Water Balloons was my stall and well let's just say I got drenched 😊"

Ruby: "The Jelly Bean Count was a very close contest."

Amy: "I didn't do anything but the donut challenge."



Footy Colours Day.

On Tuesday 20th October we held our Sporting Colours Day. Students dressed up in their favourite team sporting colours and we had a sausage sizzle. We collected \$60 in donations to support the Fight Cancer Foundation.

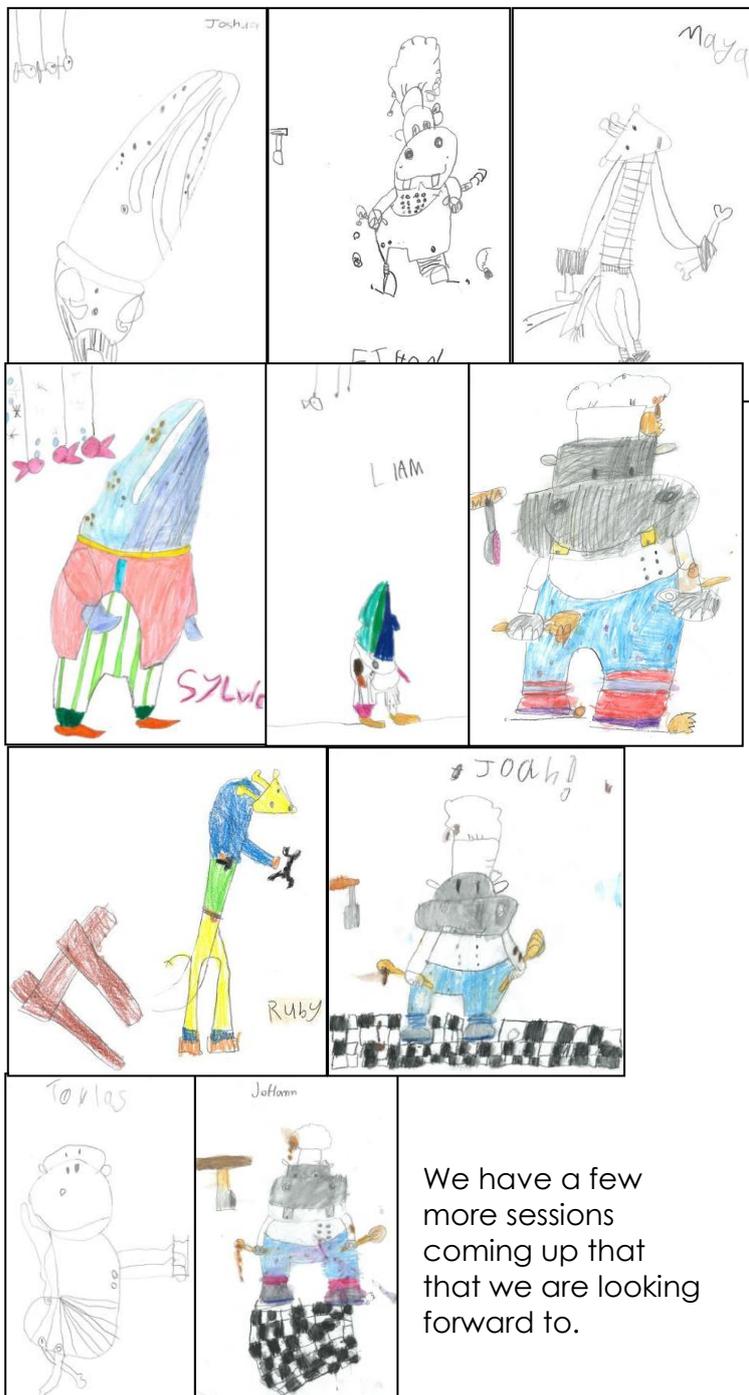


End of year play.

Students have begun rehearsing for the school end of year play "Having Fun at Christmas". This year the play will be made into a film. Have a talk to your child about what their roles are and encourage or help them practice their lines. Think about costumes and send along anything that you think might be appropriate (as many of the roles are just modern day clothes). Play the music (instruments if you play them in the show and have them), listen and practice singing the songs as well. Thank you to Dianne and Fenella for the work and energy they have already put into this production. If you have any questions you can give Dianne a call or email.

Authors online.

The Prep-2's have already had an online interactive session with an author/illustrator. Here are some of their efforts from the session (amazing drawings from these 5-7 year olds)!



We have a few more sessions coming up that that we are looking forward to.

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.



Bangarra Dance workshops

Our school participated in two online indigenous dance workshops run by Bangarra and funded by Creative Victoria. The 3-6 class participated whilst we were on camp.



Book week

On Wednesday 21st October held its Book Week celebrations. The theme this year was 'Curious creatures, Wild minds'.



All school newsletters are available on the school website;
www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

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:

			
Reinforcing COVIDSafe behaviours	Creating COVIDSafe spaces	Promoting COVIDSafe activities	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



Stay 1.5 metres away from others



Wear a face covering



Wash your hands regularly

If you have symptoms, stay home.

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KEEPS US TOGETHER

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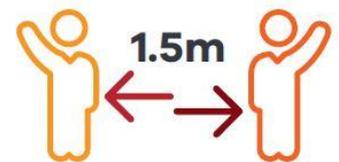


CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

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.

