



NEWSLETTER

Term 1
February 18th, 2021

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming	11:00-2:00	22 nd , 23 rd & 25 th Feb
Swimming	11:00-2:00	1 st , 2 nd , 4 th & 5 th March
Cooking – Year 3-5		Tues 2 nd March
Year 6 Sailing Camp		Tues 2 nd - Fri 5 th March
Labor Day (Public Holiday)		Mon 8 th March
School council & AGM @ 7pm		Tues 16 th March
Parent/student/teacher interviews		30 th & 31 st March
Term 1 ends	2:30pm	Thur 1 st April

WE'RE BACK!

It was great to see students back at school today and a relief to be able to return to the term of learning that we had planned for. Thank you for your understanding, patience and 'doing your bit' to help contain the spread of COVID.



Literacy corner

Exceptional Educational Experiences

Engaging learning activities provide a great basis from which to focus on literacy. Listening, asking questions and reading information about real experiences make the writing process relevant and a great opportunity to introduce new vocabulary and techniques to engage the audience. I hope you enjoy the grade 4-6 student articles that have been published.

SCIENCE

In science, we observed chocolates and we imagined they were rocks. We drew up six labelled diagrams of the six different types of chocolates. On the diagram we wrote facts about the chocolate rocks and at the end of the lesson we learned about three different types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. We weren't allowed to touch the chocolate rocks because it would contaminate the evidence. At the end of the lesson, we completed our examination and gained access to eat the chocolate rocks, we also watched a video to tell the difference

between Igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. Here is a rock joke; why did the rock cross the road? It didn't because it does not have legs. Owen & Lars.

Reminder: For students to bring an interesting rock to science next week.



New Students

At school this year we have had 8 new students join us.

Ivy: Year 4. One of Ivy's Favorite things to do is ride a horse.

Elsey: Year 3. I love riding my motorbike, and feeding the chicks.

Chloe: Year 1. My sister is Elsey and my buddy is Casey, she is awesome. I love feeding out hay to the cows.

Maddison: Prep. I love to be creative and paint.

Evie: Prep. My Buddy is Isabelle and I love to paint.

Bonnie: Prep. I like playing with Ruby K as she is my older sister.

Esther: Prep. One of my favorite things to do is play with my friends.

Grace: Prep. I love playing with Lego and also my teddies.

By Ruby and Mike



PREP REST DAYS

The new preps will have rest days each Wednesday. Full week begins after the Labour Day public holiday.



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?

SWIMMING

Our 2021 swimming program begins on Monday 22nd February. Thanks to those parents who have already volunteered to come and help out at Moore than Swimming. We have some spots free that would be great to be filled. The extra help means that each of our young emerging swimmers can get more practice and attention. We will reschedule the session we missed on Monday to a date in March. We will keep you informed. Thanks ☺

	Swimming helper		Swimming helper
Monday 22nd Feb	Jamie /	Tuesday 2nd March	Jess /
Tuesday 23rd Feb	Kaye /	Thursday 4th March	Kate W /
Thursday 25th Feb	Kate W/ Jacob	Friday 5th March	Jamie / Jess
Monday 1st March	Jamie / Grace	T.B.A.	

COOKING

Term 1	Cooking helper	Term 2	Cooking helper
Tuesday 2nd Feb	Kate G	Tuesday 27th April	Mel G
Tuesday 16th Feb	Petra	Tuesday 11th May	Rosie
Tuesday 2nd March	Glenda	Tuesday 25th May	Jacob
Tuesday 16th Mar	Rosie	Tuesday 8th June	Glenda
Tuesday 30th Mar	Mel G	Tuesday 22nd June	Petra

COOKING

In cooking we made corn bread and zucchini fritters. In the corn bread there was corn cornels, we used polenta powder in the zucchini fritter. Hope grated the zucchini and Milly cut the onion. By Delilah



In cooking we made pancakes with strawberry on top, it was really good. Group 2 made the pancakes, Isabella Kody and I made them. We also made spaghetti Bolognese that was my favourite. The pancakes were good but not as good as the spaghetti. At the end of cooking we put all our scraps in the chook bin then we put all the plates and bowls in the dishwasher. At the end we rate the food up to 10 out of 10. In the middle for 5 out for 10 then down for 0 out for 10. Then we line up to get on the bus then we go back to school. By Vera



Bluearth

Bluearth is here at Whitfield Primary School. Bluearth is when you come to breathe, play games and cram down after we get hot and bothered. Georgia is the one who runs blue earth she showed us how to breath in a mountain pose, we also did tree poses willow tree, pine tree and oak tree lots of people lost their balance. We learnt new games tail tag where you have to take somones tail then you have to see who has the most tales, win and jump where you have to jump as far as you can. Whoever gets to the end first wins. Everyone had so much fun! By Emily and Casey.



END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

At the end of each school day, the whole school meets to discuss the day and upcoming events and distribute notices (just like this newsletter). This is also when we announce the students who will be attending OSHC and give any messages to students regarding changes to their usual after school arrangements. It is important that those request are made by 3:15pm at the latest.

- Bookings for OSHC can be made via text or message on **0448 298 467**.
- Messages regarding after school arrangements can be made via text or message on **0428 298 286**.

These mobiles are checked every day at 3:25pm. Do not ring and leave a message on the school landline as we often cannot answer it or get to the messages whilst we are teaching and working with your children.

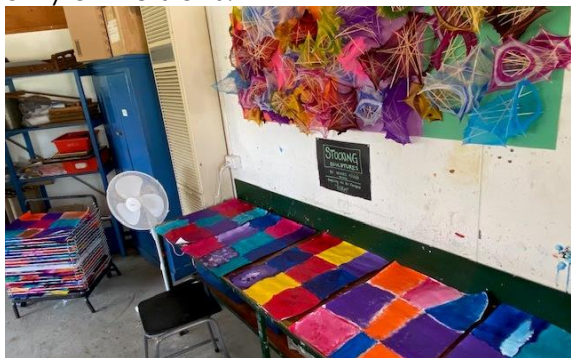
ART SMOCKS

Reminder from Hanna

Term 1 is painting. Please ensure ALL your students have their OWN art-smock. **No smock, no paint.**

Due to OH&S (and COVID) all shirts that have been in the share tubs from years past, will now be disposed of. All students will need to bring in their own.

Old shirts are great – make sure they are bigger than uniform so they can easily be worn over the top and cover the uniform. Otherwise Officeworks sells smocks for around \$5 for the good nylon versions.



SPORT

We have sport on every second Tuesday we have sport this term we have cricket and tennis with Mr. Y. He also teaches us maths. In sports I didn't get to bat but next time I will get to have a go of batting. I can't wait to get a go of batting. I like sports it's fun and Mr. Y. is a good teacher. I'm a good fielder, fielding is fun. I got to bowl, I was ok at it. One of my bowls was terrible but it's still fun. Sport is amazing, I'm good at sports like football. I like football, I'm not a big fan of soccer but I play it sometimes. By Kody.

Sport with Mr. Y.

At sport we firstly played a game where we were in two teams, for one team the cones were upside down, the other team flipped them the right way up, it made your legs tired after a while. We played two or three rounds, then we played the same thing but with tennis balls, then we got into partners and threw tennis balls to each other my partner was Inanay. We were at the end then a couple of minutes (like three) I realized that there was a meat ants nest were I was standing, then a meat ant bit me! By Ivy

CAMPS

We have some great camps coming up this year. First up, the Year 6's have a King Valley Cluster Sailing and Transition camp in Rye from the 2nd - 5th March. Students will complete a Yachting Australia – Start Sailing 1 course, receive a certificate and will have a great time while doing it. Return forms ASAP!



BREATH CIRCLE

We have been funded by the council to incorporate a Breath Circle Program as part of our Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) subject. Here is an article from Hope and Aroha.



Breath circle

We all went in the music room took our shoes off we laid down on the floor we put our hand on our belly we breathed slowly and shut our eyes. We breathed through our nose and out slowly through our mouth.

We danced and moved to music and we listened to sounds.

Aroha's Favourite part was laying down and listening to the bells.

Hope's favourite part was when we relaxed and calmed down.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Last Friday on the 5th of February the 4-6 class started social enterprise, there was a lot of causes to help, eventually we choose five different causes they were: Girls education (which helps Girls who aren't allowed to go to school in foreign countries), save the Kangaroos, Snow leopards (helping snow leopards who are poached and are losing habitat), saving Koalas (helping Koalas get better after bush fires), protecting turtles (from plastics in the oceans) and lastly Homeless people (helping people who can't find a home.)

By Normandy and Inanay.

BUDDIES

Our school's new preps are Exciting Evie, Bouncing Bonnie, Marvellous Maddie, Gorgeous Grace and Energetic Esther!

Isabelle and Evie

Evie likes animals, especially pandas and horses. She likes to play with her friends. She likes the movie Frozen and Mike and Casey are her siblings.

Milly and Bonnie

Bonnie likes pandas, koalas, colouring, mangos, and horses. She loves school and playing with her friends. Ruby Rose is her sister.

Normie and Maddie

Maddie likes animals, birds, ice cream and the colour blue. She likes to create things and paint. She is the oldest child in her family.

Delilah and Grace

Grace likes to play with her teddies, painting, making things and patting her dog Merl. She likes koalas, swimming and her siblings are Milly and Ruby.

Emily and Esther

Esther likes cheetahs, fireworks, rabbits and water melon. She loves to play with her friends and spend time with her family. Her sister is Sylvie and she has a brother Tully.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council meeting is The Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16th March @ 7.00pm. All parents, regardless of whether you are on school council or not, are welcome to attend. School council meets at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. This year we will have two vacancies on school council. 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 school council.

All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents that have offered to help with the swimming and cooking program.

Please contact the school if you are able to listen to the Year F-3 students reading in the mornings too, it is a great help. Thank you ☺

Monday's

Tuesday's

Wednesday's

Thursday's

Friday's

Jane

Sabine / Thomas

Grace

Kate W / Jane

SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS

If your child is having a 'sleepover' at another student's house and is catching the bus to get there, please notify Wendy. It is important that the bus rolls are accurate.

Please call Wendy in the morning if your child is not catching the bus to school (and usually does).
Mobile **0418 989 938**

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

INTEGRATED STUDIES

Our Integrated Studies topic this term is Dinosaurs, Fossils and Furry things. If you have any books, posters, magazines etc please 'dig' them out and share them with your child or bring them to school if you can do so safely. We had a lot of fun in the P-3 class being Palaeontologists last Friday.



PAYMENT PLANS

Invoices/accounts for swimming and excursions will be sent out this week. As the year progresses we have many great excursions and camps to offer our students. The school and parents association subsidise a great proportion of the cost of these. We do rely on the payments from parents that we ask for. CSEF forms for concession card holders went home last week, if you need another form we have more at the school.

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

'THUMBS UP' AWARD

The Principal's 'Thumbs Up' Award recipients are students that have been seen doing great things at our school. The awards demonstrate the values which form the basis of the actions of the Whitfield School community, these are:



Respect

- Recognising and accepting the differences in ability, race, age, religion and beliefs of others.
- For our environment.

Learning

- Developing and acquiring knowledge, skills, values and attitudes focusing on our personal best at all times.

Goal setting

- Awareness and development of personal goals, both academically and socially.

Teamwork

- Learning together to achieve the best possible outcomes for all.

Honesty

- Truthfulness and open communication in everything we do.

Communication

- Developing and practicing good communication and social skills.

See if you can match the values to these award recipients!

Esther: For asking questions and contributing to discussions in class.

Nina: For helping Prep students with reading and routines in the P-3 classroom.

Vera: For her great start to her routine of home reading and recording comments.

Kody: For his great transition to the 4-6 class with his focus and efforts with learning tasks.

REMINDERS

Please return Smile Squad forms to the school if you would like your child to access free dental care at the school in March. Also, Prep students Nursing Program forms are due.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Second hand school uniforms

The school currently has some second hand items in its collection. Parents are welcome to have a look and take items that would be suitable for their child, just see any of the staff. Thank you to the parents that have donated uniform items that their children have grown out of, we would welcome any more that your family no longer needs (our stocks are getting a little low). Thanks ☺

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Message from Reta.

Dear Everyone,

Due to the uncertainty of the lock down Hot Shots will not commence until Thursday February 25th. There will be No Coaching with Doug as we do not have enough numbers for him to run the coaching class. Players who were to do the coaching are welcome to come up and have a hit on the courts while Hot Shots are on the other courts. Other players who would like to have a hit are welcome to join in also. Perhaps one of the parents could come up and umpire or join in with them. We have seven for Hot shots and it will start at quarter to 4 until 4.30 p.m. Any parents wishing to join in would be welcome.

Pam will walk everyone up to courts, let Mark know if your child is doing this. I will send out another newsletter closer to the day re proceedings for Corona virus.

Happy tennis, Reta Sheppard.

Ph: 57 298 337 sheppard@netc.net.au



Rural City of
Wangaratta

Adverse Event - Roadshow

We want to hear from you!

This is an opportunity for community members to debrief around the events of the past few years, and other emergency events that they might face. That information will help communities and Council determine what gaps exist when dealing with adverse events.

It'll also be an opportunity to talk to your local CFA, the Red Cross, SES, Headspace, Gateway Health, Into Our Hands and other local services about what they can do to help before, during, or after an emergency event.

We'll be holding sessions all around the Rural City to try and give you the best chance to come and have a chat to us. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be available, and booking is ESSENTIAL because of Covid. Please register your attendance using the following link: <https://bit.ly/3cUzllm> or emailing: communityresilience@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

We will be out in your community on the following dates:

Date & time	Location
19/2/21 Friday 10am - 4pm	Whorouly Rec Reserve/Soldiers Memorial Hall
22/2/21 Monday 10am - 4pm	Cheshunt Hall & Rec Reserve
23/2/21 Tuesday 10am - 4pm	Milawa Hall
24/2/21 Wednesday 10am - 4pm	Eldorado Public Hall – Note that Councils Infrastructure team will also attend from 10-12 to discuss drainage and town plans
25/2/21 Thursday 10am - 4pm	Glenrowan Rec Reserve
26/2/21 Friday 10am - 4pm	Boorhaman Rec Reserve
2/3/21 Tuesday 10am - 4pm	Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre

If you cannot attend in person, you can complete our survey online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CW5XWDN>

wangaratta.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**FRIDAY NIGHTS
ARE BACK!!**

Mini Roos Friday Soccer Competition

Boys and girls welcome : 5yrs - 12yrs

Muster Day: 19th March 5pm - 7pm

Muster Day: 26th March 5pm - 7pm

**Season Commences on Friday 16th April
5.30pm - 7pm**

Mini Roos Registration NOW OPEN online

To register log onto www.playfootball.com.au

Select 'find a place to play' then select

Wangaratta South Wang Reserve.

Full instructions are on our website www.wangarattacityfc.com.au

Payments are made online at time of registration via Credit Card.



Registration enquiries
please email:
registrar@wangarattacityfc.com.au

**All participants must attend a
Muster Day to collect welcome
packs and confirm registration.**

****COVID RULES APPLY TO ALL WCFC PROGRAMS****



TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

WANGARATTA
HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, 4th March

6pm to 7pm

In the Flexible Learning Centre (FLC)

The session will also cover information about the 2022 SEAL Program intake at Wangaratta High School.

Please call 03 5723 0500 to RSVP.



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