



Whitfield
District Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Term 1
March 24th, 2021

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Cooking – Year 3-6	Tues 30 th March
Parent/student/teacher interviews	30 th & 31 st March
Term 1 ends 2:30pm (OSHC ends at 5pm)	Thur 1 st April
OSHC Vacation care - 8am – 6pm 3 days/week:	
Tue 6 th – Thur 8 th April	
Tues 13 th - Thur 16 th April	
For bookings call or text 0448 298 467	
Term 2 begins	Monday 19 th April
School Council Meeting	Tues 27 th April
Grade 3/4 cluster camp – 15 MC	Tues 4 th – Fri 7 th May
NAPLAN years 3 & 5	Tues 11 th – Thur 13 th May
Personal Best Athletics – Wangaratta	Wed 26 th May



Literacy corner

Exceptional Educational Experiences

This edition of the newsletter is chock full of student articles about what has been happening at the school over the last few weeks. The first lot of articles are from our younger writers in the Prep – 3 classroom.

Swimming articles Grade 1

Brilliant! By Chloe

Swimming was brilliant! I did some lessons it was fun and I went on the rope swing. I did freestyle and I can do a whole lap and I had so much fun.



Happy Now. By Ellie

On the first day of swimming I was scared now I am happy because I am good at swimming. I went on the rope swing.

Swimming. By Liam

I had fun on the rope swing. When I started to go in the water the water was warm and made me calm. I learnt freestyle, backstroke and kicking my legs.



Swimming. By Maxwell.

I had fun on the rope swing but when I first went on it was a little scary then I was excited. I learnt floating on my back also

The Best Swimming Ever! By Ruby

At swimming the water was really hot. On my first day of swimming lessons I was really excited. I was really bad at freestyle then I got better at freestyle. I love swimming! I liked going on the rope swing it was the best. I also learnt how to dive. When you are diving you need to make sure that you are;

1. Looking at the water.
2. Arms out
3. Bend your legs.



Grade 2 articles.

Swimming. By Ethan.

When I went swimming, I felt worried then when I tried it was easy and fun. At the end of swimming it was fun when I dived. The lollies were good too.

Swimming. By Joshua

I was feeling great then I was bit nervous but once we got to the pool it was warm and that calmed me down. I learnt floating and back stroke. On our last day of swimming we did the rope swing it was fun then we got dressed and we got a lolly.



Swimming. By Maya
When I started swimming again I was excited because I like swimming. I learnt to tread water it was fun and I liked learning survival back stroke. The rope swing was great.



Swimming. By Sylvie
How I felt and feelings.
I felt excited to go into Miss Feldtmann's group. It was so much fun there because you did more challenging things and I like doing harder stuff. I learnt how to tread water and how to do backstroke and freestyle. Why I learnt all of this is to be safe in water.



Grade 3 articles.

Swimming. By Nina

First we got off the bus and sat near the foot path and talked about the safety rules. Then we got into our bathers then we had a shower and sat in our groups then Miss Feldtmann called out the groups. I am in the last group we did torpedo, freestyle, backstroke and survival backstroke. When it was free time and the bubbles were turned on then we had to get out and we got dressed and had a snack and then the bus came it was fun. We do swimming because if you go swimming you have to be able to swim and be safe.



Swimming. By Elsey

When I got to the swimming centre I was a bit nervous for my first time. Then we got changed and had a shower. After everyone had a shower we met Lionel we talked about safety rules.

Next we hopped in. The water was so warm no one wanted to get out. When we got in we started off with kicking to warm up. After warming up we did freestyle and survival backstroke.

Swimming. By Tobias

Swimming is fun especially free time with the floating mat. I have so much fun with it. I was good and I learnt survival backstroke. I learnt how to race dive and step in entries and to tread water it was a lot of fun. At the end of swimming I went on the rope swing it is awesome.



Swimming. By Johann

I felt good when I first went swimming. I did freestyle it was fun. I practiced treading water and step in entry. I also did survival back stroke. When I had free time I played with Tobias. On the last day I went on the rope swing, Lionel pushed me out. I got to buy lollies, I bought some chips and lollies it was fun.

Swimming at the Barr.

By Joah

At swimming I was nervous because I was at the Barr. When I got in the pool I felt better. I learnt how to throw the rope to people correctly. I learnt how to tread water and I treaded water for two minutes and we went to the outside pool and we got to go on the diving board and we did a competition of who did the highest splash. Milly won and Inanay came second. I got to go to the Moore's pool on the last day to get some treats. Then we got on the bus to go back to school. I had a fun day.



Grade 6 articles about Sailing Camp

The following articles are about the cluster grade 6 sailing camp. Students have focused on a range of different aspects of the camp at Rye (so they are not just about sailing! – Enjoy)

Sailing Camp

Once we had setup we were straight on to the sail boats. It was a bit tricky at the start but then I got the hang of it. Off I went, it was amazingly fun. The next day I got in the boat, I

was going really well when... a gust of wind from a different direction came, OH NO! I was thinking what do I do, I saw the sail coming down from the wind - SPLASH! I was in the water. I stood up dripping wet but somehow my boat came back up because I had fallen out. Then I walked back in to the shore. Later that day we walk down the beach to the pier, the feeling of sand underneath my feet felt amazing. When we were walking on the pier, when you looked down you could see the gaps and it felt like I was going to fall. On the way back, we were running and the only way we knew we were back was the sand sculptures. There were two sand sculptures, a mermaid that I made with Carla from Greta, the tail was filled with shells, it looked like a fish with big scales. The time it took felt like it took forever. The other sculpture was a turtle, which Casey and Normie made.

By Emily



Sailing Camp

Just as I hopped into the Laser the wind picked up, damn! I hopped out to help Bob hold the boat. "We're going to have to wait for the wind to die down," he said. We chatted for a bit until Bob said, "off you go". I set out watching where I was going, all was well, it was smooth sailing from here! Or so I thought... an unexpected gust of wind came; the boat was on its side! I couldn't do anything! Wait... can I... I can!

I got onto my knees, adrenaline rushing through my veins. I pushed all my weight to one side and then SPLASH! My boat was upright again! Yes! It didn't capsize, relief filled me, I was calm once again. Once I was on track again I quickly jibed (a pull turn) so I didn't hit the sand bar.

I caught another gust on the way back, luckily I let my sail out just in time. This time it really was smooth sailing. Bob caught my boat, "good job Isabelle". "Thanks!"

Mmm! That was delicious, I thanked Sarah for the BBQ. I went to find my friends. We played at the beach splashing in the waves. Then Mr. VB called out, "Ice-cream time!" We sprinted over to him and he told us to put our shoes on and grab our money before we set out. We

gathered in a group, a loud excitable group. "STOP!" We all stopped to cross the road. When we arrived at the shop we entered in groups. When it was my turn I looked at the flavours, which one to pick? "Watermelon please," said Milly. "Choc mint please," that was Casey. Ummm, what should I pick?! "Forest fruits! Please" I quickly added, "in a cone!" I grabbed my ice-cream and walked outside. Ahh, that was good times. ☺ By Isabelle



On the third day of sailing camp, a small group of students set out for the surf beach, a surfer's dreamland! When we got there it was a short walk down some sandy stairs then we were there! The huge waves roared up the beach then slowly dissolved into thick white foam, the boys immediately ran down to explore the magnificent beach, the rest of us approached more slowly. I went down to the water to jump some of the more placid waves with the other girls (we were all fully clothed). I was really enjoying leaping over the salty water, then CRASH! A wave shoved me over and threw me half way up the beach, I sat up laughing and coughing up disgusting salt water. That was when I decided that I was wet now so I may as well go and stand a bit closer to the giant monster waves.

After a bit I decided to go over to where the boys were literally inside the waves and they were all drenched to the skin, I ran over and... was immediately knocked over by a humongous wave, after about ten more waves, our teachers Mr. Graham and Sarah Patterson said it was time to go, everyone walked back up the beach then we got in the van and drove back to the boat club.

By Normandy



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 27th April @ 7.00pm. All parents, regardless of whether you are on school council or not, are welcome to attend. We have **one vacancy 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.

My favourite parts of sailing camp.

It was Wednesday morning and I was about to get in a speed boat to see a HUGE family of seals living out in the ocean on an abandoned lighthouse thingy. We took two speed boats being piloted by our teachers/instructors to see them and I realised...we had the choice to DRIVE the boat. We finally managed to finally get to the big family of seals and I couldn't find them until I saw the platform underneath the lighthouse. Some were sleeping and fighting. One rolled off the edge while sleeping, I hope he's okay. Then I soon realised something terrible...they smell like raw fish! Everyone wanted to vomit, it was so strong it was nose killing. We started heading back and I did a few donuts that nearly tipped the speed boat but we all survived (I think). The next day, we had the choice to sail before the King Valley cup or we could go for a walk around town. I went for the walk but we all took the wrong turn and arrived at a gosh darn surf beach with super powerful waves that almost made a lot of us almost get pulled back into the ocean or it would push us off our legs. That happened to me, and at least 27 times. And when we had to go I was so tired and wet and my pockets were terribly full of sand. We reached the mini bus and that was probably really wet and sandy too by the time we got back to the yacht club. By Owen



Sailing Camp.

On Thursday of sailing camp, half of the grade 6s had to figure out what we would do because of the weather. We either had to go to the surf beach or stay and sail. The group of 8 people (including me) went to surf beach in Rye, including Mr Graham & Sarah Patterson. At first we weren't meant to go in the water but...we got super WET. I think I almost drowned! The boys (3 of them) were SOAKED, us girls(myself & Normie) we also got soaked but we had the time of our lives. When we got in the bus that transported us there, the driver (Sarah Patterson) made us walk the rest of the way which is about five minutes. We all agree that it was so uncomfortable. After we got back, we all had showers and got changed into comfortable clothes. About an hour later we had dinner at about 6:00. Charlie (one of the boys) rode in a shopping cart. We went to an ice-cream shop called Volcano. Luckily enough, the Rye Yacht Club and Volcano had let us get free ice-cream! We played at the Rye park and walked back to the yacht club. We had some free time then got ready to go to bed. By Rory



Sailing Camp

On Friday we went to a playground after a walk. There was a swing, it could hold 4 people on it. People would scream because everyone would push the swing. We played off ground tiggy, it was exiting with that amount of people. The entire time you would hear "YOU'RE CAUGHT GO TO JAIL" or "YOU TOOK TOO MANY STEPS, I AM NOT CAUGHT." It was a riot! Half the time I didn't know what was happening. It was just getting to dusk and we went back, it was a gorgeous night. Normie, Rory and I were at the very back of the line so we decided to run and then the sand collapsed under my feet and then I face planted. Normie looked behind her and saw me in the sand, she giggled a lot after that. We continued till we caught up. By Delilah

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www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

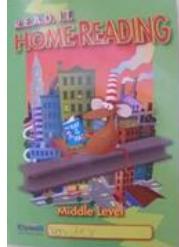
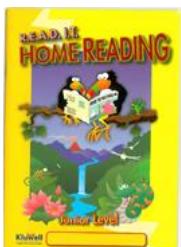
Sailing Camp – Capsize By Casey

The wind was strong, I almost tipped as I came down to this sharp corner. **BOOM CRASH BANG!** I was down in the water. I got up and pushed all of my weight on the centerboard but it wasn't enough, so MR VB came and helped me put weight on the centerboard again. I was up and running again, whoosh, a gust of wind caught my sail. I came to the corner again, I knew I could do it but my dream failed. I **capsized** again! It was getting too **windy** so we packed up. I was kind of happy that we packed up because I was getting cold and hungry. I wanted to have a shower and get nice and warm, I was so excited for dinner and guess what it was? It was wraps!



HOME READING

These books have lots of great tips for parents to help their child learn to read and they have sticker awards to reward the children for their efforts. Your help and nightly practice is vital. Reading at home has many benefits for your child and you.



Congratulations to the following students that have already completed and recorded 25 nights home reading.

Chloe, Ellie, Elsey, Evie, Joah, Maddison, Maya, Tobias, Emily, Ivy, Kody.

50 nights home reading!

Delilah, Isabelle, Ruby O

Sailing Camp

"Rmmm rmmm" the sound of the boat crashing down on the water. We were in the speed boat, on our way to see the seals out on the light house. Emily and Normie were sitting on the front of the boat, so every time we hit a wave we went in the air and then drop and thud when we hit the water. A big wave of water splashed up onto us. I grabbed the steering wheel and I pulled it as hard as I could, driving around in circles. I was having so

much fun. I passed the steering wheel over to Bob again, he was going to drive us around the light house. When we got there, seals where jumping everywhere.

Once we were about two thirds of the way around the light house, it smelt like dead fish washed up on the beach, the seals were also very loud. There was another big white boat, it had school kids on board, they were coming out to swim with the seals. After seeing the seals, we headed back to shore. Bob let me have another go at driving and we did lots of three-sixties around and around on our way back. It was pretty cold because the wind was blowing on us, but I knew when we got back we could have a shower. I drove back to the white marker and we hopped out and then I hopped in the warm shower. I really enjoyed driving the boat and seeing seals. By Milly



Book Shopping

On Friday the 12th of March we went book shopping, there was like 120 books. The one that I got was called 'A Tale Of WitchCraft', I haven't read it yet but I am reading the other one, it's called 'A Tale Of Magic'. Normandy got 'Destiny and the Wild Horses', Hope got 'Wings of Fire'. By Ivy



On Friday 12th of March we went book shopping. I bought the 'Wings of Fire', it is all about dragons, the dragons name is Turtle. Lars bought 'Harry Potter', all of them. Ivy bought 'A Tale of Witchcraft'. Book shopping was fun. We went to a park, we had lunch there and a play. Then we hopped on to the bus and went to swimming. By Hope.

Bluearth

Georgia from Bluearth comes to our school every second Wednesday, she teaches us games and relaxation. On Wednesday we learnt Hero, Hero is a game where there are two teams. The first team lines up on either side of the basketball court with balls. The second team is at one end of the court then they pick a Hero. Georgia says 'go' and the Hero tries to run to a line of cones further up the court without getting hit by a ball. If the Hero gets hit they join team one and the rest of team two run to the line of cones. If the Hero doesn't get hit then team two get a free walk to the cones. At the end of each run, group two pick another hero. By Inanay

Last Friday we had our last Swimming!

It was awesome at the Barr Reserve. Sarah took all the kids out to the outdoor pool and we had a bomb competition, Inanay won the first one then Milly did a humongous bomb and won. Then we went into the newest, warmest, and 'cool as' pool! It wasn't that deep, but it was so relaxing! We even played Marco Polo. Everyone loved it because it was a lot warmer than the outdoor one, it's called a Hydro Pool. Then Sarah told us to "go and dive off the big one inside, then belly crawl through the baby pool, after that go and get changed!" So we did and it was so fun!

Once ready, we went to Moore's pool and got \$4 worth of lollies, or drink, or even a bag of chips. Swimming was awesome!!!

By Mike, Reuben and Ruby.



Science

In science we did an experiment with sugar cubes. We put 5 drops of water in one and shook it, the other 2 cubes we also did experiments. One of them we just shook it and the other we only put 5 drops of water and left it there. After we finished we observed and chose which method was the most effective against the sugar cubes. The water and shake was the most effective, it almost fully destroyed the sugar cube. The least effective was the just

water. It almost did nothing because the sugar cube just sucked it up. The 'just shake' was quite effective but not as good as the water and shake. We also learnt how to find out if something is caused by erosion or weathering. Joke: My friend worked at a sugar factory. Too bad his position dissolved.

Lars and Kody.

Prep student swimming articles

I liked swimming.

I liked the rope swing.

I liked the chips and smarties.

By Bonnie



I liked the lollies and the swing.

By Grace

I learnt to float on my back and I loved the swing and lollies.

By Evie



I liked floating on my back then I hopped out and got my lollies.

By Esther



I liked diving and getting lollies.

By Maddison



Music

In the music room we have Fen as our teacher. I love it so much, we had so much fun. We played the Dragon's Bridge on the keyboard. I played on the keyboard with Vera. We had to sing a song called Africa by Toto. And we played a music game. By Aroha

Art - In art we have been doing painting. Last time we had art we did two stages, one of them was splatting and the other, pointillism. With splatting, Hannah mixes water with the paint then we lined up and we started splatting. With pointillism, we dipped the back of the paint brush in the paint and we start to dot. We put the two paintings we did on the drying rack and then we helped Hannah pack up. By Vera



COOKING



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

Grade 3/4 cluster camp.

Grade 3 and 4 students will have a camp at 15 Mile Creek with the other grade 3/4s from across the cluster in May. Notes and permission forms will come home next week.

Craft Materials – Prep -3 class Making dinosaurs

Miss Feldtmann's class will be making model dinosaurs.

Can you please send in any **boxes, food wrap rolls and egg cartons** you may have at home (even if your child is not in Miss Feldtmann's class). Thank you ☺



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

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 OSCHC and give any messages to students regarding changes to their usual after school arrangements. It is important that those requests are made by 3:15pm at the latest.

- Bookings for OSCHC 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.

'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:



Elsey: For fitting in well to her new school, giving 100% effort and getting along with everyone.

Tobias: For his increased home reading and completing his homework.

Lars: For working hard on his writing goal of ambitious words (and ambitious jokes!)

Casey: For her great efforts in making her writing interesting and working on her writing goal.

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**



Numeracy corner

Travel timetables

Here are some questions to ask your child that improve their knowledge of time and their problem solving skills:

- Can you identify your starting point on the timetable?
- What is the earliest and latest time to travel on this route?
- How long does it take to travel the entire route?
- How many stops are there on this route?
- What is the difference in the time travelled when not making all the stops?
- What is the cost? Is it good value compared to other travel options?
- Which is the best route to travel? Why do you think this?
- To get to training on time, when will you need to leave?

OSHC – Outside School Hours Care

Our OSHC program has been operating for over twenty years providing both after school care and vacation care. Our service is fully accredited by the NCAC and our Coordinator Pam Spencer has a Diploma in Outside School Hours Care.

After school care operates from 3.30pm to 6pm weeknights and vacation care operates from 8am until 6pm during school holidays. Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is available to qualifying parents. Full fee is \$12 per session and the CCS contribution depends on your families circumstances.

Bookings can be made by ringing **0448 298 467** and leaving a message prior to 3:15pm.

What is the Childcare Subsidy?

The Government assists eligible families with their childcare fees by making a payment directly to the service (in the form of CCS) that is passed on as a fee reduction (visible on a family's statement).

Families are then required to pay the difference between the fee charged and the subsidy amount – the "GAP".

Am I eligible for CCS?

The basic requirements that must be satisfied for an individual to be eligible to receive CCS for a child, include:

- The child must be 13 year old or younger and not attending secondary school
- The child must meet immunisation requirements

To determine the CCS percentage and number of eligible hours / fortnight you will be entitled to, Centrelink reviews and assesses:

- Family income
- Results of an Activity test

How do I apply for CCS?

1. Make a claim – lodge a Child Care Subsidy Claim via the MyGov website

If you do not have a MyGov account, you can create one using <https://my.gov.au/>

If you don't receive confirmation of your CCS Assessment, please contact Centrelink on 136150

Vacation Care

Vacation care will operate three days per week this school holidays from 8am – 6pm. Tuesday to Thursday. The cost is \$45 for the day, again CCS applies and is much less for most families. Please reserve your child's spot by calling or messaging **0448 298 467**. Pam can send enrolment forms home if requested. A program for Vacation care will be sent home next week. Please support this handy service.

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.



"COVID RULES APPLY TO ALL WCFC PROGRAMS"



**North East Regional
Pre School Association**

EARLY CHILDHOOD

INFORMATION NIGHT

- Are you interested in a career change?
- Would you like to make a difference in young lives?
- Have you thought about work in early childhood settings but require qualifications?
- Are you interested in the possibility of part time work whilst studying?

Come along to an information night to find out further details of training required and employment possibilities.

Certificate III and Diploma of Early Childhood Services courses are currently free for eligible applicants.

Opportunities also exist to be part of a new training program with 2-3 days of guaranteed employment each week whilst undertaking the required study.

WHERE: WWD020 GoTAFE
Docker St, Wangaratta

WHEN: Wednesday 31st March
7-8pm

Registrations required at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tafe-info-night-tickets-146314198707>

For further details or if unable to attend in person, please contact Leigh on 5721 2755 or manager@nerpsa.com.au