



THE WHITTY NEWS

END OF TERM

I've said it before, and I'll say it again... how time flies when you're having fun! We've had another wonderful term of *EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES* and everyone is looking forward to our last week of learning before spending time with families over the holidays.

Over the last few weeks, students have enjoyed Musica Viva and Italian Day and our grade 4-6 students had a blast on Ski Camp. We also had a visit from Melissa Brown and her therapy dog, Boofred. They will be working with us in Term 4.

We'll be wrapping up Term 3 in style, making the most of every minute as students head off for some fun in the sand (and hopefully sun) at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea.

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

Well, I have to say, I have never, ever been skiing in such miserable weather! Day one was bitterly cold and rainy; day two was cold and snowy... but as the saying goes, third time lucky... Day 3 was magic! Phew! Check out the action and some of the kids' reflections on pages 6-11.

MUSICA VIVA

On Monday our students headed over to the reserve to enjoy the Musica Viva performance with our cluster friends. They had a wonderful time and were singing and tapping as they walked back through the door.

ITALIAN DAY

On Tuesday, we dressed in our favourite colours, rosso, verde and bianca and zipped over to Edi Upper PS to enjoy a wonderful program that included cooking, soccer and a performance. The kids were exhausted when they returned and chatted excitedly about their day. A massive thank you to Signora Acca for organising such a wonderful experience. Also, thank you to Sarah for stepping in as the Italiano Chef for the day!

HOT LUNCHEs

What a huge success Hot Lunches have been again this year. Thank you to everyone who chipped in to make our delicious lunches and help our fundraising efforts. I overheard a student chatting to a friend today, he sighed and said, "Awww, no hot lunches next term!"

BEATLEMANIA—SAVE THE DATE :)

Dig out your records and dive to the bottom of the dress ups box... Beatlmania is coming to Whitfield!

Preparations are well under way for our 2022 production, Whitfield's Magical Mystery Tour! We had our first whole school rehearsal yesterday and I can confidently say you're in for another entertaining evening.

This year, our team decided to bring the production forward and entertain you all in October, so make sure you save the date!

Date: Friday 21 October at 7pm

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

With our production taking place mid term, we are excited to begin a new tradition at the end of the year. Our Grade 6 students will be working together to plan our end of year celebrations and graduation. Stay tuned for more information.

Date: Thursday 15 December

WHITFIELD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND & VISITOR HUB

Staff from the Rural City of Wangaratta will be visiting to share the concept design and provide timelines for the Whitfield Adventure Play Space and Visitor Hub.

Council staff will be available to guide you through plans at school on Tuesday 13 September from 3:00pm to 4:00pm and also at the Whitfield Recreation Reserve from 5.30pm on Tuesday 20th September. Please see the attached flyers for further information.

Dates to remember:	
Production, Music & Bluearth	Monday 12 September
Council Concept Design Share	Tuesday 13 September 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Cooking (3-6)	Tuesday 13 September
Anglesea Beach Camp (F-6)	Wed 14 - Fri 16 September
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 16 September
Vacation Care	Monday 19 – Thursday 22 September
Please call 0448 298 467 or 0427 298 303 to book.	
Production	Friday 21 October
Bike Ed	Monday 14 - Friday 18 November
Canberra Camp (4-6)	Monday 21 —Friday 25 November
End of Year Celebration	Thursday 15 December



Poetry Anthologies

Our Grade 4-6 students have been exploring poetry and creating their own anthology. They were keen to share some of their free form, Kennings, Limerick and Haiku poems.

Kennings—poems that describe objects or creatures without using its name. This poem is made up of a list of descriptions, each with only two words.

Limericks—poems with 5 lines with a specific rhyme pattern. Each line has a specific number of syllables (8-8-5-5-8).

Haiku—this form of poems originates from Japan. A haiku has three lines with a specific number of syllables (5-7-5) and they usually don't rhyme.

Ruby's Kennings Poem

Immortal-loner
Perenelle-lover
History-maker
Aura-ser
Mint-smeller
Twin-seeker
Legend-believer
Book-needer
Human-carer
Nicholas Flamel

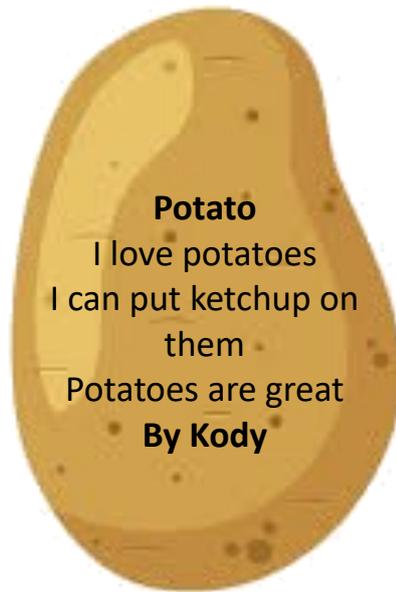
Bee

A bee was flying
In the middle of the sky
In the night.

Owl

An owl was hooting
at a beautiful blue bird
with one final hoot.

By Krystal



Potato

I love potatoes
I can put ketchup on
them
Potatoes are great
By Kody

MY DOG

My dog is quite hip
Except when he takes a dip
He looks like a fool
When he jumps in the pool
And reminds me of a sinking ship

Mike

Ringo

There once was a dog called Ringo

He loved to play with the Dingo

He would jump up and down

And run like a clown

Oh, how I love that dog named Ringo

By Inaray



FOX

THERE WAS A FOX

HE LIKED TO BOX

HE IS ALIVE

HE LIKES TO DIVE

HE ALWAYS WEARS SOCKS

By Reuben

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback about the expected behaviours for students, staff and community members. Our behaviour expectations will provide guidance about the responsible use of information technology and social media, respectful ways of communicating, work effort and task perseverance, and working in ways that will lead to collective as well as individual success. Consistency and predictability will help all students to know what is expected of them.

These expectations will support positive learning and social behaviour and will be collated in our Behaviour Matrix. We will display the expectations where they can easily be used as a tool to support student self-management.

We also met with our Voice and Agency student leaders this week to discuss our expected behaviours and seek their feedback.

Our teachers met yesterday to reflect on student and community feedback and ensure everyone's ideas are included in our Matrix. We will share our draft Matrix with our regional SWPBS Coach, consider his feedback and then present it to our students, staff and community for final consultation. We're aiming to begin a trial implementation in November, monitor our progress and make any necessary adjustments before going live in 2023.

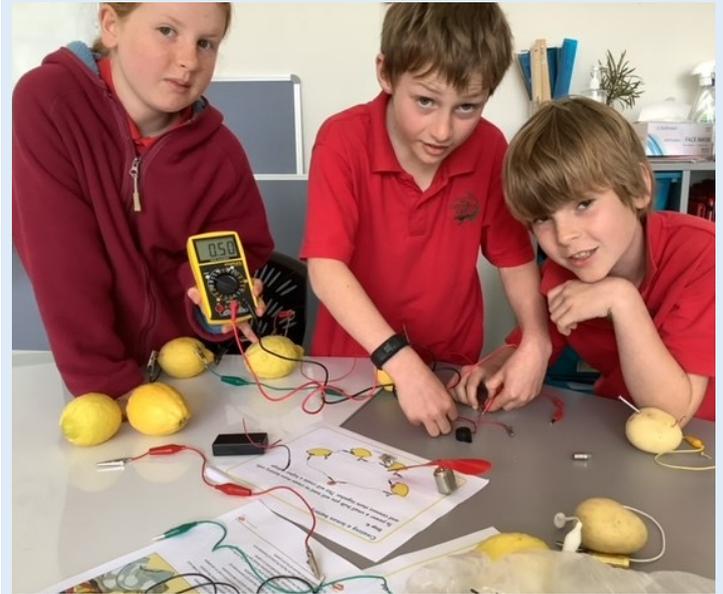
TRANSITION

Our Grade 5/6s travelled to Wangaratta High School on Thursday last week to get a taste of secondary school at Discovery Day. There will be more transition days for all our Grade 6 students in Term 4, leading to the state wide transition day for all students on **Tuesday 13 December**.

2023 FOUNDATION STUDENTS

We're looking forward to seeing our 2023 Foundation students again at our transition sessions in Term 4. Students will explore a range of fun activities over 4 weeks.

**Monday 8, 15, 29 November and 6 December
from 1.30pm until 3.30pm.**



STUDENT TEACHERS

While the Grade 5/6s were at Discovery Day, our Grade 4s played teacher for the day. They had a ball learning how to make circuits with lemons and then teaching the F-3 students.

Parent Opinion Survey - We want you to tell us what you think!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to help us gain an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

We encourage all families to participate in this survey, so far we have had 22% of families respond (thanks to those families). Please take a moment to share your ideas with us.

The survey will be open until **Friday 16th September**.

Link: <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

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MUSICA VIVA

The members of Eastwinds showed students how to harness their creativity by expressing and sharing their personal experiences through music. A Persian ney (flute) and daf (drum) player, a musical instrument inventor and a didgeridoo virtuoso drew on their own diverse cultural and musical backgrounds to sound that is uniquely theirs. In this special performance, teachers and students were given the tools to create and connect through making music on the spot.

On Monday our school went to the rec reserve to listen to three men playing some songs using a range of instruments including a ney and daf which are traditional Iranian instruments, didgeridoo, voice and handmade wind instruments. They were Sunchi, Mark and Essay. They



started by playing two songs, 'the gift' and 'early morning' then they asked us to create a story which they then played using improvisation.

I liked the music because it made me feel happy.

BY NINA



As the weather gets warmer, the UV rays have started climb. It is a Department requirement that all students and staff use a combination of sun protection measures when UV index levels are three or above.

Most students have their hat at school. Please check that your child has a suitable hat to wear as we finish the term. Students must wear hats in Term 4.





THUMBS UP! Congratulations Elsey, Tobias & Joah

Wow! What a tough one it was this week. I can't put into words how proud I was of our Grade 4 to 6 students at Ski Camp. They all jumped in and gave skiing their best shot, no complaints even though the weather on Monday and Tuesday was ridiculous!

Elsey, what a treat to be able to take you down Wombats Ramble for the first time. Thank you for a truly magical afternoon. You were frozen but you had the most beautiful smile as you zoomed down the mountain.

Tobias, you gave Eddy the Eagle a run for his money! You were fearless and showed great spirit as you challenged yourself and supported your friends.



Joah, you were a quiet achiever! It was great to see how much you enjoyed pushing yourself to the limit and achieving new things... so much courage!

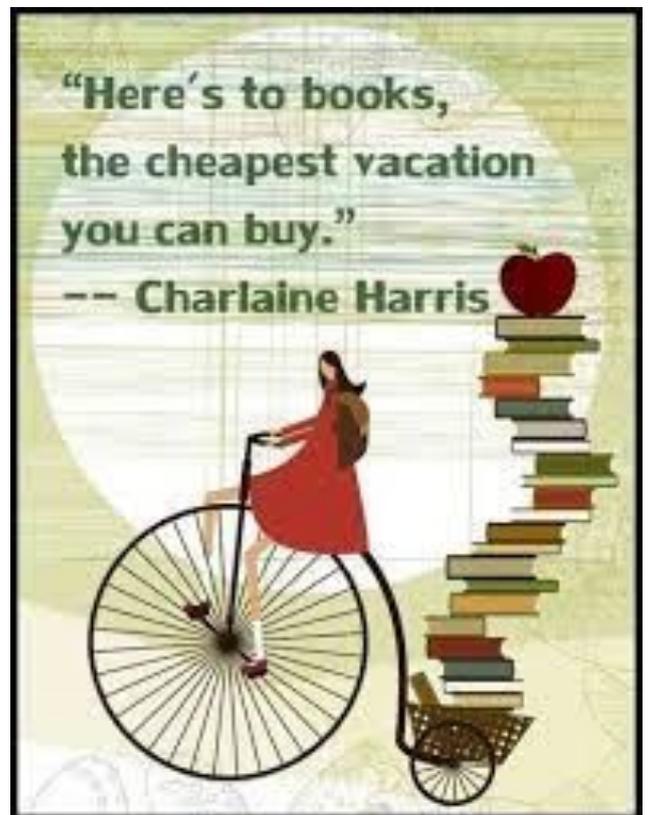
HOME READING...

Well done everyone, it's wonderful to see our students loving books and hearing about their reading adventures at home. As we head into the holidays, grab a few of your favourites, or something completely new, and sit down together to uncover the wonders of book land!

"Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere."

Mary Schmuch (Journalist)

Congratulations on your home reading achievements...



75
Nights!

Elwyn

100
Nights!

Charli Maddison

Joshua Maxwell
Ellie Bonnie

125
Nights!

Archie Liam

175
Nights!

SKI CAMP

On Monday the Grade 4 to 6s went to Ski Camp.

At Falls Creek there was lots of snow. The first thing we did when we got there was get our skis and boots, then we went up a ski lift to get to Cloud Nine. It was fun because we went high.

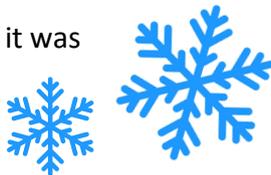


It was raining there. We all skied on Mouse Trap first. The next day we went on Fox Trail. Fox Trail was our favourite. It had lots of berms and jumps. The berms were like a meter high. There was a drop. You went quick on it and at the end of the track there was a box jump.

When the snow hit your face it felt like needles.

On the last day we did the Last Hoot and that led into Wombats Ramble which had giant jumps that made you go about a meter in the air.

We both loved it and it was very fun!



By Johann and Joah



Ski Camp..

On Monday morning we left from Mohyu school on a bus to Falls Creek and after about 1 hour and 30 minutes we arrived at Mt Beauty. After we had a little snack, we continued the drive to Falls Creek. It was about 30 to 45 minutes. After we arrived at Falls Creek we went to the hire place to get our skis and ski boots and after that we went straight up the mountain to our ski lessons. Once we got up it started raining. We went to our ski lessons and met our ski instructors. On the first day we learned how to slow down and stop. On the first day we only went down Mousetrap. After we finished our lesson we stayed a bit longer and did a bit more skiing but some people still didn't know how to stop properly. So people were falling over left and right! After we finished skiing for the day we went back down the chair lift it was freezing cold. While we were going down the chairlift the rain kept pelting into our faces. Once we got to the bottom, we had to go back to the lodge. After we got back to the lodge we had some lunch and found our rooms. Then we watched Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. We then went to bed.

In the morning a few people lost their ski gear in the drying room! Eventually we found all the stuff and headed out on the walk to the chairlift. That day we had our skis on while on the chairlift. It was very nice to just look at the view while going on the chairlift. Once we got to the top of the mountain we realized it was snowing. We walked over to where we met our ski instructors. Once we were in our two groups, one went to Wombats Ramble and the other went to Mousetrap. Today was very icy because the Falls Creek employees pushed down all the snow turning it into ice. The snow was also pelting into our necks during the ski lesson. Some people were still falling over occasionally. They didn't want to go on Wombats after the lesson so they stayed on Mousetrap. We had the option to go back to the lodge so half the people went and half stayed. Once the people who chose to go got back to the lodge they had lunch and we watched another movie. Eventually the second group of skiers arrived, had lunch and hung out. We also went for a wonder through the village and bought hot chocolate and donuts. We had to go to sleep early that night because we had a big day on Wednesday.

The next day it was sunny outside. We had breakfast and got our ski gear on. Like Tuesday, some people couldn't find their stuff in the drying room but we eventually found them. We grabbed our skis and headed out. We walked to the ski lift as usual but it was hot. Once we were on top of the mountain we went straight to our lesson. The group that didn't go on Wombats the day before got to go on it today. Once we finished the lesson some people went to do blue runs and the others stayed on Wombats. Nearly everyone could now stop and turn easily. This day was easily the best day in our opinion! The weather was so nice. You could see the lake and all the other mountains. Sometimes people crashed but I think everyone had lots of fun. After we were done skiing we picked up our bags and waited for the bus. Once the bus arrived we hopped on and made our way back. Along the way we stopped at Mt Beauty again. After that we didn't stop again until we got back to Moyhu

By Lars and Ruben



The Trails

Fox trail: it was short and had berms and jumps at the start. There were 2 options - there was a drop off or there was a bit of a hill. At the end there was a box jump. After that, was a bush that had snow on it. I jumped it!

Last hoot: The Last hoot was steep. It led to Wombats.

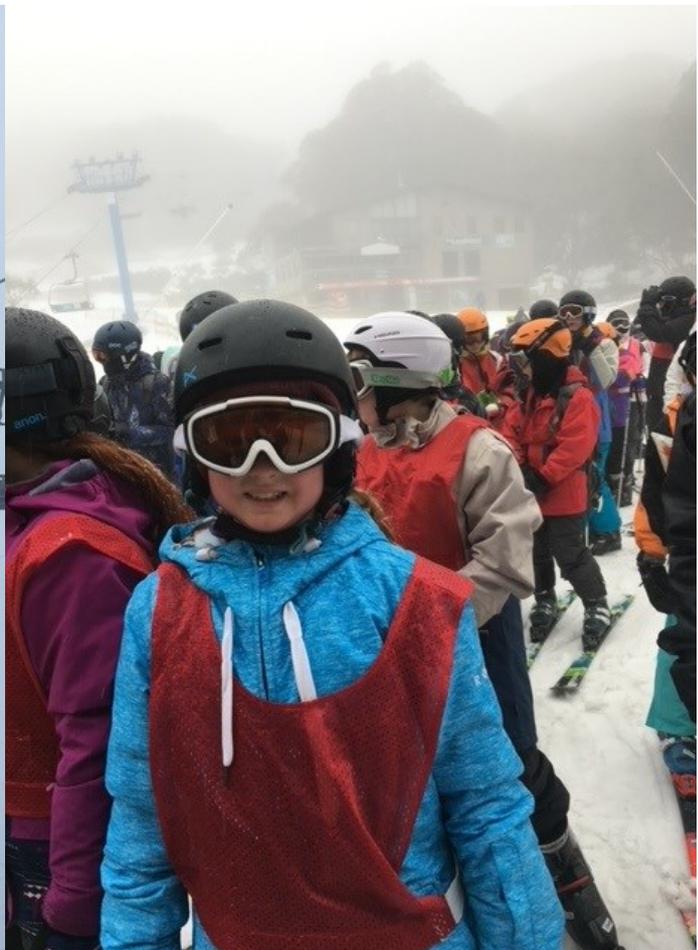
Wombats Ramble: Wombats had a lot of jumps to the side. There was a double jump and I jumped it! There were 5 little trails to the side.

Poma is a thing that pulls you up. It is like a seat but you can't sit on it. You got to put it in between your legs and stand. I fell because I crossed my skis together. I crashed 2 times.

By Tobias



All smiles even though the conditions were miserable.



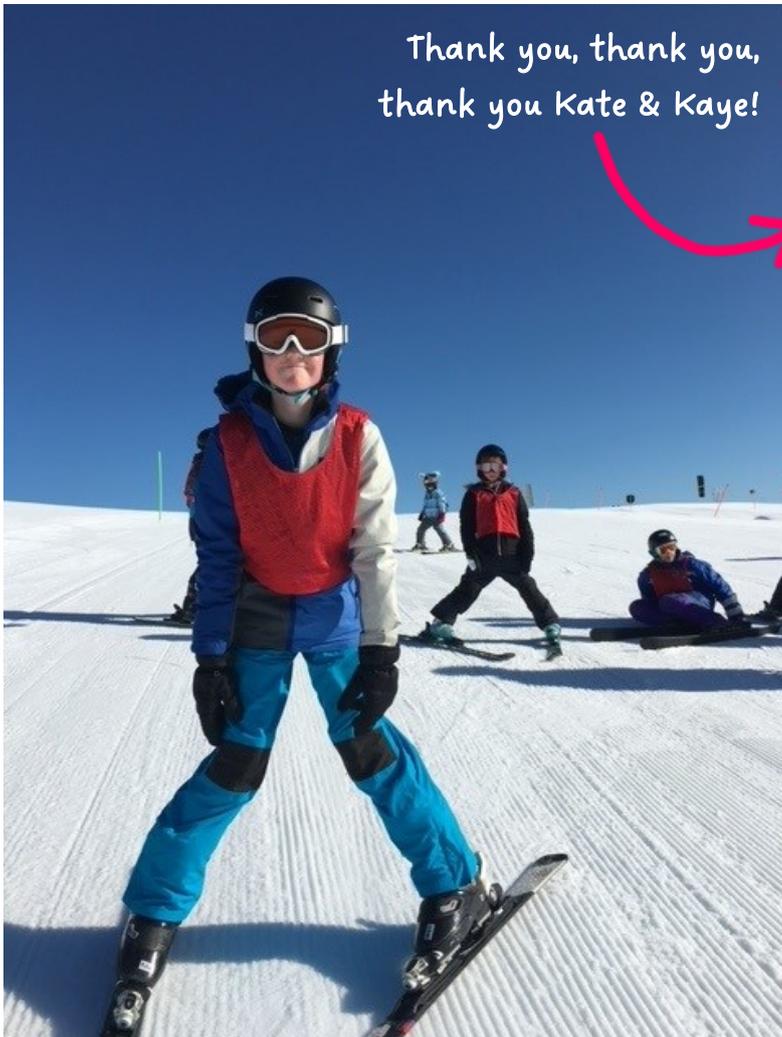
Finally, the sun broke through...

and we were metting!!





Thank you, thank you,
thank you Kate & Kaye!



YARD DUTY & SUPERVISION

Student safety at WDPS is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised each day from **8:45am**. Students are encouraged to come in, say 'hi' and pop their bag on their hook before heading out to play.

After school: School grounds are supervised until **3:45pm**.

*Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending the OSHC).*

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending after school care, or a prearranged supervised activity (eg netball skills session with Kaye).

Families are encouraged to contact our OSHC coordinator, Pam Spencer for more information about after school care facilities available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

OSHC mobile: 0448298467

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy please refer to our school website:

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

SPARK ART EXHIBITION

Don't forget, our art work is SPARKling and will remain on display at the Wangaratta Art Gallery until **Sunday 11 September.**



MOYHU
& District Preschool Inc.

Farewell Netty Shanley!

Past Pre-School families and members of the community are invited to an afternoon tea to celebrate and farewell Netty as she embarks on her next adventure.

Thursday 15th September
Moyhu Soldiers Memorial Hall
2.30pm onwards

OSHC

Come and join in the fun...

Vacation Care will be operating from Monday 19th September until Thursday 22nd September.

Please call 0448 298 467 or 0427 298 303 to book.

For more information...

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