WHITFIELD DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THE WHITTY NEWS

What a wonderful, topsy turvy start to term 3! We've had loads of visitors and new and exciting experiences like activities with Sport North East and tasting delicious sausage rolls (thanks Jill, Kody, Maxwell, Elwyn, Ethan and Archie K)!

All staff are now back from their extended holidays and have dived straight into designing more **EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES!** A massive thank you to our visiting staff, Lu Zanin, Peg Halbwidl, Haley Cook and Kaye O'Kane for continuing the exceptional educational experiences for our students. Judd summed it up perfectly when he called out, "Tammy, this week has been so much fun! We made potato people with Haley, sang songs with Lu, played with spaghetti in science, sport with Dhanur…. (the list went on)!"

There are many great excursions and incursions planned for throughout this term. Please let us know if you'd like to join us or get involved in the classroom. We'd love to share our learning with you!

SCHOOL COUNCIL GATHERING

Thanks to everyone who came to our informal meeting around the camp fire last Friday after school. It was a lovely afternoon to get together, enjoy chai, sausage rolls and pizza (thanks Kate, Ben and Jess), introduce the Denholm family to the crew and also meet Ben's big sister, Moira, who has been visiting from Ireland.

It was also a wonderful opportunity to chat about our work and gather ideas for future school fundraising activities.

Everyone had a chance to review the first draft of the landscaping master plan and share their ideas.

We encourage you all to take some time to have a look at the plan and share your feedback. There's a copy at the office so feel free to pop in, have a squiz and share your ideas. School Council will be discussing your feedback at our next meeting on Tuesday 15 August. We will then provide our feedback to Jacqui for her consideration in Draft 2.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 August at 7pm. Everyone is welcome! Please let Ben Jenkins know if you are able to attend.

HOT LUNCHES

Oh, how we love Hot Lunches! There's nothing like a delicious home cooked meal and it's been wonderful to see students trying new foods. Last week, Sally Keith treated us to her scrumptious lasagne. I had to jump in quickly before the kids lined up for their seconds.. and thirds!

This week, Grace Darling added her yummy chicken stir-fry to our menu. Mmmmmm! Unfortunately we'll have to re-schedule Tara's famous chicken schnitzel strips next week as we'll be in Myrrhee next Wednesday for the crow kids puppet show. Thanks everybody, what a wonderful team effort!

The cost per person is $3. Payment can be made each week or in a lump sum (via cash or direct deposit).

Whitfield District Primary School
BSB: 063531 Account Number: 10107371

Please make sure you label your payment with your name and event (hot lunches).

Thanks

Dates to remember:	
Hot Lunches	**Every Wednesday**
WDPS National Tree Planting Day (F-6) All Welcome	**Monday 31 July**
Crow Kids Puppet Show - Myrrhee 10:00am - 3:00pm	**Wednesday 2 August**
School Council Meeting 7.00pm	**Tuesday 15 August**
Cluster Book Week Day - WDPS All day	**Wednesday 23 August**
Falls Creek Ski Day (3-6) Approximately 6am - 6pm TBC	**Thursday 7 September**
WDPS Production - The Time Machine 7:00pm	**Thursday 14 September**

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

Closes: Friday 8 September 2023

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and we are excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

Home Reading

Congrats to the following students for your great home reading achievements.

Chloe — 50 Nights!

75 Nights — Ruby, Albie

MaDdison, Evie — 100 Nights!

125 Nights! — Archie K

Yay! It's almost time to celebrate

Book Week!

We're going to explore the beautiful CBCA shortlisted books with Vanichya and our friends from Myrrhee, Greta Valley and Moyhu primary schools on

Wednesday 23 August

at

Whitfield District Primary School

Come dressed as your favourite book character, topic, author or even setting...

Let your imagination go wild!

We'll be firing up the BBQ (sausages $2) for lunch and freezing a few Zooper Doopers ($1) for you to enjoy.

If you're able to help with the BBQ, please contact Tammy.

We can't wait!

THUMBS UP!

Congratulations Tobias, Nate, & Tully!

This week we have been learning about managing stressful situations. Students have been identifying the things that can cause stress for people and strategies that can be used to cope with change and challenging situations.

Tobias, Nate and Tully have been as cool as a cucumber, going with the flow and helping others manage change and challenge in a positive way.

Congrats team!

Gardener's of the week cooking with Jill

LIBRARY

Hello and welcome to Term 3!

I hope you were all able to unwind and relax over the holidays.

Gee the weather was a bit chilly. I had trouble keeping my feet warm!

At the beginning of Term 3, the students will be finishing off reading Neverlanders, as well as completing their fictional characters.

We will then move on to investigating the life of the amazing author/artist/comedian Anh Do. We will read his book The Little Refugee, which tells the true story of his early life and his difficult journey to call Australia home. After this, we will be reading the first books in Anh Do's popular series WEIRDO and SMARTY PUP.

In week 7, we will detour slightly to celebrate BOOK WEEK at WDPS with King Valley Cluster schools. A fun day is being planned with lots of books, activities, costumes and FUN!

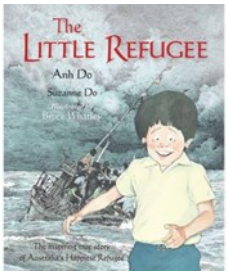
Start getting your outfits ready! Bonus points for parents/siblings who are dressed up or the entire family!

If you are not sure of the CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) shortlisted books, check out the display in the library.

** PLEASE HELP us by collecting clean glass jars (lids not necessary) and clean but old stockings (to put soil and grass seeds in) for the day.

Our literacy focus for this term will be character development. This will include thinking about who our favourite book/movie characters are and why we like or despise them; what makes them memorable; how authors develop a character and the techniques they use; and how characters change throughout the story?

Lastly, just a reminder that students will be borrowing library books on the following dates so please ensure you return your old books:



Wed 19th July

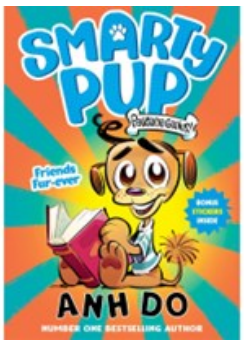
Wed 2nd August (Puppet Show @ Myrrhee PS)

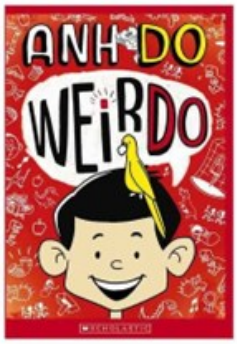
Wed 16th August

Wed 23rd August BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Wed 30th August

Wed 13th September





As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions/comments. I'd love to hear from you!

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Thanks so much and HAPPY READING!!

Vanichya / Mrs C

National School Tree Planting Day

School's tree day is a great way to inspire students to learn about their local environment. The Rural City of Wangaratta have provided us with a variety of indigenous shrubs and groundcovers that will hopefully attract native birds and beneficial insects to improve the habitat at our school.

Here at Whitfield District Primary School we are celebrating this day on **Monday 31st July**. Everyone is welcome to join us first thing Monday morning as we head out to get our plants in the ground.

Lasagne for Hot Lunches enjoyed by all

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 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 sport 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

Outside School Hours Care Activities July 31st to August 10th		
	31 July - 3 August	7 - 10 August
Monday	Pancakes & fruit platter Outside games Cards, puzzles, boardgames	Fruit Kebabs Make and decorate a wooden spinner toy Art & Craft
Tuesday	Fruit smoothies & crumpets Shave cream painting & Succulent plant activities	Toasties and smoothies Dress ups, Drama, music & games Outdoor Play
Wednesday	Fruit, cheese & dip platter Make a colourful pom pom LEGO, K'nex	Crumpets & Fruit Paper plane competition Free activities
Thursday	Toasties & fruit smoothies Cards, jigsaws, games, free play Outside Activities	Fruit platter Art & Craft Bowling, pool, ping pong
	Lots of other activities the children are most welcome to participate in each day.	We have a large range of art and craft materials as well as new puzzles, games, LEGO, outside games & play.

SPORT NORTH EAST

This term we are very excited to welcome Sport North East to our school. Coaches Dhanur and Tiffany are delivering active recreation/physical activity sessions each week. Sport North East's purpose is to support people of all ages and abilities in North East Victorian communities to live an active lifestyle, and participate in sport and active recreation.

The objective of this program is to improve the health and wellbeing of rural and regional children. Our students have enjoyed their first two sessions participating in fun activities like frisbee, egg and spoon races and soccer.

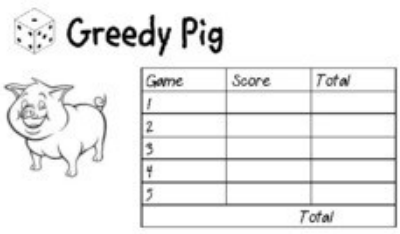
Family Maths Challenge…

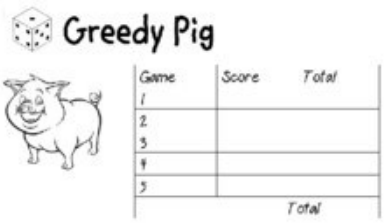
Greedy Pig (dice game)

Greedy Pig is a simple dice game where players take turns to roll a single dice as many times as they wish, adding all roll results to a running total, but losing their gained score for the turn if they roll a 1.

You will need:

- Two players
- A dice
- Paper and a pen





Each turn, a player repeatedly rolls a die until either a 1 is rolled or the player decides to "bank" their total.

- If the player rolls a 1 without "banking", they score nothing and it becomes the next player's turn.
- If the player rolls any other number, it is added to their turn total and the player's turn continues.
- If a player chooses to "bank" their points, this is added to their overall score, and it becomes the next player's turn. As play continues, players go back to their "banked" score if they roll a 1 in subsequent turns.
- The first player to score 100 or more points wins.

For example, Player A begins a turn with a roll of 5. They can "bank" straight away and score 5 points OR choose to roll again.

Player A decided to take a risk and roll again. This time they rolled a 2.
They can now "bank" 7 points OR roll again. Player A rolled again but rolled a 1. Their turn ends and they don't score any points. Player B then rolls the sequence 4-5-3-5-6, after which they choose to "bank", adding 23 points to their score. *Because they have banked this score, even if Player B rolls a 1 next turn they can not go back below this score of 23.*