



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Exceptional Educational Experiences

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Swimming** Rescheduled for **TERM 4**  
**Parent/student/teacher interviews** 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March  
**Term 1 ends 2:30pm** **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March**

OSHC Vacation care: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar - Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Apr  
For bookings call or text 0448 298 467

**Term 2 Commences** **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Cooking - Year 3-6** **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April**

### SWIMMING LESSONS - Postponed/rescheduled

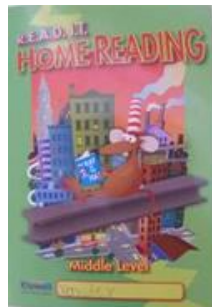
Due to the ever changing situation regarding precautions recommended to curb the spread of COVID-19, we have postponed our four remaining swimming lessons. We have re-scheduled them for October, term 4. Thanks for your understanding.



## Literacy corner

### 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.**

Ellie, Ruby K, Liam, Lalia, Ethan, Sylvie, Maya, Nina, Joah, Kody, Aroha, Ruby O, Issy, Mike, Owen, Casey, Normie, Emily, Luca.

**All school newsletters are available on the new look school website;**  
[www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au)

### SAILING CAMP

Sailing camp was last week and it was ...da best! We learned a lot including how to sail. We also learnt all of the different parts of the optis (the boats we sailed in). Some people got to sail in a bic (another boat and it goes faster than an opti) then we learnt about the weather and how to use the radar with loops and blue arrows. The radar shows us where the wind is and how fast it's going. The most knots that you can go sailing in is 42 knots, knots are pretty much double km/h so if its 10 knots it would be like 20 km/h wind. By Luca



### SAILING RACE

The last day we had four races, second and first went through to the next round. This is who made it to the semi-finals: Zoi, Amy, Luca, Emilio, Maisie, Skelly, Christian, and Mark. In the semi-finals Zoi, Emilio, Luca, and Skelly got through to the grand-final, they were so excited. Three Whitfield's got in, but Skelly from Greta won!! Zoi got speed at the start and she was winning but everyone stole her wind, in the end she came last. People banged in to each other when we were going around the buoys. It was a really fun day. By Amy and Zoi



## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS** **FREE Volunteers Working with Children Check** **for parents and school volunteers.**

The working with children check is **free** for volunteers and you can be recognised as a volunteer at Whitfield District Primary School. The check is valid for 5 years and takes 10 minutes to complete online (see [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)).

The Working With Children Checks are required in many community and sporting organisations in Victoria, so it can be a very handy card to have. It is also required for parents volunteering on a camp. Once the online form has been completed, you then just take the printed page into Australia Post – show your photo ID and they will take your photo for the card for free. Any questions, or if you'd like to complete the online application at school, just organise a time and I can help you. Thanks!

## **SAILING CAMP – Other activities**

On the grade 6 sailing camp, besides sailing there were other things we did. Some of the things were playing cricket on the beach or the grass. There was only one bat but two wickets. Another thing was playing cards on the table. They played Uno and other games. But the three best games (or activities) were playing at the playground, a game we called demon rush (basically tiggy) and FISHING. We played demon rush some nights. We played at the playground the same night we went fishing. The fishing spot was at a dock about 20 meters from the playground. Only some went fishing (like me) and all the others played. When we were done fishing, we were allowed to also play at the playground. After that play we went back to the yacht club and got our pyjamas, brushed our teeth and went to bed.  
By Ollie



## **Sailing Camp – Paddleboarding**

On the 2nd day in the afternoon there was almost no wind, so Bob got the paddle boards out and we took turns on the boards. We followed Bob to see a banjo shark which was almost 2/3 of a meter long. On the way to the banjo shark most people saw a sting ray. There were a lot of shells, seaweed and coral out

near where we found the banjo shark. Some kids found a metal box under water and tried to bring it up but it was stuck in the ground. We also tried to fit fifteen people in an opti because the record was 14, we got about 11 or 12. By Robert and Toria



## **SAILING CAMP – Bus trip**

On the way to camp we were all a bit tired but we were very excited. The trip felt more than 4 hours but we finally arrived and we had a blast (except for when there was no wind). On the way back we coming off a very fun week, we were all singing to the radio, then some of us were singing "sailor man" (a song that we learnt on camp) and some of us were singing iron man so we had an idea to combine the two songs ("I am sailor man da na na na na na na na sailor man, I hope you don't drown da na na na na na na na sailor man). We stopped halfway for lunch I had a burger Luca had a wrap, Mark and Christian had a burger as well and then with our extra money we snuck over to Maccas and got Mcflurrys. We arrived about 5:30pm we all went home in the car I begged mum for a Bic (my favourite boat)  
By Emilio



## **Every day counts**



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

## INTEGRATED STUDIES – Water Treatment Plant Tour

On Monday 24 February we went to the library. Someone who works at the water treatment plant in Whitfield came to talk to us about how the water gets treated. We went to the water treatment plant down the road. Someone else from the water treatment plant took us on a tour of the water treatment plant. Three groups got split up. One went upstairs to look at how much muck in the water that comes out. Another group went to the office and saw the system working in action. He told us we have the fourth best tasting water in Victoria. The other group looked at the machines and how they work. By Rory and Delilah



### TREATMENT PLANT TOUR

On Monday the 24th of February, Whitfield School went for a walk to the water treatment plant. When we got there, we had a tour of the main area on the lowest floor. In that area there were water testers, a treatment area and more. The floor above had the area of the sludge. On the furthest end of the sludge part was the liquid sludge and the other end was the solid sludge. Another area was the office and there was a computer showing all the different facilities. We are glad we now know what happens to the water we drink. By Owen and Reuben

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April @ 7.00pm.

We currently have one vacancy on school council.

If you would like to join school council or if you would like to know more of what is involved, please contact the school or Sandy King (school council president). All parents, regardless of whether you are on school council or not, are welcome to attend. Please consider being part of this fantastic group that help shape the direction of our school. This year we have a school review (term 2), and we will be seeking parents views and ideas.

Term 2	Cooking helper
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Rosie / Petra
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Mel.G / Sandy
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Caz / Petra
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Mel.G / A-K.P
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Caz / Nikki
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rosie / Nikki

## SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS

Please call Wendy in the morning if your child is not catching the bus to school (and usually does). Mobile **0418 989 938**. It is important that the bus rolls are accurate. For non-bus travellers to access the bus, an ad-hoc travel form must be completed at least 2 days before intended travel (as it requires Principal and bus driver approval).

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

The day has come to clean up Whitfield. We split into two groups. One group went into town and the other went along the creek and around the recreation oval. We found some incredible stuff like a car bullbar, a big piece of metal, lots of McDonald's slushy cups, plastic tree protectors, juices box, little bits of plastic, road reflectors, and cigarette butts. We also found a 50c coin. We enjoyed helping the community and making it cleaner.

By Milly and Casey



## SHREK – cancelled.

Unfortunately we have just received official word that the performance of Shrek in Melbourne on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April has been cancelled ☹️ We will look for a suitable theatre performance for the students in Melbourne for later in the year.

## Cooking

Last week we got on the bus to go to cooking, we made lots of food. Some parents came to help us make it, the food was so yummy! On one table all the food was gone. We made eggplant pasta, salad, sweet and savoury muffins we also made raspberry bliss balls. We had water melon that we grew in our very own garden at school. By Normie and Hope



## HOCKEY CLINIC

Last week we had a Hockey clinic, there were two instructors. Jason and Nicole. We played a game where we played against each other and we had to score and then we got a point for our team. Mike was against Jason, and it was hard. Then we played a proper game on the school oval. Altogether it was AWESOME. By Mike and Ruby



## SWIMMING

Summer is here! It's that time that we do school swimming! We start at Moore's and move onto the Barr Reserve. Our teachers are Mr.VB and Tamara from the YMCA and Miss Feldtmann and Lionel at Moore's. We have some helpers go to Moore's as well. We practice our stroke technique, as in back stroke, freestyle and breaststroke and some water safety. The kids at Moore's have a smaller pool. They're split into three groups. At the YMCA we're split into two groups – the 'bottle nosed dolphins' and the 'short beaked dolphins' By Isabelle and Issy



Thank you to all the parents that helped out with the swimming lessons at Moore than Swimming. We look forward to completing our remaining swimming lessons early in term 4.

## END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please do not leave messages on the school landline for end of day arrangements. We often do not have the ability to answer the phone whilst we are teaching and cannot check the messages until after school.

The OSH phone **0448 298 467** and school mobile **0428 298 286** are both checked every day prior to dismissal at 3:30pm. Messages are

conveyed directly to students. **Please ensure your message is provided before 3:15pm.**

We have had a number of messages recently that have come as we are dismissing the students (even afterwards). Please text or call these messages through in a timely fashion, to avoid confusion and stress for your child.

## HOT LUNCHES – Terms 2 & 3 – Wednesday's

The Whitfield District Primary School 'Hot Lunches' is in the process of being arranged. Hot lunches provides a great nutritious meal and dessert for students during the winter terms – Students, staff and parents look forward to this each year.



A letter has come home today asking for you to indicate your availability as well as your main meal and dessert choices. This information is needed to organize a roster and a varied menu. It will also be used to match up people (experienced with new parents or available with work commitments). Please return this form to the school or Suz. Please contact Suz or the school if you would like more information or have any questions.

## 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](mailto: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 ☺

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Tennis – Hot Shots** Coaching and Hot Shots is cancelled for this term. Due to Tennis Victoria's guidelines there is to be no tennis because of the coronavirus.