

NEWSLETTER

Term 1
March 15th, 2017

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Grade 3-4 Camp (15 Mile Ck)	14 th - 17 th March
School council & AGM @ 7pm	Tues 21 st March
Cluster Music Day / Tabloid sports	Thur 23 rd March
Parent/student/teacher interviews	29 th – 30 th March
Term 1 ends @ 2:30pm (Osh ends at 5pm)	Fri 31 st March
OSH Vacation care – Mon 3 rd - Thur 13 th April	
For bookings call or text 0448 298 467	
Term 2 begins	TUESDAY 18th April

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

The school calendar dates in the pink text box above, provide you with the excursions and events that are happening at the school in the next few weeks. It is important that parents take notice of the events and dates (write them in your dairy/calendar), as we now have the general permission form for local school excursions during school times.

Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge !

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council meeting is the AGM (followed by a school council meeting) It will be held on **Tuesday 21st March @ 7.00pm.** Parents have been supplied with a Self-Nomination Form – please return these if you are interested in joining school council. School council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. 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.

OSH

Please phone **0448 298 467** to make bookings for OSH or to cancel a permanent booking. Please do not ring the school number for OSH or changes to end of school day arrangements. Vacation care booking forms will come home next week.

All school newsletters are available on the school website;

www.whitfieldps.vic.edu.au

'Thanks' PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents that helped with the swimming program. The extra hands mean that our younger swimmers get twice as much practice than would otherwise be possible.



HOME READING

We have a number of students who have already reached their 25 nights' certificate. Well done!



Congratulations 25 nights home reading.

Aroha, Kody, Mike, Normie, Vera, Isabelle, Delilah, Emily, Casey, Toria, Tom, Charlotte, Amilie, Kalika, Summer, Angus, Cope, Mikaylee, Amy, Ollie, Emilio, Zoi, Claire, Judd, Corrie, Paul, Edan



Literacy corner

Miss Feldtmann's class has been doing some great writing this term and here are their first contributions to the newsletter for the year. The first three are from our foundation students.

SWIMMING

I liked letting go of the rope, it was fun. By Kody

At swimming I was kicking my legs. I am doing backstroke. By Aroha

I went swimming. I liked it when I went under water. By Kayleb



In swimming I ran across the water and let go of the rope. I did some floating and I kicked the water. By Normie

I went to Wangaratta for swimming lessons. In my group, we did 1 or 2 things with the boards. We did sit dives and normal ones. Some of us learnt survival backstroke. At the start, Emily dropped her goggles, I had to get them from the bottom at the deep end. Most of the Moore's group loved the rope swing. By Isabelle

At swimming, I kicked my legs. I jumped in the deep water. I was scared. I liked the rope swing. By Melita

I was brave when I was floating it was at the deep end. It was cool at the bottom. We did laps of the pool. I learnt a new skill called back torpedo and it was fun. I went underwater and was breathing through my nose it was fun. By Declan



I liked swimming at Moore's pool. Swimming is fun. I learnt how to jump off the rope. I learnt to do backstroke. I liked throwing things underwater and trying to get them. By Delilah

I liked swinging on the rope it was fun. I learnt survival backstroke and sculling, I thought I might hit my head on the end. I practiced going straight. I was in the 1st group. By Emily

I like jumping off the edge. I liked to do the Humpty dumpty. I liked the rope swing it was fun. I even had a few goes. By Reuben

I liked it when I went underwater. I loved swinging on the rope. By Mike

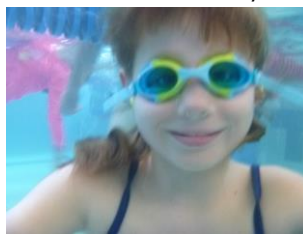


At swimming I had fun at the pool. I did not like Humpty dumpty at the deeper end. I sort of liked the rope swing. I went under water and blew bubbles. By Lachlan

My favourite was swinging off the rope. I did torpedo, I jumped in the pool. I like swimming. By Casey.

I liked the rope swing. I learnt backstroke. I jumped off the end of the pool it was fun. I was in the middle group. By Vera

I went to the pool. I jumped at the deep end. We floated on our back. I dived in at the deep end. I had fun. By Toria



PAYMENT PLANS

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 latest recipients are:

Emily: For volunteering and being a great work partner for new preps

Charlotte: For helping out and volunteering at a school fundraiser

Summer: For helping out and volunteering at a school fundraiser

COOKING

Today we had cooking at Edi school. We made four dishes that were different salads. They were a watermelon and feta salad with cucumber and mint, apple and cinnamon waldorf salad, eggplant, pistachio and tomato salad and zucchini carpaccio with garlic crostini. All the salads were delicious. By Amilie and Charlotte

GARDENING

Monday the 6th March

In Angus' garden there are pumpkins and raspberries it is meant to have pumpkins but there are also raspberries there. Most are butternut pumpkins and one pumpkin has a black side and sounds hollow. His garden does not normally have many weeds though. In Seamus' garden there are lots of potatoes and at the back he has lemon grass and mint and had a lot of weeds this week that we removed. By Angus and Seamus.

Excess Garden Produce

Is your garden producing more than you can use, preserve or you had so many that you simply don't want to see any more of them?

Then the Kitchen Garden program may be able to use your excess produce. Please let the school know and we will check if Carla can use them in the Monday cooking session.

Email: van.bergen.mark.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

SWIMMING at the YMCA

This year at the YMCA there are 2 groups and they have different tasks. The younger group has practiced survival backstroke and breaststroke for 5 minutes in case something happens out in the deep and so you don't lose your breath. And if you're on a boat and the boat sinks you can huddle up to keep yourself warm in the sea.

The older group has practiced how to keep your energy if you're in the sea with your clothes on and how to take them off in the water. We also practiced the swimming strokes freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, survival backstroke, and floating, sculling and treading water. By Cope and Corrie



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 principal **0428 298 286**,

*email whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

*or supply **a note** before or after the absence.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

There are four groups in social enterprise: Endangered Animals, Education For Girls, Cancer Research and Unexploded Bombs. We are getting information as a group on a sheet of paper about why we should help, how we are going to help, what the cause is and ways we can help. Most of the groups are starting to make a short movie to explain what we are going to raise money for. By Emilio and Edan

ITALIANO

Last Wednesday the 3-6 class had Italian. Our topic was clothes. We had to search up the English word for clothes on the iPad with a buddy. We also had to colour in the clothes on the sheet. Here is some of what we found:

Hat/ cappello

Skirt/ vestito

Gloves/ guanti

By Ollie.

SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL LITERACY

At the start of social emotional literacy we did a smiling mind meditation. We wrote about our feelings after the smiling mind. After that we played "anybody who..."

How to play 'anybody who' is pretty simple: All you need is a circle of chairs and some people. Someone is standing up and, says something that they have. All the other people that have the same thing will run to a different chair. We played this to find out how people felt when they had to stand up and say something or missed out on a chair.

Zoi's favourite part was the chair game.

By Claire and Zoi

MUSIC

In music we have just finished chair, lap, and normal drumming; we also did beat boxing. We are currently working on bass guitar and a song called Babkak, Omar, Aladdin, Kassim from the musical Aladdin. The song is sung by Aladdin and his friends Babkak, Omar and Kassim. It is set in the market place in the song Aladdin and Jasmine meet; it is a very lovely and lively song we can't wait to see it performed in the musical. By Kalika and Amy

***The excursion to Melbourne for the musical 'Aladdin' this year is Wed 24th May, if you would like to save the date. More info next term.**

Cluster Music Day / Tabloid Sports

Thursday 23rd March

Students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (9-12-year-olds) from the King Valley Cluster schools will have a day of experiencing Indigenous Music at Whitfield District Primary School. During the day they will participate in music workshops that expose them to a variety of indigenous instruments, dance, and songs.

We were successful with our grant application from The King Valley Arts Committee; this will help with the costs on the day. We are very fortunate to have Sani Townson attend the day and provide workshops for the students. Sani has danced with the Bangarra Dance

Theatre and is a well-known Australian performer and choreographer. The day's program will begin at 10.00am (gather at 9.45am). F-2 students will walk to the Whitfield Recreation Reserve and they will be participating in Tabloid sports with the other cluster students.

Sani Townson will perform with the students in the afternoon, and the students will present a simple vocal piece developed during the day. Parents and people from the local community will be invited to attend this performance at 2:00pm. The F-2 students will also see the performance.

All students are required to bring a packed lunch, hat and drink bottle on this day.

FREE Working with Children Check for parents and school volunteers.

Whitfield District Primary School provides a safe and secure environment for students and staff. The school has established protocols and procedures that effectively monitor and manage visitors without compromising the open and inclusive nature of the school. Visitors (parent, grandparents) are always welcome and actively encouraged to be part of the students learning. School staff monitor and manage all visitors and hold the *duty of care* at all times during school.

If you are interested in helping out on camps, a Working with Children Checks is *mandatory* for attending school camps. The working with children check is **free** for volunteers. The check is valid for 5 years and takes 10 minutes to complete online (this was tested with a parent today). You then just take the printed page into Australia Post (Wang or Benalla) – show photo ID and they will take your photo for the card for free. Done!

This card is also handy for other volunteer organisations like children's sporting clubs and groups that require the WWCC.

Any questions, or if you'd like to complete the online application at school. Please contact me at the school.

Thanks, Mark Van Bergen (Principal)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whitfield Community Childcare is taking enrolments now!

Contact:

Jess Young - 0413 119 172

Kate Walsh - 0401 537 213

whitfieldcommunitychildcare@gmail.com



PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER Interviews

These occur on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of March. A timetable of interviews came home today. If the allocated time does not suit then you can book another day with staff. Just contact the school.

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL

GET ACTIVE THIS APRIL!

All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Enjoy great benefits and you can win awesome prizes too.

Register to get:

- 10 free YMCA passes or access to a local government facility
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- one free Get into Cardio Tennis session
- a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2017 Australian Tennis Open Finals*

Your school can win:

- visits from high profile sporting personalities
- sporting equipment

Register today – activeapril.vic.gov.au

MAJOR PARTNER: YMCA | PARTNERS: tennis, SPORTSMART, SEA LIFE, PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL, VICTORIA State Government

Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au for details. *Winner receives two tickets to each of the 2017 men's and women's finals. Authorised by the Victorian Government, Treasury Place, Melbourne.

The school has registered for Premier's Active April 2017. The aim is to be active for 30 minutes a day for the month of April.

It's open for students, family, friends and community members to join the school team. Our team name is **Whitfield Primary** and our team ID is: **whitfield-primary** (all lower case).

If you would like the school to register your child/ren you can return the form sent home today and I will register them and we can record our daily 30 minutes of activity that we do **every day** at Whitfield District Primary.

If you would like any further information about the Active April you can check out the website www.activeapril.vic.gov.au or call me at the school.

YEAR 7 information (for grade 6's)

Notes for parents and Information for 2018 was distributed to grade 6 students today.

YEAR 6 Leadership Camp

The Outdoor School 15 Mile Creek is providing the opportunity for students in Grade 6 in the Hume region to apply for and take part in a leadership program based at our 15 Mile Creek Campus. This 5 day program will incorporate a variety of outdoor focussed learning activities based at 15 Mile Creek and the surrounding area.

Mon 5th – Fri 9th June

Cost: \$125 per student

***I must know by tomorrow – Thurs 16th March if your child would like to go. Text or call me on 0428 298 286. (last few space left!).**