



NEWSLETTER

Term 1
February 18th, 2015

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming lessons depart 11:30 return 2:30
19th, 20th, 24th, 26th Feb. 3rd, 5th, 6th Mar
Grade 6 sailing Camp Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Feb
Schools 'Clean Up Aust Day' @ 9:30am Fri 27th Feb
Gr 3-6 Music Camp (day) @ 15 Mile Ck Mon 2nd Mar
Labour Day Holiday Mon 9th Mar
Preps start full week from Tues 10th March
Gr 3-4 Camp @ 15 Mile Ck Tues 10th – Fri 13th Mar
Parent/student/teacher interviews 24th & 25th March
Last Day of term 1 – 2:30 finish Fri 27th Mar
Term 2 starts Mon 13th Apr

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 diary/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**, it will be held on **Tuesday 17th March @ 7.00pm**. All parents have been supplied with a Self-Nomination Form – please return these if you are interested in joining school council. All parents, regardless of whether you are on school council or not, are welcome to attend school council meetings. Please consider being part of this fantastic group that help shape the direction of our school.

PREPS REST DAYS

The new preps will continue to have rest days each Wednesday. Full week begins after the Labour Day public holiday.

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.

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COOKING

On Monday the 3 to 6 went to cooking at Edi, we got lots of produce from our garden. We got new groups and then got our recipes. Pip's group made sweet corn fritters and yogurt from our garden they got corn, parsley and chives. Yasi's group made zucchini slice, from our garden they got tomatoes and parsley.

Mikaylah and Toby's group made plum and cinnamon muffins. Sophie's group made the potato cakes with sour onion and chives dip, from our garden we got potatoes. Jayden's group made a yogurt chicken curry.

We've also got a new dish washer that only takes 2 minutes to do a load of dishes.

By Sophie and Daphne



SCHOOL VALUES – iMovies

In groups we made iMovies about the values of our school. They were **team work, honesty, goal setting, respect, communication and learning**.

We did them in groups of six. We made them from the small trailers on iMovie. Some of them were funny, some had good learning skills. You can choose from lots of themes like pirate, Bollywood, neon and horror. It was lots of fun.
By Viveka (year 5) and Charlotte (year 3)



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KITCHEN GARDEN BLOG

This year we have set up a blog to record how are garden progresses through the year as well as how we use the produce in our Kitchen Garden program. Students will take turns in updating it fortnightly. The first few posts are now uploaded.

Check out and follow the blog at

<http://whitfieldkitchengarden.wordpress.com>

In our gardens we have buddies.

Our buddies help us older kids weed and maintain the garden.

Every Monday we harvest the yummy food with our buddies.

Friday 9th of February, 2015.

On Monday we went cooking with lots of corn, cucumber, tomatoes, potatoes, herbs, eggs from our lovely chickens. After we went cooking we all weeded the lovely gardens, we got lots of weeds out! We're all looking so forward to have our gardens weedless.

By Cheniqua and Mikaylee



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.

HARRY HILDERBRAND'S VISIT

Harry Hildebrand has lived in the King Valley since he was 14. He has lived in Peru for 16 years. His job is to take kids into the Amazon jungle. Harry showed us movies of his trips. They had to make 200m zip lines across canyons. In one of his trips he built a library (not by himself). He also built houses for homeless people (again, not by himself). He told us he has seen 3 jaguars, an anaconda and fed a wild squirrel monkey by hand. They would get to go rafting

down the Amazon. There was a tall tree that they would have to be pulled up by ropes and people. Then at the top they go on a 100m zip line through the canopy. At the end he asked us if we would like to go to Peru. Everyone said yes!

By Tom, Lachlan and Darcy



PLEASE ASK YOUR CHILD IF THEY HAVE THEIR PLASTIC POCKETS EACH DAY. PLEASE ALSO ASK FOR THEIR 'HOME READING' BOOK EACH DAY

Look at establishing a daily routine at home that works for you.

Thank you 😊

MATT PRESTON from MASTERCHEF VISIT

Today was a very exciting day because Matt Preston from Master Chef came to our school! When he arrived everybody thought it was pretty cool to see 'THE' Matt Preston.

Everybody in the big kid's class told Matt about what we do around the school like collecting the eggs from the chooks, gardening and our cooking program.

I talked to him about the cooking program and what we do every time. At the end Matt gave everybody his signature in either their books or on their hand. When he was about to leave we had a school photo with Matt and then the big kids had to go to Open Water Learning Experience.

It was great for me because I had never met a real celebrity before, actually I don't think many people have met a celebrity before. It was a great morning with Matt. I wonder if I will meet another celebrity one day.

By Charlotte (grade 5)



OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

On Friday the 6th of February the 3-6s went to the Ovens River to do an Open Water Safety activity with Surf Lifesaving Victoria. First we practiced D.R.S.A.B.C.D and all the meanings: **D**anger. **R**esponse. **S**end for help. **A**irway. **B**reathing. **C**ompressions. **D**efibrillation.

After that we went to a tent to talk about the dangers in and out of the water and the signs etc. Then we practiced saving people from the water with a rope, we had to say to the people to lay on their back and put the rope over their shoulder. Then we did a life jacket activity where we practised if we fell off a boat to keep close together with other people. Then we got to paddle around the river to learn how to swim on a boogie board. When we finished the activities we had something to eat we walked to the bus, hopped on and went back to school. Cope's favourite activity was the life jackets. By Hunter, Pippa and Cope.



NEW PREPS

I am going to introduce 4 new Preppies. Declan, Isabelle, Melita, and Delilah. They have all had a good first few days and are fitting in very well and have had a good time. All the Preps have great buddies Declan has Toby, Isabelle has Jayden, Melita has Mikaylah and Delilah has Sophie. They all like their buddies a Lot. The tired preps have a rest day every Wednesday.

I asked Declan what was his favourite thing at school and he said: "Gardening."

I asked Melita what she thought about the school she said: "Great."

I asked Isabelle what were her favourite subjects so far at school and she said: "Maths and drawing."

I asked Delilah what is it like at a primary school and she said: "it is good." By Xander



NEW PREPS

I am introducing the 3 other preps Normie, Casey and Emily. Cope is Emily's brother. I asked Normie what she likes at school; "the climbing frame."

Casey said she also likes the climbing frame. Emily likes at school; "the playground."

I asked Casey what animals she likes; "horses and pigs."

The animal that Emily likes is; "cats."

The animals that Normie likes are; "ducks."

We asked Emily what she liked doing in class; "reading." By Bella



NEW THINGS IN OUR SCHOOL

We have new whiteboard tables and new laptops and new 'iPad airs'. There are new doors in the classrooms and you can see through the doors, see what people are doing and they keep the cool air and the hot air out. In the playground Lindy and Mat are doing an upgrade to the playground. They are building a bridge over a pipe that you can walk through. They have done a great job!



In the classroom there are new cushions and stencils, there are new chairs as well. There is one new classroom. We have new little preps in the school. We have a new teacher as well. The new Italian teacher is called Ms Twitchitt. Our school thinks she's good. We have new books to read too.

We have plants growing in the gardens, we are growing sprouts at the moment. By Jayden, Edan and Kalika.

MUSIC

Music is back! Claire Bradbury is still our music teacher doing class and individual music lessons for students. Miss B has a lot of opportunities for the students this year. Miss B is teaching guitar, drums, voice and keyboard. Miss B says that she has a lot of goals for the school; these are her goals..... Record another CD, play the songs of the CD at Jazz & Blues Festival, get people into a djembes band around the valley and have a cluster music day. As you can see Miss B's goals may be few but they are BIG. By Toby and Amilie.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR THE 3-6 CLUSTER MUSIC DAY – Monday 2nd March.

'THUMBS UP' AWARD

The Principal's 'Thumbs Up' Award recipients are students that have been seen doing great things at our school. It is designed to help celebrate the actions of students and help reinforce our school values. The latest recipients are:

Ollie: For having a great go at getting his ideas down in writing.

Edan: For consistently completing his work to a high standard.

Mikaylee: For making a great start to the year in all aspects of school.

Pippa: For developing her leadership and initiative and being a great buddy.

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CAMPS

Reminder for the grade 6 cluster Sailing & Transition camp starts on Monday and will run through till Friday.

Grade 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the cluster. Information, permission & medical forms came home today.

Parent Helpers.

Thanks to Peter Hanley for contacting a heap of reading books. Thanks also to the swimming helpers.

Thur 19th Feb: Sammy & Peter H

Fri 20th Feb: Lindy & Sandy

Tues 24th Feb: Peter H & Rosie

Thur 26th Feb: Peter H & Sammy

Tues 3rd Mar: Cath C & Hannah

Thur 5th Mar: Peter H & Rosie

Fri 6th Mar: Lindy, Cath C & Sandy

ITALIAN

We have a new Italian teacher. Her name is Mrs Twitchett. Wednesday, Mrs Twitchett wrote a letter about herself then we had to write about our self for her. We wrote a short autobiography about ourselves in Italian and we also played a name game. Mrs Twitchett gave us a sheet of paper to colour in. After we coloured in the sheet, we cut it out and made it into a jigsaw puzzle. Then we pasted it on a blue piece of paper. It had all the regions of Italy. She taught us new names of regions in Italy. She is always happy, nice and a fun teacher.

Here are some thoughts from the younger kids...

Amilie said "I really enjoyed Italian." Edan said "it was good" and Darcy said "it was good, kind-of."

We thought it was a good lesson. We are glad to have a new Italian teacher. We are looking forward to our next lesson.

By Mikaylah (grade 6) and Yasi (grade 6)



PAYMENT PLANS

Invoices for swimming and excursions were sent out this week. As the year progresses we have many great excursions and camps to offer our students. The school and parents association subsidise a great proportion of the cost of these. We do rely on the payments from parents that we ask for.

As we started last year, 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

Clean Up Australia Day for schools is taking place on Friday 27th Feb. Come along at 9:30am if you'd like to help us clean Whitfield.