

NEWSLETTER

Term 1
February 4th, 2015

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Gr 3-6 Open Water Learning – Wang	Fri 6 th Feb
Gr 3-6 Cooking starts	Monday 9 th Feb
Information Night 7pm	Thurs 12 th Feb
School Council meeting – 7pm	Tuesday 17 th Feb
Swimming lessons depart 11:30 return 2:30	
17 th , 19 th , 20 th , 24 th , 26 th Feb. 3 rd , 5 th , 6 th Mar	
Grade 6 sailing Camp	Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Feb
Gr 3-6 Music Camp (day) @ 15 Mile Ck	Mon 2 nd Mar
Labour Day Holiday	Mon 9th Mar
Preps start full week	from Tues 10 th March
Gr 3-4 Camp @ 15 Mile Ck	Tues 10 th – Fri 13 th Mar
Parent/student/teacher interviews	24 th & 25 th March
Last Day of term 1 – 2:30 finish	Fri 27 th Mar
Term 2 starts	Mon 13 th 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 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 **Tuesday 17th Feb** starting at 7:00pm. The following meeting is the AGM, it will be held on Tuesday 17th March @ 7.00pm. All parents 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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PARENT HELPERS

A huge thank you to all the parents that have helped out in many ways already this year ☺ There was a great turn out for the working bee on Sunday and the grounds look great.



Thank you to the parents that have offered to help with the swimming program and to help listening to students read so far. We would like a few more offers to help with swimming on the 3 Thursdays we have planned (other days are fine), also it would be great to have a few more parents coming to listen to students read. This could be grandparents too! Please contact the school or return the blue form if you are able to assist. Thank you ☺
A roster will be created shortly.

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.

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 ☺

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'THUMBS UP' AWARD

Each week I have been very proud to give the Principal's 'Thumbs Up' Award to students that have been seen doing great things at our school and celebrate the actions of students that reinforce our school values. The latest recipients are:

Charlotte P: For making a great start to the year with home reading and returning notes to school.

Corrie: For his great skip counting work in maths.

Daphne: For her great efforts with her writing and great start to Home Reading this year.

NEW PREP's (and their buddies)



(From Top Left) Normie & Yasi, Pippa & Casey, Melita & Mikaylah
(From Middle Left) Delilah & Sophie, Declan & Toby, Emily & Hunter.
(Bottom Left) Isabelle & Jayden.

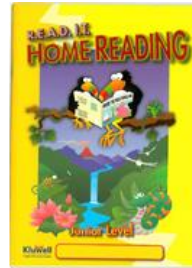
We have 7 new Prep students this year and they have made a fantastic start to their schooling and their buddies have been great in supporting them.

ITALIANO is back!

Welcome to Ms Peg Twitchett who has joined the school (and cluster) as our Italian language teacher. We have Italian on Wednesday's this year. We will continue to incorporate Italian into our cooking program on Monday and Miss B will also be introducing some Italian music terms this year too.



Literacy corner



HOME READING

We again have the 'Home Reading' this year across the school. These little yellow books (P-2) and green books (3-6) 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. Praise and encouragement goes a long way and can be added to the comments section as well.

Your help and nightly practice is vital. Reading at home has many benefits for your child and you.

It gives your child time to.....

1. Practice reading using the strategies we have learnt at school. (This week we have been learning how to use the pictures, diagrams and illustrations to help us work out the words.)
2. Develop good habits to help with future homework demands. (Make a regular time to read, after school, before tea, before bed or after breakfast. Find a time that suits you and your child.)
3. Have quiet time and a cuddle with you as they learn to enjoy books.

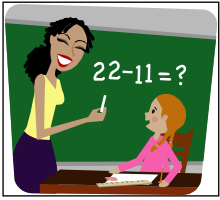
If you have any questions have a chat with Mark, Dianne or Claire or come along to the information night next Thursday 12th February at 7pm.

OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Grade 3-6's will be going to the Ovens River in Wangaratta **this Friday** to take part in an Open Water Learning Experience with Surf Life Saving Victoria. Students are reminded to bring bathers, rashie or t-shirt, shoes to get wet, towel, snacks, lunch, water bottle, hat and sunscreen. We will be leaving at 9am and returning during lunchtime.

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Numeracy corner

The school has purchased Mathletics for all students again this year. Students are able to log in at home and do some additional maths practice. Log in details remain the same for all existing students. Students in Mr Van Bergen's class already have their log in details pasted into their home reading records. Miss Bradbury's and Miss Feldtmann's classes will be doing so in the next few weeks.

CAMPS

We have some great camps coming up this term. The grade 6's have a cluster sailing & transition camp in Rye from the 23rd – 27th Feb. Students will complete a Yachting Australia – Start Sailing 1 course, and will have an awesome time while doing it. Permission, medical forms and further information will go home next week

Monday 2nd March, we have our first cluster music camp (one day) at 15 Mile Creek Camp. Students will be doing 4 different music activities on the day, which will culminate in a cluster music performance at the camp at the end of the day. More details in the next newsletter.

Grade 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the cluster. Information, permission & medical forms for this camp will come home next week.

CONTACTING BOOKS

We would greatly appreciate anyone that could offer to contact some reading books for the classrooms. We can send home the materials with your child or you are more than welcome to set yourself up at school with a cuppa and do some. Please let Dianne know if you can help. Thanks ☺

LIBRARY – with Mr. Lawler

Library this year will again have a Science focus. Students will still be borrowing books fortnightly but the bulk of the lesson will be Science based. Today students looked at living things which complements our term 1 science focus of 'life cycles and interdependence of living things'.



ART – with Mrs Capper

We welcome the return of Mrs Capper this year to deliver our Art to our students on Thursday's. Art will be in the alternate week to library (art next week).

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

Community Notice

**Moonlight Movie at
the Myrrhee Hall
6th February
7.00pm
...this Friday**



Grab your family and friends, pack your own chair, blanket or beanbag and settle in for a great show on the big screen at Summer In The Parks - Moonlight Movie Myrrhee. Free movie screening to attend with kids' activities beforehand. Community BBQ and soft drinks available for purchase (from \$2.00) 7:00pm with the film to beginning at dusk.

Life of Pi (PG)

Growing up in Pondicherry, 'French' India during the 1970s, Piscine, known to all as Pi, has a rich life. His father owns a zoo, and Pi spends his days among tigers, zebras, hippos, and other creatures. But after Pi attempts to befriend a Bengal tiger, named Richard Parker, the young boy hears a harsh lesson from his father about the relationship between human and beast. As circumstances worsen for them, the family decides to move to Canada, hitching a ride on a Japanese cargo ship, where they encounter a sadistic French chef. Soon, Pi finds himself in the company of a hyena, zebra, orang-utan, and Richard Parker after a shipwreck sets them adrift in the Pacific Ocean.