



Whitfield
District Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Term 1
March 4th, 2015

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming lessons depart 11:30 return 2:30	5th & 6th Mar
Labour Day Holiday	Mon 9th Mar
Preps start full week from Tues	10 th March
Gr 3-4 Camp @ 15 Mile Ck	Tues 10th – Fri 13th Mar
Parents Asscn meeting 2pm <i>Whitty café</i>	Wed 11th Mar
Nude Food Day	Wed 18th 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 dairy/calendar), as we now have the general permission form for local school excursions during school times.

Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge !

CLUSTER MUSIC DAY

On Monday 2nd March was the music day. It was at 15 Mile Creek, the 3-6's from the King Valley cluster were there. There were about 80 people. There were 4 groups: 5-6 blue, 5-6 orange, 3-4 green and 3-4 red. There was a guy called Shaba who came from Ghana!! He showed us some of his drumming then we played drums with him. He would call and we would respond. We made up a song and then made up a dance. We had 45 minutes each then swapped the groups around, then we had morning break.

By Darcy & Summer



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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 (or let us know if you need a form). All parents are welcome to attend school council meetings. Please consider being part of this fantastic group that help shape our school.

Friday – Last swimming session. Bring \$2.

Our final swim session is this Friday. All students will be swimming at the Barr Reserve Pool. Students can bring \$2 for a treat at the end of the session.

Sailing camp



Mikaylah's highlights were: Sailing on the Bics and going faster than the Opti's. The Bics were so fun. Also fishing off Mr Cross's boat and learning how to sail.

Yasi's highlights were: Not giving up on the first day and sailing on the Bics. It was awesome. Also fishing on Mr Cross's boat.



Jayden's highlights were: Sailing on the Bics, going up on the side of the Bics, Snorkelling under the pier and diving down to the bottom. Pippa's highlights were: Falling off the Bics and fishing.



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Hunter's highlight was: Fishing on Mr Cross's boat.



Toby's highlights were: Fishing on Mr Cross's boat and being the team captain. Being team captain is not as easy as you think it is! You have to check the wind direction every five minutes and you have to work out all these tactics and moves. You also have a lot of pressure on you if you're team captain. My team did well.



Toby was very funny on the last day of sailing. He was leaning back so far that his back was touching the water. He did that so that he could go faster.



Bob was our sailing instructor. He taught us how to sail a boat, what knots are, they are how many km per hour the boat goes. He also taught us how to turn the boat and how to tack and jibe.



A third of this camp was history. Another was marine biology and the last one was sailing. We all thought it was a great camp. By the year 6's



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.

Clean Up Australia Day.

On Friday Whitfield District Primary School students cleaned up Whitfield.

P-2 cleaned up our school and the town football ground. We found aluminum cans, a ball, a tiny jaw bone, glass, plastic, straw wrappers, paper, straws, food wrappers, a 20 cent coin from 1975, a rubber, hard plastic, a beer bottle, tissues, cardboard, 2 plastic bags, wire, metal and foil.



The 3-6 students cleaned up around the streets of Whitfield, they found plastic bags, cigarette butts, food wrappers, wood, bottle caps, glass, cans and \$2.00

All together we only had 1/3 a bag of rubbish and about a 1/4 of a bag of recyclables.

We think Whitfield was pretty clean but we can do better.

Remember don't litter. It could be dangerous to wildlife or people. Glass bottles can cause fires and it just doesn't look good.

By the Prep – 2 students



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 😊

'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:

Emilio: For his tremendous efforts with his reading at school and home.

Angus: For fantastic participation and enthusiasm in all cluster music day activities.

Mikaylah: For her initiative and outstanding help setting up equipment for the cluster music day.



Literacy corner

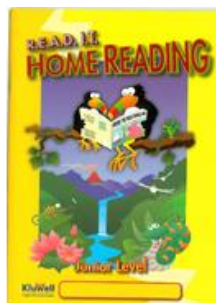
Earlier this term we all brought artefacts to school. Darcy brought a teddy called doggie, Xander brought a booklet from China that his class made for him and Tom brought a photo of him as a baby with his Dad. Lachlan was away when we had to bring artefacts but he would have brought his teddy Sparkles. We also had to write about why we chose it and why it is special to us!

Two of our classes have class novels. The Epic's class novel is 'Gorilla Grab' and the Pro's class novel is 'Journey to Jo'burg'. In Gorilla Grab Mozz wanted Leo to go into the sky jet. In Journey to Jo'burg two kids Naledi and Tiro want to find their mum, because their baby sister is sick.

The Pro's class are doing a picture book challenge for the semester. On a Friday we read picture books and we have to write the author, title and a bit about the book. At the end of the semester we nominate a book each and find out "picture book of the semester".

We are learning about phrasing, lilts, intonation and quotation marks. We have been practicing our expression in reading and have been making voices for different characters. By Xander, Darcy, Tom & Lachlan

****Note: The 3 classrooms in the school are known as 'The Awesome's' (Miss Feldtmann's), 'The Epic's' (Miss Bradbury's) and 'The Pro's' (Mr. Van Bergen's)**



Congratulations 25 nights home reading already!

Emily, Normie, Emilio, Zoi, Summer, Charlotte R, Mikaylee, Kalika, Cope, Sophie, Tom, Toby, Yasi, Charlotte P, Pippa, Mikaylah

Well done to these students (and parents!)

ITALIAN

Every Wednesday we have Italian, our teacher is Signora Twitchett. We've been doing profiles and greetings with her, it has been fun. We learnt a new song. The Epic's also learnt a new game. We have had 5 Italian lessons. Cope said "it's really good" and Kalika said "it's awesome." Signora Twitchett is really fun but she teaches us a lot of it while we are having fun. Caio/good bye

By Charlotte, Amilie and Sophie



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CAMPS

Reminder Grade 3-4's have a 4 day/3 night camp at 15 Mile Creek with the cluster. Students will depart school at 9am on Tuesday 10th March and will return on Friday 13th March before 3:30pm. Still one or two medical forms to be returned. Please do this ASAP.

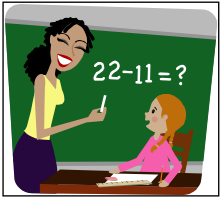
Parent Helpers - swimming

Thur 5th Mar: Peter H & Rosie

Fri 6th Mar: Lindy, Cath C & Sandy

Students need to remember to bring \$2.00





Numeracy corner

One thing that the Pro's class is doing is 5 minute maths, it is when we get a 12 sided dice and when the time starts you have to roll the dice, you write down the number and put down a multiplication symbol then you roll the dice again and write down the number that you rolled and then you write what it equals, such as $8 \times 6 = 48$



The Epic's do 5 minute maths and 2 minute multiplication. Miss B gives us a number to count by and we have to write as many as we can in two minutes.
By Viveka and Kalika

SWIMMING

This month we have been doing swimming lessons at the pool. There are three groups at Moore's pool and two groups at the YMCA pool.

This week is week two of swimming lessons. Everyone is really enjoying it, and it is really good for the preps because they probably haven't been swimming as much. We go to swimming once everybody has finished eating their sandwich. At the end of our lesson we get to have a few minutes free time. When we go home a lot of people like to make towel cubbies on the bus or some people have a little sleep.

We leave school at 11:30 & get back to school at 2:30 and have something to eat. We have had a great time so far, we can't wait to go next week.

By Cope, Charlotte P & Angus



PAYMENT PLANS

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

LIBRARY

In library the Epic's have been making living things in 3D they made little models of living things. "We did projects on living things," said Daphne. Amilie did a little project on living things, she made little trees out of paper.

In library the Pro's have been making posters about living things. Viveka and Cheniqua did an experiment on living things and turned flowers blue and they are growing snow peas in a tissue, snow peas in dirt, and an acorn. They also are making a tomato go rotten in a plastic bag because the plastic bag is like a hot house. Some of the Pro's have been researching information on living things in the lesson.

Some of the kids got to keep some of the old books from the library bus.

By Bella and Daphne



MUSIC DAY

On Monday 3-6's went to 15 Mile Creek for music day!!! There were 4 workshops and 4 groups. The groups were 5-6 blue, 5-6 orange, 3-4 red and 3-4 green. At the end of the day we put on a show. The 5-6's played The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Benowa and played a song on the Djembes. The 3-4's did an African dance and songs: Funga Alafai & Che Che Coule.

