



# NEWSLETTER

Term 2  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Exceptional Educational Experiences

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Naplan tests yr 3 & 5	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Aths practice @ Whitfield PS 12:00-2:30	Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Personal Best Athletics – Wangaratta	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May
School Council Meeting @ 7pm	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Lion King Musical – Melbourne	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Responsible Pet Ownership visit	Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Zone Cross Country – Barr Reserve	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Queens B'day public holiday	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Pupil Free Day	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 2 ends	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June

### LION KING – Regent Theatre Melbourne.

**REMINDER:** We must know ticket numbers for the Lion King from each family by **tomorrow**.

Therefore, by Thursday afternoon we will know if we have any spare tickets available for volunteers or additional family members.

The Lion King is next Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup> May) Everyone needs to be at school by **7:50am**. There will be **NO school bus** operating on this day. We will return approximately 8:30 – 9:00pm. **Students must wear full school uniform.**



### 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)

**Stick the latest newsletter on your fridge !**



# Literacy corner

### KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM - POETRY

Every week students with their buddy work on their garden bed which provides produce for the kitchen garden cooking program. The students have been contributing to our kitchen garden blog. The website address is <http://whitfieldkitchengarden.wordpress.com>

This fortnight for something different, we asked the students to write some poetry about an aspect of the kitchen garden program. We hope you enjoy the different types of poems that students have written.

### GARDEN

In the garden there are bugs  
There are slugs  
There are also grubs

Everyone can get grubby  
And it's not that funny  
The bugs look ugly  
And they're always yucky



When the bugs get hungry  
They eat your plants  
Their tummy gets full  
Oh no! they're eating my plants.  
By Cheniqua

### COOKING

Cooking is fun,  
for everyone.  
Bolognaise and pasta,  
gives me energy to go faster.  
All the sweets, are a great treat  
The teachers have features.  
The helpers work like smelters.

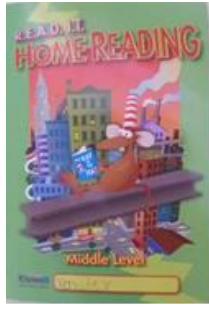


So that is why cooking is fun,  
for everyone!  
By Xander

### MUFFINS

Apple and cinnamon muffins  
Sweet and yummy  
Milk, butter, apple, flour and sugar  
Cooked to perfection  
Come and try the finest muffins  
By Toby





**Congratulations 50 nights home reading!**

Casey, Judd

**Congratulations 75 nights home reading!**

Normie, Cope, Darcy, Charlotte P, Sophie, Lachlan, Pippa, Cheniqua, Viveka

**Congratulations 100 nights home reading!**

Mikaylah

**Well done to these students (and parents!)**

**MORE KITCHEN GARDEN POETRY**

**GARDENING POEM**

In different seasons of the year lots things come and grow.

In Summer there's tomatoes

In Winter there's parsnips

In Autumn there are broad beans

And in spring there are eggplants.

By Sophie

**TASTE**

Sweet, sour, spice, nice

All flavours all nice yum!

Yuck! Does not matter what you like!

Juicy, chewy, gooey

Taste, taste, and taste it might be good but it might be bad

Try it and see if you like it.

By Summer



**GARDEN**

You look after a garden to get food.

Plant seedlings to get nice vegetables

you need to water and take care.

Grubs like the vegetables as much as we do.

Vegetables yum.

By Yasmina

**PLANTING**

A different season has come.

It's time to plant some different plants.

For the new seedlings,

carefully pull the plant out of its tub.

Pull the seedlings out of the dirt

Carefully don't rip the roots

Drag the plants over to the hole

Watch the plant change.

It's now the next season.

By Mikaylah



**GARDENING**

Will help plants grow

A nice thing to do

Turning soil is good for plants

Excellent fun

Really fun

I love getting wet

Nutrition

Gardening is great!

By Tom



**COOKING**

In the kitchen we always feel

Like we need a tasty meal.

We will sometimes need a pan

And all the time we need a fan.

We always feel like something yummy

But at the table it can get very funny.

We always have something to taste

And at the table there is sometimes paste.

In a pan we will use oil

And sometimes we may even boil.

Sometimes we will make pasta

And usually I will eat a lot faster.

In the kitchen we have a lot of fun

Now my poem is all done.

By Charlotte P



**TASTE**

Some ate sweet things

Some ate sour things

Hot or cold sweet or sour

All flavours are nice

Even those with spice

Yum yum, so nice !

By Kalika

**WATER**



Water

Slimy Liquid

Good for gardens

Wet and very cold

Delicious

**C**ooking is very fun

**O**ver the years I have learnt a lot of recipes

**O**n Monday we go to cooking

**K**itchens are fun to be in

**I**n kitchens we cook a lot of food

**N**ear the oven is very hot

**G**etting burnt isn't good

By Bella



## HOT LUNCHES

Thanks to Rachel and Berny for the yummy lasagna and chocolate ripple cake and to Lindy and Nicky S for the tasty hamburgers and slice for dessert. We all love hot lunches!



## 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](mailto:whitfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- \*or supply **a note** before or after the absence.

## '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:

**Isabelle:** For always being polite and well mannered and for fantastic writing.

**Darcy:** For excellent ideas with his writing.

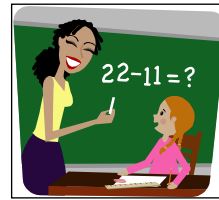
**Viveka:** For taking control in her personal learning in projects and her punctuality.

## 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 😊**

## Instrumental Music

Since school started in February we have consistently had 20 students (19 students and one adult) learning instruments through our instrumental program that is run before and during school hours. The instruments that the students are learning include keyboard/piano, drums, acoustic guitar and singing.



# Numeracy corner

## TIME

The teaching of 'Time' is not just restricted to reading a clock, in the last newsletter we gave some suggestions on 'time' topics to discuss with your child, this week add some calendar questions to your conversations. *How many days until...? What day will it be in 5 days' time...? How long to someone's birthday...? How many days, weeks, or months ago was (significant event)...?*

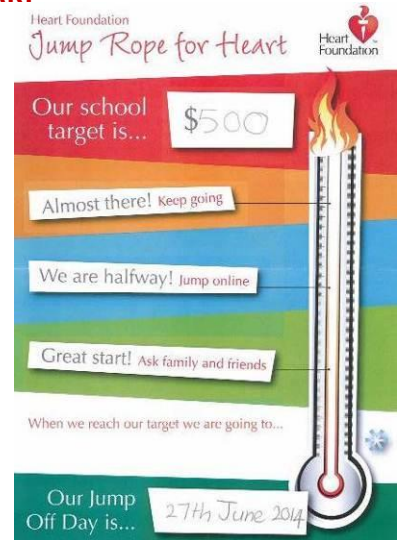


## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Students have their Jump Rope for Heart sponsorship forms. The students have already started to practice their skipping skills.

The 'Jump Off Day' is the last day of term. Sponsorship money needs to be handed in by this day. The school will have a pizza

lunch and invites parents, families and community members to attend and see a great demonstration of skipping by our students. Thanks in advance for your support.



## Victorian premiers' reading challenge

Students are again taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Recording books in your child's home reader is a good source of evidence that we can use to verify books.

**COLD WEATHER IS HERE, MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S JUMPER IS NAMED.**

## PERSONAL BEST ATHLETICS

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY**

The Personal Best Sports is a fantastic day for students and their parents. The Personal Best Sports are held at APPIN PARK athletics track in Wangaratta. Students need to be at the athletics track at **9:30am**. There is **no bus** on this day. Parents need to organise their own transport arrangements. The day concludes at approximately 2:45pm. If the day is postponed due to bad weather an announcement will be made on 3NE at 7.30am.



## SCIENCE

### Living and Non Living Things

During Term 1 the students were learning about living and non-living things and completed some activities that classified these into categories. They used magnifying glasses to find things from around the school, learned about life cycles and the Year 3-6 students presented a poster, book or movie to the rest of the class.

### Heat and Light

This term the school has started learning about Heat and Light. The students have discussed how energy produces heat and completed an experiment using ice blocks. One ice block was a 'control' which wasn't touched and the other they had to melt as quickly as possible using any method (as long as it didn't go in their mouths!). They will also be conducting hands-on science experiments about what material is the best conductor of heat and different ways to produce light.



## CLASSROOM MUSIC

All of the students have been working on African songs/pieces and also jazz and blues songs for whole school CD production in early Term 3. Please read below for more details.

**Awesomes':** During this semester the students are learning to play the recorder, sing some Lion King songs and learn how to play the djembes and African percussion instruments. They have also been using music card games to practice their understanding of brass, string, percussion and wind instruments.

**Epics:** The students have been learning how to do 'slurs' on the recorder, learn some Lion King songs and form a drumming circle learning a more difficult 4 part djembe and African percussion piece. They have also begun learning some basic chords on the guitar.

**Pros:** During Term 1 the students worked hard learning two African pieces that they performed at the Cluster Music Day in March. Throughout the semester they have been learning some Lion King songs, writing their own Blues songs (in small groups) and learning and polishing some recorder, vocal and instrumental jazz and blues songs for our whole school CD.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### FOOTY & NETBALL CLINICS AT WHITFIELD



### Free - volunteer run, Footy & Netball clinics for school kids

The clinics run from **4:30pm – 5:30pm** (note the new time) on Thursday's at the Whitfield Rec. Reserve. Sausages for the kids after training. Parent help greatly appreciated!

### BIGGEST MORNING TEA @ Cheshunt Hall

**10:00am Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

### Gold Coin Donation

**Organised by the King Valley Craft Group**

For more information speak to Linda Corke