Term 2

22 May 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

OPEN DAY—EDUCATION WEEK

Open Morning

Our school was open this morning from 9:30am to 12 noon for those who wished to see the school and kindergarten in action. Thank you to Liesl, Susie, Kirra and Kate who ran well received tours and to Kath and Kathy in the canteen who provided morning tea for our visitors. We would also like to thank Sam Hume for giving up his time to entertain the visitors to our school.

Kathy Walker—RESILIENCE and SELF-ESTEEM

On Monday night Kathy Walker captivated an audience of over 70 people as she spoke candidly and with humour about the trials, challenges and joys of parenting. It was a presentation that was met with a huge amount of positive feedback from those who attended. As a result we have been asked to continue to provide these opportunities for parents and to continue to put articles in the newsletter. Both of these we are hopeful that we can accommodate.

Dance and Display at Blackburn North Shopping Centre

On Monday morning a group of our students performed a dance and song at Blackburn North Shopping Centre. They performed two wonderful sets to the delight of the audience. It was clear that the children enjoyed performing and were proud ambassadors of our school.

If you visit the shopping centre make sure that you have a look at the display that has been created by the Marketing and Promotions Committee. The team of parents and staff put the display up on Sunday afternoon and we thank them very much for being so giving of their time and creativity.
Twilight Fair—22nd November 2013—

Mark this date in your diary!

The Fair is on its way! We are holding our first Fair Committee meeting on Tuesday 28th May. This meeting is just to outline what the Fair will consist of and begin to develop the schedule.

Emptying the Yellow Shipping Container

An emergency Working Bee was held on Friday night. We needed to empty the yellow container as it has been sold and needed to be moved more quickly than we had expected. Also the blue container needed to be emptied of the scrap metal so that we could use the space. Thank you to Darby who organised the emptying of the yellow container along with the team who turned up to help and to Greg who organised that the blue container was cleared in preparation.

Mother’s Day Stall

Parents of Whitehorse (POW) held a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 10th May. The stall was very ably organised by Jo Foster-Johnson and sales on the day totalled $1,232.10. This is not a fundraising activity but a community service. Many thanks go to Jo and the helpers for helping to make Mother’s Day special.

Mother’s Day Morning Tea

The Mother’s Day Morning Tea was also held on Friday 10th May. It was a wonderful event with over sixty Mums, Grandmas and other special people in attendance. The morning tea was luscious, beautifully laid out and enjoyed by all. This was a wonderful event and we thank everyone who was involved in making it so very special. At the morning tea $80.00 was raised for Breast Cancer through a gold coin donation.

iPad Training/Information Session

Last Wednesday night a number of people attended the information/training session for iPads. Our thanks go to Liesl who ran the session. We are hopeful that Liesl will be willing to run further sessions later in the year.

House Cross Country

Also on Friday 10th May we held our House Cross Country. The weather was very kind to us and it was a thrill to see so many parents attending and cheering their children on.

The results were:
1st WOOD
2nd DUNLOP
3rd COWAN
4th HOLLOWS

District Cross Country

The District Cross Country was held last week and we had over 50 children attend. Congratulations must go to all children who gave it their best. A very special mention goes to Charlotte T who came first in the 10 year old girls event and Louise H who came ninth in the 11 year old Girls event. Both Charlotte and Louise will be competing in the Divisional competition and we wish them every success.

Kerry Wood

WPS FOOTY TIPPING

Round 8

Congratulations go to Amelia of 1/2A and her dad, George. They selected 9 winners in a very tricky round of football when Collingwood defeated Geelong (extraordinary) and Brisbane defeated Essendon (amazing). They receive a supersized Carlton Static Logo for their efforts.

Good luck for Round 9.

Mandy Lewis
District Cross Country

On Friday 17th May Whitehorse Primary competed in the Nunawading & District Sports Association Cross Country at Ruffy Park Lake. We had two students who finished in the top ten in their age groups and will now go on to compete in next level. Congratulations to Charlotte T who finished first and Louise who finished ninth. All our students tried their best and represented the school very well. A special mention goes to the following students who finished in the top 30 in their age groups; Braedyn B, Belal, Elijah, Peter, Riley, Jayden, Max C, Anjana and Ashley.
Preps at Chesterfield Farm
Tuesday, May 14th
KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

A huge thankyou to all our volunteers for their regular help and a special thanks to Eugene Burton for building a new garden bed in our Stephanie Alexander garden. We will be growing at least 6 types of mint in the new bed. The wall also supports our tunnel structure that will have grape vines growing on it in Summer. We have 3 more garden beds on our wish list so please contact Julie if you can help construct garden walls....Please!!

Please keep bringing in lawn clippings for our compost as its making a BIG difference to the quantity we can make. Our compost is better than any you can buy. So get out in this lovely Autumn weather and bag up those leaves for our program. You can add them to compost bay 1, or preferably, leave the full bags there for us to deal with.

More volunteers are very welcome, as it keeps our program running in the best possible way. Every week a volunteer comments about how much they get out of it when they didn’t expect to!!

Julie Jensz
Garden Specialist

Donvale Football Club AFL Clinic

On Thursday 23rd May, Grades 3/4 and 4/5 will have the opportunity to participate in an AFL clinic. Students will be able to increase their confidence in AFL and build on their skills through fun activities.

Blackburn North Shopping Centre Performance

As part of education week, students were selected to be part of a performance at the local shopping centre, on Monday the 20th May. The students involved gave up their lunchtimes to practise and rehearse for the performance. They have all done a fabulous job in representing the school.

Well done!

Priscilla Lefebure
PE Teacher
SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

As the weather is getting colder, and the idea of nice, warming food is becoming popular, we have decided to change a few items on the menu. A new winter menu will be available to families in June.

As our pasta dish with meatballs has been popular, we will be keeping this as a menu item and add a yummy meatball sub (long roll with meatballs in a tomato sauce with a sprinkling of tasty cheese).

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We hope you enjoy the new additions to the menu,

Katherine Clarke and Kathy Zougakis

KINDERGARTEN

4 year old group

We celebrated Mother's Day/Special Person's Day at kinder sharing a delicious morning Devonshire Tea together with our loved ones. The children were very excited to bake scones, whip cream, make special gifts and cards and also add to our repertoire of songs, learning new songs to celebrate love, families and mothers. It was lovely to see our kinder room busy and buzzing with an opportunity to interact with each other and the children. The children really enjoyed performing our songs and we were very proud of their efforts and shared enthusiasm.

We have enjoyed using our new multi-cultural instruments in music and movement experiences at kinder. We have invited families to share their cultural backgrounds with us and last week we were fortunate to learn more about the Indian culture with Jassraj's mum visiting the children. We learnt about the many different festivals celebrated throughout the year, traditional dishes and we even danced to traditional music together.

This week the children are delighted to use our new painting easel which has invited many opportunities for creativity.

Annamaria, Narelle & Jude

Secondhand Uniform Shop

Don’t forget that the Secondhand Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30pm—3:30pm in the Conference Room. Any donations of uniform you no longer need can be left at the school office.

Thank you to everyone who have been returning stickers or completed sticker sheets. We have over 75 completed sheets which is fantastic. Please keep them coming, they can be returned to either the green box in the school office foyer or the Whitehorse PS box outside Woolworths at Blackburn North Shopping Centre.
MESMERIZED
A Theatre Spectacular

Magic Duo
Sam & Justin
Lead This
Australian
Premiere Magic
Show Featuring
Insane
Illusions,
Circus Stunts,
Side-Splitting
Comedy, And A
Special Guest
Performance
You Don’t
Want To Miss

JULY 2ND - 7PM
JULY 3RD - 9PM
Northcote Town Hall
189 high street

Book Your Ticket At:
melbournemagicfestival.com
Or Tix Available At The Door
Ph. Bookings - 9481 9500
Adults - $20  Kids - $15
AMELIA’S FUNDRAISER

On September 28th 2011, when Amelia was 5 years old, she had an accident where was badly burnt. She suffered third degree burns to 40% of her body.

Amelia spent over four months in the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne. During this time she underwent more than 20 operations for skin grafting. Whilst in Intensive Care Amelia’s trachea was severely damaged and she had to have a tracheostomy tube inserted into her throat. She still has this today. This means that Amelia has no voice and communicates by making sounds with her mouth.

In July 2012 she had major surgery to repair her trachea. However this failed. Amelia’s Australian doctors have now referred her to an expert in Switzerland who can perform another type of operation whereby the trachea would be repaired and her voice would return with a high chance of success. This surgery will cost $90,000. We, Amelia’s parents, have appealed to the Australian government for funding. However this was rejected. We are now left with covering it by our own means and are reaching out to the community for help.

The emotional challenge of overcoming the accident and dealing with her changed world is huge however all of the positive thoughts and prayers that have been coming her way since have comforted Amelia and us and helped us all through. After such an experience one can truly see the good in the world.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed and thank you to those who are continuing to keep her in your hearts. Our little girl has been through so much and the miracle of being able to talk again would be a dream come true

If you would like to donate to Amelia and her family please enter your donation through https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/fVLx7