Term 3

31 July 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Working Bee

On Sunday we held our working bee. It was wonderful to see so many jobs being achieved. At long last our outdoor tables have been put together and installed above the amphitheatre and will be so useful. Some of us even enjoyed our sausage seated at them.

Also the long jump pit was begun next to the playground in preparation for the upcoming District Athletics. The area has been dug out and can double as another sandpit. The new BBQs were put together in readiness for the Twilight Fair in November and plenty of sweeping, weeding and cleaning up was also done.

We are very grateful to all the families who worked so hard on the day and to Karen McCrohan who supplied a scrumptious morning tea including scones jam and cream!

Orchard

Some of you may have noticed that the orchard has been relocated to the other side of the school. We found that the ground was too damp and the trees were not doing so well. We are looking forward to seeing them fruit this season.

Uniform—Models Needed!

We are proud of our school and the uniform forms a very important part of that. Of course, all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform. In order for new and existing families to know what that consists of we are putting together a pamphlet with all the information necessary. We are looking for volunteers to model the uniforms for the photographs. If you are happy for your child’s photograph to be in the pamphlet please let Michelle in the office know.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
Showcase Dinners

The first of our Showcase Dinners during this term is being held tonight for 5/6A. The children are really looking forward to showcasing their culinary talents and skills.

Don’t forget that each grade has its own evening planned and we encourage the families to enjoy this special evening with them. The children are rightfully proud of what they can do and this is a real opportunity for them to showcase their skills. A notice regarding these events was sent home at the end of last term.

Grades and Nights

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Twilight Fair

The next meeting is August 13th in the Conference Room. See you there! Look for the Fair Newsletter with all the latest information.

Welcome to Heather

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Heather Roberts to our community. Heather has taken over the educational role in the 4 year old Kinder. We are thrilled to have Heather join us and I am sure you will make her feel welcome.

Parenting Information

Parenting is perhaps the toughest job we ever do. It is relentless and joyous in equal measure. It is also one that has no finite rules or answers. As a school we are always looking for resources for families that are easy to access and useful. We hope that the link below may be of some use.

Dancers—Irish and Scottish

You may be aware that we have two families that compete in dancing competitions. Last weekend Louise and Ethan Hewitt competed in the State Championships each becoming State Champions! Their mum, Donna was kind enough to supply us with some photos. This is an amazing achievement and we congratulate both Louise and Ethan and, of course, their parents who support them along the way.

We also have Kathryn Attlier who will be leaving for Scotland next week to compete in the World Scottish Dancing Championships being held in Glasgow. This is the same city where the Commonwealth Games will soon be held. We are looking forward to hearing how she is goes and we wish her all the success.

Parent Survey

Last week we sent out Parent Opinion Surveys to a random sample of parents. They are due to be returned by this Friday 2nd August. We are keen to get back as many surveys as possible.

Kerry Wood

http://raisingchildren.net.au/
A Wonderful Working Bee

Last Sunday 19 families attended our Working Bee. The yard was swept and tidied and an enthusiastic group, lead by Greg Robinson, worked together to assemble and install the outdoor tables and chairs. They have created an inviting area to sit and the children have been enjoying them already.

Another group of people worked to install a long jump pit on the oval in preparation for this year's Inter School Sports. It was a chance for some big boys to play with some big “boy toys” while a third group assembled our newly purchased barbeques.

Again all the work was well rewarded with a sausage sizzle.

A huge thankyou to all the families who attended, including some new families: Robinson, McLeod, Nelson, Robertson, Coulthard, Martin, Mc Crohan, Pietersen, To Rure, Worcester, Fly, Wood, Lemmer, Edgell, Clarke, Harley, Downes, Ashe/Fisher and Burton.

Whitehorse Primary School
is celebrating Fathers Day 2013 with

KIDS & DADS PIZZA NIGHT
FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2013

Make your own gourmet pizza
Cook in a REAL wood-fired oven
Watch footy on the big screen

Full details next week
SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS
This weeks specials include:
Soup of the Day - Chicken and Corn
Muffins- Banana and Milk Choc Chip
Cookies - Jam Drops
Popcorn and Cranberry Slice

Please note, a new canteen price list for Term 3 was sent out last week. Some alterations were made to the menu and prices.

Thanks,
Kath Clarke and Kathy Zougakis

DONATIONS NEEDED
Our stock is low and with children growing, please consider donating your unwanted uniform pieces to the second hand uniform shop. The shop, located next to the office in the Conference room, is supplied 100% from donations from the school community, and is available to everyone for purchase. All monies raised go directly to funding facilities for our children.

GRADE 5/6 MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST

This year the grade 5/6 students have decided to hold a movie night as a fundraiser venture towards their Grade 6 jumpers for 2014 and the 2013 end of year activity.

In the past, the students have held weekly stalls to raise funds however for this year a Movie Night was decided upon. We are planning for the Movie Night to become a regular feature of future Grade 5/6 years.

The Movie Night is for ALL students from Kinder to 6.

Both movies will be screened at the Whitehorse Cinemas, which is the Grade 5/6 classroom. The night will be divided into 2 movie session times and tickets are $10, which will include snacks, drinks and the movie.

Kinder to Grade 2 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm— “Monsters Inc” (G)

Grade 3 to Grade 6 – 7.30pm to 9.30pm—“Despicable Me” (PG)

Be on the lookout for your notice about this special event and make sure your child secures a seat at the inaugural Movie Night.

Thank You
Sara Hudson & Lisa Hume
5/6 Teachers
WPS FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Round 17  No winners

Round 18  Congratulations go to Jason W. Both he and Duncan M tipped 9 winners in this round but Jason W was the overall winner. The prize for this round was a magnificent pair of Hawthorn socks. The home and away games are drawing to a close with only 5 rounds remaining. The leader continues to be Dylan N of 5/6A with a large group of tippers jostling for position below him.

Good luck for next week.

Mandy Lewis

YOUR CHOOKS NEED YOU

At present we have no one to look after our chickens for the rest of the term. We desperately need families to volunteer and fill our roster. If you can help us, please contact the office ASAP.

STUDENT BANKING

Don’t forget Student banking every Wednesday.

Expression of Interest – Indoor Soccer

At this stage this will be a one-off session. With sufficient interest, we will be looking to run a 4-6 week course once per term.

Location: Whitehorse Primary School
Date: TBA
Time: Wednesday 5:30pm, one hour session
Cost: $15 per child
Session Outline: Rules, Dribbling, Passing, Shooting, Mini Match
Age group: Under 12’s
Min participants: 8
Max participants: 12-14

The Evolution Futsal skills sessions are designed for every skill level!

With experienced coaches we'll be able to train your child to become the next soccer star of tomorrow giving them a head start above everyone else! In a friendly environment your child will not only learn how to play the world game, they'll get fit and make new friends!

If you are interested in your child participating in this after school activity, please contact Braden or Adam via email with your contact details.

braden@evolutionfutsal.com.au (0448 749 732)
adam@evolutionfutsal.com.au

EMA 2013

Applications for the 2nd instalment of EMA are due by 2 August 2013.

If you applied for EMA at Whitehorse Primary in Term 1, there is no need to reapply.

If you are new to the school and are eligible to apply please collect an application form at the office.
Dear Parents,

Please download and install the following Apps from iTunes for your child’s iPad. View this page on the school website and click on the icon to the left, to link directly to the iTunes store.

**GarageBand (Y3-6)** – Students will learn how to create their own original music. $5.49

**JellyBean Tunes (All)** – You will learn theory, accompany, create and replay your own music. $0.99

**MSO Learn (All)** – Listen to all the instruments of an orchestra playing together or select an individual instrument to explore the typical repertoire of that instrument. Get to know our hardworking Melbourne Symphony Orchestra musicians and listen to their favourite selections of music. (Free)

**Socrative (All)** - Engage the entire classroom with educational exercises and games to provide student feedback, while capturing results in real-time. Parents help required to set up student version of Socrative on iPads (requires two devices minimum to test at home). Free

Paul Merriweather (Music)