24 April 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER!!

Please note that as from this week the newsletter will come out fortnightly. Our next newsletter will be published on Wednesday 8th May.

ANZAC Day

Tomorrow is ANZAC Day so there will be no school.

Open Day—Education Week

On Monday 20th May we have Kathy Walker speaking at the school from 7:00pm.

As one of Australia’s leading parenting and education experts, public speakers and authors Kathy was nominated for Australian of the Year in 2012 and has won many awards and fellowships throughout her career. She is a Fellow of the Australian Educational Leaders and is the Founding Director of Early Life Foundations.

We encourage you to take the opportunity to hear Kathy speak. Tours of the school will also be available during that evening.

The school will also be open on the morning of Wednesday 22nd May from 9:30am to 12 noon for those who wish to see the school and kindergarten in action and tours can be arranged in the afternoon by appointment.

Working Bee

Please mark in your diary that we are holding a Working Bee on Sunday 5th May. We have many jobs on the list...
to be done including completing the final stairs up to the oval, putting some rubbish in the dumper, sorting out the BBQs and sweeping and weeding. We would be thrilled to see as many families as possible attending.

There will be a sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the Working Bee.

School Photos

School Photos are being taken on Tuesday 30th April. We have sent home the order forms. If you would like photos please ensure that they are in on time. Family photo forms are available from the office.

**District Tennis**

On Monday Shady, Jayden, Claire, Charlotte H and Brigit competed in the District Tennis competition. All five played well with Shady, Brigit and Claire making it through to the semi-finals and finals. Brigit will now compete in the Divisional finals next week. Congratulations to all and we look forward to next week. A full report on the day is elsewhere in the newsletter.

*Kerry Wood*

KITCHEN REVIEWS

All students from grade 3 to 6 participate each in this wonderful program, namely the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Below are some of the thoughts of some grade 5/6 students.

**My Experiences in the Kitchen and Garden**

The kitchen has helped me in many ways like how to cut with a knife. Most people think it is simple but REALLY IT ISN'T. The first thing you need to do is to make sure you always hold the object hard and it is turned out.

When I get home I just want to cook, but sometimes I get told off by my sister because I can’t stop cooking!

Garden has taught me many things. My budgie had mites. Julie told me what mites were and how to treat him. In every garden session I learn something which I could never in my life have guessed. Julie is always teaching us new things.

By Melissa P 5/6B

The kitchen garden program has helped me a lot at home. I usually make desserts and sometimes I make dinner. The way the kitchen garden program has helped me is with my knife techniques. Before I used to think you chop the herbs or vegetables the same way but now I know that chopping can be different for all different foods.

The garden has taught me how to plant and grow different plants and how to care for them. I got my nickname from the garden – Baba Ganoush.

By Joshua 5/6A

When I started in the kitchen garden program I did not like to try the many different foods we cooked because I thought I would not like them. I always tried the bread and then look at all the different colours in our food - but that was now all changed!

Before the holidays, I got asked to make vegie sausage rolls by my Nan. While I was making the vegie rolls, I found it lots of fun to cook at home. When they were cooked, I was thinking will I like them or not...so I had a try and they were delicious!

When the holidays came around I cooked them again for my cousins and was worried about if they would like them. They tried them and they told me they were amazing! I felt proud of myself.

I decided from then on that I would try to taste the foods we cook at school; even the vegetarian foods and you know what..... the food we cook at school is really good!

By Max S 5/6A
**WPS FOOTY TIPPING**

There was only one tipper who tipped 9 winners in Round 4. Congratulations to Dylan N from 5/6. Dylan has won a Herald Sun DVD AFL Marks and Goals. Good luck for Round 5 and 6 everyone!

Don't forget to get your tips in each week.

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**KINDERGARTEN**

**4 year old group**

We have settled back into term 2 with many adventures to share and explore. The children have really enjoyed contributing to small group discussions as we begin our show and share times. Our focus being on developing the children's confidence in speaking in front of peers, showing other's our respect by listening to their stories, showing an interest in others and developing a sense of belonging and identity.

The children are really enjoying our sing song book at circle times. Singing and musc times at kinder develop the children's language and vocabulary and builds confidence in expressing feelings and ideas with others.

Our visits to the library, now on Mondays is also another experience the children have missed and enjoy.

We will soon prepare for our Mother's/Special Person's Morning Tea coming up and next week we will welcome the Living Eggs Hatching Program. We will watch and care for 12 baby chicks! How exciting and what a learning journey that will be!

Annamaria, Narelle and Jude

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**MULLAUNA SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**GRADE 6 SPORTS DAY**

On the very last school day of Term1, the Grade 6 students attended a Sports Day at Mullauna Secondary College.

The students had the opportunity to be a Year 7 for the day and participated in some fun activities that were organised by the college. The group was divided into two and each group was led by past Whitehorse Primary School from last year. Some of the activities were table tennis, dancing, Pilates and a fitness circuit.

This excursion was a valuable learning experience for the students regardless of the Secondary School they will be attending. The students got to experience being in an environment with older students and working with a variety of teachers, for each activity.

All students, present and past, had a fantastic day and received a great insight into what school life may look like next year!

Lisa Hume and Sara Hudson

Grade 6 Teachers


**District Tennis**

Well done to Briget, Claire, Charlotte H, Shady and Jayden who represented the school at the District Tennis Tournament on Monday, we are very proud of their achievements.

The competition was of an extremely high standard with children ranked in the top five in their age group in the state playing in the boys draw. Briget and Claire both played extremely well and made the semi-finals. We were guaranteed of a player in the final as they had to play each other. Briget then progressed to the final and won her match, so she now goes onto the Divisional final next week which is a fantastic effort. We thought we were going to have two District Champions as Shady also progressed to the final but lost in a tie-breaker and was district Runner-Up.

Well done to all players who represented the school extremely well. A big thankyou to Emma Hammond who supervised the children at the courts and Raouf Msahli who helped to transport the children.

Richard Fly

**SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS**

What a great first week of canteen we had! Thankyou to everyone for your support and feedback, we really appreciate it......and the kids are really enjoying the food!

As this Thursday is a public holiday, the canteen will be closed. We look forward to seeing everyone next Monday.

**Specials for Monday April 29th**

**Pasta:** Spiral pasta with beef meatballs in a tomato sauce

**Muffins:** Raspberry and yoghurt or raspberry, banana and yoghurt

**Cookies:** Colourful Choc Button

The following parents have kindly volunteered to help on these dates:

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We are looking forward to a very successful canteen,

Katherine Clarke and Kathy Zouglakis

**Chook Roster**

We are still looking for more families to help on the roster from the weekend of 25/26 May. Please contact the office or Julie if you are able to help. No experience necessary!

**Can you help the Art Room?**

The Art Room is looking for shoe box lids for an upcoming project. If you have any at home please deliver them to the Art Room.

**Book Clubs**

Issue 3 brochures were sent home this week. Orders are due back Wednesday 1st May.

Denise Baldacchino