Merry Christmas and A Safe and Happy New Year.

As this is our last newsletter for the year I would like to wish all our community a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2014. As always it has been a very exciting year with NAPLAN results well above the State and National average, a very successful Fair, highly effective working bees, Open Day, iPad sessions, Transition programs, Grandparents, Mothers and Father’s Day events and Trivia night. As well as this the children have been able to participate in numerous extra curricula activities such as school camps, choirs, disco, movie nights, instrumental music programs, sports days, swimming program, sports (Cross Country, Hooptime), student leadership programs, Footy Day, Lunchtime Clubs, Dress Up/Special Days and University Of NSW Competitions and School Buddy Program among many others. Thank you to everyone who has been part of these events and programs your contribution is priceless!

Disco

We held a junior and senior disco on Friday which was attended by almost all of our children! There was so much excitement in the air and the children had a wonderful time. Thank you to Lisa and Sara who organised the event.

Helper's Morning Tea and RE Concert.

This Thursday 12th December we have two events. This begins with the children who participate in the RE program having their annual concert in the Gym. Parents are most welcome to attend as are any children who don’t do RE but would like to watch the concert.

At 11am we will be holding our Helper’s Morning Tea, also in the Gym. We invite everyone who has helped this
year to join us so we can celebrate. The invitations have gone out but despite our best efforts we do worry that an invitation gets missed. So if you have helped in anyway please join us!

**Carols @ Whitehorse – Friday 13th December**

Our Carols’ Night is planned for this Friday 13th December. This will be a BYO picnic, drinks and seating evening and an opportunity for the parents to relax celebrate and see your children perform. We are privileged to have the Salvation Army joining us and playing a few songs.

**Reports, Not Returning In 2014 and Grades 2014**

Reports will be sent home next Wednesday so please look for them in your child’s bag.

The Grades will be announced at the end of next week and there will be transition opportunities for the children to help prepare them for 2014.

Also if there any families that are not returning to Whitehorse Primary in 2014 please let your child’s teacher or the office know as soon as possible as this impacts on the creation of the classes and there is paperwork to be done.

**End of Year - Friday 20th December**

Our last day of school this year is Friday 20th December and the children will be finishing at 1:30pm. OSHC will be operating from that time, so if you need to book your child in please call Karen on 0403 197 821.

**Final Assembly For 2013**

We will be having an early lunch on the last day of school between 12 noon and 1:00pm so that we can have our final assembly between 1:00pm and 1:30pm. During this assembly we will be re-enacting the Dragon dance by popular request and the senior choir will be entertaining us. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Beginning Of 2014**

School resumes on Wednesday 29th January for all students except Prep. The Preps begin on Friday 31st January and finish that day at 12:30pm. For the month of February Preps will attending everyday except Wednesdays.

*Kerry Wood*

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David the Music Man Visit - 3 Year old group Kindergarten:

The children have been interested in music throughout the year and have enjoyed listening, moving and creating a range of sounds. We have been able to utilise the varied multicultural instruments in our group times which has been lots of fun. The three year old Kindergarten children had a wonderful time at the David the Music Man incursion.

David came to the Kindergarten dressed to entertain and excite the children with his bright colours and effervescent personality. When David came to our Kinder he played various instruments for the group and all of the children were given the opportunity to blow one of the instruments which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children were given the tricky task of listening to instruments playing well known nursery rhymes and guessing what the songs were. We were all really proud of how well they could guess the tune. Overall we really loved having David come and visit us and we thank him for all the fun we had!
Canteen News
Just a reminder that after the sausage sizzle tomorrow, Canteen is closed for this year.

Grade 6S vs Teachers Volleyball
It was a rainy day last Thursday so the match was played inside the gym. The teachers creamed the Grade 6s, 2 sets to 0.

First set was 25 to 14 and the second set was 25 to 12. The teachers celebrated their victory. The grade 6s weren’t really happy but they still had fun.

There were great serves by Cheryl, Miss L and Julie. The students progressively got better. There were lots of spectators and they cheered really loud. Everyone had fun! Remember this week, the grade 6 are playing against the teachers in netball.

The best quote from the day was:
‘I thought I couldn’t do it but I did’ – Mrs Lim.
From your grade 6 commentators,
David, Max C and Andrew

Still Seeking Help
Thank you to those families who have volunteered to look after our chickens over the holidays. We still have 4 slots in late December and early January that need filling. This roster is done in four day blocks and we ask that you also water the garden.

If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated.

Out of School Hours Care
A new enrolment form for each child must be completed each year as required by government regulations. Without a new form your child/ren will not be able to attend OSHC in 2014.
Please see Karen or the Office for a 2014 form and complete and return it ASAP.

Sporting Achievements
Jayden recently tried out and was successful in being selected to play representative cricket for the Box Hill Reporter cricket club. He is playing for the U12s side, and they compete for a shield over Summer. We wish him all the best.

Art News
The boys; Jamie, Daniel and Elijah have each created in homage to the Weeping Woman by Pablo Picasso, a Self Portrait on a Pizza Tray.
Some of the Artworks created after our excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria in September.

Mangoes
Thank you to everyone who ordered mangoes, it was very successful. We have one family who has not collected their box of mangoes. If anyone knows ‘Juhu’ could they please let them know that their mangoes are waiting for collection from the office.
Wow! What a great night!

All the students had a fantastic time dancing the night away. There were glow sticks, drinks, food, friends and music. It was an awesome way to celebrate the end of the year.

A BIG thank you to DJ Kel who provided us with the best music in town and as DJ Kel put it – “We rocked!”

Thank you to all the staff that were on hand on the night to help out.

Looking forward to next year’s disco!

Lisa Hume & Sara Hudson
Whitehorse/Manningham Regional Library - Summer Reading Club is back!

Have you been counting down the days until the next big adventure? The wait is nearly over - Summer Reading Club 2013: “Investigate” starts on Monday 9th December at all branches of the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library. Just fill in a registration form to receive a free kit, which includes your reading record, book mark, sticker, tattoo and activity book.

As you read over the summer holidays, you can join the online club for even more fun activities and prizes. If you read 10 books, you can enter our fantastic prize draw for a Nintendo 3DS! There are lots of other special activities over the holidays, and a great party with a free performer when the big winner is announced on Friday January 24th, at Nunawading Library.

Be quick – the first 20 members at each branch receive a cool Invisible Ink Black Light Pen!

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BIZZARE BAZAAR

Last Friday the Grade 5/6 classroom was transformed into a Bizarre Bazaar, to celebrate the end of their creativity unit, for Term 4.

All students from Grades 4/5 and 5/6 experienced the design process. The students were placed into small groups. Within their group they needed to think, plan, design and create a special product that would be sold at our Bizarre Bazaar. The students worked extremely well within their own ‘little companies’ and the thought process behind the products was amazing.

On the day, ‘real money’ was used to purchase the products. This unit tied in with our unit of Care For Kids and the students all had to vote on a special organisation that helped children. After a democratic vote, it was decided by the students that all monies raised will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital. We are proud to say that from our Bizarre Bazaar we raised $285.00.

Thank you to all the students for such a great effort!
Sara Hudson, Lisa Hume & Robyn Humffray
I can’t wait for kitchen to start again next year. Every week we make very delicious food.

At the end of the year, we make a gingerbread house and tree. Every class from 3-6 makes them and they look and taste amazing!!! We decorate them with icing, fairy floss and coloured sprinkles.

It looks really pretty. Overall, I have really enjoyed kitchen garden this year and all the dishes were delicious, like always. Thank you Deb for teaching us this year, we really appreciate it.

By Alexandra
Chocolate spaghetti
5/6A
Workshops 2014

Picture Book Publishing Workshop
Each student will use simple shapes; triangles, circles, squares and rectangles to illustrate their ideas and then hand-bind their story into a beautiful book to keep forever.
Grade: 2 to 6
Capacity: 10 children per class
Cost: $68
Date: Monday 3, 10, 17 & 24 February
Time: 4pm - 5:30pm

Paper Mask Workshop
Grade: Prep to 6
Capacity: 15 children per class
Cost: $34
Date: Monday 3, 17 March [Labour Day = 10 March]
Time: 4pm - 5:30pm

Easter Box/Basket/Sculpture/Construction Workshop
Grade: Prep to 6
Capacity: 15 children per class
Cost: $34
Date: Monday 24 & 31 March
Time: 4pm - 5:30pm

All workshops are held at Whitehorse Primary School Kinder [Seedlings Kindergarten]

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By Whitehorse Primary School
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On sale now. Available from the School Office or at the Carols Night on Friday 13 December 2013. Cash sales only for purchases under $20. 100% proceeds go to fundraising.