Parent Information Evening—Grades 1 to 6

On Wednesday 27th February we are holding a Parent Information evening for each level (Please Note: Information Evening for prep has already been held). A separate notice was been sent home indicating the times and locations of each session.

These sessions are to inform parents of the expectations we have of the children and what will be happening at each level. They are not individual parent/teacher interviews, however, if you would like to meet with your child’s class teacher please arrange an appointment time with them. We hope you will join us on the evening.

The session times are:

Level 2 - Grades 1/2
6:00pm to 6:45pm
Grade 1/2 Rooms – Pod 2, Rooms 2C & 2D

Level 3 - Grades 3/4
6:50pm to 7:35pm
Grade 3/4 Rooms – Pod 2, Rooms 2A & 2B

Level 4 - Grades 5/6 & 4/5
7:40pm to 8:25pm
Grade 5/6 Rooms - Pod 1, Rooms 1A & 1B

Curriculum Day

Please remember that our first Curriculum Day will be on Monday 25th February. The OSHC will be operating on the day please contact Karen on 0403 197 821 if you require care.
Leader in Me—Kids Matter Information Night -
Tuesday 5th March

As I am sure you are aware we have introduced the ‘Leader in Me’ approach and ‘Kids Matter’. This session is for those parents who would like to know more about this approach, how it is being implemented at school and how it can be used at home also. A notice will be going home closer to the date with the details. So mark this date in your diary.

iPad Information Session

We are holding two iPad Information Sessions for those parents who would like to learn more about the iPad or need some assistance. Our first session is on Thursday 7th March between 9:00am and 10:00am. We will also be holding an evening session on 21st March.

Kerry Wood

KITCHEN REVIEWS

Rose Watermelon Salad

The rose watermelon salad was a bit too juicy. It was also a bit too sweet. Maybe it should have had a little more mint leaves on top of it. But, I did think that it was yummy.

Nikita and Sitara
Amazing Strawberries, 3/4B

Garden Salad

It was crunchy, the taste was very sweet. When I suddenly put it in my mouth I stood up and danced.

It was yummy to eat, the salad was as colourful as a rainbow.

Danesh and Sujandep
Amazing Strawberries, 3/4B

These food reviews deserve an eggcellent award 3/4B!

Deborah

EMA 2013
(Education Maintenance Allowance)

Reminder:
If you have not collected an application form or presented your Health Care Card or Pension Card at the school office, please remember that applications for EMA must be submitted to the school no later than 28 February 2013 for the first instalment.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:
• be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
• be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPi) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

CHOOK ROSTER

HELP NEEDED!!

We are desperately in need of families to fill the chook roster for weekends over the rest of this term. Thank you to the three families who have already put their name on the roster. After this weekend we have received no volunteers.

The duties include letting the chickens out in the morning, locking them away at night, making sure they have food and water and of course, collecting the eggs. The rewards are getting to know the chickens and enjoying some fresh eggs. If you are able to help or would like some more information please speak to either Michelle in the office or Julie our gardener.
Seedlings@Whitehorse Playgroup
Playgroup resumed last Tuesday morning with some twenty children and their parents or caregivers attending. We provide the venue and some support, however parents are required to supervise their own children, pay a nominal $3.00 fee to cover costs, contribute a piece of fruit to share and help with the clean-up. Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity for young children to begin to be a part of a group, develop language and social skills and perhaps participate in new experiences such as messy play! It is also a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet, talk and share ideas. Playgroup at Seedlings runs from 9.15 am until 10.45 am on Tuesday mornings. Looking forward to seeing you there!

3 year old group
Our 3yo group begin full 3 hour sessions from Tuesday 19th February and Melbourne has of course turned on extreme heat!! Please try to ensure your child has a sensible bedtime, a quiet morning before afternoon kinder and sunscreen applied before attending. We will be sure to remind the children to drink water during sessions and will be sensible about when and how long we spend outdoors until the weather is a little kinder to us! We are looking forward to some unhurried time to spend getting to know more about all our lovely children!

Sally and Jen

The World’s Greatest Shave raises about half the money the Leukaemia Foundation needs to fund its important work – providing practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer, as well as investing millions of dollars in research.

Kate Hewett has been inspired to raise money for The Leukaemia Foundation, after her close friends’ 5 year old son was diagnosed with Leukaemia late last year, and she needs our help. Kate is aiming to raise $10,000 dollars for the Foundation.

Kate will also be auctioning off to some lucky punter the opportunity to shave off her hair, at St Philips Sports Day on March 17th.

Hair Today gone Tomorrow!

If you would like to support Kate by donating to this wonderful cause please go to the Worlds Greatest Shave website, http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/ and follow the prompts to ‘search for a shaver’ and enter Kate Hewett.
Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We’ve golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea:
Our land abounds in nature’s gifts
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history’s page let every stage
Advance Australia Fair,
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
We’ll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands,
For those who’ve come across the seas
We’ve boundless plains to share,
With courage let us all combine
To advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair.