Welcome Back

Welcome Back for Term 3. I hope that you have all had a great term break and I’m pleased to see everyone back safe and well.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Showcase Dinners

During this term the Grade 3 to 6 children will be showcasing their culinary talents and skills in the Showcase Dinners. Each grade has its own evening planned and we encourage the families to enjoy this special evening with them. The children are rightly 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.

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Twilight Fair 22nd November 2013

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 23rd July at 7:30pm so come and join us! November will be upon us soon! Join the team in the Conference Room.
Trivia Night—What a Success!!

Our Kindergarten parents organised a Trivia Night on Saturday 22nd June at 7:00pm here at our school. They even had Dave O’Neil as a special presenter! The list of prizes available was enormous! It was a fabulous night and hearty congratulations must go to the organisers. The team raised almost $5000 which will enable the shade cloth in the kinder to be installed. Thank you to those who attended and congratulations to the organisers.

Seeing Eye Dog

Some of you may have seen a Seeing Eye Dog puppy in the school grounds. One of our families has taken on the very rewarding job of being a puppy carer. This involves socializing the puppy in many different environments including schools, shops and public transport.

This puppy is a working dog and needs to be treated as such. When he is wearing his blue coat he is in training and should not be patted or spoken to.

Kerry Wood

BOOK FAIR

Our school is having a Book Fair!

We have arranged for Central Book Fairs to supply us with lots of great books that will be for sale beginning on Monday 5th August and continuing until Thursday 9th August. Most of the books are very affordable, with many being only $5.00! So, save your pocket money, ready for this great opportunity for the whole school.

We are also looking for parents to help man the book fair before and after school. The dates and times will be

Monday 5th Aug: After assembly
Wednesday 7th Aug: 8.45am—9.00am
            3.30pm—3.45pm
Thursday 8th Aug: 3.30pm—3.45pm

If you are able help please contact Michelle in the office or Mrs Worcester.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2013

Congratulations to all the students who successfully completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge during the school holidays. There are some students who are very close to achieving the Challenge. You can check your status online. The Challenge continues until the end of August.

COMPETITIONS

The UNSW English Competition will be held on Wednesday the 31st of July and the AMT Maths Competition will be held on Thursday 1st of August.

Mrs Worcester

POW MORNING TEA

POW is holding a morning tea on Monday 22nd July after assembly in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.
SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen menu has been updated for Term 3. To fit in with the colder weather, we have added a couple of warming comfort foods.

There will be a soup (flavour will change fortnightly and will be advertised in the school newsletter and at the canteen), and roast vegetables (potato, pumpkin and carrot). Please note that the garden, pasta and fruit salads are not available this Term. Pieces of seasonal fruit will be available for purchase at recess and lunchtime.

Due to the costs of providing fresh, home-made food, we have had to increase the prices of some menu items. Last term was a great learning experience for us, and after revising the costs of ingredients, and the time put in to preparing our food, it is necessary for some menu items to increase in price.

The Term 3 menu will be sent home tomorrow, Thursday 18th July, and the new additions and price increases will commence from Monday 22nd July.

WEEK BEGINNING 22/7

Muffins—Mixed berry and white chocolate
Cookies—Jam drops
Soup—Pumpkin

Pasta Dish—Spiral pasta and meat balls

Thanks to those parents who have kindly volunteered to help at the canteen this term. The new roster was sent home to volunteers on Tuesday this week. We still have some shifts to fill, so if you have not yet volunteered, and can spare a couple of hours on a Monday or Thursday, we would love to hear from you.

Kath Clarke and Kathy Zougakis

KINDERGARTEN

4 year old group

Welcome back to all our kinder children and families. We look forward to hearing more about holiday break adventures with the children and sharing stories and experiences together. We look forward to sharing another busy, exciting term together!

We ended last term with a fun breakfast in pyjama day at kinder. The children enjoyed a yummy breakfast of cereals - rice bubbles, cornflakes or nutri grain with milk. Some children enjoyed 2 and 3 bowls full! After cereal, we enjoyed delicious hot pikelets and the children chose from butter, jam or maple syrup. They were YUMMO! We enjoyed the day cosy and warm in our pj’s and continued with our indoor and outdoor play experiences. We appreciate and thank the many helpers who stayed for the morning and helped with serving breakfast and some cleaning up.

This Thursday 18 July is kinder photo day, so we ask the children to please wear their Seedlings tops if you have one.

Annamaria, Narelle & Jude
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.

Round 15 This was a very tricky round for footy tipping. But there’s no stopping Dylan N of 5/6A. Once again he tipped 9 winners and clearly leads our competition. The prize for this round was a glorious pair of Essendon gloves. Dylan is also going very well in the overall Victeach competition, currently ranked 21. Good luck Dylan.

Round 16 Five tippers selected 9 winners in this round. They were Marcela C, Donna H, Alastair H, Michelle A and Jared M. This time it was Mrs Cotroneo with the overall best margin. The prize this week was a beautiful Hawthorn bookmark.

Working Bee

Sunday 28th July 9am – 1pm

The Buildings and Grounds Committee have organised a Term 3 Working Bee with the following projects to be undertaken:

Installation of a Long Jump pit on the oval in preparation for Inter School Sports.

Begin installing the Yellow Slide from the oval to the playground.

Assemble and install outdoor tables and chairs.

There is lots of work to be done so please come and join the fabulous team of helpers. Of course every Working Bee finishes with a well-earned sausage sizzle.

Put the date on your calendar and keep an eye out for the notice which will be sent home later this week. If you have any questions please feel free to ask Greg Robinson (Parent) or Tanya Burton (Staff Member - room 2D). We will be more than happy to help.
CSIRO SUSTAINABILITY INCURSION

During Term 2, students in the upper school have been studying the science of sustainability and in the last week of school they had an incursion from CSIRO.

Cilla, from CSIRO, provided a hands-on session which allowed the students to explore the natural events occurring in the Earth’s atmosphere and how these events can lead to natural disasters. Students also explored how extreme natural phenomena can affect life on the planet, as well as take measurements and made conclusions from engaging experiments.

It was a perfect way to end the students’ look at the different types of natural disasters, in terms of the actions of climate change and their impact on the sustainability of communities.

Lisa Hume
5/6 Teacher
Towards the end of Term 2, students and staff in Grade 5 and 6 went on their camp to Forest Lodge Farm. We were gone for 4 days and all the days were fantastic!

We had the most beautiful weather and everyone was able to participate in a wide variety of fun and exciting activities. During the day, students and staff were able to go on the giant swing, flying fox, canoeing, hut building, low ropes course, archery and bush cooking. At night many great activities were held, such as the night walk, trivia night, disco and the annual Whitehorse Red Faces.

We were extremely lucky to also have a day at the most picturesque place in Victoria – Wilson’s Promontory. We started at Squeaky Beach and completed a 2.5 km walk to Tidal River, where a BBQ lunch was waiting for us.

Everyone had a great time and are grateful for a wonderful time at Forest Lodge!

Lisa Hume & Sara Hudson
Camp Coordinators
THE 4 I’s OF GOOD PARENTING
(an excerpt from Children Aren’t Made Of China by Wilson McCaskill)

Interest – Invest – Identify – Inspired

**INTEREST** - We must show and action our deep interest in children. It is important to be observant of them and to notice their successes, failures, strengths, weaknesses, problems, concerns and improvements. Being interested in them helps them to be interested in themselves. Often the hardest thing is to listen. To listen to more than the things they say, but to the things they don’t say, won’t say, or can’t say. Make your children your subject of greatest interest. Be informed about them through all the different stages of their lives.

**INVEST** – We must invest time in our children. They mustn’t rule the timetable of our lives and they must learn to wait and be patient. However, our lives must have sufficient time for them and their needs. There must be the time to sit with them, either at the table, in the garden, the car, or end of the bed at night and just enjoy their company. They need to feel that we have the power to stop the world and give them our undivided attention. Be it to look at a picture they’ve painted, or to listen to a story streaming out of their imagination, or a lengthy explanation of why they think ants would make good pets, giving them the time is giving them the message that they are important to us.

**IDENTIFY** – We must see things from their point of view. To empathise and connect with them can be difficult. Often we are too busy trying to convert and control them and have no time to look at the world through their eyes. Shifting their perceptions and attitudes is often easier if we can first see why they have them in the first place. Using, “When I was a kid etc…” as a way of changing their thinking only creates resentment. They want us to understand what it’s like to be a kid now, in this place, at this school, at this time. Respect their point of view and work with them to create beneficial changes.

**INSPIRED** – We must be inspired by them. Their actions, ideas, outcomes and above all, effort, must inspire us. Children need to know that their existence and example as children inspire us to be better adults. This does not mean we need to act out great exuberance and enthusiasm for everything they try or achieve. To do so, would only weaken them by removing their self-motivation. What it means is that we should be on the look out for those things, large or small, that happened because of a special effort, awareness or concern. Such as getting 4 out of 10 for spelling after trying very hard, or helping a friend who was being teased, or quietly playing when you had a lot on your mind, or winning the race and congratulating those who didn’t etc. Being inspired by these things is to do more than just mention them to the child. It’s to convey a sense of pride and to let the child see how your spirits have been elevated. In other words, for them to see they have helped to make your day.
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