20 March 2013

Term 1, Volume 8

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

House Sports — Friday 22nd March

The House Sports are on this Friday 22nd March, they will be held in morning starting at about 9:30am. We invite anyone who would like to join us and help out to be there in the House colours.

The House colours are:
WOOD – Red
COWAN – Green
HOLLOWS – Blue
DUNLOP - Yellow

iPad Information Session

Our first iPad information/training session was very successful and the people who attended were very keen for us to have further sessions. We are will be holding an evening session this Thursday 21st March from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Planning for more sessions are underway. Don’t forget to bring your iPads along.

POW—Parents of Whitehorse

The POW group held their AGM on Monday morning after assembly. There was a very pleasing turn-out and lots of discussion around events that could be arranged. We encourage you to support them as much as you can. Thank you to Maggie who has put in so much hard work for the group.

Ride to School Day—Friday 22nd March

In an effort to promote children’s health and well-being there is an annual ‘Ride to School Day’. This year it is being held on Friday 22nd March and we ask that parents consider having their children ride on that day.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March
21 iPad Information Session for Parents
   7:00pm—8:00pm
22 House Sports
   ‘Ride to School Day’
28 Last Day of Term 1—School Finishes at
   2:30pm

April
15 Term 2 Commences
   Curriculum Day
16 Students Resume for Term 2

NOTICES HOME TODAY:

◆ CHORES & RESPONSIBILITIES © MICHAEL GROSE
◆ HEALTHWAYS RECREATION CENTRE
◆ FITNESSWORX

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School Council

Last night was the first meeting for the 2013 School Council. It was a very productive and positive meeting. As a Principal it is wonderful to work with such an enthusiastic team. Most of the office-bearers were elected. Our Congratulations to Liesl Coulthard who is President, Darby McLeod who is Vice president and John Robertson who is Treasurer.

End of Term 1—Thursday 28th March at 2:30pm

Term 1 finishes next Thursday 28th March at 2:30pm. The OSHC program will operate from this time and bookings can be made through Karen.

Term 2 will resume for students on Tuesday 16th April as Monday 15th April is a Curriculum Day. The OSHC program will be operating on both days, so please book through Karen on 0403 197 821.

Assembly Last Day of Term

We will be holding an assembly at 2:00pm on the last day of term, Thursday 28th March. Grade 1/2A and some children in the 5/6 classes will be performing.

Kerry Wood

AFL Footy Tipping

Once again Whitehorse PS is running a footy tipping competition. The competition is open to all WPS students and the wider school community, ie. mums, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents etc. The more the better! The competition can be accessed through the VicTeach website.


Competition name: Whitehorse Primary School
Password: Whitehorse

Great prizes to be won for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall plus prizes if anyone tips 9 winners in one round. (Note: If multiple tippers select 9 winners the points difference will be used.)

The first AFL round is this Friday so join the competition and get your tips in now!

Mandy Lewis

Box Hill High School—Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program Year 7 2014

The Box Hill High School Year 7 SEAL Application link is currently open on our website. www.boxhillhs.vic.edu.au

To commence the selection process, parents of 2013 Year 6 applicants are asked to apply now. Places in the SEAL Program are for gifted students, currently residing in Victoria, who qualify for a government funded education, regardless of the location of their residential address.

For further information about the SEAL Program and Box Hill High School, we extend an invitation to our 2013 Open Afternoon 2.30 – 4.30 pm Tuesday 23 April.

RESILIENT PARENTING

4 WEEK PARENTING COURSE
Presented by Parent Educator from Parent Zone, Anglicare

Do you wonder why your kids aren’t listening to you or how to deal with their anger and your own?

Do you want to stay connected with your child?
Do you living with kids exhausting and frustrating?
Are they just driving you batty?

Come and share your ideas, skills, solutions and frustrations and get some new strategies to help with healthier relationships.

Who: Mums, Dads and Carers of children 5 – 12 years.
When: Tuesdays 23rd April to 14th May (4 sessions)
Time: 9.30 to 11.30
Where: Mitcham Community House, 19 Brunswick Rd, Mitcham
Bookings: Mitcham Community House: 9873 4587
Cost: $10 per person BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Childcare: Extra costs apply limited spaces available for 0 - 6 year olds only

Always wanted to work in:

- Aged Care
- Home and Community Care?

ENROL NOW for Government Funded courses starting in Box Hill in April 2013.

Call our friendly staff on 9761 2156 or visit www.employease.com.au for more information.

*This training is delivered with Victorian & Commonwealth Funding.
Subject to eligibility, TOID 04522
4 year old group

We have been following the children's inquiry into shapes, sizes and colour, with our wooden block area transforming into castles for ponies, caves for dinosaurs and making paths using different shapes blocks. We have discussed concepts of measuring how long, how short, making comparisons and also making some predictions as to what may happen? This has led to further investigation into making predictions with our experiences with making "goop". The children assisted in the process of mixing a dry substance, being lux flakes, with a liquid substance, being cooled boiled water. The children watched as their mixing and stirring efforts caused the substances to form a new consistency being "goop" or "slime". We then added some colours and again asked the children to guess what new colour will be made. The children demonstrated their skills in thinking, problem solving, working in small groups to predict outcomes...be sure to ask the children about their experiences with our "goop"!

We have also initiated some discussions about Easter. Charlotte shared her Easter bunny nose with us at sharing time and this led to discussions about Mr. Bunny, easter eggs. Some children expressed their desire to make "bunny ears" and "bunny noses" of their own! The children have been learning some news songs about Easter which we will perform at our Easter Bonnet Parade/Morning Tea on Thursday 28 March.

We wished Georgia a Happy 4th Birthday!

We welcomed Jumana and her family to Seedlings.

Annamaria, Narelle and Jude

3 year old group

How time flies when you're having fun! Jen and I have certainly had fun getting to know all the lovely children in our 3 year old group this term. As Easter approaches our room will be filled with egg shapes, bunny ears, Easter baskets and hopefully even some eggs for an Easter egg hunt! Even the playdough is sparkly this week! Our 3 year old group's last session will be on Tuesday the 26th of March, returning for term 2 on Tuesday the 16th of April. As this will be our last newsletter piece for the term, Jen and I wish you a very happy Easter and a wonderful holiday!

Sally and Jen

From garden.............

.................to kitchen.
You are invited....
Come along and join us

Activities include:
Dancing  Face Painting
Music   Crafting
Singing  Games
and lots more.....

Date: Saturday, 13th April 2013
Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Event catered for ALL ages
Venue: Box Hill Town Hall (Lower)
1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Please RSVP to Cindy by the 27th of March 2013.
Tel: 9285 4850 email: ckung@aanet.com.au