The weather was perfect for the House Sports on Friday, not too hot and not too cold. The enthusiasm was wonderful and the number of parents who came was absolutely fantastic! Thank you to everyone who assisted, especially Mr Fly and the House Captains who organised the day.

The results are:

SENIOR School
1st – WOOD
2nd – COWAN
3rd – DUNLOP
4th – HOLLOWS

JUNIOR School
1st – HOLLOWS
2nd – WOOD
3rd – COWAN
4th – DUNLOP

iPad Information Session

Our second iPad information/training session was very successful but had a very small attendance. The people who attended were very keen for us to have further sessions. We will notify you next term when those sessions will be.

iPad Insurance

I thought it would be important to remind parents of the insurance arrangements regarding iPads. To clarify only the iPads leased from the school are covered for any damage or loss as set down in the agreement. All personally/family owned iPads must be covered by the insurance organised by the families. It is also noteworthy that no property other than that owned by the school is covered under any circumstances. This includes property owned by staff and students. This arrangement is standard throughout the entire public school system.
3 Year Old Kinder Staff

As you may be aware Sally has had to resign from the position due to personal reasons. She had kindly agreed to stay on until the end of term and for that we are very appreciative.

We thank Sally for the contribution she has made to Seedlings@Whitehorse Kindergarten and wish her well in the future.

Sally will be replaced by Belinda Pignataro. Belinda is well known and highly valued by the staff at Whitehorse Primary.

Ride to School Day

There were many children who rode to school on Friday which is very pleasing. There was a real buzz around the school with both the riding and the House Sports.

End of Term 1—TOMORROW—2:30 Finish

Term One finishes tomorrow at 2:30pm.

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 the Curriculum Day, so please book through Karen on 0403 197 821.

Assembly—TOMORROW at 2:00pm

We will be holding an assembly at 2:00pm on the last day of term, Thursday 28th March. There will be a performance and the presentation of the Junior School Council Badges. We hope you can join us.

Buildings and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds is a Sub Committee of School Council whose work is to improve the schools building, gardens and play areas.

This committee is looking for people who are keen to help out. If you are a home handy man, tradesman, love gardening or none of the above but would enjoy working alongside people who are, this is the committee for you. Working Bees are often spent building, gardening, weeding and sweeping around the school. Some projects the committee undertakes are quite large and take time to complete and others are not.

Of course every Working Bee finishes with a well-earned sausage sizzle.

Our first meeting for 2013 is scheduled for Tuesday April 16th at 7pm in the conference room and our aim at this meeting will be to begin to organise the “To Do” list for 2013 and set a date for the first Working Bee for the year.

If you are interested please feel free to come and join us. 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.

Kerry Wood

Congratulations Miss Radda!

We congratulate Peta on her coming wedding to Gareth during the school holidays. We wish them both all the best.
The Science of Bouncing balls

On Monday the students in grades 3 to 6 were involved in science experiments.

Their task was to collect data, use a grid to record their information, conduct a fair test, work as a team, analyse their findings and explain their results!

The students had to conduct tests of the bounciness of three different balls, on three different surfaces, at two different heights. The aim was to think about why different balls are needed for different sports.

The following comments were recorded by some students:

"The golf ball was bouncier that the ping-pong ball and the tennis ball."

"We found out that the ping-pong ball and the golf ball didn't bounce on sand. This was surprising!"

"The tennis ball has more air space so I thought it would bounce higher."

"The bounce of ping-pong balls can be influenced by the wind."

"The ping-pong ball and tennis ball went high but the golf ball went extremely high, and me and April and Eidan were pretty impressed!"

"On the metal, the golf ball did not bounce as high because of the vibrations that stopped it bouncing. We found out why we use different ball for each sport."

"Ping-pong balls don't bounce that well on grass and dirt, this was the same for golf balls."

AFL Footy Tipping - It's not too late to join!

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.


First you need to choose your own username and password then enter all your details. Finally you can join our competition by searching for Whitehorse Primary School (competition name).

Password: Whitehorse
Cost: Free!

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.)

So join the competition and get your tips in now!

Mandy Lewis

KINDERGARTEN

4 year old group

We’ve enjoyed a busy time at kinder, in particular, our incursion from the Ready Steady Go Kids program last Monday morning. We thank Giselle Jesse, William’s mum for coming in and sharing her talents and expertise with the children. The children enjoyed various ball skill based activities, a focus being on the skills used in basketball. We dribbled, bounced, ran up and down the basketball courts, we practised throwing and catching, weaving the ball around our bodies and we had turns at shooting goals at the basketball rings. The children also participated in an obstacle course that involved the skills we had been taught. We have been able to extend these skills with our own obstacle courses outdoors, using balls outdoors and creating our own obstacle courses. Our focus being on developing whole body control and co-ordination, following a course from beginning to end and building our confidence moving up and around different obstacles.

We look forward to sharing a special morning tea with our families on Thursday, beginning with an Easter Hat Parade at 10.30am. The children have learnt some Easter songs which we will perform for our families!

We welcome Ananya and her family to Seedlings.

We wish all our families the very best for the Easter break and term holidays and will see you back ready for term 2 on Wednesday 17 April.

Annamaria, Narelle and Jude
There have been a lot of changes at Blackburn High School. Come along and see the new facilities and hear about our new learning model.

Leaders of the four Houses will be presenting a comprehensive overview of the House and Mentor Class organisational model at 6pm in the House areas.

The Principal, Dr Sandra Woodman, will be speaking in the School gymnasium at 7pm.

All Faculties will be on display and Faculty Heads, staff and students will be available to speak with you about the educational opportunities available at Blackburn.

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**Whitehorse Primary School**

**House Athletics**

- **Go HOLLows!**
- **Go COWan!**
- **Go DUNlop!**
- **Go WOOD!**