30 October 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Spring Festival
Thank you to all the parents and staff who assisted in organising, setting up and manning the stall at the City of Whitehorse Spring Festival last Sunday. We were thrilled to have our students present their dances on the Blossom stage and as always we were very proud of how they presented themselves.

Parking In Junction Road
Unfortunately we have had some complaints from our neighbours around the school about parents parking dangerously. As always we are asking parents to consider carefully their drop off and pick up strategies for the safety of everyone.

Community Survey
Yesterday we sent out a Community Survey which we are asking all families to complete and return by Wednesday 6th November. The School Council is looking at strategies to both engage and support our community. In the last year we have seen a significant increase in connectedness within our community and we are keen to both grow and support that trend. We are using the survey to help us in that process.

Monday 4th November - No Canteen
We have had a number of parents ask if Monday 4th November (Melbourne Cup Eve) is a normal school day. It is school as normal on that day, although we are aware that there are a number of families who will be away.

Please note that there will be NO CANTEEN on Monday.

Swimming
The swimming program is going very well and we have seen enormous progress in our Prep - 2 children in both their swimming skills and their independence. The Grades 3 to 6 are starting their program after Cup Day next week.
Twilight Fair Raffle
Yesterday our Twilight Fair team sent home raffle tickets which need to be returned by Tuesday 19th November. There is a prize for the person who sells the most tickets. There are more tickets available at the office if you need them.

Sporting Achievements
Congratulations to David and Charlotte who competed in the Regional Athletics last week. David received a bronze medal and Charlotte came 5th and 6th in her races. It was an enormous effort by both of them and we are very proud of what they have achieved.

Teddy Bears’ Picnic
We held a Teddy Bear’s Picnic in the Kindergarten Playground for Children’s Week and it was an absolutely joyous occasion and we had quite a few people attend. Thank you to all those who organised and ran the event

Grandparents’ Day
On Monday we celebrated Grandparents’ Day which was organised by POW. The Grandparents were offered a luscious afternoon tea and then were able to visit the classrooms and their grandchildren. We are overjoyed with the attendance, the kitchen was full to bursting and the crowd overflowed into the garden. It was such a delight to see so many grandparents and the children were thrilled to see the special people in their lives visiting them. Thank you to everyone!

Kerry Wood

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST 2013
The following students received the following results:
Distinction: Felicity
Credit: David, Peter H, Brett, Salman, Alicia, Mary, Ryan.
Participation: Louise and Te Shing.

UNSW ENGLISH COMPETITION
The following results were received:
Distinction: Charlotte H.
Credit: Mary, Salman and Louise.
Participation: David, Ryan, Anuda, Te Shing, Belal, Sitara.

UNSW MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
The following results were received:
Distinction: Alanna and Elijah.
Credit: Anuda, Mary, Louise, Tahlia S, Felicity and Sitara.
Participation: David, Ryan, Ananya, Ryan, Carla, Cayne, Te Shing, Salman, Wyatt, Sukhraj, Alexandra, Jasmine, Jemma, Belal, Emily D, Brett, Alexandre, Samuel and Cal.
I look forward to our students participating in the competitions next year.
Sue Worcester

CHOOK ROSTER - HELP NEEDED
Thank you to the families who have already volunteered to look after the chickens this term. We do, however, still need more volunteers for the weekends in November and December.
If you are able to help please speak to Julie or Michelle

MANGOES
Thanks to all those families who ordered mangoes through our mango drive. We still have three boxes of mangoes that are for sale at $24 a box. If you are interested please contact the office.

SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS
NO CANTEEN MONDAY 4th OCTOBER
The canteen menu for Term 4 has been changed, to fit in with the coming warmer days. If you did not receive a copy of the new menu in your homebooks, you can access it via the school website or at the school office.
Due to a typing error on the menu, the Tuna & Salad Sandwich is $3, not $2
We are promoting a fantastic SUPER SUMMER LUNCH PACK!
Includes- Chicken, Ham or Tuna Salad Sandwich
Just Juice Orange or Apple
Yoghurt Berry Swirl Cup
A great tasting, healthy lunch for just $5!!!

THIS WEEKS SPECIALS-
Cookies- Caramello Chocolate Cookies
Sweet Bake- Cupcakes
Enjoy our great menu Kath Clarke and Kath Zouglakis
THE GARDEN SALAD
BY RYAN - AVALANCHE ANCHOVIES

Last week, the Avalanching Anchovies made the garden salad. It included crunchy lettuce pieces, sliced carrot, roasted sunflower seeds, beetroot and an amazing dressing.

In the dressing we had oil, water, balsamic vinegar, super thick honey and a few drops of our secret ingredient, Tabasco.

All together the salad was really sweet and deliciously crunchy. Everyone on my table loved our salad. I also thought the salad went well with the savoury pasta.

Overall I rate this dish a 9/10. It was divine.

Rhubarb and Cinnamon Cake

Servings: 12; Prep time: 0:30; Total time: 2:00;
Categories: Dessert; Source: Stephanie Alexander

Ingredients
- 80gms unsalted butter
- 30gms plain flour
- 380gms brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- few drops pure vanilla
- 1 tspn salt
- 1 tspn bicarb soda
- 1 tspn ground cinnamon
- grated zest of 1 lemon
- 250 gms sour cream
- 400gms rhubarb, cut into 1cm pieces

Topping
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tspn brown sugar

Directions
Preheat oven to 180C. Grease a 24cm springform tin and dust with a little flour.
Cream butter and sugar, then add eggs and vanilla. Sift flour, salt, bicarb and cinnamon into the butter mix and stir to combine. Add lemon zest and sour cream, then stir through rhubarb. Scrape into prepared tin.
Mix topping ingredients and sprinkle over cake.
Bake for 1 & 1/4 hours or until a skewer inserted comes out clean.

Before the 3/4A showcase dinner

The heat was on! 3/4A had to prepare and cook a 3 course Indian meal for 45 people! Yikes that’s a lot of people. During the 3/4A’s kitchen lesson they were just starting to cook the rhubarb cake and the samosa mix. The 3/4s had make posters and Rangoli place mats. The dance we had prepared was going very well. We just have to see if the 3/4A show case dinner is going to be

Showcase dinner

3/4B are all very excited. We have been preparing a special dance called chori chori gori. It means sneaky sneaky white people. We have spent a lot of time making everything correct and perfect. We won’t poison you. We promise we will behave. We hope you have fun and like our dance. We did everything well and THANKS FOR COMING! :) By Nikita

Chocolate Self Saucing Pudding, with Cream

Ingredients:
- 1 cup self raising flour
- pinch of salt
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup milk to serve:
- 1 tspn vanilla essence 200ml cream
- 40g butter, melted 1/2 tspn cinnamon
dash of vanilla essence

Sauce:
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1 & 3/4 cups hot water {use kettle} oven 180c

Method:
In to a large bowl sift flour, salt and cocoa. Add sugar, mix well. Stir in milk, vanilla and melted butter, mix until smooth. Spread evenly into greased, oven proof dish. In the same bowl combine brown sugar and cocoa. Sprinkle over top of pudding mix. Pour hot water into bowl and swish around to clean (this helps to wash bowl, and gets ALL the mix into pudding!), then carefully pour over pudding.
Bake for 50 to 60 minutes.
Whip cream, cinnamon and vanilla essence with electric beater until stiff, but not butter !!! Serve with pudding. OR, serve with vanilla ice cream.
Working Bee
Sunday 10th November 9am – 1pm

The Buildings and Grounds Committee have organised a Term 4 Working Bee.

The main aim of this working bee is to have the yard looking its best for the Twilight Fair. All the garden beds in the Village Green require topping up with mulch and the yard requires weeding and sweeping. It would be appreciated if families attending could bring a wheelbarrow, shovel and broom to help out on the day.

The second exciting project that will be undertaken on the day is the reinstallation of the Yellow Slide saved previously from this site.

There is much 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.

Calling all Dollarmites ...
It’s time to trade in your school banking tokens for a reward!

If you have tokens that you have not yet redeemed for a reward, please redeem them this term as no more than 9 tokens can be carried over into 2014.

You can redeem your rewards with your regular school banking or there will be a Token Redemption Day here at school in December. Vicki our Commonwealth Banking representative will be bringing rewards for on-the-spot exchange.

So get busy - check at home, look in your school bag and in your bank book – and make sure you have your tokens ready. 10 tokens = 1 reward, 20 tokens = 2 rewards.

Stay tuned for details of the Token Redemption Day date and time.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Are you interested in your child learning about the Catholic faith?
Then join us at ST. JOHN’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham,
WEDNESDAY afternoons during school terms 4:15-5:15pm

We offer a 4 year program for children in Year 2-6 who would like to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church. Please note that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is celebrated in the third year of the program.
Contact Angela Jordan on 9873 7636 or 0403502558 for an enrolment form or to make enquiries.

Classes for 2014 commence on Wednesday 19th February.