EDUCATION WEEK

We were delighted to have many visitors on the Information Evening and Open Morning last week. The staff chatted with many new and prospective parents and even some of our current families. The tours were well attended and thank you to Melissa and John, two of our parents who assisted by conducting tours.

FREEZER ANGELS, QUESTACON and KITCHEN GARDEN

The Kitchens were certainly buzzing during the Open Morning last Saturday. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered for Freezer Angels and produced such lovely meals. I am certain they will be appreciated.

Thank you also to the children who came to school in their school uniforms on a Saturday and made lovely scones and demonstrated how Questacon works. It was very much appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SWIMMING

The swimming program will be held in the first few weeks of Term 4 as usual. The notices will be sent home during Term 3 to give parents an opportunity to plan ahead. As always payments plans will be available.

CIRCUS – PERFORMING ARTS

We have had parents asking if we will have the circus again. As this year our event focus is on performance we will be bringing back Circus. As we are using the Box Hill Town Hall for the event there are limited dates available. The performance will be at the town hall on Friday 2 December, so save the date.

The program involves a 10 week training program with circus professionals, a professional circus performer on the night and, of course, the evening performance. This is quite an extensive program and as the cost is about $50 per child hence we are informing you well in advance. Naturally, there will be a payment plan option to be completed prior to the start of the training.
It should be noted that there will be no other excursions organised during Term 4 and those parents who receive CSEF funding can use this money to pay for either event.

CURRICULUM DAY
The Curriculum Day held last week was excellent and Professor Misty Adoniou was certainly an inspiring and informative presenter. Misty travelled from Canberra for the day to present and spoke with passion about Spelling. Her knowledge and work will form part of the approach to Spelling at Whitehorse in the future.

CODES OF CONDUCT
Codes of Conduct or Statements of Values are standard within the Department of Education. Some parents may be unaware that there is a Parent Code of Conduct. I have attached a copy to the newsletter. This is a standard document and has been through School Council.

ON LEAVE
You may already be aware that I will be on long service leave for the remainder of this term. Mr Paul Tantram will be Acting Principal in my absence. I look forward to seeing you all upon my return in Term 3.

SUBCOMMITTEES
At it’s last monthly meeting, School Council recommended the formation and/or continuation of four subcommittees for 2016/2017:
- Buildings & Grounds
- Marketing & Promotions
- Out of School Hours Care
- Community Matters

These subcommittees provide advice and make recommendations to the School Council (which has the final responsibility for making decisions). If you are interested in joining any of these, please see the School Office for more information. We are particularly looking for enthusiastic members for our newly formed Out of School Hours Care subcommittee.

Kerry Wood

The Chooks Need Your Help
We are desperately seeking families to look after our chickens on the weekends in June and during the upcoming school holidays. This involves letting them out during the day and locking them up again at night to protect them from foxes. You will need to fill their food and water bowls and in return you may get some delicious eggs.

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Like to help COORDINATE one of our tried-and-true community events or fundraisers?

Community Matters is looking for people to help coordinate some short term community projects. Each project comes with instructions and lots of support! If you are interested in helping with one of these — or would simply like more information — please get in touch with the School Office. Coordination of each project would work equally well with an individual, pair or small group.

VOLUNTEER

Winter Pie Drive

Our annual pie drive is always a smashing Winter success. Orders are taken in Term 2 and pies are delivered in Term 3. The coordinator/s send out order forms, collate orders & payments and organise collection of pies. Most of the activity would be in the 2nd last week of Term 2 and first week of Term 3

Father’s Day Buffet Breakfast

Our Mother’s and Father’s Day buffet breakfasts have been hugely popular. The coordinator/s send out forms, collate orders and payments, issue tickets, finalise food quantities and coordinate additional volunteers to help set-up and run the breakfast. Most of the activity would be in the 3 weeks before Fathers Day

Father’s Day Stall

Our annual Father’s Day stall gives children an opportunity to go shopping for something special in the week prior to Father’s Day. The coordinator/s help with ordering, pricing and coordinating additional volunteers to assist with the stall. Small amounts of work would need to be done periodically from the end of Term 2 onward.
PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Whitehorse Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and parents to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing. We share a commitment to and a responsibility for safe and orderly environments for children and young people whilst honouring inclusiveness which is a mandated aspect of the wider Australian community.

This Code of Conduct sets out the behavioural expectations of parent and guardian members in this school community and is a reflection of the department wide Codes of Conduct and values. It respects the diversity of individuals in our school community and addresses the shared responsibilities of members in building safe and respectful school communities.

Discrimination, sexual and other forms of harassment, bullying, violence, aggression and threatening behaviour are unacceptable and will not be tolerated in this school.

Our Code of Conduct acknowledges that parents along with school staff are strongly motivated to do their best for every child. Everyone has the right to differing opinions and views and to raise concerns, as long as we do this respectfully as a community working together.

PARENTS WILL:

- Model positive behaviour to children
- Treat all school leaders, staff, students, and other members of the school community with respect
- Respect the differences in people, their ideas and opinions
- Understand and comply with the requirements of confidentiality and privacy
- Ensure that their children attend school on time, every day the school is open for instruction.
- Take an interest in their child’s school and learning.
- Work with the school to achieve the best outcomes for their child.
- Communicate constructively with the school and use expected and appropriate processes and protocols when raising concerns.
- Support school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students. [eg: ensuring your child’s behaviour does not compromise the safety of others; never in any way disciplining or sanctioning a child that is not yours]
- Follow the complaints processes if there are complaints.
UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOURS

Behaviours that are considered inappropriate on and adjacent to school grounds or in relation to school business and that do not uphold the principles of the Code of Conduct include when a person:

♦ is rude, aggressive or harasses others
♦ sends rude, confronting or threatening letters, emails or text messages
♦ is manipulative or threatening
♦ speaks in an aggressive tone, either in person or over the telephone
♦ makes sexist, racist, defamatory or derogatory comments
♦ inappropriately uses social media as a forum to raise concerns/make complaints against the school or individual
♦ is physically intimidating, e.g. standing very close.

CONSEQUENCES

Principals are responsible for determining what constitutes reasonable and unreasonable behaviour.

Unreasonable behaviour and/or failure to uphold the principles of the Code of Conduct may lead to further investigation and the implementation of appropriate consequences. This may include:

♦ utilising mediation and counselling services
♦ alternative communication strategies being applied
♦ formal notice preventing entry onto school premises or attendance at school activities. Written notice will follow any verbal notice given.
♦ an intervention order being sought
♦ informing the police which may result in a charge of trespass or assault

By meeting the specified standards of positive behaviour, everyone in our school community can be assured that they will be treated with fairness and respect by all members of the community. In turn, this will help to create a school that is safe and orderly, where everyone is empowered to participate and learn.
PIRATE DAY

Come dressed like a pirate on the 

7th of June

Money going towards raising awareness for childhood brain cancer

GOLD COIN DONATION
Save the Date
for
DISCO Bingo
Friday 29th July
Music Games Disco Fun
Prizes Boogie Fancy Dress & more

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKET SALES

This event is a fundraiser for Seedlings @Whitehorse Kindergarten
What Kids Really Need from Their Dads

There is no doubt that dads have a special and important role in their children’s lives.

If you are a dad who wants to learn how to better connect with your children, establish boundaries that work and how to communicate more effectively, then this forum is for you.

Join Kim Pedler from Parentzone Eastern and other dads in discussing and sharing ideas on what kids of today really need from their dads.

This forum will focus on children aged 4-12 years

**Date:** Thursday 23 June 2016

**Time:** 7.30pm-9pm

**Venue:** Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (rear of Nunawading Library)

**Bookings:** Registration is essential. Please book online at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Parent-information-Forums.html

**Further Information:** Please contact Council’s Parent Resource Officer on 9262 6175 or molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

**Cost:** $2 gold coin donation payable on the night.

- There will be Auslan Interpreters available if required. Please indicate if you require Auslan Interpreters through the online booking process.
- Please note we are unable to accommodate children.
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK EXHIBITION

When: 31 May - 12 June 2016
Time: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Phone 9895 8888 for weekend hours
Opening: Thursday 2 June, 6 - 8pm
RSVP essential by Friday 27 May, phone 9895 8888
Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill

Box Hill Community Arts Centre presents an exhibition of significant Indigenous Australian work from the G K Lesselyoung Art Collection and the Whitehorse Art Collection in recognition of National Reconciliation Week.

Join enthusiastic local art collector Keith Lesselyoung, on 2 June, to view this fascinating collection by contemporary Indigenous Artists.

470 Station Street, Box Hill VIC 3128
Phone: 9895 8888
Email: bhcac@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Website: www.bhcac.com.au

BOX HILL HAND SPINNERS AND WEAVERS
‘CHEERY COLOURS’

When: 14 - 19 June 2016
Time: Wednesday - Saturday 9am - 8pm, Sunday 9:30am - 2pm
Opening: Tuesday 14 June, 2pm
RSVP essential by Friday 10 June, phone 9733 1152
Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill

The Box Hill Hand Spinners and Weavers will present a wide range of hand-spun, woven, dyed, felted and crocheted garments, rugs, cushions and wall hangings. All work is for sale.

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IDEA TO EXHIBITION

When: 21 June - 3 July 2016
Time: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Phone 9895 8888 for weekend hours
Opening: Thursday 23 June 6pm - 8pm
RSVP essential by Friday 17 June, phone 9895 8888
Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill

Working with artists Carly Grace and Michael Fikaris, students in the 'Idea to Exhibition' program have produced a series of finished pieces using a variety of mediums for this group exhibition at Box Hill Community Arts Centre.

Students in the program are involved in the preparation of their artwork, hanging and curation of this exhibition.

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