2 March 2016

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM
On Monday March 7 we will be holding a special assembly to present the badges to our School Leadership Team for 2016. The certificates are being presented by Dee Rhyll. We congratulate those who received a role and look forward to them being outstanding leaders.

School Captains: Cal and Madison

Vice School Captains: Samuel and Zahlia

Wood (Red) House Captains: Peter and Sarah

Dunlop (Yellow) House Captains: Leah and Alana

Cowan (Green) House Captains: Daniel and Deanna

Hollows (Blue) House Captains: Elijah and Thomas

Environment Captains: John and Hana

Environment Team members: Cameron
                      Joey
                      Mia
                      Sunjandeep

‘Getting to Know You’ PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Last night we held our ‘Getting to Know You’ Parent – Teacher Interviews. The interviews were well attended and it was a great opportunity for parents and teachers to meet, especially for those who are unable to be at school during the day. Thank you to all involved.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
As there were the same number of nominations as there were positions, it is not necessary to hold an election. We congratulate and warmly welcome Niki Crivelli and Andrew Miller who are new parent members of Council. We also warmly welcome back John Robertson who has renewed his term.
EDUCATION WEEK
Education Week is a state wide event that is held annually. This year it is between 15 and 21 May. There will be an Open Evening on Thursday 19 May between 7:00pm and 8:30pm for those who wish to visit the classrooms or tour the school. There will also be an Open Morning on Saturday 21 May from 10:00am to 12:00pm for schools tours. Everyone is welcome to attend the open events whether you are a current or potential member of our school. Grandparents and other family members and friends are also very welcome.

MOTHER’S DAY FEEDBACK - REMINDER
We have put together a short survey regarding the Mother’s Day event. As you would be aware we have tried a few different events such as a Morning Tea and Dessert Night. We are looking for your ideas and we encourage you to click the link below to share what you think.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R5D3LZS

DISTRICT & DIVISIONAL SWIMMING
Congratulations to the eight students who competed in the District Swimming Competition. A special congratulations to Cynthia and Samantha who made it through to the Divisional Swimming competition. Samantha swam the 50m Butterfly and Cynthia swam the 50m Freestyle. Both girls came fifth at Divisional level which is a great effort. They both have a great deal to be proud of, as do their parents!

Kerry Wood

District Swimming Sports
Eight very enthusiastic students participated in the District Swimming Carnival at the Monash Aquatic Centre on February 22.

The weather was perfect for swimming in the outdoor pool and all our swimmers, Flynn, Stephen, Cynthia, Amber, Cal, Ethan, Samantha and Sara, swam their best to compete against some hot competition.

Two of our girls, Cynthia and Samantha, swam well enough to progress to the next level of competition. Congratulations girls.

All of our competitors were fantastic representatives of our school in both competitiveness and behaviour throughout the morning.

We would like to thank the parents who transported our students to the pool and the other parents and grandparents who came to cheer and support our team.

Mrs Humffray

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS
It is a government policy that all children who attend the OSHC program must have a NEW enrolment form completed each year. Unfortunately, without a completed 2016 OSHC enrolment form, children cannot be accepted into the program. Enrolments forms are available from the school office or from Karen.

Also, there are still accounts from 2015 that are overdue and payment immediately would be appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who collected Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers last year. Our rewards have arrived and have been distributed to the classrooms and Kinder.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE OUR HOUSE NAMES COME FROM?

HOLLOWS (Blue)
Fred Hollows was a passionate ophthalmologist who became known for his work helping restore the eyesight of countless thousands of people in developing countries around the world. Fred held a special place in the hearts of many. According to Gabi Hollows, Fred’s widow, he meant many things to different people. He was a husband, a father, a friend, a skilled ophthalmologist and, for a few politicians and bureaucrats, an irritating thorn in their side. But above all else he was a humanitarian, which made him a terrific doctor. He truly believed it was the role of the doctor to serve, to help those in need.

WOOD (Red)
Dr Fiona Wood is a dynamo. Dr Wood packs more into one day than most people could fit into a week. A mother of six, a plastic surgeon, Director of the Royal Perth Hospital Burns Unit and has a cell culture business that employs 20 people. As head of the RPH burns unit Dr Wood was thrown into the spotlight following the Bali terrorist attack when she co-ordinated the treatment of 25 patients.

COWAN (Green)
Edith Cowan was a pioneer for women's and children's rights at the turn of the century. She led the fight for massive social changes at a time when women were treated as second class citizens. As the first woman elected to an Australian parliament, Edith proved that persistence pays.

DUNLOP (Yellow)
Weary Dunlop became known as a great compassionate Australian because of his tireless support to Australian Prisoners of War during World War Two. Edward Dunlop grew up on family farms in Victoria and on leaving school commenced work at a local pharmacy. In 1927 he began studying medicine at Melbourne University and on graduating took up a role as a ship’s surgeon and sailed off to London.

We’re having a Fun Run!
Whitehorse Primary School is teaming up with the School Run 4 Fun as a major fundraiser for 2016. The Fun Run will be combined with our Cross Country on 16 March.

Students will have received Fun Run sponsorship forms. Every student who raises $10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. The greater amount of sponsorship donations they receive the better prizes to choose from! The selection includes toy brands including Apple, GoPro, Razor, Star Wars, Monster High, Nerf just to name a few.

School Run 4 Fun will provide a FREE refreshing Berri Quelch Fruit Juice stick for every child at the end of the Cross Country Run, as well as a range of other fundraising incentives.

If you are interested in assisting with any aspect of the Fun Run, we’d love to hear from you. Please contact the School Office for more information.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.