UNIFORMS

We have had quite a large number of parents expressing concern about correct uniforms not being worn. It has been raised at School Council also. Please be aware that all children are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times. Please ensure that your child is in the uniform each day.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

The Father’s Day Breakfast was a great success with over 200 attending and the many volunteers who helped were absolutely wonderful! Thank you, we certainly couldn’t have done it without you!!!

COMPASS

As we announced in our last newsletter we are in the process of establishing and training staff in the COMPASS communication portal/ App. The process now is going to include a band of parents who will be our Lead Users. They will be trained early next term, so that the training is fresh. We will then send home the names of the people you can get assistance from should you need it. Of course, you can also speak to the staff. The attendance/absence part of COMPASS will be live from early in the term. Instructions for parents will also be sent home early next term.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

The weather was perfect for the Junior School Sports morning. There were a large number of volunteers and spectators to support and assist the children on the day. Thank to Robyn Humffray and her helpers for a great morning.

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

Last Wednesday evening the Instrumental Concert was held. The Discussion Steps area was packed and the performances by the children fabulous! There was even a small supper from the Kitchen Garden to be enjoyed. We were able to hear a small example of the wonderful music at Monday’s assembly with performances by the Bel Canto Choir and Sara L on the piano. Thank you to all involved especially Emma Ranson, Paul Merriweather and Lise O’Donnell.
DISTRICT ATHLETICS

The District Athletics was a great but very wintery day and the children competed to the best of their ability. Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the Divisional Athletics on 5 October: Sonia P and Cal P in high jump and Cha G and Daniel L in shot put. We wish them all the best in the next round.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Footy Colours Day was, coincidently and appropriately, held on the same day as the Father’s Day Breakfast. It was a great day to support all codes of football and raise money for kid’s living with cancer. The gold coin donations raised $320.

Kerry Wood

Dear Parents

As the school holidays are approaching, you may have plans to travel on Victoria’s roads. Significant rain is expected to fall over much of Victoria over the next few days, which may result in flooding.

Because of this rainfall, there is an increased risk to those travelling on our roads, and it is possible that houses across the State may be impacted as well.

I urge you to heed the following advice from emergency services:

You should never drive through floodwater – it only takes about 15 centimetres of water to lose control of your vehicle.

Drive to the conditions around you and be aware of road hazards such as mud, debris, damaged roads and bridges.

Roads in your area could be damaged by the bad weather so plan your journey and monitor VicTraffic for road condition updates and any road closures, see: Vic Traffic

Never swim, walk or play in floodwater, it is dangerous and may contain hazardous debris or toxins.

If your property is at risk of flooding, please raise belongings onto tables, benches or beds and if you are on a farm, consider moving your livestock to higher ground.

Remain informed with emergency broadcasters to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest conditions and if possible, make sure your neighbours are aware of the situation. For more information, see: Vic Emergency

Many thanks, and have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Kerry Wood
WANTED - MULBERRY LEAVES
Do you have a Mulberry tree growing in your garden? We have some new Silk worm hatchlings at Whitehorse Primary School and they are particularly fussy eaters. If you have a Mulberry tree, or know of one in your street, we'd love it if you could donate some Mulberry leaves throughout Term 4 to feed our little caterpillars.
Please contact Peta McDonald (Science teacher). Thankyou!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

It’s on again!

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes direct from the farm to you

If you love mangoes watch out for our popular annual fundraiser early in Term 4

We will be selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest. Orders and payment will be taken in October and its anticipated that our delivery will be round 25 November 2016.

Each tray will be $25.

The beautiful Bowen Mangoes (also known as Kensington Pride) are packed in a single layer tray, with approximately 7kg per tray. The number per tray depends on the size of the fruit, but is generally between 12 large mangoes and up to 23 small mangoes.

It’s your chance to indulge in farm-fresh, juicy Bowen mangoes, while raising money for the School.

Family and friends are welcome to order too!
Junior Sports Morning

Last Tuesday a very excited group of children from Foundation - Grade 2 participated in the Junior Sports Morning. They were competing for their houses and came decked out in colours to support them. The results were very close and there were only a few points between the teams at the end.

Well Done to Hollows House for winning!

Thank-you to all the teachers and assistants for their wonderful manning and running of the activities and scoring. The teachers were assisted by some very capable Grade3/4s who displayed skills that will be very useful as they move through into leadership positions in Level 4.

A big thank-you to all the parents who assisted teachers at the stations and thank-you also to other family members who came along to support. This support really made it a special occasion for your children.

Enjoy some photos of the fun had by all

Robyn Humffray
Whitehorse Primary School has a range of buddy activities that we undertake throughout the year. One of these activities is the monthly catch up between the classes, especially the Grade 6 students with their Prep buddies and also the Grade 5 students with their Kinder friends. These ‘Better Buddies’ catch up enables the younger children to feel safe and cared for while the older children feel valued and respected. ‘Better Buddies’ allows for the building of special relationships between students to create a friendly and caring atmosphere. Each session is structured around the students playing safely together and getting to know one another. For the Grade 5 students in particular, it gives them extra practice at understanding of what a Better Buddy is all about.

From the photos below, it is clearly obvious that the Better Buddies program here at Whitehorse Primary School instills values such as friendliness, respect, inclusion and responsibility.
START SMART

We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our Year 5 and 6 students.

Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.

Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Commonwealth Bank
Nunawading Tennis Club

School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd September
10.00am - 2.00pm
- Morning tea & Lunch provided
- Trophies and Prizes
- Daily enrolments accepted
- All standards Welcome.

For all bookings and enquiries contact:

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An Outdoor Fitness Group that helps Mums become fitter and stronger by exercising regularly.

Term 4
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A specific program designed to help you burn calories, build strength and increase your metabolism in a fun and supportive environment with like minded Mums. The program offers 3 different types of training to achieve RESULTS.

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