2015 CALENDAR

Friday 12th June – Canteen
Monday 15th June – Coffee and Chat – straight after assembly in the staffroom
Tuesday 16th June – canteen orders in first thing in the morning
Friday 19th June – Canteen
Wednesday 24th June – Reports go home
Friday 26th June – NO CANTEEN
Friday 26th June – last day of Term 2 – children dismissed at 2.30pm
Monday 13th July – first day of Term 3
Monday 31st August – Wednesday 2nd September – Year 5/6 camp
Monday 31st August – Wednesday 2nd September – Year 3/4 camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

We have been provided with a dental service for our children at school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community – accessible and convenient. Attached to this newsletter is the information about this provision.

North Star Dental has a mobile dental van and will provide free dental treatment for eligible children under the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule. To be eligible for free Dental treatment you and your child needs to either be receiving one of the following: Family Tax Benefit Part A, Parenting Payment, Double Orphan Pension, Carer payment, Disability Support Pension, Special Benefit, Youth Allowance, or Abstudy. The service provider will check eligibility and advise parents who are unsure if they are able to have their child’s treatment bulk billed through Medicare.

Please return completed forms (if you are interested) by Thursday 18th of June, so that the service can be organised for some time during term 3.

DRINK BOTTLES

We have observed that not many children have water bottles with them at school or have them on their tables for easy access during the day.

Children have a higher proportion of body water than adults. They are also less heat tolerant and more susceptible to dehydration, especially when being physically active and in hot climates – heated classrooms or from the sun. Encouraging children to drink fluids regularly is particularly important in this context, as children can be so involved in what they are doing that they forget to drink. The research says that patterns of drinking behaviour appear to be established early in childhood, so it is important that young children get used to drinking water and a range of other appropriate drinks in order to maintain hydration.
Drinking fluid, however, is not necessarily seen as a priority by children and may also be viewed as boring and inconvenient. It is therefore important that there are opportunities for drinking throughout the day and that children are encouraged to make use of these opportunities.

**Consequently……………………..**

We are organising for every child in our school to have a Whittlesea Primary School water bottle that will stay at school and on their tables. The named water drink bottles will remain with the children for their primary school years. If the named bottle somehow becomes lost it will be replaced at parent cost.

As you are aware, we have a strong focus on student leadership and student voice in our school. I met with the Student Representative Council, the Prefects and the School Captains a few times this week to create a Whittlesea Primary School Declaration. They are in the process of devising the proclamations/statements that will be repeated by children at our Monday assembly each week. I have been most impressed by the children’s perception of what is important to them at our school. This ‘declaration’ will be printed onto the water bottles and remind the children about the agreement – like a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Take care,

Kindest regards,

Bente Stock 😊
BREAKFAST CLUB – A reminder

The breakfast club is open from 8.15 am to 8.40 am every Wednesday. Children attending breakfast club must remain in the gymnasium until 8.40 am.

SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY

Finishing Well

I would like to explore what matters in order to finish life well and survive life’s shipwrecks. We know it is not a level playing field. We don’t get the same head start when we begin our lives. Does that matter? I think not.

Working through all of life’s experiences is an uncertain adventure and it ought not to be done alone. It is sad when a person falls and there is nobody nearby to pick them up. I can think of a lady who isolated herself from neighbours because of her chronic illness.

We might be making a living but not a life. It’s never too late to turn around. How we finish life matters much more than how we started it. Let us remove the weights that slow us down or lock us in. Let us remove any bitterness from our hearts and any pride which walls us. In humility we can find that we need the help of community. We are encouraged to persevere by another’s love.

Finishing life well is not a sprint but more like an endurance race where we adopt a long obedience to life’s call to fully engage with it. We have to be teachable, to learn delayed gratification and enduring values (not possessions). Staying alert to serve in wisdom, health and ethics is a rest of life commitment. We build into our personality, resilience, integrity, morals, and convictions. We must add life to our years, not years to our life. This may take exceptional measures but the reward is a complete and graceful closure.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain
Hi everyone,

Another FANTASTIC holiday program is on the way!!!!. If you did not receive an enrolment form you can come to the World 4 Kids room and get one or go our website at www.world4kids.net. We are going to Kids Space and to the movies to see Inside Out. We have Superstar for a day, survivor, W4K live game show, Funky Wacky Crafts, Wacky science, Dance Party, Australian Heritage Day and W4K Cook Off. Get your enrolments in as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. We have already 3 days that are full. I don’t want anyone to miss out on these amazing activities.

This week the children have asked to learn about natural disasters. Selina Yaman and some of the other children went to IMAX to watch a documentary on natural disasters in 3D. Jordan Pottenger then asked if we could learn about it. We have a lot of experiments to do this week including, making a volcano and making it erupt. The children have shown a great interest in this subject. They have taught me a lot this week and have plenty of fun facts up their sleeves.

If you have any queries or questions about the program please don’t hesitate to call me on 0426768971 or email me on whittlesea@world4kids.net.

Thank you
Jamey Peterson
Manager of Whittlesea World 4 Kids

Computers for Seniors – Term 3 2015
Not confident in using a computer? This supportive beginners’ course will teach you all the basics so that you can start using computers to meet your everyday needs. The course will cover:
- Using computer hardware,
- Understanding software types,
- Introduction to word processing,
- Introduction to internet and email

Entry Requirements:  Age 55+
Location:  Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir
Dates:  Wednesdays 15 July—16 September, 2015, 12.30—3.00pm  10 sessions
Cost:  Concession & Full: $27, Fee for Service: $207+ Service & Amenities Fee

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