Hello Everyone!

If you missed it – I recommend that you get a ticket next year! The State Schools Spectacular was indeed spectacular. Once again, it was a polished performance by about 3000 children from government primary and secondary schools in Victoria. And for $22.00 a ticket at the Hisense Arena – well it was great value for money. Best of all is that our talented choir performed and hopefully that will happen again next year. A huge thank you to all who supported this opportunity for our children, especially Laura Parkes, our Music Master and Amar Kaur.

Last week I wrote about our excellent Whittlesea Primary School parent feedback. Another was returned this week, which made it 114! We were thrilled to receive this one too as it stated that the family was very satisfied with their experience at our school and strongly agreed that their child is receiving a quality education. They also said what they most liked was, 'approachable and friendly staff always address issues promptly. Thank you.

Some other comments are as follows:

- Both our children appear to be studying above average and seem to be challenged
- Teachers are approachable and program is well organised
- The school stays in contact with parents
- The teachers are fantastic with follow up on issues and positive things too
- My children have had a great start to their education here. The school has given them plenty of opportunities.
- My child's learning is improving
- My child is always happy to attend school
- Great communication between myself and the teacher
- Staff are always happy to help, and make themselves free to talk
- I believe my children are getting the best experience at WPS with the wonderful teachers and programs that are available. We are very proud of our school.

In the next newsletter I will talk about any improvements mentioned in the feedback.

As you are aware, we are genuine on our mission to continually strive to improve all that we do - to be the best that we can be at our school – your school.
This improvement is also evident in our NAPLAN results, particularly in year three. The children out performed the state in reading, writing, numeracy and grammar and punctuation. The year five children were above state for writing and numeracy and grammar and punctuation showed good improvement. This is a testament to the learning and teaching at our school and the preparation leading up to this annual national test.

I want to reiterate the importance of parents and teachers working together to ensure our children work towards reaching their potential academically and socially. Usually one cannot do it without the other. This requires a positive rhetoric and excellent communication between home and school – between teachers and parents. It also requires each party to initiate the discussion or conversation at a mutually convenient time to nip any issues, (potential or perceived) and concerns in the bud. We need to trust and have confidence in each other knowing that we are all working towards the same vision for our children.

It is also important to recognise that we all, at times, make mistakes in our judgments, explanations and in the choices we make. It is not necessarily deliberate or intentional but sometimes spontaneous and impulsive, and this is almost always regrettable and is applicable to children, parents and teachers. What is imperative is that we work together and know that we are all on the same side – our children’s side!

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday break with your children. I will look forward to seeing everyone again in two weeks!

Take care,
Kindest regards,
Bente Stock
Principal

TERM 4 – COMPULSARY SCHOOL HATS

SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update –

The decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program. To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider! Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item. Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

Breakfast Club – starts Wednesday 7th October
Boxes Needed!

The Early Learning Centre (ELC) is in need of BIG boxes to store our materials for our Term 4 inquiry unit (e.g. fridge or television boxes). If you can assist, please deliver them to Matt Dunstone in the ELC.
Hello Everybody,

It is that time again! School holidays! This is a holiday program you do NOT want to miss. We have 3 excursions coming your way these holidays: Show your skills in bowling at Epping, have a relaxing day heading to Doncaster to see the movie Blinky Bill and spend a fun filled day down at Bollygum Park in Kinglake playing games and eating sausages for lunch. The excursions are just the beginning, come along and enjoy our amazing incursion days at the school full of laughter and fun.

Please get your holiday enrolments in now, we only have a limited amount of spots available for the excursions and I do not want anybody to miss out on all of the fun!

We have had a slight change in provider of the before and after school care program. The new provider will be World 4 Kids and this will have no effect on management, staffing or the program. Nothing at all is changing. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

If you have any enquiries please feel free to call me on 0426 768 971 or email me at whittlesea@world4kids.net.

Thank you
Jamey Peterson
Manager of Whittlesea World4kids

This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes early childhood education, as well as Primary, Secondary and Special schools.

Entry Requirements: Moderate Computer and Internet and Email Skills; English LLN skills at an industry entry standard; and Returning to Learning Program

Location: Merrilands Community Centre, 35 Sturdee St Reservoir

Starts Friday, 23rd October

Days & Times:  
- Friday: 9.15am to 3.15pm
- Tuesday: 9.15am to 3.15pm (2 sessions only)

Duration: 23 sessions, 2 workshops (TBA) + 100 hour practical placement. (Excludes: 11/3/16 & School Holidays.) Note: Fri. 30th Oct.— 12.15pm Finish

Costs: Concession: $160, Full: $800, Fee For Service: $2,540 (Concession- Limited Places) + Service & Amenities Fee

Enrolment: Please ring early to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au

Whittlesea Cricket Club - Registration Day (Second Round)
Thursday 17th September, 5 - 7pm
Whittlesea Cricket & Tennis Pavilion, Walker Res.
74 Laurel Street, Whittlesea

Looking to find some young up and coming potential cricket stars.