Hello Everyone,

On Monday next week our year 3 to 6 students leave for exciting new experiences at camp ADANAC and came Manyung. This opportunity is significant in a child's development – giving them the opportunity to further develop independence, teamwork and confidence in a supportive and fun environment. Some of the activities our students will participate in include adrenalin rushes such as giant swing and flying fox, teamwork challenges including initiative games and creative tasks including bandana making and bush kitchen. The three days of both camps promises to be a great experience for all those attending and I wish our campers all the best.

As I will be attending the year 5/6 camp, Leading Teacher Kellie Redmond will lead the school in my absence.

Thank you once again to our wonderful parents who volunteered their time to shop, wrap and sell Father’s Day gifts. The children were very excited to have the opportunity to select a gift for their dad or significant male in their lives.

This week is Speech Pathology Week and as such, it is timely to recognise the specialised services we receive from Luisa Giannone, our department speech pathologist. Luisa conducts assessments, provides therapy and has been instrumental in establishing a language support program at our school. This program is now conducted on a regular basis by Regina Jarman and adds great value to the children involved.
Student Led Conferences
Thank you to all those who came and participated in the student led conferences. It was great walking around and seeing the great learning on display including digital portfolios, written pieces and other artefacts. At your child’s conference you will have had the opportunity to complete a parent survey. We appreciate your feedback and consider it carefully when planning for continual improvement in the future. If you were not able to complete the survey one is enclosed with tonight’s newsletter. Please complete and return to school at your earliest convenience.

Until next time,

Ty Hoggins
Acting Principal

ISSUE 6 BOOKCLUB
Please note Bookclub is due back TOMORROW (Friday 28th August). Online orders will be available until Monday 31st via “LOOP” at scholastic.com.au

Circus Oz Workshop

Last Wednesday, a group of students from the “Performance” and ‘Photography” careers class went to The Plenty Valley Ranges Art Centre to take part in a Cicus Oz Workshop.

Students juggled silk scarves and balls, spun plates and threw and twisted devil sticks. They balanced and rolled, jumped and tumbled their way through an exciting one and a half hours of fun, developing co-ordination, strength and confidence.

This activity is part of the exciting program of “Careers” that students in years 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in. Careers is held for one hour a week, in a mixed age group.

Students chose the group they wanted to be in, following their person interests and skills.

Important notice..

BREAKFAST CLUB
There will be no breakfast club next Wednesday 2nd September.

SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY
Step-a-thon
Step-a-thon for Kids is a national campaign for primary school children to help teach them the importance of making every step count.

Obesity is on the rise in Australia and Step-a-thon aims to teach kids the value of making every step count, by encouraging them to keep active and supporting the research that keeps kids everywhere healthy and active.

From 31st August until 6th September 2015 kids will count their steps and raise money for child health research. The first 25,000 kids to register will receive a free slap on pedometer to make counting their steps fun and easy.

This is a great initiative so if you are interested please go to the website and register at www.stepathon.com.au
Wood’s Paddock

The story of why we used to call the front sports field “Wood’s Paddock” is worth preserving. We are tending to call it "the soccer field" now, and the memory of the old name is fading.

As recent as the 1980's, there was an old weatherboard house there, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Wood. At the time, it was a neighbouring property, not part of the school. Mrs. Wood was once a cleaner of the school and her grandchildren were enrolled at the school. Later that same decade the government purchased the property to increase the area of the school. The old house was demolished and the resulting empty area became known as Wood’s Paddock.

I think that Members of the Wood family still reside in Whittlesea. There is also a publication by J.W. Payne called “Education at Whittlesea 1848-1978” that may mention the neighbours, but as yet I have not had the chance to see it. It will hold lots of information about life before Wood’s Paddock. It would be nice if there was someone in the school community who owned such a book (or other school related historical information) and was willing to loan us the copy for a while.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

Hello Everybody,

It is that time again! School holidays are getting closer and closer. 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.

Last week with the newsletter was a copy of the holiday program enrolment.

Please get your holiday enrolments in by the 31st of August to avoid disappointment. 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!

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
Computer Courses starting soon

Introduction to MYOB-Term 4, 2015
A short course for participants who want to learn how to use a computer-based accounting system (MYOB) to perform basic bookkeeping procedures.
Location: Merrilands Community Centre
Starting Wednesday 30 September, 12.45—3.30pm, 11 sessions
Fees: Concession & Full: $32, Fee for Service: $248 + Service & Amenities Fee

Computer Essentials-Semester 2
This program will build skill and confidence in the use of essential Microsoft 2013 programs for personal, work and study purposes
The course will cover:
- An extension to basic word processing
- Introduction to PowerPoint
- Introduction to Excel
Location: Merrilands Community Centre
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9.15 am—12.15 pm, 6 October—Tues 8 December, 2015, 18 sessions
Fees: Concession: $50, Full: $58, Fee for Service: $446+ Service & Amenities Fee

Introduction to Internet and Email – Term 4 2015
This short course will give you the confidence and ability to access and navigate the internet and use basic features/functions of email for work, study and personal purposes. The course will cover:
- Introduction to the internet
- Efficient internet research techniques
- Using the internet for jobsearch activities (e.g. creating a resume, on-line applications..)
- Creating and managing an email account
Location: Thomastown Neighbourhood House
Starting Thursday, 15 October, 9.30am—12.00pm, 8 sessions
Fees: Concession & Full: $22, Fee for Service: $165+ Service & Amenities Fee

Introduction to Computers and Basic Word Processing – Term 4 2015
This introductory course will give you the confidence to perform basic word processing tasks on a computer
The course will cover:
- Using computer hardware
- Understanding software types
- Using basic Windows 7 commands
- Using MS Word 2013 (entering data, formatting, saving & filing)
Locations: Merrilands Community Centre
Tuesdays, 12.45 – 3.30pm, 6 October—8 December, 9 sessions
Fees: Concession & Full: $27, Fee for Service: $207+ Service & Amenities Fee

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

Food Handling
Time: 9.15am – 4.30pm
Date: Saturday 12th September
Venue: Whittlesea Community House (92A Church St, Whittlesea)
Cost: $70
Please contact the Whittlesea Community House to register or for further information: 9716 3361
INTO THE LIGHT
Echoes of Home
Sunday September 13th
3.00 – 7.30pm
Parade gathers at 6pm

At the Cattle Shed - Whittlesea Showgrounds, Yea Road, Whittlesea

A Magical Lantern Parade and celebration for the whole community.

Once again lanterns are being made by students in preparation for this years INTO THE LIGHT event.

On Sunday 13 September 2015 INTO THE LIGHT will be staged from 3.00-7.30pm. Everyone is invited to attend and carry a lantern in the parade, walking together from the darkness of winter into the light of spring.

From 3.00pm there will be food stalls, kids’ activities and games, live music by locals and a mini ‘cinema’ of short films by teenagers. Then at 6pm we will all gather to light the lanterns and walk in (or watch) the parade.

INTO THE LIGHT is a community process and event, made by, for, and with people living in and around Whittlesea Township.

This year INTO THE LIGHT explores the themes of Home and Community. The parade will feature a series of sound installations and a choir of combined voices from Whittlesea and the surrounding communities.

Lantern making workshops for adults and students, for those who haven’t made a lantern in the schools workshops, are being offered in Whittlesea in the week leading up to the event. This is a free activity suitable people of all ages and abilities. Everyone is welcome to become involved at any stage and no experience is necessary.

Lantern making workshops will be held at:

Kinglake Neighbourhood House, 6 McMahon’s Rd Kinglake, VIC 3763
Sunday 30th August 12.30 – 3.00pm

The Cattle Shed, Whittlesea Showgrounds, Yea Road, Whittlesea
Thursday 10th September from 4-6pm
Saturday 12th September from 1-3pm.

Here’s a link to the video of last year’s event… https://vimeo.com/111696852

For more details or to become involved, call 9217 2174 or email: Stefanie.robinson@whitlesea.vic.gov.au