FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

It was wonderful to read twenty or so applications for school captains over the weekend. I was most impressed with the leadership opportunities that the candidates had embraced and experienced over a number of years, not only within our school, but also in their wider school community.

The shortlisting process therefore was extremely difficult. The panel comprised of the current captains, Mr. Dunstone, Mr. Wright and Ty and I. Each member independently read and ranked the candidates. Those shortlisted were interviewed by the panel and a reference check was conducted by one of our captains. It was extraordinarily close! I would like to acknowledge the panel for undertaking this difficult but significant process and especially thank every child who took the ‘risk’ of applying for one of the captain positions.

As the calibre of the applications was exceptional we have offered eleven children the leadership opportunity of becoming a prefect. Two of these children will become the Captain and the Vice
Captain of the prefects. In 2015 the prefects leadership responsibility will improve and be better defined.

What is terrific, is that with our strong emphasis on student voice in our school, there are ample prospects for children to initiate projects and to lead them. A few of examples are – the beach life-savers chair, the community garden design and the radio station. Children are also able to be part of the community leaders program (year 4 to year 6) and Student Representative Council (Foundation to year 6)

The new captains and prefects will be officially announced on Monday at our special end of year Christmas Assembly.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA
Just a reminder that we would love you to join us for morning tea straight after the assembly to recognise the support that you have provided us throughout the year.

UNIFORM
We have noticed a few children are wearing hats that have been damaged and so do not align with our value of excellence. There are also a few children who do not have Whittlesea Primary school bags. Damaged hats are not acceptable nor are other types of school bags. All clothing – polo tops, school jumpers and so on must have our school logo and shoes must be black. If a child is out of uniform, parents should write an explanatory note and if any parent has difficulty with complying with the School Council Uniform Policy, then I encourage you to see your child’s classroom teacher, myself or Ty.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY DISCO TONIGHT.☺ SEE YOU THERE WITH YOUR DANCING SHOES ON!

Take care,
Bente Stock
Principal

Hello Everyone,

A final reminder that Year 6 jacket orders must be received by Friday, December 5th. Those who would like to check their child’s size can do so at the office tomorrow.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Assistant Principal

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge
Presentation of Certificates

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates will be presented at assembly on Monday 8th December 2014. Thanks

Kate O’Halloran (Leading Teacher)
Asian Literacies Question
This week, you have the chance to win a prize if you:

“Write down a place or country in Asia you would like to visit, and why.”

• Write your answer on a piece of paper. Remember to put a capital letter for the name of the place or country.
• Write your name and class on your entry.
• Put your entry in the Asian Literacies box tomorrow!

IMPORTANT NOTICE
THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

SWIMMING
Swimming: December 17th at Whittlesea Swimming Pool - Trials to select swim team for 2015. A notice will be sent home closer to the date.
The last Breakfast Club & Pancakes for the term: Wednesday, December 10, 8:15 am
(no Breakfast Club in the final week of term)

School Banking 2014 – last day for school banking will be Tuesday 9th December. Rewards can be ordered on this day.

Thanking you, Jennifer Long

Please be aware that some rewards are very low in stock or are no longer available. The projector cup has run out. The handball and swimming bag are very low in stock. If you are ordering rewards, please list a second choice.

SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2015
Please contact the office if interested
WORLD4KIDS

It’s that time of the year again to enrol your children into the holiday program. We have some amazing excursions and incursions. You will find with this newsletter an enrolment form for the holiday program that is beginning on the 12th of January 2015. We have some amazing excursions including Funfields Fun Park, bounce the trampoline centre, the movie Big Hero 6 and the Clowning Around play centre.

Our incursions are just getting better and better. We have Taco Tuesday which is all Mexican all day, Beach party day with loads of fun beach games, sandcastle building competitions and much much more, Foam Party has a whole lot of messy fun and crazy science experiments, a day in the Jungle will include fun facts about jungle animals and loads of fun craft activities, Green aid day is a day to learn about all of the great things that Green Aid the charity does and cook and make all things green and of course last but not least celebrating one of the greatest days of all time Australia Day. We will learn about all of our native animals, do Australian arts and crafts and fun Aussie games.

Don’t forget to re-enrol for next year as soon as you can. You can do this by going onto our website www.world4kids.net, clicking on our parent portal and pressing new enrolment. If you have already enrolled using parent portal and just press on re-enrolment instead of new. If you can’t remember your password you can put you email address in and a new password will be sent out to you. Some of our days next year are getting very close to reaching 30 which means you might be put on a waiting list. So please get you enrolments back as soon as possible so you don’t miss out.

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

Thank you
Jamey Gould
Manager of Whittlesea World 4 Kids

WHITTLESEA JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Registrations now open for season 2015. Visit www.whittleseajunior.basketball.net.au and follow the link to register. Registrations close 16th December 2014 or when that section is full.