FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you all enjoyed your long weekend break with family and friends. The student free day was helpful to our staff enabling them to continue with the report writing process.

This process may not seem to be a difficult task, however, the obligation required to accurately reflect your child’s progress is an enormous responsibility and one that we take very seriously.

If parents are concerned about any aspect of their child’s progress or development they should make contact with either the classroom teacher or me. As I have said on many occasions, it is our moral purpose to meet and challenge the learning and teaching needs of every one of our children at Whittlesea Primary School – to this end we work extremely hard.

Church Car Park
A reminder that parents are required to reverse park and those children/parents must use the paths on either side to walk to the footpath.

China
It is terrific that the children are still asking me about my China experience and I can’t wait to share some stories with them at our next whole school assembly. As is mandated by DEECD all Victorian schools must introduce a language to foundation in 2015. School Council have endorsed the teaching of Chinese in our school.

Our Asian Literacies Team provided the following rationale to our staff and school council:

*The action team discussed Chinese culture and language and we had some plus points.*
• China is the global power house
• Learning the characters promotes visual discrimination which is a good brain exercise
• Avoids confusion between pronunciation of letters which have different phonetic value in Indonesian than they do in English (we thought that we might introduce Indonesian)
• Chinese culture is rich and interesting

Asian Literacies is part of the Australian Curriculum studies and so all children will be involved in broadening their knowledge not only about Asia but also about China.

At this stage it is anticipated that we will offer Chinese language as ‘an elective’ to our year 5 and year 6 children with view to them having an opportunity for a student study tour at the school where I went to stay with 42 other children and their teachers. We are in the process of firming up a sister school relationship with Jingling Primary School so that teachers/children can begin communicating together. All very exciting for our staff and children! As I already said- it is hoped that some of our teachers will visit the school and become immersed in the Chinese culture – April school holidays next year.

Kindest regards,

Bente Stock
Principal

Hello Everyone,

On Sunday I visited the Whittlesea Show. I was pleased to see such a large contribution by our children in so many areas. Our school supported students to enter both art and literature as part of the education display. A number of our students achieved prizes and commendations. Well done to all who chose to submit their work.

It was also pleasing to see our students enter so many other categories independently. Our talented children won awards for baking, arts and crafts and more. It reinforced to me just how central our school and students are to the local community. I met many of our children on the day and it was great to see them with family or friends enjoying such a significant event for Whittlesea.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Assistant Principal

PLEASE PAY........
As the end of the year is fast approaching we would appreciate all outstanding fees/excursion/incursion levies be paid as soon as possible.
Any queries please contact Donna Gray at the school office.

TERM 4 – COMPULSORY SCHOOL HATS
Anger Management
Handling anger well is about learning to deal with how we feel. When we have conflict we either fail to learn, or we break through to a new level of awareness and acceptance of ourselves and others. A poor response in anger destroys good will and creative resolution is restricted. Great damage is done to relationships by it. Suppressed response to anger is also a poor result because illness may become the result of frozen rage. We fight, flee or freeze, and each one has a downside.

So what should we do when we’re angry? Denying it leads to unhealthy ends. Instead we are called to admit our anger and express it in a constructive way. We all get angry; it is how we respond to it that makes the difference. Anger is a normal and natural emotion. A little wisdom on how to respond to it will guide us safely through it. We can ask: “Why am I angry?” Anger is a warning light. A button in us may be pressed. Something under wraps deep within us may need to be inspected and sorted out. Anger offers us an opportunity for this and is therefore a gift of Life.

There are some basic root causes for the anger we might feel and I will share my thoughts on these next issue.

Peter Ackland - School Chaplain

SPORT – TERM 4
T-Ball: November 20th at Mill Park Softball Diamonds for selected boys and girls in years 3/4. Trials and training to take place during recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Swimming: December 17th at Whittlesea Swimming Pool - Trials to select swim team for 2015. A notice will be sent home closer to the date.
Swimming lessons for Early Years children at Whittlesea Pool: 8 lessons beginning on Monday December 1st. Notice will be sent home soon.

PE – Gymnastics
All students will participate in a gymnastics program for the 1st five weeks of this term. Coaches from PIT Gym will be taking the program. It is advised that girls wear shorts or skorts instead of dresses on the day that they have PE. All girls with long hair must have it tied back. The cost for the program is included in the excursion levy, therefore no payment is required.

Friday 7th November – NO CANTEEN
Friday 14th November – Canteen – orders in first thing Tuesday 11th November

School Banking 2014 - every Tuesday
SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Do you have a spare hour on Tuesday afternoons to help out with the students’ school banking?
If so, can you please ring the office, thank you.
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
GARAGE SALE
Saturday 8\textsuperscript{th} November
9.00am – 3.00pm
2 Nene Court Whittlesea