Hello Everyone,

I trust that everyone had a terrific Melbourne Cup Day holiday. A three day week - and just as well as our early years’ children can hardly contain their excitement. The children will have their independent adventure camping experience tomorrow.

To recognise that children are at different stages developmentally - all the children – foundation to year two were invited to stay overnight. Although our school camps are every second year, there is a camping experience for all children every year.

We like to prepare children for success and for those leaving their family home for the very first time this is absolutely necessary. I look forward to reading the bed time stories on Friday night and having breakfast with the children on Saturday morning.

Thank you
A huge thank you to the two families who have indicated that they are relocating from Whittlesea Primary School in 2016.

This is a huge help to our teachers who are currently placing children into their new classes. As you are aware, we ask the children to nominate five friends with whom they would like to be with, guaranteeing at least one of those five. If any other families are relocating please let me know today.

Our numbers to date for 2016 are 405 which means that we will have 18 classes – one more than this year.

Cyberbullying
The Australian Government has a website for parents. It has comprehensive information that may be helpful to parents. We have zero tolerance to any form of bullying at our school. www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources
Food for Thought
‘Happiness comes when you believe in what you are doing, know what you are doing, and love what you are doing.’

Take great care,
Bente Stock ☺

TERM 4 – COMPULSARY SCHOOL HATS

SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed their mini-break over the long weekend.

Voting has officially opened for the Mercedes Benz Pedal Car Challenge. A team of our year 5 students created a ‘Chinese Dragon’ themed Mercedes convertible. The design featured a variety of dragon features including eyes, claws, scales and horns. The students also integrated electronics such as coloured lights, wireless audio and a fan.
Congratulations to Braydan Rogers, Riley Delaroy, Finley Kay and Nathan Martin who gave a 15 minute presentation to a judging panel at Silver Star Motors in Doncaster on Friday. The boys displayed great confidence and impressed the judges – particularly with the custom number plates which read ‘Silver Star Motors’ in Chinese characters.

In tonight’s newsletter you will find a pamphlet explaining how you can vote for our school’s design in the people’s choice award.

VOTE NOW – and share the website with everyone you can. The school stands to win $3000 if we are voted as the most popular design. The link will also be published on our school Facebook page today.

A reminder to all families that access to our school grounds is strictly forbidden outside of school hours. During recent holiday and weekend periods we have had past and present students in our grounds on the play equipment or roaming the school. Please be sure your children are aware of this rule as the police will be called if trespassers are seen on school grounds.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Assistant Principal

EARLY YEARS SWIMMING PROGRAM
The swimming program for children in the Early Years will take place at the Whittlesea Swim Centre during the last two weeks’ of school. The dates will be December 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th. There are no lessons on December 8th because it is a statewide and school transition day.

A permission note and timetable will be sent home closer to the date.
City of Whittlesea Student Recognition Program

Every year, the City of Whittlesea invites each school in the municipality to nominate a student for the Student Recognition Program. This program has been created to celebrate students who contribute positively to the community.

Nominated students are individuals who show respect for others around them, including those of different backgrounds. They are ethical leaders. They may also participate in activities that help keep alive something from history.

This year’s nominee from Whittlesea Primary School was Joshua Junor from 6W. His positive and respectful attitude, as well as his participation in a number of valuable activities made him an excellent choice for the Whittlesea Primary School nomination.

Joshua consistently demonstrates our school values and shows respect to others. He was part of a team of students that welcomed the Chinese visitors from Jinling Primary School when they visited earlier in the year. As school Vice Captain, Joshua has taken on an important leadership role in the school. He is also a champion penny farthing cyclist and has participated in riding demonstrations, helping people to learn about this interesting mode of transport from the past.

Joshua was invited to attend a ceremony at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre to be recognized for his positive contribution to the local community. Congratulations, Joshua!

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Please be advised that Friday 13th November is the last day for canteen lunch orders for the rest of the year.

**Gift of Reading (part 2)**

Some parts of my days at Whittlesea Primary are taken up listening to a young student read aloud. I look to encourage the child at every page. I might not correct every error and I will be careful and gentle when I do. I prefer not to interrupt the reading flow if it is mostly correct. These children are willing enough to try their best for the time I am with them. If they seem to be waning, I will conclude the session with some final encouragement and let them return to class. Keeping up reading interest and confidence is the key.

In last week’s Whittlesea Leader (October 27), the front page shows a picture of a boy reading a book with a dog at his side. “Book Buddies” is a report on how the Yarra Plenty Regional Library is using dogs to encourage children to read aloud. Children are able to snuggle up to a specially vetted dog. In the article, the initiator of the program said that “some children get clammed up when they’re learning to read but reading to a dog makes the whole process very relaxed and non-threatening." The dog in the article, called Finn, will be at Mill Park Library, Wednesdays 4 - 5 pm, during school term. The Regional library is look for other suitable dogs for the program.

It is practice, practice, practice and finding ways to kindle enough interest and commitment is welcomed. The “Doggy Tales” program at the Yarra Plenty Regional Library is one such way to build courage and confidence for young readers. I am chuffed to know that a “man’s best friend” is also a young reader’s closest confidante.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain
I hope everybody had a fantastic long weekend.

For the last couple of weeks the children have been learning life skills. We had a lot of fun practicing using our knives and folks, cleaning up after ourselves, putting on our own sunscreen and much, much more. We finished last week off with Daniel Malcombe day. The aim of the day was to talk about child safety and how to keep safe in our community. There were a lot of discussions about the people we trust in the community. We then went on to an activity called the hand of trust were the children trace their hands and then choose 5 people over 18 that they trust to speak to about anything.

This week we will be discussing the new healthy eating pyramid as set by nutrition Australia. We will be encouraging the children to look at the foods that they eat and see where they sit on the new healthy eating pyramid. We will be having a lot of fun cooking up a storm with e few new healthy recipes that we found in a book that was supported by nutrition Australia. So go to the nutrition Australia website and check out the new healthy eating pyramid. A lot has changed.

We are having a bit of a shortage in spare clothes at the service. if there is anyone out there who have some clothes that they are about to get rid of, feel free to bring them to world 4 kids were they will be put to good use.

It is time again to get enrolled for 2016. This can be done through the website www.world4kids.net or you can also come into the service and get a paper copy. Please remember if there are any Anaphylaxis, asthma or allergies I will need doctor signed action plans and any medications that the children may need such as Epipens and asthma pumps.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to email me at whittlesea@world4kids.net or call me on 0426768971.

Thank you
Jamey Peterson
Manager of Whittlesea World 4 Kids