FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,
For those of you who were able to have a holiday break with your children, I hope that it was enjoyable.

I spoke to many children in our holiday program quite a few times and they were exceptionally happy. The holiday program was well attended with over twenty children joining in with the varied and engaging activities each day. The extensive program ensured that the children looked forward to attending every day. This must be a great comfort to parents who have to avail themselves of this service.

As is the usual practice in our school, we take the opportunity during the school holidays to complete improvements that are sometimes not practical during the school day. I mentioned some of those improvements in the last newsletter before the holidays.

A HUGE THANK YOU
Your support of our school is appreciated. The feedback from parents is overwhelmingly positive and it is clear that the word of mouth advertising is working well. One of the programs that is being well received is our pre-prep program. It is going so well that we had 44 children attend last Tuesday. This has been the largest group to date and Kate O’Halloran (Leading Teacher) will organise the children into groups so that each child gets personalised attention. Last Tuesday, Kate and Kellie Redmond taught the children and two teacher aids assisted. The children were very cheerful which is excellent.
We say goodbye, for a while at least, to Louise Reid who commenced her family leave this week. Louise is our wonderful Art teacher and will be missed very much. It is with pleasure that we announce that Danielle McDowell will replace Louise for the remainder of the year. Danielle has been working with her to transition into her role as the new Art Teacher. We welcome Danielle and we wish Louise all the best and we can’t wait to hear the gender of her new baby.

Take care and welcome back. It was sensational to see everyone again.

Kindest regards,

Bente Stock 😊
Principal

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back for term 4. It promises to be another busy term with a number of school events and celebrations to cap off what has been a great year to date.

A reminder to all parents we highly recommend that everyone adds the ‘Tiqbiz’ school app to their smartphone / tablet / computer. Instructions on how to add this app were distributed to every family last term. If you require another copy please contact the office and one will be sent home with your child. The app is a great way to stay up to date with what is happening at our school.

Over the holidays you will note a number of improvements / additions to our school environment. The gates at the entry to our school are a significant improvement and we have also had more
rubber laid on our ‘racetrack’ which I’m sure our children will love. As always we are constantly striving to improve our school in every way for our children and the entire community.

Enjoy a great term,

Ty Hoggins
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Proposed Uniform Policy – amendment

Proposed existing dot point change – Hair colours should be natural shades only. Hair accessories must be blue, gold, white, or black only. Clear nail polish is acceptable. Students are also encouraged to wear a wristwatch.

Proposed new dot point – Piercings are to be limited to gold / silver sleeper earrings or studs to be worn in the ear lobe(s) only.

Feedback to the office due by: 10th of October.

SPORT – TERM 4

Cricket: October 24th at Marymede – District Round Robin for selected boys and girls in years 5/6. Trials will take place during Friday sport time and training taken during recess.

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 10th October – NO CANTEEN

Friday 17th October – Canteen – orders in first thing Tuesday 14th October

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.
Fixed Mindset vs Growth Mindset

As parents, grandparents and care givers we are called to take in a long breath and wait a little and fight against the impulse to intervene and help the child struggling to do something. We may want to say: “Let me help you do that... I’ll show you how to do that... watch me and learn.” It does not seem a bad approach but if we do that all the time the child we care for may develop a stunted attitude to learning. Then there is a matter of how we actually praise our children when they accomplish a task.

I have recently read about a study by a Stanford researcher Carol Dweck on motivation and perseverance. She places children in two categories: fixed mindset and growth mindset. Importantly, fixed mindset children think: “If I have to work hard, I haven’t got what it takes.” They are stuck in the belief that they are born with an intelligence they can’t improve on. On the other hand, the growth mindset children think: “The more I challenge myself, the smarter I become.” They value learning over-looking smart. They hang in there through the mistakes and tough learning times.

The difference between both groups, according to the research, was how they were praised. Those children who were praised for their intelligence, “You are smart,” chose the way of caution and developed a fixed mindset. The children who were praised for their effort, “Well done, you’ve put in a great effort”, chose greater challenges in the future, knowing that these will improve their learning.


As a result of how we praise them, children will try much harder to excel.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

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

Thank you
Jamey Gould, Manager of Whittlesea World 4 Kids
WHITTLESEA COURTHOUSE 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
(150 YEARS OF HISTORY IN WHITTLESEA)

Celebrations are from: September 27 to October 19

The Whittlesea Courthouse Association Inc. is celebrating the history of the Whittlesea Courthouse building built in 1864 and also of Whittlesea’s general history over the past 150+ years - and everyone is invited.

Celebrations will include historical re-enactments: on Sept 28, by the Victoria Police Historical Society - capturing of Bushrangers & on Oct 18, by the Secondary School Drama Group - historic, local court cases. Also a museum, stage coach rides, performances by primary school choir, Whittlesea Township Choir & Secondary School Band.

There is something for everyone to enjoy and to partake in, see details on local flyer.

For further enquiries call 9716-1864

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Bright Stars Early Learning is a privately owned and operated approved childcare centre in the heart of Whittlesea. Nicole and Sarah (Owner/Director & Assistant Director) have over twenty years’ experience between them working within the industry.

For ten years Nicole owned a centre in the Greensborough area that exceeded quality standards. She is now taking on this new challenge after recently becoming a local resident. They are working towards achieving those high standards at Bright Stars, and bring with them fresh ideas and a positive attitude that Bright Stars will become a great asset to children of the local community.

They invite you to come down and meet them, look around the centre and hear about their vision for the future of Bright Stars. Enrolments are now being taken throughout the centre for 2015, with positions in the 4 year old Kindergarten program still available. If you require care for your child either now or in the future please give them a call.