

PRIMARY POST

The Newsletter of Whittlesea Primary School

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Respect, Honesty, Confidence, Excellence

2009 CALENDAR

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER – NO CANTEEN – FOOTY DAY LUNCH
Friday 18th September – last day of Term 3 – children dismissed at 2.30pm

Monday 5th October – first day of Term 4

Tuesday 6th October – Prep to Grade 2 Swimming Program starts

Friday 16th October – Whole school athletics day at Meadowglen

Saturday 10th October – Bush Dance

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Hi everyone,

Term 3 concludes tomorrow and I mentioned to Tonia Gibson that it has been nearly 7 weeks since we both began our new roles as Acting Principal and Acting Assistant Principal. We thank you for your support and the positive comments that you share with us!

Student Learning:

This year we have been very fortunate to have employed such wonderful and competent graduate teachers at our school. Together with their mentors they have been working towards gaining their Victorian Institute of Teaching Accreditation. Weekly meetings with their mentors, regular classroom observation visits and group feedback sessions with members of the Principal team have ALL contributed to professional and confident teachers. We look forward to an ongoing partnership with these staff members. I would also like to commend their mentors for making themselves available at all times to assist our graduates and to ensure the success of our Graduate Program.

Graduate

Lauren Ashby

Kate Cooney

Brad Hosking

Rebecca Mc Ewan

Shelley Pearce

Kellie Redmond

Mentor

Cheryl Abbott

Kate O'Halloran

Cheryl Abbott

Sarah Keys

Sarah Keys

Kate Brunskill

This week grade level areas conducted informal meetings and finalised their Term 4 teaching and learning programs. Everyone is looking forward to an exciting final term for 2009.

Student Engagement & Well Being:

Safety at School Bus Travel

Parents who place their children on the **Public Bus System** are responsible for the safety of their children whilst they travel to and from school. We encourage parents who are unable to drive their children to school and who live close to a school bus route to use the School Bus System. Other parents especially those of younger children should be either walking with or driving their children to school to ensure their well being and safety.

Circus Splendida

Students and staff were waiting anxiously for the “Circus Splendida” dress rehearsal on Tuesday. It did not disappoint! There was laughter, various acts performing different stunts and a surprised audience waiting to see if a circus performer reappears. Without giving too much away and spoiling the final performance tonight, I commend and thank our students and their teachers for organising such an entertaining and professional performance.

Student s Remaining at School Unsupervised

We remind parents that from 3:30 p.m. teachers are generally involved in meetings and our Office Staff are not available to supervise students for extended periods of time. If a child has a sporting commitment after school it is the parent’s responsibility to ensure that they are collected and supervised at the end of each school day.

If parents know in advance that they are unable to collect their children at 3:15 p.m. the After School Program is available (OoshCare) on site at our school. Please phone Libby for information – 0412788390.

State Schools Relief Committee

Our school received a certificate of appreciation in recognition of the \$309.75 donation that our School Community collected for this organisation. Thank you to our SRC team.

Transition:

2010 Prep Interviews have concluded for this year. We thank all involved for ensuring that we have gained the necessary information to assist us to plan and organise our 2010 grades and to ensure that we cater for the academic, social and emotional needs of our future students.

**Kind Regards, Karen Mazurek
Acting Principal**

CHOIR

A big thank you to the children who sang at The Heritage Farming day last Sunday. Although we only had a small number of singers, they did our school proud and sang strongly into the wind. Choir continues next term, with grade two children invited to audition in the first week. The choir will be participating in many upcoming events including

- The Whittlesea Show
- Christmas carols in the street
- the local nursing homes

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Lynne Tolmay

LOST PROPERTY

There is an increasing amount of lost property most of which is not named. If your child has lost any item of clothing, please ask them to check the lost property basket located in the corridor opposite the Art room. Any items unclaimed that are in good condition will go to the second hand Uniform Shop at the end of term.

GRADE 6 CAMP

Next payment date is September 17th. Refer to your payment plan for details.

CHERYL ABBOTT

GRADE 4 CAMP – Echuca 2nd, 3rd and 4th December

4th Instalment was due 31st August - \$50

5th Instalment due 9th October - \$50

**CHRISTINA MARTINI
3/4 CO-ORDINATOR**

PRE ORDER UNIFORM FOR 2010 – TO BE BACK BY TOMORROW

Last week a pre order Uniform form (blue) for 2010 was sent home with the newsletter. By pre ordering uniform this year we are guaranteed to have the uniform for you to pick up and pay for on Booklist Day 2010. The form needs to be filled out and back to the school **NO LATER** than **Friday 18th September**. Thanking you.

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR

For the remainder of the year, the school will be trialling a new playground plan for students. The plan will address certain undesirable behaviours and lay down a prescriptive response by teachers to such behaviours. Hopefully, this plan will assist our school to become an even more enjoyable and safe place for students.

EMA (EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)

Please be advised that cheques for the second instalment have arrived. At your earliest convenience, could you please come to the office and sign for your cheque. Thank you.

IMPORTANT – STUDENT INFORMATION DETAILS

Dear Parents,

Could you please make sure all information details for your child/children are up to date. For example, medical information (asthma plans), phone numbers, change of address, change of emergency contacts etc etc. Thanking you.

CANTEEN NEWS – FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER – NO CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

Dear Parents/Guardians

Could you please keep 5 cents down to a minimum of \$1.00 for lunch orders. We can have lunch orders for \$10 and over made up of mainly 5 cent pieces. This takes a lot of time for our volunteers to count money if the school has a few lunch orders made up 5 cent pieces. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY**WANTED – BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS**

Thank you to everyone who has given books. The proceeds from the sale of these books will be used for projects, many of which involve people and organisations in our town. Your support is greatly appreciated. You can drop the books into the school office. Thank you.

**DAWN KIDGELL
ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE – UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open every Monday from 8.50am to 9.30am.

OOSHCARE – AFTER SCHOOL CARE – 0412 788 390/9716 2153

Hi Everyone,

Hope to see you over the holidays for some great fun activities, if not we will see you next term. Remember hats for outside play. Have a good holiday break.

Bye for now from everyone at OOSHCARE

PRIMARY TRADER

A great way to advertise in 2009 – going to over 250 families. Listed below are costs for ads:

If size of page unspecified –

Up to 16 words - \$5.00. As a general guide 16 words will be roughly business card size.

Over 16 words becomes $\frac{1}{4}$ page.

$\frac{1}{4}$ page (regardless of word number) - \$12.00

$\frac{1}{2}$ page (regardless of word number) - \$24.00

Full page (regardless of word number) - \$48.00

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