This week I have had the pleasure of attending the Year 3/4 camp down at Phillip Island. Although the weather wasn’t as beautiful and sunny as last weekend, our spirits couldn’t be dampened. The students enjoyed a fantastic time and applied themselves to their camp experience. Activities such as giant swing, low ropes, trampolining, orienteering and archery were enjoyed by all. We also enjoyed the opportunity to explore the local area with some coastal walks, exploring the pier, the penguin parade and some beach style activities. All students were a delight to take away and it was so wonderful to see new friendships formed, existing ones strengthened and on all occasions a terrific attitude of teamwork and encouragement within the group.

A special thank-you to the staff whom attended the camp. Bev Brooks, Amy Esposito, Jamie Thompson, Izzy Cahill and Les Oliver all gave of their time to support and nurture such an experience for your children.

A reminder that there is a Curriculum Day coming up on Monday 4th November, followed by the Melbourne Cup holiday on November 5th.

2013 Fees
Please note payments by the term are due today. Statements will be going home next week so you can finalise your 2013 Accounts.

Working Bee
Thank-you to the ‘Buildings and Grounds’ team of School Council, led by Cathy Williams, for organising such a positive working bee. Most importantly a HUGE thank-you to the parents, friends and students who stayed back after school to help us out with a few important jobs around the school. Of most notice was the development of the garden beds near the front entrance gate to the school. This looks fantastic and will be completed with sitting areas in coming weeks. Other areas that our wonderful parents helped with were:

- Removing and fixing the coloured bollard alongside our oval
- Painting the bollards alongside our oval
- Painting the yellow handrails around the school
- Clearing and mulching garden beds
- Clearing and cleaning of storage sheds
- Weeding
- Face painting!!!
- Cooking a delicious BBQ
- Clearing of fallen tree limbs
- Removal of heavy rubbish from storage areas.

Everyone’s time and commitment was greatly appreciated and means that we can continue to invest in improving our building and grounds.
Thank you for supporting the school:
Angela Toscano               Mary Stanton
Trudi Waterfall               Jamie Thompson
Jenny Humberstone             Paul Medveczky
Natalie S                    Erin H
Sharon C                     Tina M
Naomi W                      Michelle S
Lee F                        Sarah J
Neralie C                    Cindy K
Zoe U                        Fiona A
John W                       Nathan S
Kathy and Atila N            Lauren S
Karen K                      Rodney G
Sharon & Steve               
Lachie & Addy H-B            
Mandy &Andrew At             
Reena & Sherab T             

And to the many students who stayed back to help out – thanks everyone! I thoroughly and sincerely appreciate your time and efforts.

Fractured Fairytales
Recently the Prep students enjoyed an incursion titled: Fairytale Fiasco! And... that’s exactly what they got! Students were given the opportunity to dress up, dance and explore fairy tales in a unique way. Students entered into ‘Fairytale Land’ and things there were not what they seem... there were grumpy dwarfs, cats being chased by mice, pigs blowing down the wolf’s house and wizards turning themselves into frogs! This incursion allowed our Preps to be creative in their storytelling and mix things up a bit!

Year 1/2 Craftpower
Last Friday our year 1/2 students had the opportunity of putting their creative minds to work (and their constructive hands) at their Craftpower incursion. Students were shown the skills to build and construct their very own house. From there, it was up to the students to follow the plans and create!

Multicultural Day
Will be held on Thursday 31st October. Please refer to the attachment in this newsletter.

It’s that time of year again where the allergens appear to tickle the nose and cause it to run! If your child suffers please bring any preventive measures from home that may help. Also, if your child needs medication please administer at home each morning. If a more severe response is required then medication can be administered at school via the office. A note is required with the student’s name, medication, dosage and time required.

2014 forms
Any student who has a allergic reaction to anything must have an ANNUAL plan developed alongside your doctor. In coming weeks the school will be sending out forms to those parents we are aware of. These forms are to be completed and returned to the school office prior to the end of the term. If your child is a ‘new’ sufferer please contact the office so that appropriate action plans can be developed.

Swimming for Prep-2
The lesson for our Prep-2 students was to commence this week but unfortunately due to the weather we had to cancel. Therefore, our 8 weeks of lessons will commence next week. Sorry for any inconvenience.
As is the nature of these classes, it takes the first lesson or two for the instructors and our students to get into the routine of their groups. If you are free on a Wednesday afternoon, please come and support and help us out if you can.

Grade 1 Dinner and Grade 2 Sleepover!
As part of our camping program at WHPS, Grade 1 and 2 students are invited to have dinner and activities at school on Friday 8th November. On the same night the Grade 2 students are welcomed to continue on at school for a sleepover. This will be a fantastically fun evening for all. Parents of Grade 1 students are asked to drop their children to school at 6pm and collect them at 8.30pm and the parents of the Grade 2 students can drop their children at school at 6pm and collect them on Saturday morning at 8am. Don’t get any ideas, we want you to pick them up Saturday morning not Sunday or Monday!
# House Points

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A ‘Day for Daniel’

On Monday all the students at WHPS participated in some in-class activities that were focussed on safety and awareness. A “Day for Daniel” is about teaching students to recognise, react and report anything that they feel is *not right*.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:

- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’.
- To educate and equip individuals and communities with knowledge and skills to understand child safety and protection requirements and empower them to take action.
- To have over 1 million people Australia Wide to participate in Day for Daniel.

We encourage all families to reinforce this important message of safety with their children. If you would like more information about the initiative please see the website: [http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au/](http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au/)

Enjoy the weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

Michael

# Physical Education

Some of our team newsletters last week didn’t contain the PE blurb. Here they are for each year level:

**Prep**

The children in Prep have a busy term 4 ahead of them with swimming on Wednesdays, PMP on Fridays and PE on Tuesdays. During PE the children will continue to be taught the fundamental motor skills of running, jumping, dodging, catching, throwing, hitting, kicking etc. Minor games will be played in which these skills can be practised. The children will be reminded of safe and cooperative play, and are encouraged to have good sportsmanship.

I would like to thank the parents who have volunteered again to help with PMP. If there are any other parents who can spare an hour on Friday mornings between 9am and 10am, please come along and help.

**Year 1/2**

Term 4 will see the children in Grade 1/2 begin swimming lessons on a Wednesday. During PE the children will continue to be taught the many fundamental motor skills necessary for the future of playing minor and major games. The children will be doing kicking and hitting activities using a variety of different size and shape balls and bats. Minor games will be taught and played to enable the children to put these skills into practise in a game situation. The children will be encouraged to exhibit good sportsmanship and be mindful of safe play.

**Year 3/4**

Term 4 will see the children in Grade 3/4 attend an adventure based camp at The Island in Cowes. This camp is extremely enjoyable for all children building upon team orientated activities.

Sport will see the inception of SEPEP, a sport program run by the children. The children were divided into 9 teams and will play rounders against each other. One team each week will be the duty team, which is responsible for setting up the field, collecting the equipment, umpiring and scoring. All children will have had a hand in organising and running the competition. This will be the fourth year we have done SEPEP and the staff are amazed at how much the children get out of it and enjoy the competition. The PE program will continue to reinforce skills and fitness required for the development towards major games. We will be covering baseball, newcombe and cricket during fourth term.
Year 5/6
Term 4 will see the children in Grade 5/6 attend an adventure based camp at Lady Northcote YMC in Rowsley. The children will participate in team building activities which will challenge them to use their initiative and communication skills.

Sport for this term will see the inception of SEPEP, a sport program solely run by the children. The children will play rounders against each other, one team each week will be the duty team, which is responsible for setting up the field, collecting the equipment, umpiring and scoring.

All children will have a hand in organising and running the competition. This will be the fourth year we have done SEPEP and the staff are amazed at how much the children get out of the program and enjoy it.

The PE program will continue to reinforce skills and fitness required for the development of major games. The children, in groups of 3, 4 or 5, will develop a game to teach the rest of the grade. I have already discussed this with the children and they are well on their way with the planning of this activity.

STATE SCHOOLS’ RELIEF
CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

ON 15TH OCTOBER OUR SCHOOL HAD A CASUAL CLOTHES DAY DURING ANTI-POVERTY WEEK. WE RAISED $230. THE MONEY WILL BE GOING TO CHILDREN IN VICTORIA TO PROVIDE SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SHOES. A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED A GOLD COIN!

By Kristin, Finley and Tarik

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Nov
Bookfair sales in GP Room each morning and afterschool.
Hours are: 8.30-9.00am  3.30-4pm
'Cultural Infusion' is bringing multiculturalism to Watsonia Heights Primary School. The children will experience four cultural performers who will showcase the traditions and customs of their culture, in an entertaining and educational way.

The four cultural groups that will be performing on this day are:

1. The Chinese Lion Dance
2. Rhythm of African Drummers
3. Indian Bollywood Dancers
4. Commedia Dell’Arte (an Italian comedy show).

Children are allowed to dress up for the day in a ‘multicultural’ theme such as wearing a cultural costume, represent a country of their choice, wear the colours of our national Australian flag or Australian icons on a T-shirt or windcheater.

Come and let’s celebrate ‘cultural diversity’ on

Thursday 31st October!!!!!

Filomena Mariani
Languages (Italian) Teacher
WHPS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For week dated 14th – 18th October 2013

Prep H
**Liam**
Always trying his best and doing some great work!

Prep W
**Levi**
Being so creative with your writing – keep it up!
**Holly**
Being helpful and trying your best!

1/2 T
**Teagan**
Writing an amazing recount of the holidays – keep up the great work!
**Lilly**
Trying her best during Maths even when it is difficult.

1/2 S
**Tomas**
His enthusiastic participation in discussions involving all subjects.
**Ewan**
Working steadily during independent Maths activities.

3/4N
**Madison**
Persistent attitude when decoding words in reading or spelling unfamiliar words.

3/4R
**Sabrene**
Demonstrating great social skills when completing group activities
**Riley**
A fabulous start to term 4, keep up the great work Riley!

5/6B
**Riley**
For excellent organisation skills.

5/6R
**Ben**
For an excellent start to term 4, well done Ben!

For week dated 21st – 25th October 2013

Prep H
**Angus**
Always trying his best!

Prep W
**Liana**
Always being a kind and helpful friend!
**Bianca**
Listening carefully and being organised!

1/2 T
**Liam**
Showing great handymanship at the craftpower Incursion.
**Matika**
Showcasing her excellent handywoman skills in the grade 1/2 Craftpower Incursion.
**Rohan**
Making great improvements in understanding place value in Maths.

1/2 S
**Jacob**
Showing confidence when answering questions and talking in front of the class.
**Ella**
Her positive attitude towards all aspects of her school work.

3/4N
**Amy**
Contributions and active listening with her group when making models.
**Takoda**
His commitments to improve his social skills and caring for others.

3/4R
**Linda**
Her great work on number lines. Well done Linda!
**Mercedes**
Her beautiful handwriting. Well done Mercedes!

5/6B
**Anthony**
For producing an excellent procedural text in his ‘Explain Everything’.

5/6R
**Brock**
For being very responsible in his SEPEP Role.
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Maths Competition

This question is trickier than it looks – so we are putting out the challenge to all grades with this one! (hint: the answer is not 16 or 17)

Put your entry in the silver box at the office. Winners will be announced at assembly. Winners will receive house points and an awesome Maths badge!!!

How many squares do you see?

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Maths Competition

Name: ________________________________

Grade: ______________________________

Answer: ______________________________
Gabriella's Mini Cooks

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Let me make your child’s next birthday enjoyable and unforgettable.

For the Adults: - Tea & Coffee provided free of charge.
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COOKING EXPERIENCE CHOICES

Selection 1

Crazy Cakes
Chocolate and Vanilla swirl cake.

Ginger Bread People
Children will roll and cut out gingerbread people and decorate them with coloured fondant.

Mini Fruit Crumble
Children will make their own crumble and top a baking dish filled with fresh apples and sultanas.

Red Velvet Cup Cakes
Each child will get to make and decorate their own cup cakes.

Selection 2

Lumpy Bumpy Road
Children will have of choice of lollies, mini marshmallows and chocolates to add to melted chocolate.

Surprise Truffle
Make the truffle mix, dried fruits and chocolate bits, they will roll them into ball and sprinkle with coconut.

Cup Cake Decorating
Each child will decorate two cup cakes.

Tiny Teddy Cars & Tic Toc Tea Cups
Each child will make one each.

MENU

Home Made Gourmet Sausage Rolls
Gourmet bite size sausage rolls served with tomato sauce

Home Made Chicken Nuggets
Bite size chicken nuggets served with tomato sauce

Potato Wedges
Big chunky wedges served with sour cream & sweet chilli sauce

Fairy Bread
Holmeal & White bread topped with designer sprinkles cut into a variety of shapes.
A selection of seasonal fruit served with yoghurt dipping sauce.
Please be on the look-out for Moosey. His owner is desperately looking for his furry sole mate. He went walkabout in term 3 and hasn’t been seen since. If you have sighted him or know any information on his whereabouts please contact Leah at the Office on 9435-4617. He belongs to one of our families at WHPS and life isn’t the same without ‘Moosey’!
Grace Park preschool is NOW accepting enrolments for next year.

Grace Park Preschool 2014 Timetable

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