Hello everyone and welcome to the latest linkletter. Well, what a busy time it is in schools, and I’m sure in your own lives as we fast approach the end of the year and the related Christmas celebrations.

With two weeks left of the school year there is no time to rest as the school has been a hive of activity over recent weeks. This will continue for the remainder of the school year. So please check the key dates attached to this newsletter for all the upcoming events and celebrations.

I have just returned from the 5/6 camp at Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh. This was a fantastic opportunity for the 5/6 students to spend some fun time together to celebrate the year they have shared together. Especially for our grade 6 students who are coming to the end of their primary school years. The students all enjoyed themselves on camp and have been busy participating in the adventure based activities such as giant swings, ropes course, flying fox etc… many thanks to the staff who gave of their time in supporting the students throughout the week. It a wonderful testament to the professionalism of staff who give of their personal lives to support our students for the week. Thanks to Jessica Rancie, Lana Buckingham, Bev Brooks, and Les Oliver for all their hard work in preparation, coordination and for running the camp.

As part of our commitment to having a transparent approach to learning, we are excited by the upcoming opportunity of sharing your child’s 2013 achievements at the 3 way conferences that will be held next week. A notice indicating your scheduled conference date and time has been sent home to you this week. We look forward to giving the students an opportunity of sharing their learning portfolio with you. They have lots to celebrate.

In addition, our 2013 December reports will be sent home in the final week of school on Tuesday 17th December.

Congratulations to the year 5/6 students who last week conducted their Bizarre Bazaar day. The students had worked extremely hard to prepare for this event. The whole day was the culmination of an inquiry unit of study where the students learnt about people in need and the different agencies that support people in need. In turn the students decided to conduct a fundraiser for various charities. The students then went about planning, sourcing and conducting their stalls for the pleasure and enjoyment of the whole school. It was fantastic to observe and be part of such a wonderful event. A great cause, well organized and most importantly – student led! The 5/6’s did an amazing job to facilitate such a great day. They managed to raise near on $1000 that will be evenly distributed to the nominated charities. Such as: Birthing Kits Australia and Water for Life.  
www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au
http://www.waterforlife.org

Graduation
This is an exciting time for our year 6 students as they prepare to embark on life at secondary school. Within this process they will have the opportunity to reflect on their times at WHPS. The students and their families will come together to celebrate and commemorate this occasion at the Graduation ceremony. This will be held at the Watsonia RSL on Monday December 16th.
This will be an exciting time for our students, staff and families.

**Year 7**
On Tuesday the 10th December our year 6 students will spend the day at their chosen secondary colleges for 2014. The orientation day will be a great chance for students familiarize themselves with their new schools and to meet staff and students.

**WHPS has got talent**
On Friday 20th our students will be given the chance to show their talents at the WHPS has got talent show. Parents are welcome to attend to witness greatness in the making!!

A reminder to please support The Diamond Valley Foodshare. Donations in the following would be greatly appreciated.
- Cans of soup
- Boxes of cup a soup
- Instant noodles
- Cans of crushed tomatoes
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Cans of baked beans and/or spaghetti
- Cans of legumes or vegies – like corn, beetroot, chick peas, four bean mix
- Cans of tuna (all sizes, plain is best)
- Cans of fruit
- Sweet and dry biscuits
- Breakfast cereal
- Dry pasta
- Toiletries like toothbrushes, shampoo or conditioner, women’s sanitary items

We will be collecting all donations in the front office from Monday 25th November until Wednesday 18th December. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Family Fun Night**
With the end of the year fast approaching we are excited about the opportunity of coming together as a school to celebrate a great year. Please mark Friday 13th December on your calendars at home. From 5.30-8pm the community is welcomed to the school for some music, drinks, food and fun! Please keep an eye out for the flier that is inserted in this linkletter.

**Carparking**
Please be reminded that the staff carpark is for staff only and the entrance to this carpark is NOT a safe place for any drops offs, pick-ups or turn arounds. We have had some recent near disasters with parents using this entrance and reversing across the pedestrian crossing. This is highly dangerous. Please do not use this area.

**Prep Lego Excursion**
Earlier this week our Prep team enjoyed their excursion to the Lego Education centre. Apart from the excitement of catching a bus and travelling away from school for the day, our Preps did enjoy the hands on learning experience that this excursion provided.

**Library**
It’s that time of year again where we commence chasing all of our library books! If you have any at home (even under the couch) please send them back to school so our resources can remain strong and other students can gain the benefits. We are asking that ALL library books be returned asap. Non-returns will incur a $10.00 cost to recover any losses.

**Swim Swim**
Our Prep-2 students continue to enjoy their swimming lessons at Yarra Swim school. Thanks to the parents who have been supporting this program. We appreciate your involvement. Swimming lessons will continue next Wednesday.

**Instrumental Music Soiree**
On Friday 13th December from 9am-11am we will celebrate and enjoy the talents of our instrumental music program at our annual Soiree. Parents are invited to attend the performance in the GP room. Further details will be in the next linkletter.

**Book Fair**
Thanks to Vicky for conducting the recent Book Fair and thanks to all the students and families who added to their personal library for students enjoyment.
The book fair sales allows the school to able to purchase further resources for our school library. With total takings of around $2000, we are now able to invest with a credit note for $700 worth of books back into the school!

**House Points**

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<td>3rd</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>Boronia</td>
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A reminder that school will be dismissed on Friday 20th December at 1pm.

I will be publishing a weekly newsletter for the remainder of the year.
Enjoy the weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

Michael

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**FAMILY FEES EARLY BIRD PAYMENT**

TO RECEIVE THE $20 DISCOUNT, PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN THE OFFICE BETWEEN DECEMBER 2ND - DECEMBER 13TH.

NO PAYMENTS MADE AFTER THIS DATE QUALIFY FOR THE DISCOUNT.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**December 2013**

- **Fri 6th**  Grade 5/6 Campers Return ETA by 3.15pm. 
  Creativity Expo Prep-4
- **Mon 9th**  Grade 6 Graduation practice @ Watsonia RSL
- **Tue 10th**  Year 7 Orientation & last day for student banking
- **Wed 11th**  Prep - 2 Swimming
- **Thu 12th**  School Council Dinner
- **Fri 13th**  Grade 3-6 Musical Soiree Family Fun Night 5.30-8pm
- **Mon 16th**  Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
- **Wed 18th**  Prep - 2 Swimming
- **Fri 20th**  Talent Show End of Term 4 - Dismissal 1pm

**January 2014**

- **Tue 28th**  WHPS Staff return
- **Wed 29th**  Grade 1 - 6 return
- **Thu 30th**  Preps begin
### WHPS Student of the Week

**For Week beginning 25th November 2013**

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<td>Charlotte McMurray</td>
<td>3/4N</td>
<td>Her fantastic teamwork skills when recording stories and suggesting sound effects.</td>
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<td>Joel Romano</td>
<td>3/4N</td>
<td>His responsible and co-operative attitude in Digital learning hub.</td>
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<td>Georgia Thow</td>
<td>3/4R</td>
<td>Putting her best effort into her ebook. Keep up the great work Georgia.</td>
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<td>David James</td>
<td>5/6B</td>
<td>For use of excellent expression when sharing a book with the preps.</td>
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<td>Nathan Speers</td>
<td>5/6R</td>
<td>For always being willing to help out with jobs around the school and classroom.</td>
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**For Week beginning 2nd December 2013**

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<td>Max White</td>
<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Being a kind and helpful class member.</td>
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<td>Emma Henry</td>
<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Working hard and always trying her best.</td>
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<td>Lucy Norton</td>
<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Trying harder to work within a team.</td>
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<td>Finn Wilson</td>
<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Trying harder to complete set tasks.</td>
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<td>Kai Dowlan</td>
<td>1/2T</td>
<td>Using his manners and listening carefully. Well done!</td>
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<td>Isaac Illingsworth</td>
<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Being so responsible with his work and behavior.</td>
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<td>Fox Scotney</td>
<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Extending himself in Maths and asking for extra challenges.</td>
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<td>Adam Hallam</td>
<td>3/4N</td>
<td>Including more detail and using an original idea in writing.</td>
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<td>Georgia Morris</td>
<td>3/4N</td>
<td>Her improved work habits remaining focused on her own work during independent activities.</td>
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## Prep H Get Creative At The Lego Education Centre

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<td>At Lego Land I put animals in the right places. There were polar bears and</td>
<td>Kindley Brown</td>
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<td>lions and crocodiles and cheetahs. I saw elephants and zebras, it was fun.</td>
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<td>At Lego Land I learnt to make stronger walls and I can. We made a machine</td>
<td>Max White</td>
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<td>out of Lego. We used pulleys and levers and Lego. Me and Zeki made it.</td>
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<td>At Lego Land I learnt about Lego inventions. One of them was a jack-in-the-</td>
<td>Libby Allen</td>
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<td>box and the other one was a spinning top. We even made it with Lego. I built</td>
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<td>a house and the big bad wolf ate my little pig. My roof wasn’t strong enough.</td>
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<td>At Lego Land I learnt how to build a house. I worked with Knetti and Saraha.</td>
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<td>Our house was the strongest. In the next group with Danielle we played,</td>
<td>Amaya Cadusch</td>
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<td>“Who Am I?” I guessed the rooster, then we rotated around the room. There</td>
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<td>was a zoo.</td>
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<td>When we went to Lego Land we went on a bus. When we got there we went</td>
<td>Emma Henry</td>
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<td>in a room. We had to copy Kerry. We made the same robot as Kerry. In the</td>
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<td>other room we did groups and we made Lego. We played chasey outside on</td>
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<td>the oval and we had lunch too. Prep W was there too.</td>
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<td>At Lego Land I liked the jack-in-the-box. Then I went to a different room</td>
<td>Leo Hutchinson</td>
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<td>and I made a three eyed pig. When we were building a wall Erik made it</td>
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<td>higher. Then my building was strong. There was a farm.</td>
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WHPS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2013
TIME: 5.30 – 8PM

Family and friends of WHPS are invited to enjoy a wonderful evening full of cheer. Come dressed in your festive flare.

Jumping Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Live Music, Student Carols plus free treats for the kids.

BYO - Picnic, drinks, chair & blankets
DANCE for FUN & FITNESS!

Hip Hop, Jazz, Funk, Ballet, Tap & Creative Kinder Dance.

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Qualified ECE & Primary School Teacher

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Pack it Light, Wear it Right!

Is Your Child's Backpack Making The Grade?

Poor backpack fitting can damage your child's spine. Kick start the year with a FREE schoolbag fitting and posture check.

When: Tuesday 21st January 1pm - 3pm
Where: Greensborough Family Chiropractic
53 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough
94324644