Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying the build up to the end of the year as we are here at WHPS! We have been enjoying so many great learning activities, the time is really flying past. With only one week to go for the 2013 school year I would like to thank our 2013 school council. We met for the final time this week and have enjoyed a very productive year.


Special thank-you to our retiring President Meg T, Cindy K and previous School Council President, Stephen for their contributions to the school and the council. They are all departing school council as their youngest children are leaving WHPS for secondary school. Any parents who may be interested in joining school council in 2014 are asked to check the newsletter early in 2014 for nomination and election processes.

A reminder that tonight the school community will come together for the 2013 Family Fun Night. This will run from 5.30-8pm and promises to be lots of fun for the students and families. I hope you are able to join in the fun!

**IMP Soiree**

This morning our year 3-6 students had the opportunity of showcasing their talents at the Instrumental Music Soiree. Our students have done a wonderful job throughout the year and especially recently as they have been preparing for soiree. Special thanks to our Instrumental Music tutors Adam Roach, Charlie Ellul and Karen Doyle. We appreciate their expertise and hard work throughout this year. Thanks to the parents who came along to support our musicians.

This week our Year 6 students headed off to their Secondary College of choice to experience an Orientation Day. The feedback from the students was very positive and I am sure this day will help them all settle in next year. The end of primary school is fast approaching for this cohort of students. They will enjoy their Graduation ceremony next Monday at the Watsonia RSL. It promises to be an enjoyable evening where students can reminisce about life at primary school, celebrate the great experience and share in this exciting time with their families and friends.

**3 way conferences**

Thank-you to all the families who have this week participated in the student led conferences. Our students are to be congratulated on their achievements over the course of the year and for their confidence and competence in sharing their learning at the conferences.

In addition to this reporting process our written December reports will go home next Tuesday 17th December.

**WHPS has got talent**

In celebration of our very talented community, we will be hosting a Watsonia Heights Talent Show on the last day of term. With 3 carefully selected judges watching, students will be performing their skills in front of the school. Awards will be given for prep-2, 3/4 and 5/6, with a special nominated performance being award ‘Most Original.’ Acts can include singing, dancing, acting, karate, calisthenics or even magic tricks. Good luck to those who will be performing, I hope you have been practising hard. Do not forget to test your music with Mrs. Thompson before performance day.

**2014 classes**

As 2013 draws to a close the staff have been busy writing reports, conducting conferences and developing class lists for next year.
I can confirm the grade structure and specialist programs for 2014 as being as follows:

**Grade structure:**
- Two Year Prep classes
- Four Year 1/2 classes
- Two Year 3/4 classes
- Two Year 5/6 classes

**Specialist Programs:**
- Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Visual Art
- Language/Cultural Studies
- P-2 Music

Students will find out their allocated classes at our ‘Step up’ morning next Thursday 19th December 9.30-11am. At this time students will meet their new teacher and spend some time with their 2014 classmates, in their next year’s classroom.

A full list of staff and their year levels will be published in next week’s linkletter.

**A time for giving**

A reminder to please support The Diamond Valley Foodshare. Donations of 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.

**2013 Expo**

Last Friday the grade 1-4 students celebrated their inquiry projects with our school community during our Creativity Expo, where they set up displays and presented their work to staff, peers and parents. The grade 1/2 students have designed furniture models for a house and the grade 3/4 students have developed eBooks, using models and tessellations to illustrate their books. Thank you to all our visitors who attended last Friday’s Creativity Expo as it was a very proud and exciting opportunity for our students.

**Library**

We are asking that ALL library books be returned asap. Non-returns will incur a $10.00 cost to recover any losses.

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A reminder that school will be dismissed on Friday 20th December at 1pm.

Warm regards,

Michael
FAMILY FEES EARLY BIRD PAYMENT ENDS TODAY

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.

Grade 3 – 6 BOOKPACK COLLECTION

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY

PICK-UP TIMES 9-11AM & 2.30 – 3.30PM
Collect from the Office.
Please note Prep – Grade 2 supplies are delivered/shared within the grade.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2013

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
Grade 3-6 Bookpack Collection

Wed 29th  Grade 1 - 6 return

Thu 30th  Preps begin

February 2014

Tue 4th  Swimming Trials for grades 3-6
& Student banking begin
For Week beginning 9th December 2013

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<td>Trying hard with everything you do. Well done Matty!</td>
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It was tricky to make a hen because I couldn’t find all the parts.  

Maitri

I built something out of little bits of Lego. We made a house out of Lego and made café out of Lego.  

Lucy

My favourite bit was building a house for the little pigs because the girl broke the houses and ate the little pigs.  

Bianca

We got there on a bus. It was fantastic.  

Levi

I liked making the aliens because it was tricky. We had to remember what the lady built and then copy it.  

Holly

I liked making the animals and then putting them into their homes.  

Vianne

We got to Lego world on a bus and it was cool. We built towers out of the humongous Lego.  

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FIRST CLASS FREE FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS
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