Welcome back to term 4! I hope you have enjoyed a restful school holiday period and had the chance of either getting away or spending some quality time in and around home. I know you’re all waiting for it, so I’ll get it out of the way...Go Hawks. I hope you enjoyed your grand final weekend as much as I did.

Term 4 promises so much for WHPS. We have many learning activities and celebrations occurring throughout the term. We will enjoy our camping program with our year 3-6 students having their camps. Instrumental music soiree happening in December, incursions and excursions for differing grades, tennis clinics, swimming, family fun night, graduation, music and art celebrations and the list goes on. Therefore, it is imperative that all school fee payments are up to date otherwise your children will risk their participation in many of these activities. If you are not up to date with your fees please contact the office for payment.

TWILIGHT WORKING BEE
Friday 17th October from 4pm onwards, please come along and play a part in the improvement of your child’s school.
Jobs to be completed include building a ‘GAGA pit’ (no reference to the musician – this is a space designed to provide for a game that originates in Israel called Gaga Ball), planting of new garden beds, mulching, general gardening, painting, cleaning and minor repair works.

WE NEED YOU! ALL WELCOME - FREE BBQ ON COMPLETION
Working Bees are held with the objective of maintaining and improving our grounds & buildings. They cannot be held without parental support.

THIS IS OUR MAIN WORKING BEE FOR THE YEAR! SO PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND IF YOU CAN.

Student’s Integrated Learning
Throughout this term the whole school will be investigating and following an inquiry unit of study. This term’s focus is Curiosity! Students in differing year levels will take a different approach and the focus will change slightly. Below are list of focus questions that each year level will be investigating and also the broader outcomes that we aim to achieve via our units of study. These units also incorporate many subject areas including literacy, numeracy, history, science, geography, the arts, etc.

Foundation (Prep):
Being curious about things that are already in our world helps us understand how best to make new things that we need.
What are different ways that I can be curious?
How can I choose which materials to use when I make something?
What different things do I need to think about when I make something I want to use or give someone?
Students will understand the importance of remaining curious and asking questions when they want to find out about anything in their world that captures their imagination. They will understand the fundamentals of the design process and realise that good thoughtful planning contributes to successful outcomes. They will appreciate the many different materials that are available if they wish to design and create new objects.
Year 1/2:
When we are curious about our past we find out things that help us understand the way we live now.
In what ways can we explore the past?
What are the skills I need to be curious?
Students will be more aware of the impact of the past on their present and future lives. They will be more prepared to question and appreciate the world around them.

Year 3/4:
Exercising our curiosity makes us more likely to live adventurous and interesting lives.
How does being curious about Science impact on our lives?
What skills will help me get the most out of my curiosity?
Students will have an overt awareness of the importance and impact of exercising their curiosity. They will continue to apply the skills they have learned during this unit that empower them to remain continuously curious.

Year 5/6:
Curious minds allow us to learn from our past, make the most of our present and explore our future.
How do chemistry and physics impact on my world?
How can I make the most of my curiosity?
Students will have recognised and utilised the skill set they have developed in terms of their personal learning. They will understand that this empowers them to exercise and satisfy their curiosity throughout their lives, irrespective of what it is that they wish to investigate and learn more about.

No Hat, No Play
This term is a SUNSMART term. All students are required to wear a wide brimmed school hat everyday. Students who do not have a hat will be asked to remain under the covered area during play times. PLEASE clearly name your child’s hat (in fact, all of their belongings).

Keep it Cool
Thanks to the wonderful fundraising efforts of our Community Links group of School Council and the generous support of our whole school community we were happy to have installed air conditioning in the Jan Bobin Learning Centre (Prep building) and also in the canteen (well overdue!). This means that our whole school is now adequately heated and cooled. We’re ready for the summer months ahead!
Thanks again to each family who has contributed to this great fundraising effort.

ICT Learning Program in 2015.
As we continue to enhance our learning programs, ICT plays a huge part in improving our teaching and learning at WHPS. The current use of ipads in classrooms has enriched the engagement and application of student learning. Throughout 2014 our year 5/6 students have been engaged in a 1 to 1 program and our year 3/4 students have been trialing the same. After such a wonderful year of learning in our upper school classrooms, where teachers, students and parents have engaged with our 1 to 1 tablet program; we are growing this program in 2015. Therefore we are closely considering having students in Years 3-6 requiring an iPad for school use next year. There will be further and more comprehensive documentation coming home in coming weeks, but adding an iPad to the wish list to Santa could be a great idea!

3/4 Camp Rumbug
Today the year 3/4 students will be returning from their camping experience at Camp Rumbug. The school camping program is a highly valuable experience that benefits all students. The benefits are varied and provide students with the opportunity of:
Being away from home is great for developing confidence
Building independence
Developing teamwork skills with other students in the team
Developing leadership skills through challenging team based activities
Developing self-esteem as students challenge themselves to tackle obstacle and challenges in a safe and supportive environment
Developing interpersonal skills in communicating and working with students from differing social groups
I enjoyed the opportunity of participating in this camp and it was wonderful to see the students engaging in learning outside the classroom. All the students are to be credited on the way they behaved and engaged with the camping experience. Well done!

Also a HUGE thank-you to the staff team whom gave of their time and made this experience so great for the students.

Mrs. Brooks, Ms. Mooney, Mrs. Thompson, Izzy Cahill and Brad Lanyon - thanks team!

Throughout this camp experience (and in fact all of the WHPS camping experiences) the staff work extremely hard to provide an ongoing duty of care. Whilst in attendance, I was somewhat surprised at the number of students whom attended without adequate clothing. Our staff work hard to provide a comprehensive list of required clothing, (of which a major item was a waterproof jacket); staggering to me, was the number of students whom attended camp without adequate protection. In response, our staff sourced and provided adequate protective clothing for all students. However, I remind ALL parents that the supplied ‘to bring list’ is a crucial and imperative component of the camping requirements.

Looking ahead to the upcoming year 5/6 camp I ask parents to please observe the documentation that will be sent home relating to the required clothing requirements.

Once again, I thank the staff for their ongoing commitment to ensuring our students are well cared for and catered for.

Division Athletics
As reported in previous newsletters we’ve had the unfortunate clash of 3/4 Camp with Division athletics. However on Wednesday we had some of year 5/6 Athletics stars, represent the school at the division Athletics carnival. Well done to:

Lexie
Miki
Riley
Monique
Darby
Cooper
Jasmine
Cassidy
Amy
Bailey
Charlie
Ben
Tara
Emma

Swimming
This term our Prep-2 students are involved in weekly swimming lessons. These will be held at Yarra Swim School each Wednesday from 22nd October through to 10th December. Please note that if you are in arrears in your payment plan for school fees your child will not be able to participate in this program.

Colour Me Orange Day!

Next Wednesday the 15th October is Colour Me Orange Day. All students are encouraged to dress in orange and bring a gold coin donation to support the Orange Pigeon Foundation.

Orange Pigeon is a unique and special organisation providing wishes, comforts and moments of distraction for seriously ill adults in Australia.

For more information about the foundation please refer to the below website:

http://www.orangepigeon.org.au/#
2015 Prep Play Date
The next play date is on Tuesday 14th October at 9.30-10.30am. This is a great opportunity for our next year Preps to get to know the school, our teachers and some fellow students.

School Injuries and Insurance - Reminder
Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Is other insurance cover available?
Yes.
The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.
Parents are encouraged to investigate these options as appropriate.

Regards,

Michael
**October 2014**

- **Tues 14th**  2015 Prep Playdate
- **Wed 15th**  State Schools Relief Casual Clothes Day
- **Thurs 16th**  Orange Day - Orange Pidgeon Fundraiser
- **Fri 17th**  Interschool Sport commences Twilight Working Bee
- **Wed 22nd**  P-2 Swimming commences
- **Thurs 23rd**  Youth Choir Grade 2-6
- **Mon 27th**  School Council Meeting
- **Wed 29th**  2015 Prep Playdate  9.30-10.30am

**November 2014**

- **Mon 3rd**  Curriculum Day
- **Tues 4th**  Melbourne Cup Day
- **Wed 6th**  Prep Information Night Grade 6 and JSC Photos
- **Fri 7th**  Free Dress Day fundraiser
- **Mon 10th**  Grade 5/6 Coastal Forest Lodge Camp
- **Wed 19th**  Prep Orientation session
- **Mon 24th**  Start Smart Incursion
- **Tues 25th**  Prep Breakfast
- **Thurs 27th**  Prep Orientation session
MATHS IS EVERYWHERE!!!

Each fortnight there will be a Maths Challenge that will be sent home in the newsletter. The 1st place will win 300 house points, 2nd place will win 200 house points and 3rd place will win 100 house points. There will also be 10 house points for every entry received.

This week’s challenge is...

To find an array at home.

Handy Hints:

Row x Column = Product

The multiplication for the array to the left is 3 x 4 = 12 because it has 3 rows of 4. When the factors are different digits, the arrays are in the shape of a rectangle. When the factors are the same digit, the array are a square! 😊

Please take a photo of you with your entry and submit it via email to whpsmathschallenge@gmail.com or bring in a hard copy and place it in the Maths Challenge box at the office.

We look forward to seeing your fabulous creations!

The Maths Team.
Children have the right to speak and be heard

2014 Events

All the fun, colour and action of Children’s Week is on from Saturday 18 October to Sunday 26 October. Join us at any or all of our FREE events!

One Hundred Faces
Saturday 18 to Sunday 26 October

See what’s important to 100 Banyule primary school children in this exciting photo-based exhibition. Check out displays at:

- Our Customer Service Centres at Greensborough, Rosanna and Ivanhoe
- Ivanhoe Library, Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe
- Rosanna Library, Turnham Avenue, Rosanna
- WaterMarc, Flintoff Street, Greensborough

Story time with craft and activities
11am-12.30pm, Saturday 18 October

Listen to stories and enjoy craft and activities. All ages welcome. Ivanhoe Library, Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.

Celebrate Children’s Week at Olympic Village
3.30pm-5.30pm, Wednesday 22 October

Enjoy getting your photo taken in a photo booth, meet Constable Pete, get creative with face painting and craft and enjoy yummy food! Olympic Village, Southern Road, Heidelberg West.

Story time with craft and activities
11am-12.30pm, Saturday 25 October

Listen to stories and enjoy craft and activities. All ages welcome. Rosanna Library, Turnham Avenue, Rosanna.

Picnic in the Park
11am-2pm, Sunday 26 October

Celebrate the end of Children’s Week with a picnic in the park with free entertainment, food and activities. Colleen Reserve, Colleen Street, Yallambie.

These Children’s Week events are presented by Banyule Council in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
WATSY'S ON THE MENU

LUNCH ORDERS

SANDWICHES

Vegemite..............2.00
Ham....................2.50
Ham & Cheese.........2.80
Salad..................3.50

SANDWICH EXTRAS

Roll...................40 cents
Toasted...............30 cents
Mayonnaise...........30 cents
Cheese...............30 cents
Salad................1.00

HOT STUFF

Beef Lasagne...........3.50
Mac and Cheese.......3.50

NOODLES.....Drained

Chicken................2.50

HAMBURGER with

sauce..................3.00
with Cheese..........3.30

Pizza Pocket

Ham....................2.20
Ham & Pineapple...2.50

Meat Pie..............3.30
Party Pie............1.30
Sausage Roll........2.20

HOT DOG with sauce........3.00
with Cheese.........3.30

CHICKEN NUGGETS

3 for...................2.00
6 for...................4.00

POTATO GEMS

6 for...................2.00
Dim Sim........80 cents
Corn...............80 cents
Hot Jam Donut......1.00

SPAGHETTI

BOLOGNAISE

JUST JUICE

(please specify flavour)

DRINKS

Big M
Chocolate..............2.00
Strawberry.............2.00
Just Juice
Apple.................1.70
Orange.................1.70
Paradise Punch.......1.70
Apple & Blackcurrant..1.70

LUNCH ORDER BAGS

10 cents each

MEAL DEAL 1. $6.00

POTATO BAKE
JUST JUICE
(please specify flavour)
GINGER BREAD COOKIE

MEAL DEAL 2. $6.50

JUST JUICE
(please specify flavour)

If your child has any food intolerances or special needs please feel free to contact me

Karen 0414230486

Revised August Menu 2014
The Time To Be Me Grant offers one time only cash awards given to individuals in the community for a short term project.

The grants are designed and implemented by the Yallambie Park Preschool themselves.

**APPLICANTS MUST HAVE ATTENDED YALLAMBIE PARK PRESCHOOL TO BE ELIGIBLE.**

The applicant must identify a genuine need for funding.

Funding is provided on the basis of applicants meeting eligibility criteria. Strong applications provide a detailed understanding of how the project would work and a clear and accountable budget. Your application needs to provide enough detail so that someone with no prior knowledge of your project clearly understands the proposal and the outcomes you aim to achieve.

They are usually awarded on a competitive basis and Yallambie Park Preschool Committee decide which individual best meets its guidelines and are most deserving of the limited grant money available.

The Time To Be Me Grant will allow individuals within the Kindergarten community to obtain funds to achieve a clear goal while showcasing their talent and achievements to the children at the Kindergarten and inspire future generations.

They can engage the community in creative betterment efforts and generate real accomplishments the Kindergarten community can be proud of.

The goal of the program is to support individuals who are pursuing excellence in their chosen area. Success of a young person to achieve their dreams should not be limited by lack of money so the Time to Be Me Grant will alleviate the financial burden some individuals have in achieving their dreams.

The amount of the grant will be $200-$2000.

The age of eligible children will be 3-15 years old at the time of application.

There are very little resources in the form of grants for young people in the community. This program aims to reach those who would be ineligible for funding from other grants already available.

**Applications for 2014 close on Friday October 17th at 5pm. Please contact the grants officer at grantsyallambie@gmail.com if you have any questions.**
Introduction to Horticulture

Run in partnership with Edendale, a community farm and environment centre, this 8-week hands-on course will introduce you to a range of topics in the field of horticulture. No prior experience is necessary.

Tuesday 14 October–9 December
10:00am–12:30pm (8 sessions)
Edendale Farm, Eltham
This course is subsidised by the Adult Community and Further Education Board to assist people to make informed career choices and support their return to study.

For more information and bookings please contact:
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