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LINKLETTER

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ISSUE 16

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Welcome back to term 4!

I hope you all had a wonderful school holiday break and enjoyed some time with family and friends.

OK, let's talk about the elephant in the room – well the three elephants in the room. Hawthorn made my holidays with the 3peat complete. I hope you enjoyed the grand final long weekend as much as I did. As my friends are reminding me regularly, "It's now A-league and cricket season! No more footy talk!"

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 2-6 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. Please have a close look at our term 4 dates and mark any significant ones on your home calendar.

With the warmer weather upon us, especially earlier this week; I remind everyone of our Sunsmart policy which requires all students to wear sunsmart hats during all outside activities in term 4. Hats are available for purchase at the school office.

Walkathon

A reminder that our school walkathon is fast approaching. Next Tuesday all students will participate in this fun and healthy activity. The walkathon compliments our focus on physical activity and fitness. We are also asking students to take the opportunity to obtain sponsors for each lap completed. This is a great way to raise some funds for the school. We will be directing all raised money towards improving facilities in classroom technology, library resources and the canteen.

2016 iPad Information Session

On **Tuesday the 27th October at 6pm**, grade 2 parents are welcome to attend an information session regarding the 1:1 iPad program for grades 3-6 in 2016. This is an introductory session relevant to those entering grade 3, as well as covering the current requirements that will enable students to participate effectively in the program. The 30 minute session will commence promptly in Jessica Rancie's room, with attendees being given an overview of the program and iPad requirements. This information will be further detailed in the 1:1 iPad Program Handbook, which all grade 2 students will receive. We hope to see you there and look forward to your student's involvement in the inspirational and innovative learning program.

Athletics

Well done to all the students who this week participated in the Division Athletics Carnival that was held on Wednesday 7th October. Our students performed really well and represented the school admirably. We did have a couple of students whom are likely to move onto the next stage of competition – Congratulations to Alexis Lieschke and Damon Gray DeJong.

Junior School Council

As they have all year, our Junior School Council continue to meet regularly to discuss a range of school based issues and social service opportunities. I thank them for their hard work and commitment to representing their peer group and the student population. Thanks also to Ally Clarke and Shawn Greet for their ongoing support of the group.

CAMP

On Wednesday 21st October – Friday 23rd October our year 3/4 students are heading off to their camp at Phillip Island. This will be a wonderful experience as the students enjoy an adventure based camp but also get to explore the coastal habitats of the area. There are a huge range of interpersonal skills that are enhanced via our camping program. The ability to work independently, away from home, to work as a team, to build self-confidence and self-esteem, to take safe personal risks and challenges via the adventure activities such as ropes courses and giant swings. **Our hope is that all students attend these camps. However, if you are not up to date with your school fee payments, unfortunately, your child will not be able to participate.**

Inquiry Learning

Throughout this term the whole school will be investigating and following an inquiry unit of study. This term's focus is Creativity! Students in differing year levels will take a different approach and the focus will change slightly. Below are lists 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.

Year Prep – Topsy Turvy Tales

How can we be creative?

What can we learn from Fairy Tales?

How can we design and make things using different materials?

Students will understand many ways in which they can be creative. 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 – Marvellous Minis

What do I need to think about in order to be creative?

How do I decide which skills and materials I need for a job?

What is the best way to design something?

Students will apply the creative thinking processes and skills learned throughout this unit to other areas of their lives. They will see opportunities to be creative and have a range of thinking tools and manual skills at their disposal to explore new ideas.

Year 3/4 – Build a Book

What is creative writing and how can I write in a way that captures the imagination of the reader?

How can the design process include creative thinking?

What needs to be considered in order to construct a creative design?

As a result of this unit, students will know and understand some ways in which they can use their creativity and will have the confidence to tackle projects in less conventional ways, applying lateral thinking and appropriate risk taking.

Year 5/6 – Bizarre Bazaar

Why is market research important?

What makes a good advertisement and why?

How do I face the challenges of producing more than one of the same item?

Students will be able to analyse the ways that things they consume and use have been mass produced. They will be more discerning about ways in which products are marketed. They will apply creative thinking to anything they design and/or produce.

Swimming Prep - 2

This will be running for 8 consecutive Wednesdays commencing on Wednesday 14th October. The students will walk to Yarra swim school for their lessons. Any parental support would be appreciated whether walking to and from the pool or even at the pool itself. Being able to swim and to have confidence around water is a crucial life skill. Hence, our hope is that all students participate in swimming. **However, if you are not up to date with your school fee payments, unfortunately, your child will not be able to participate.**

Looking for some fun...

Come along to a night of dancing and celebration with fellow WHPS families. All parents and friends are welcomed to attend a night of live music, dancing and fun. Tickets are available at the office at a cost of \$20. We hope to see you all there.

Choir

It has been great to hear our choir continuing to meet and sing each week. It is always uplifting to have the sounds of song echoing down the corridor. Thanks to Jamie Thompson for her ongoing support of this program.

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.

PATHS PROGRAM

THE PROBLEM SOLVING MODEL



The eleven step problem solving model used in P.A.T.H.S. is used by students when they notice that they have upset feelings or confusion as an indication that there is a problem. The steps are introduced one at a time and numerous opportunities are given in the classroom for practice and review. Students are given real and hypothetical situations for problem solving.

These are:

1. **Stop and Calm down**
2. **Identify the problem** (collect lots of information)
3. **Identify the feelings** (your own and other people's)
4. **Decide on the goal**
5. **Think of the solutions**
6. Think of the **consequences (what might happen)**
7. Choose the **best solution** (evaluation of all the alternatives)
8. **Make a plan** – (think of possible obstacles)
9. **Try the plan**
10. **Evaluate** – How did I go?
11. If you need to – **Try again.**

The four main techniques used in the classroom for making generalisations about Problem Solving are to first use dialoguing during a real life situation, next to promote generalisations about real life situations with the assistance of a Problem Solving box, holding of Problem Solving meetings and lastly to encourage the students to use the problem solving skills in their academic work and for planning of assignments. Throughout the learning of the problem solving lessons, students will learn to identify problems and to stop and think of possible solutions before taking action. The main emphasis is to encourage students to think first, rather than doing the first thing that comes to mind. Students learn to evaluate his or her idea by thinking about what may happen, to pick the most adaptive idea, to make a good plan and to observe how his or her solution works.

PROBLEM SOLVING AT HOME

At home parents /caregivers can assist a student when they have a problem by :

1. Encouraging the student to calm down. When everyone is calm the following conversation could take place: What is the problem? How does the child feel? How do other people feel? What kind of things could the child do to solve the problem? How could the child carry out the solution?
2. Assist a child to anticipate potential problem situations before they occur e.g. Remind your child that they get bored on long car trips and what could they do to plan ahead.
3. Try to give children choices to pick from when assisting them to solve a problem This will encourage his/her competence in decision making.
4. Help a child to consider consequences for different solutions to a problem. Thinking ahead and considering consequences are critical skills for effective problem solving.
5. Apply these ideas to school related problems e.g .a child feeling frustrated with their homework

It is important that teachers and parents model this problem solving process in real life situations and demonstrate to students that problems don't have to be exasperating but when the model is followed a feeling of positive enthusiasm and intellectual challenge occurs. Although conflict is the immediate use of problem solving skills, these skills can be used in all situations. Many students have no conflict with peers or adults but are unable to problem solve in school work situations or issues at home. This way of thinking develops the skills to assist in all situations with the attitude that any problem needs to be solved can be done in a positive manner.



At the moment grade 1/2S have been studying poetry and we want to share it with the whole school. This is the poem we composed.

SUN AND MOON

The sun is down
The moon is up
Although it doesn't give us much luck
The sun is up
The moon is down
Although it should deserve a crown
When the sun is up
You can play all DAY.
BY Kirsten, Eysha, Ely & Liana. From 1/2 S



WHPS Term 4 Calendar Dates

October 2015

Tuesday 13th Walkathon - (amended date)
Wednesday 14th P-2 Swimming
Wed 21st - Fri 23rd Gr3/4 Phillip Island Camp
Friday 23rd Gr6 Graduation & School Captain Photos - 11.30am

November 2015

Monday 2nd Curriculum Day - No School Today
Tuesday 3rd Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday - No School Today
Wednesday 4th P-2 Swimming
Thursday 5th ESmart Day - ESmart Parent Information Evening - 6.30-8pm
Wednesday 11th P-2 Swimming
Wednesday 11th Prep 2016 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 17th Prep 2016 Transition Morning - 9.30 -10.45am
Wednesday 18th P-2 Swimming
Tuesday 24th Prep Breakfast
Wednesday 25th P-2 Swimming
Friday 27th Jump Rope for Heart

December 2015

Tuesday 1st G5/6 Fire Brigade Visit - 10-11am
Tuesday 1st Prep Lego Excursion
Wednesday 2nd P-2 Swimming
Thursday 3rd Prep 2016 Transition Morning - 9.30 -10.45am
Friday 4th Instrumental Music Concert
Monday 7th Gr 2 Camp - Mt Evelyn
Tues 8th Fri 11th - Gr5/6 Mt Evelyn Camp
Friday 11th Prep 2016 Transition Morning - 9.30 -11.45am
Wednesday 16th Gr6 Graduation Ceremony

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 3/11/15

School banking will be collected
on Wednesday 4/11/2015



Last day of school banking for T4 will
be Tuesday 15/12/2015

First day of school banking for T1 2016
will be Tuesday 2/2/2016

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We are very excited to announce that our school will commence the Scholastic Book Club in Week 1, Term 4 of this year.

Twice a term during the school year we will send home a Book Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites.

The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive with some books costing as little as \$2.

Our first Issue's flyer will come out in the first week of Term 4 and will be due back by Friday 16th October. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the book(s) you want and order them online before this date.

It is very easy to order online and our Book Club team are available to help you with any questions you may have. The books will arrive approximately two weeks after the schools order has been placed with Scholastic.

Owning your own books is something special and Scholastic Book Club is an excellent program for all members of the family to enjoy.

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- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
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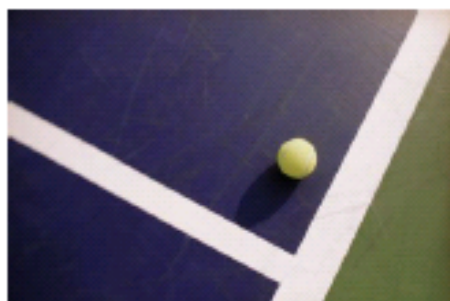
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For further details contact: Cameron MacColl (TCA Club Professional) on 0417 149 161 or email cameronmaccoll@hotmail.com

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MUM’S TENNIS PROGRAM AT WATSONIA TENNIS CLUB



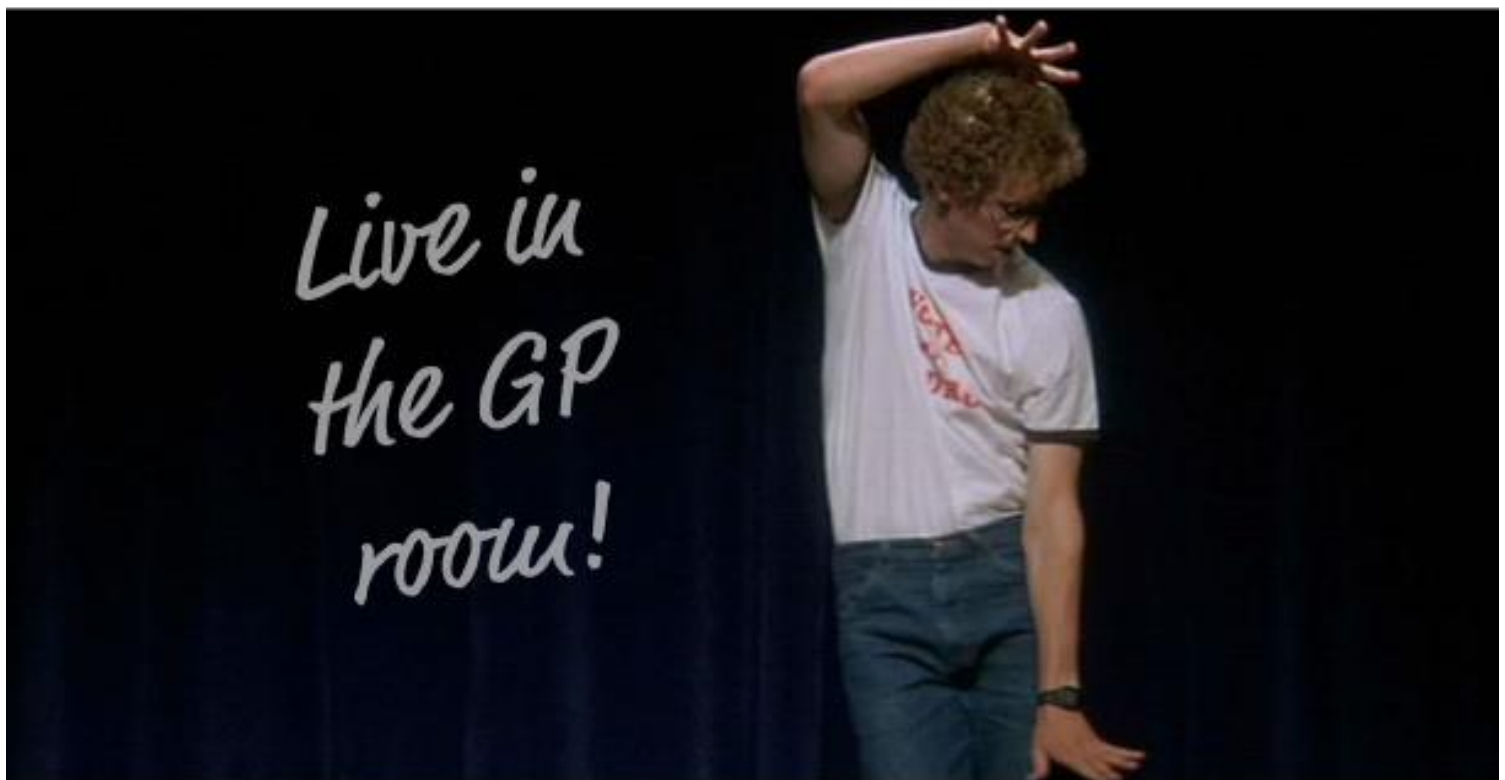
The popular “Mum’s Tennis Program” is currently being held on various mornings during the week

For enquiries about this fun, social and friendly tennis program contact:
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Tennis Racquets, balls all provided.

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Community Leaders in Sustainability – applications open now

Banyule City Council is offering a free environmental training course in early 2016 for people who have ideas for environmental projects in their community.

The course runs from February to May 2016 and aims to support community members to take the lead on creating environmental change.

A community project involves members of the community taking action to improve, protect or nurture their natural environment, or to reduce their impact on the environment. Some past project examples include:

- starting a community composting system where people can take food waste
- opening a community art studio with re-used and re-cycled art materials
- creating an online map of environmental and community groups
- designing a community food garden at a local school
- running walk and ride to school events at local schools
- uploading bicycle routes onto Google maps and promoting to cyclists
- starting a kitchen garden at a workplace
- running a bicycle repair pop-up
- working with local businesses to reduce plastic bag use
- helping workplaces adopt non-disposable coffee cups for staff.

There will be 8 workshops on topics like project management, leadership, grant writing, marketing and communication, effective group work as well a range of aspects of environmental sustainability. The participants will be supported to put their projects ideas into practice.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- Free training
- Increased knowledge and skills in running projects and environmental sustainability
- Expanded knowledge and networks in your community
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In return for your efforts, you will get to enjoy the fruits of your labour at the Home Harvest Feast, where trained chefs will turn the harvest into a feast of culinary delight!

Interested? Of course you are!

Sign up as a Grower and find out more about Harvest Month at www.banyule.vic.gov.au



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