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Michael Kent - PRINCIPAL

Hello and welcome to the latest newsletter!

As we near the halfway mark of term 4, can I congratulate all of our students for their wonderful attitude and work ethic this term. It has been wonderful to see our students engaging with the curriculum and embracing all the learning opportunities that have been presented so far this term. I feel very fortunate to share in the learning journey of our students and celebrate the amazing success that presents itself each and every day.

Prep Breakfast

It was great to see our Prep students enjoying the recent Prep breakfast last Friday. The students had a great time enjoying a shared breakfast! Thanks to the staff whom supported this event and made the morning such a success. Who would've thought having over 80 Prep students sharing in a meal could be so calm and peaceful!



Professional Practice Day for staff-November 24th

Please be aware of the upcoming professional practice day for teachers. This day provides an opportunity for teachers to focus on their professional learning and work. Students are not required to attend on this day: **Friday 24th November**. During this upcoming professional practice day, some teachers are hopeful to maximize the time in assessing students progress to support the end of year reporting cycle. Year Prep – 2 staff may contact parents to offer the opportunity for some students to come and attend an assessment session on this day. Further communications will be coming home from these teams. Year 3-6 staff won't be asking for students to attend on this day.

Remembrance Day-11th November

The 11th of November marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11am on 11th November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. We remember those whom made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and also, we take time to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of those special people whom continue to serve our great nation. Staff and students will take time on this day to share information and reflection.



2023 Term 4

- **Thursday 9th November**
3/4 Swimming Fun Day
- **Friday 10th November**
Prep-2 Swimming
&
Picture Story Book of the Year winner announced
- **Monday 13th November**
Grades 3&4 Excursion to Melbourne Museum
- **Tuesday 14th November**
Grades 5&6 Sex Education Session
- **Wednesday 15th November 2024 Prep Information Night 6:30pm**
- **Friday 17th November**
Prep-2 Swimming

2023 Term Dates

Term 1: January 31 – April 6

Term 2: April 24 – June 23

Term 3: July 10 – September 15

Term 4: October 2 – December 20

Transition

As we look ahead to next year, we are very mindful to ensure a smooth and supported transition for students as they move on to their next year level. As a part of this process, we will be having a few transition sessions in coming weeks. During these sessions, students will be mixed up into different groups to simulate 2024 classes. **These groups are not necessarily the class group for next year**, but more an opportunity for children to prepare for the ensuing change and also to get to know some students from different classes and year levels. The teacher whom takes these groups is NOT the teacher of this year level or class in 2024. We take this opportunity as a staff to spread around and take different groups of students. In the coming weeks we will be able to finalise the grade lists and also confirm the teachers that will be teaching each class.

Curriculum Day

Staff have commenced their tireless work in preparing the end of year assessments and our recent curriculum day was focussed around these reports. I find myself being regularly and pleasantly surprised at the learning gains made by our students. Learning is a fluid process that endures the ebbs and flows of numerous factors; but to observe the overall progress that is made throughout a year is amazing. As a staff we regularly monitor the progress of student learning so that we can continue to cater for the emergent needs of each child in every classroom. However, when we come towards the end of a year, we have the chance to see just how far a student has come since the same time last year. I'm sure you'll find these reports comprehensive and informative. These will be coming home in week 11 of this term. Irrespective of the reports, each individual is to be celebrated for their efforts this year. As I have said many times, the academic and life success of our students will not be defined by the end of year report or the current test result. All students will continue to be supported throughout this year and in the years ahead to ensure learning momentum.

School Council

I thank our 2023 School Council whom have continued to meet and lead our school with high quality governance practices.

Shelli Giosis

Penny Stammers

Charlotte Bethune

Tracey Szymanski

Andrea Lally

Xi Huang-Leaver

Tassia Moniz

Honi Aitken

Clare Francis

Clint Mackie

Emma MacDonald

Tony Ryan

Thank You

Canteen

Families are asked to download and utilise this new program to order your lunch orders. If you have any questions or technical difficulties, please contact the office for assistance.

QKR

Trivia Night

Thanks to all the families who attended the recent Trivia night. A great chance to come together and enjoy some social time with our community. Thanks to Tracey Szymanski and the team for organising this event!

Family Fun Night 1st December

Please mark this date in your diaries for the upcoming Family Fun Night. This will be held on Friday December 1. We will have some fun activities for the students to enjoy and provide the opportunity for families to come together and share in some social time. Friday December 1, 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Term 4

Please also be aware of the following term 4 dates:

Friday 24th November – Professional Practice Day for teachers – students not required at school.

Monday 18th December – curriculum day, no students required at school.

Sunsmart

A reminder to ensure all students have an appropriate SunSmart hat to wear during term 4. Please make sure these are adequately named and labelled to avoid lost property. Please be aware that school hats (black wide brimmed) are part of our compulsory uniform.

Have a great week. Warm regards,
Michael

Success Teamwork Respect Individuality Visionary Effort !!



REMINDER

Across the AP's Desk:

Hello WHPS Community,
Feels like we are entering the end of year slippery dip at the moment with time flying by. The school has been a busy place in the past couple of weeks with lots of great learning activities going on.



Prep Superstars!

Our Preps enjoyed a beautiful group breakfast this morning as part of their introduction to the WHPS camping program. There were lots of smiles, laughter and contented tummy's at the end of the breakfast. The behaviour and manners of our prep students was a delight. A big thank you to our prep team for their organisation and coordination and a much wider group of staff that supported this activity and made for such a positive event.

New Building:

I know Michael discussed the opening of our new building in the last newsletter. I missed that edition as I was away. Receiving our occupancy permit and moving in was an exciting time for our students and staff and has been a long time in the making. Moving 8 classrooms of furniture from one side of the school to the other across the morning was a daunting task. My sincere thanks go out to Pat and Anna Collins for their assistance with this task and the many staff and students that stepped up to make this happen. Our students and staff have certainly enjoyed settling into this vibrant new learning environment.

We also held a special school assembly on the junior school oval and were lucky enough to have the member for Bundoora, Mr Colin Brooks in attendance as our special guest to officially open our new building. A thank you to Colin for his support in making this great school infrastructure a reality and to all those community members that attended and took the opportunity to tour the new facilities.

Grand Opening





World Teacher's Day:

Last Friday Oct 27th was World Teachers Day. We took this opportunity to acknowledge our great teachers at our school and reflected on how lucky we are to have such dedicated, talented, and caring individuals supporting our students. Michael and I are lucky enough to see the positive impact our teachers have on our children every day. This morning's breakfast was just one example of their dedication, with many staff across the school arriving early to support our prep team and students to facilitate the prep breakfast. It's great that we have a designated day to acknowledge their work, but also important that we take regular opportunities to thank them and acknowledge them for their work and commitment to our students and our school. Thank you!

Quote of the Week:

We promote and model a growth mindset for our students. This includes the need to be brave at times and take positive learning risks. The below quote spoke to me along those lines.

"A ship is always safe at shore, but that is not what it's built for."

Tony



GRADE 5/6 CAMP

School camp was a great experience for me. We did many enjoyable activities including canoeing, flying fox, giant swing, high ropes, raft building, night hike and night activities. The food was nice and in between activities we had volleyball, basketball, cricket and even a pool! The maze was fun too. The cabins were comfortable and everyone had laid back, chill vibes. Thank you Coonawarra.

- Lucas Marasco



Camp was extremely fun and I had a great time on the activities. My favourite activities were the giant swing and flying fox. The food was sensational! We got pasta bake on the first night and taco bowls on the second night. Cabin inspections were really fun. My cabin made a nail salon and we got the best smelling room award! By the end of camp, everyone wanted to go home. I was very tired but had fun.

- Tara Rowe

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GIRLS SOFTBALL REGIONAL CHAMPOINSHIPS!

On the 23rd of October the WHPS Girls Softball team competed in the Softball Regional Championships at Heidelberg Oval. The team played in a round robin and played 3 matches back to back! Finishing fifth on the ladder, the girls gave all teams a run for their money. We were SO proud to see the girls ability to work as a team and show exceptional sportsmanship. Well done girls!



News from your Library

PICTURE STORY BOOK OF THE YEAR



Take a look at all the wonderful books our 2023 entrants have created and what a talented group of **Author/Illustrators** we have at WHPS.

OUR 15 SHORTLISTED FINALISTS

Our Prep voters are thoroughly enjoying all the wonderful creativity our amazing author/illustrators have put into their beautiful books.

Sharing the fabulous **15 short listed finalist** books has been a wonderful experience for them and has helped inspire great things in their writing classes too.

Let's have a **HUGE** round of applause for these wonderful authors/illustrators below!

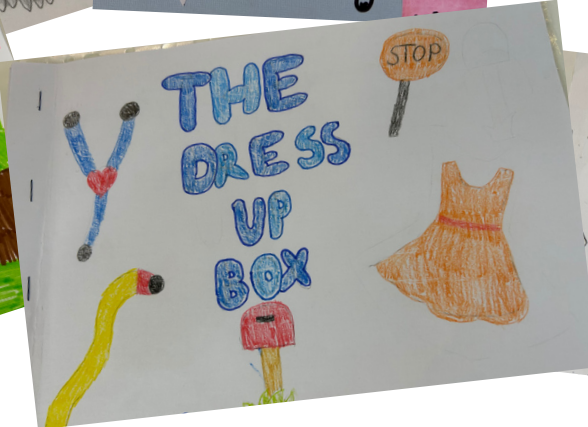
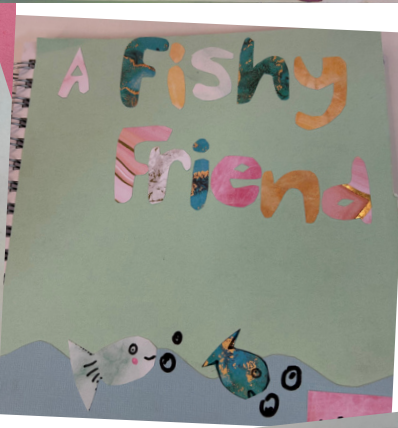
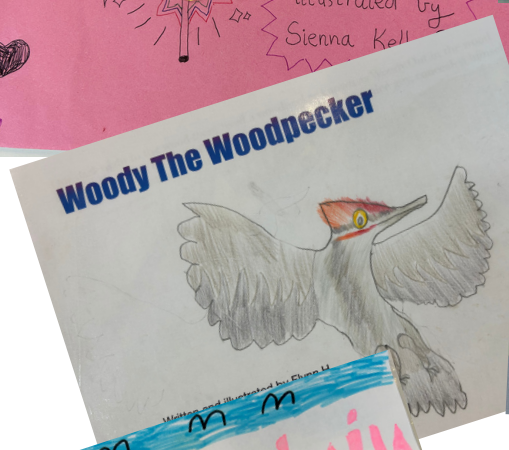
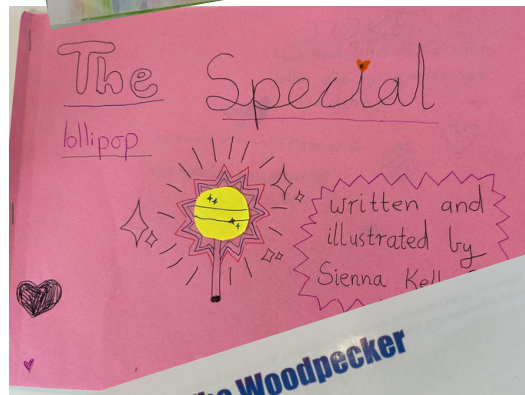
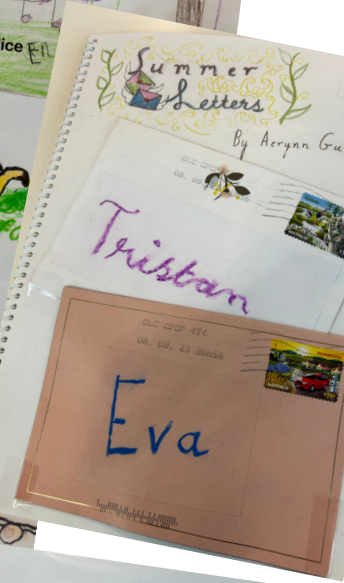
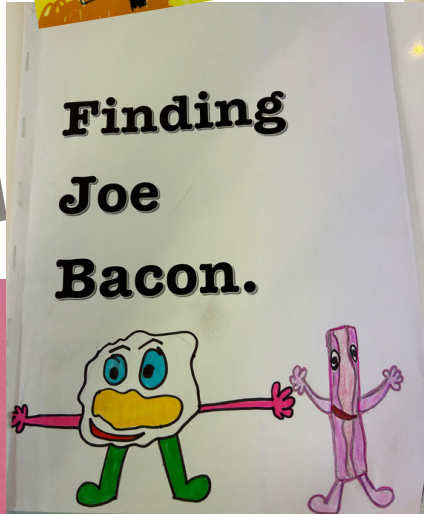
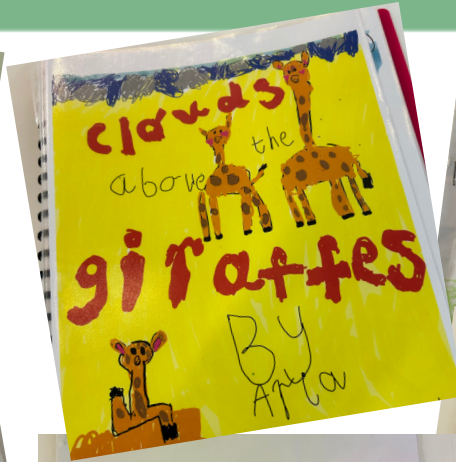
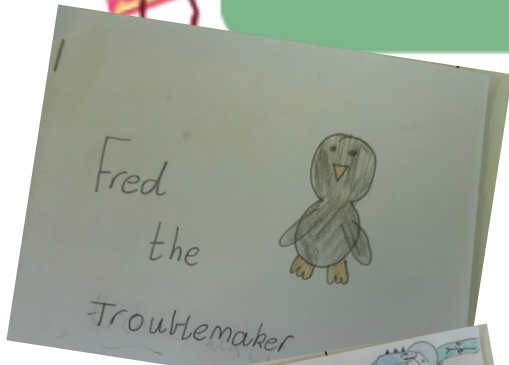
- *Summer Letters* by **Aerynn Gr 6**
- *Fred the Troublemaker* by **Emily Gr 5**
- *Lola and Laila* by **Lily Gr 1**
- *Woody the Woodpecker* by **Flynn Gr 4**
- *The Special Lollipop* by **Sienna Gr 2**
- *Clouds Above the Giraffes* by **Aria in Gr Prep**
- *The Fishy Friend* by **Lola Gr 2**
- *Monsters Can't Play Hide & Seek* by **Kai Gr 3**
- *Finding Joe Bacon* by **Archer Gr 2**
- *The Dress Up Box* by **Amy Gr 6**
- *Ellie the Sweet Plum* by **Alice Gr 2**
- *Music to My Ears* by **Minnie Gr 5**
- *Where Dreams Go to Thrive* by **Joanne Gr 6**
- *Taffie the Hole Adventure* by **Lili Gr 4**

Our winner will be announced at the assembly on Friday 10th of November!

2023
Picture Story Book
of the Year

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Regional Athletics

I was blown away last week by the amazing achievements of some of our athletics superstars at last week's Regional Athletics Carnival. We are so proud of everything they achieved on the day! Thankyou to all the parents that came to support our shining stars! The students who attended the day were

- Willow Glover
- Summer Jonas
- Monica Szymanski
- Kayla Stabb
- Fynn Galletly

A HUGE congratulations goes out to Monica Szymanski as she came 1st in Long Jump and 1st in 100m! She is off to State Athletics Championships!

Miss Massa



GRADE 3/4S GIVE HOMAGE TO THE MAJESTIC KING OF THE POLAR BEARS!

The Grade 3/4s have been on an icy adventure with their latest unit, 'The King of the Polar Bears'. They started the journey by building their background knowledge on the text, which they recently started reading. This involved a treasure hunt of words where they discovered their meanings, hunted down synonyms, and incorporated these into meaningful writing pieces.

As they dived further into the text, they explored the power of verbs, adverbs, and adverbial phrases. These tools helped them understand how the author spun a thrilling tale, that's both vivid and engaging. They also put their comprehension skills to the test, by answering thought-provoking questions about the story, and sharing their ideas with each other.

But that's not all, the students flexed their writing skills by crafting their own captivating paragraphs about the majestic polar bear in different settings.

The students have been wrapped up in the unit with great enthusiasm, and the adventure is set to continue in the coming weeks.



Congratulations Student Of the **WEEK**

Week 4 of Term 4



**Vihaan, Evan, Julia, Eddie, Harvey, Izzy, Albie,
Annie, Bryan, Jacob, Sadie, Axle, Hiroto, Heath.**

Week 5 of Term 4



**Lennox, Ruby, Emma, Ruby, Margot, Mitchell, Yule,
Nyah, Easton, Hendrix, Ardin, Ilai, Cohen, Tommy.**

Congratulations



NOVEMBER 12 SUNDAY
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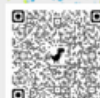


Chelsworth Park
Tuesdays
Starts October 31
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Nines

In the spirit of reconciliation the TheirCare Watsonia Heights acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Coming Up

Our themes for the upcoming weeks are Race Week (5) and Remembrance Week (6) We will discuss and celebrate local cultural events and try out probability of situations and commemorate the soldiers both local and international.

Sun Safety

It is time to Slip Stop Slap! Please make sure if your child is coming to their care they bring a broad brimmed hat to be able to have some fun in the sun.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Our new toy library allows children to engage with our board games and encourages them to socialise with others.

Week 3 - Pirate Week

We spent this week focusing on pirates and the history behind them. We discussed how they used maps to travel and even made our own. We worked as a team to develop and work through scavenger hunts and even developed our fine motor skills by folding our own origami boats and hats from recycled paper.



COMING UP

Monday - Cooking Club

Tuesday - Sport Club

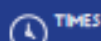
Wednesday - Environment Club

Thursday - Craft Club

Friday - S.T.E.A.M. Club

Week 4 - Childrens Week



This week was all about the children. We placed a focus on them using their voices to choose the activities and discussed important issues like 'The Rights of a Child'. We enjoyed making posters to display in our room of our body and a healthy eating chart displaying what we should put on our plates. We enjoyed centering our body with mindfulness activities as well.





TIMES

Before School: 7:00AM - 8:45AM
After School: 3:30PM - 6:00PM
Holidays: 7:00 AM - 6:00PM

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WED 15 NOV – SUN 17 DEC

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The school with the most tokens will receive a \$2,000 gift card to support their 2023 fundraising initiatives:

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