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LINKLETTER

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Important Dates

September

Friday 29th – Grand Final Public Holiday – Who will the two teams be????

October

Sunday 7th – Daylight Savings Starts

Monday 8th – 1st day back for Term 4

Wednesday 9th – Division Athletics

Wednesday 9th – Prep Excursion

Friday 11th – Prep – 2 Intensive Swimming (every Friday Wk 1 – Wk 8)

Monday 15th – 3/4 Chinese Acrobatics Incursion

Tuesday 16th – Regional Athletics

Friday 19th – Prep – 2 Intensive Swimming (every Friday Wk 1 – Wk 8)

Friday 19th – Prep – 2 Chinese Painting Incursion

Wednesday 24th – Yr 3/4 Camp Rumbug (Wednesday – Friday)

Thursday 25th – Yr 1/2 Excursion

Friday 26th – Prep – 2 Intensive Swimming (every Friday Wk 1 – Wk 8)

Saturday 27th – WHPS Trivia Night

Tuesday 30th – Forensic Science Incursion

November

Friday 2nd – Prep – 2 Intensive Swimming (every Friday Wk 1 – Wk 8)

Monday 5th – Curriculum Day

Tuesday 6th – Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Thanks

Hi everyone and welcome to the final newsletter of term 3.

Firstly, thank-you to all of the people who have supported our great school over the course of the term. There have been so many wonderful experiences this term that have enhanced the learning experiences of our students. We are so very lucky to have such a wonderful school community whom continue to support our students and community and foster such a positive community spirit. There have been many highlights throughout this term, most notably the whole school concert. This event exemplifies the culture of our school in providing a positive and rich learning opportunity for all students.

Additionally, there are many ways that you have supported the staff and students in fulfilling a very enjoyable and enriching learning environment this term.

Congratulations to all the WHPS students for completing a fantastic term! We have shared in many great learning achievements over the past 11 weeks and our students have done an amazing job and continue to enact the WHPS values. Students have worked really hard on their improvement goals and deserve a restful holiday. However, learning doesn't need to stop over the next two weeks. Please continue to encourage daily reading for all students. In addition, there are always many other ways to learn over the holidays. Maths at home, measuring, cooking, reading recipes, talking about daily experiences, having students reflect on the day and talk about how they felt or what they remembered, writing a letter to a friend or to the teacher, typing up a story or a memory of holidays, etc. there are many learning opportunities around us each and every day. Use the holidays to enjoy the less formal approach to learning – but most importantly have fun whilst doing it!

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday break and I look forward to the many opportunities that lay ahead in term 4

Term 4 starts on Monday 8th October.

Perthes' Awareness day

Today is Perthes' awareness day. At WHPS we have students who are affected by this disease and have been proactively spreading the word to raise awareness within our community!

Perthes' disease is a rare condition of the hip joint that tends to affect children between the ages of three and 11 years.

The top end of the thigh bone (femur) is shaped like a ball so that it can fit snugly into the hip socket. In the case of Perthes' disease, this ball (femoral head) is softened and eventually damaged due to an inadequate blood supply to the bone cells. In most cases only one hip joint is affected.

Most children with Perthes' disease eventually recover, but it can take anywhere from two to five years for the femoral head to regrow and return to normal, or close to normal.

Perthes' disease is also known as Legg-Calve-Perthes disease or coxa plana.

Sunsmart term 4

Term 4 is a sunsmart term. Students are required to wear their hats from Monday 8th October.

If students don't have their hats they will be directed to shaded areas for recess and lunchtime.

Prep - Swimming

A reminder that our Prep-2 swimming program will commence in the first week of term 4.

These sessions will be on Fridays for the first 8 weeks of the term. If you are able to help out, please see your child's teacher.

Parents are reminded to ensure permission is provided via Compass and that your school fee payment plans are up to date to ensure that your child doesn't miss this great opportunity of developing their swimming skills.

Due to the swimming program the Prep students will be having a separate assembly on Monday's at 3pm in the library. The first of these assemblies will be in week 2 (not the first day back) on Monday 19th of October.

Students in year 1-6 will continue to have their assembly each Friday at 3pm throughout term 4.

New portable coming!

WHPS is a local school of choice and we are excited to be welcoming many new students in 2019. As we plan ahead for 2019, we have secured a new portable to help sustain our growth. This will be installed in coming months into the location alongside the junior playground. Unfortunately this will see some trees removed to leave our playground in between two portables. Our sustainability program will ensure that we continue to reinstate some more trees and gardens to maintain our green school.



Policies

Our school council has recently met and approved some policies for community review. These are available on the school's website for your consideration. If you have any feedback please email this through to the school's email address or directly to me.

watsonia.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or kent.michael.a@edumail.vic.gov.au You will find the following policies for review: Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Child Safe Standards.

Pioneer Night

Congratulations to the students for their fantastic efforts in their investigations and research over the term which culminated in an amazing night. It was wonderful to get some positive feedback from one of our Grandparents.

Hi, I am a grandmother of a grade 5 student and attended the Pioneer showcase on Thursday night. I am writing to say what a great time I had. I was so impressed by the work and effort put in by everyone. It was fun and informative. You could see the students enjoyed every minute of it as well.

Thanks to the patience and dedication of all the teachers involved, it was a terrific night.

ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Evening

On Tuesday night, we were lucky enough to have Graham Higgins, from Neighbourhood Watch, present a cyber safety session for any interested parents and carers. ThinkUKnow is an Australian organisation that provides information about issues relating to the privacy of children and their safety online. It explores relationships with other users and the importance of a positive online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing, to assist parents to be aware of the dangers and educate their children on how to navigate safely in the digital world. Graham won presenter of the year in 2017 and I can see why - he was so great to listen to! Not only did Graham shed some light on the issues our young people are presented with when using technology, but he also gave us some laughs along the way! Thank you to the families that came along, I trust that you found the presentation useful. For anyone that was unable to attend, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au to find a wide range of resources. There are also some booklets at the front office that were handed out on the night.

All the best

Success Teamwork Respect Individuality Visionary Effort !!!

Wishing a wonderful holiday! Look forward to seeing you all in two weeks time.

Michael

News from your Library

Hazel Edwards visits WHPS – Hijabi Girl Performance

In week 3 of this term a group of our year 5 students began a special project in partnership with the wonderfully effervescent children's book author, Hazel Edwards. Hazel provided us with the opportunity of showcasing an adaptation of her story, Hijabi Girl which she co-authored with Ozge Alkan. Hazel and Ozge adapted the book into a script; for students to perform and WHPS was extremely lucky to be the first school to perform it. Hijabi Girl is a story of a feisty girl in a hijab with wonderful messages of respect for other cultures and overcoming fear of the unknown, creative problem solving, de-mystifying 'labels', making friends even when different and the skills and confidence children gain via sport.



All Year 5 students were invited to audition for parts in the play as part of an ongoing Library lunchtime club.

19 eager budding actors and production crew took the opportunity to participate in the play and a wonderful journey of learning, friendship and fun began. Over the last 7 weeks the group worked very hard to bring together all elements of the performance from making backdrops, props and costumes to recording their own sound effects and adding their own unique touches to the roles they played.

On Monday 17th of September the Hijabi Girl cast and crew performed their first dress rehearsal to our Prep – Year 2 students to rapturous applause and laughter in our GP Room. On Wednesday 19th of September we were very lucky to have Hazel Edwards join us for the Hijabi Girl premier, where the cast and crew performed to our year 3 – 6 students. It was a wonderful experience for both the Hijabi Girl cast and crew and also the audience of their peers.

During her visit Hazel shared tips on her infectious love of writing with year 3 – 6 students and also went on a walking tour to visit our other grades to share news of the October 1st release of her latest Hippo on the Roof Christmas book. It was a wonderful day for all and an experience many of our students will never forget.



We would like to sincerely thank the families of the Hijabi Girl cast and crew for supporting them to take part in this fantastic opportunity and availing them the time to attend the weekend rehearsals. Not to mention supporting them over the last 7 weeks to learn their lines and also for joining us on the days of the performances to share this experience with your children. A big thankyou must also go out to the amazing Filiz from our Out of Hours School Care program who helped with more things than I can even list. Thankyou Filiz!!



I am so proud of each and every student on the cast and crew and they all worked so hard on putting this fantastic project together. What a great team!





LINKS

Tickets are now on sale for the WHPS Trivia Night – Saturday 27th October

Calling all Trivia buffs! Do you have what it takes to beat a table full of WHPS Staff???

Join us on **Saturday 27th October from 7 – 11pm** in our GP Room for a fantastic night that always guarantees a few laughs. This is our major fundraising event for the year with a **GIANT** Silent Auction and a **HUGE** Wine raffle also up for grabs. All monies raised will go towards our new playground space. Tickets are \$20 each You can purchase individual tickets and we'll find you a great team OR you can put together your own team of 10! Please note that this is a adults only event.

WHPS TRIVIA NIGHT?
Saturday
October 27th

EAT, DRINK, LAUGH & TEASE YOUR BRAIN!
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM, TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM
BYO Nibbles and Drinks
Huge Silent Auction
\$20 per Ticket. Tables of 10 or come by yourself. Over 18yrs only.
Secure your tickets by 21st of September for your chance to win a wine hamper for your table
General Purpose Room
Watsonia Heights Primary School
61 Henry St Greensborough Ph: 9438 6617
Tickets available at <https://www.trybooking.com/2WVH>

CALLING ALL SELLERS!

CAR BOOT SALE

NOW'S THE TIME TO CLEAR OLD CLOTHES, TOYS, BOOKS, DVDs, MUSIC & MORE!

Saturday 24th November 9am – 1pm
Victorian State Election Day

****Car Spots \$25****
****Car & Trailer \$50****
A high traffic day with lots of people to snap up your bargains!!

Watsonia Heights Primary School
61 Henry Street, Greensborough
State Election Polling Venue

Register for your Car Spot now before they are all snapped up.
Bookings via Try Booking at <https://www.trybooking.com/2WVE>

WHPS Car Boot Sale – Saturday 24th November on State Election Day

WHPS will be a Polling Venue for the upcoming State Election on 24th of November and we have lots of great fundraising things planned for the day. We will have a delicious sausage sizzle, bake stall, coffee cart (from 8am) and a car boot sale to help raise funds for our new playground space. Are you able to assist on the day anytime between 7am and 5pm or perhaps bake some yummy treats for us to sell? Or do you know a company who could donate resources to help us cover the costs for our plans and help us raise more funds? Please contact the Community Links team with any assistance you can offer.
communitylinks.whps@gmail.com



WHPS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations!



For Week Ending 14th September 2018

Teacher of the week	Mr Hannon	He is happy and helpful. Adventurous and amazing. Nice. Neat handwriting Organised with Sustainability. Never gives up on the students. HANNON
Jenaya	PC	For always being such a lovely person to be around. We love having you in Prep C!
Mark	PG	For always working the whole time on your Reading and Writing tasks. Great learning Mark.
Campbell	1B	For being a respectful member of 1B and always helping others in need.
Rueben	1/2B	For going out of his way to make new friends in the play ground. I am so proud of you!
Ivy	1/2H	For Showing respect by always going out of her way to make sure her peers are feeling great. You are an asset to our Grade Ivy!
Neve	1/2HS	For being a cooperative and reliable monitor.
Riley	1/2C	For always displaying the school STRIVE values. Fantastic work Riley!
Lachy	3/4D	For working towards achieving his goals in maths and using efficient written methods for subtraction. You are a superstar learner!
Lachie	3/4R	Persevering and focusing on your work. This is evident in the great job you did on your information report!
Dylan	3/4M	For demonstrating the positive attitude and showing effort in all areas of learning.
Joe	5R	For all his great effort in the lead up to the Pioneers Night. Well Done Joe!!
Tahlia	5/6E	For your research skills in the production of your project on Charles Sturt and The Rum Rebellion. Well done!
Ella	5/6M	For an outstanding biography on Vivienne Bullwinkle
The whole of 5/6M		For the effort you have put in to your pioneer projects – well done!



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For Week Ending 21st September 2018

Teacher of the Week	Miss Massa Kathryne	For showing STRIVE values and standing in the rain at district athletics and for how fun you make PE. You are so amazing and funny. You make library fun. You are so helpful, always kind and you make everyone feel so calm and relaxed. Also you did a great job with Hijabi Girl. Well done.
Lyrika All Members of Prep M	PM	For encouraging her classmates to look after the environment and pick up papers in the yard. For being true Waste Warriors and using their initiative to clean up rubbish in our school. Sensational Effort Prep M!
Sienna	PC	For being a kind friend and helping a classmate who had no one to play with
Dhyan	PG	For being such a fabulous helper in our vegetable garden
Fern	1B	For always offering to help others with their work when she finishes early. Great work Fern!
Rhoan	1/2B	For being such a lovely friend. You are a friendly, kind and helpful member of our class and we love having you in 1/2B. A wonderful role model! Well Done Rhoan!
Adam	1/2H	For showing great improvement with his addition and subtraction strategies playing "Get out of my house!". You are a champion!
Zac	1/2HS	For performing the 'Troll' in the play very sensibly and with expression. Well done Zac!
Alice	1/2C	For striving to achieve her learning goals and showing optimism along the way! Amazing work Alice.
Madison	3/4D	For showing good listening skills and researching historical Indigenous games for her non-fiction report.
Elisha	3/4R	For your unwavering care and kindness towards others. Your patience, assistance, cooperation and great sense of humour are an asset to the class.
Charlie	3/4M	For always putting 100% into everything you do. You're a star Charlie and we love having you in 3/4M!
Jacob	5R	For putting in such a fantastic effort in all his learning throughout the term. You have made some great progress Jacob!
Danielle	5/6E	For her enthusiasm, focus and dedication to her school work. Well done Dani!
Amelia	5/6M	For being such a great asset to 5/6M. We love having you in our class!