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LINKLETTER

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EDITION 4 TERM 4 - Week 7

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the linkletter. It has been a very busy period at WHPS and lots of information and learning opportunities to be read about!

Please be aware that WHPS is a polling station for the upcoming State election to be held on 29th November.

School fees documents

Thank you to the families who returned their payment plan selection for 2015. You will now have received your confirmed payment plan details. This outlines the amount and the due dates in accordance with your payment plan selection. Adhering to your payment plan is helpful for everyone. It ensures you manage your finances effectively and eliminates the need for us to send reminder invoices. If we have not received your forms we have placed your payment option as 'termly'. If you would like this changed please contact the office. If you have nominated to pay your fees in full to receive the early bird discount, payment must be made between 1st-12th December.

Student Lead Conference

We will be holding our Bi-Annual Student Lead Conferences during the week beginning **December 1st** with an **evening session for conferences to be held on Tuesday December 2nd**. Student Lead Conferences are an integral part of our Assessment and Reporting protocols at WHPS. These conferences along with our formal written reports form the basis for our end of year reporting program.

The conferences involve all stakeholders; child, parent and teacher and are a means for students to celebrate and share their learning. During the conference students, along with their teacher and parents, review progress against learning goals. The Conference is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and to develop strategies for further improvement. *It is an assessment and reporting requirement that all students participate in a Student Lead Conference.*

Each student's portfolio will provide examples of their learning that reflect stages of development throughout the past year.

Conferences will be held throughout the week, with an evening session planned for **Tuesday December 2nd** for those parents who are unable to attend during the day.

Parents of all year levels are asked to register their booking time via the online booking system. This is a first in first served process. So I encourage booking your preferred time ASAP.

To complete your booking, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code 'M8YCY'

School Council will meet for the final time for 2014 on December 1st. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the school council and sub-committee members for their hard work and input over the course of the year. This is a thankless task but an ever so important one for the governance and leadership of the school. Special thanks to Adam Romano who has done a fantastic job as President this year; and to all council members. Pierre Scotney, Lauren Sheedy, Jessica Rancie, Nikki Webster, Lana Buckingham, Cathy Williams, Trudi Waterfall, Richard Illingworth and Daniel Prior. This week you will have also received a note regarding our information evening for our 1:1 program. This is for students in Year 3-6 in 2015. We hope to see you here on Wednesday 26th November at 6pm in the 5/6 classrooms.

Happy Campers

Last week our Year 5/6 students enjoyed their camp at Coastal Forest Lodge in Angelsea. This was a fantastic experience for all the students as they enjoyed many fun activities including surfing. The weather was very kind to us and I extend a BIG thank-you to the staff whom made for such a great opportunity. Thanks to Izzy Cahill, Bev Brooks, Jessica Rancie, Lana Buckingham and Wayne Amos.

Our camping program is a wonderful program that educates and develops the students in so many ways. Last week was another of these lifetime memories.

Gaga pit

Thanks to the hard work at our latest working bee (especially Nathan Williams and Andrew Ribaric) our Gaga pit is now fully operational. The students have been enjoying the game during recess, lunchtime and even before and after school. Feel free to challenge your children to a game after school one day!

Shade sail

As you may be aware we unfortunately lost one of shade sails in recent times. Rest assured this will be re-instated as soon as possible. We have to wait for the manufacturers to develop a new structure for us, fix the shade sail itself and then install it.

Prep Incursion Craftpower 17th Nov – As part of our Inquiry work this term Prep children have been curious about wood. On Monday we had an enjoyable and loud woodworking session making model aeroplanes. The hands-on Craftpower incursion allowed children to create their own model aeroplanes. The session included an introduction to and demonstration of industrial tools (e.g. jigsaw, circular saw, electric sander, drill, nail gun) and safety procedures. Children selected a pre-cut template and used hammers, glue and nails to construct their 3-D model to take home.



*I like my plane. I built it myself. It looks like a real one. By Isabella Clarke
I was excited that we were making aeroplanes. I had fun nailing. It was the best day ever.
By Cooper Simpson*

3/4 incursion 4th December – Cosmodome

On the 4th December, Journey Education Services will be setting up a Cosmodome in the GP room for our students to experience a full dome digital theatre in the comfort of a ventilated, inflatable dome. With spectacular and amazing images zooming across the dome, Cosmodome brings the excitement of a major theatre into our school with curriculum linked Astronomy presentations. The presentation includes two full dome movies which is followed by questions and discussion. The first movie is the Secret of the Cardboard Rocket: Two students make a rocket from a cardboard box and visit each of the planets. The second movie is called Earth's Wild Ride which features events in the history of the Earth, told by colonists on the Moon as they watch the progress of a Solar Eclipse. After that, the remaining time is spent watching Astronomy projections of Stellarium and Celestia, that explain daily and annual movement, the causes of day and night, the reason for season and the signs of the Zodiac. We are all very excited!

Book fair

I hope you have taken advantage of the book fair that has been operating in the GP room all week. This is a great way to further promote a love of literacy and the school receives some added bonuses of more texts for our shelves and for students to access! Thanks to the staff that have been helping out with this namely; Vicki, Debbie, Izzy & Joanna.

Prep orientation

In preparation for our new Prep commencing school next year we have welcomed them to a few play dates and have now moved into our more formal sessions of Prep Orientation. The first of these sessions was a huge success and we look forward to greeting them again next Thursday 27th November.

Prep breakfast

On Tuesday 25th November our current Prep students will be guests at our breakfast table here at school. This is a fun activity for our Preps and helps to build confidence, social skills, etiquette and co-operation. We hope to see all of our champion Prep stars here early on that day!

Dinner and a Sleepover

Similarly, on Friday 28th November, our Year 1 & 2 students will be coming to school for some fun and a shared dinner. Our Year students will then stay on at school for their annual sleepover. Parents are reminded to please be on time when collecting your child on Saturday. Children need the security of knowing you will be there to greet them in the morning.

Tennis anyone

As a compliment to our physical education program we have organized to facilitate some tennis clinics for all WHPS students. These will be held here at school on the following dates:

P-4 tennis clinic 1st and 15th Dec

Year 5/6 tennis clinic 3rd and 17th Dec

This will be a fun activity for all involved. Thanks to Mrs. Brooks for coordinating this for everyone.

Excursion: Rippon Lea House and Garden (National Trust)

Grade 1/2s will be heading off for a full day program looking at "Then & Now". This program examines the past through family history, children's life, schooling and domestic work. It includes toys, games, sports, period clothes and exploration activities. Teaching staff will take on the roles of 19th C Housekeeper and 21st C Time Machine scientist as they lead students through the day. Grades 1/2S & 1/2Y will be attending on Thursday 4th December and Grades 1/2E & 1/2WP will be going on Monday the 8th December. We are looking forward to our day out looking into the past!

Family Fun Night – 12th December

Please keep Friday 12th December free on your family calendar. Our Family Fun Night will be a great night for our community and provide an opportunity to come together at the end of what's been a great year.

Year 6-7 orientation day

On December 9th our Year 6 students will spend a day in their school of choice for 2015. This is an important part of the transition in secondary life. We wish all our students the very best for a successful day and we are looking forward to a positive few weeks packed with lots of Watsonia Heights memories.

Remembrance Day well done to the Year 3/4 students whom represented the school so well at the recent remembrance day service at the Watsonia RSL.

As part of this day the RSL awards a scholarship which provides some funds to be directed the secondary school of the recipient. This year we congratulate Riley Leighton on receiving the scholarship award. Well-deserved Riley, Well done.

Swimming for Prep-2

This continues each Wednesday for our Prep-2 students. The sessions have been a lot of fun for all the participants. It has been great to observe the students improving their skills and confidence in the pool. Also, wonderful to see so many parents in attendance and supporting our swimmers. Thanks!

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).

1/2 Incursion – 13th Nov - Mrs Sargood School

Ring, ring goes the bell!

Mrs Sargood is about to begin her lessons at Watsonia Heights instructing young ladies and gentleman in the history of the British Empire, civil manners, punishments and how to use an ink nib pen in the classroom.

As a mother of a family of ten children, distinguished society matron and home school teacher Mrs Sargood is a real character from Ripponlea's past.

This program is a special classroom experience where students come face to face with a figure from the past. Students have been comparing the past with the present as part of this terms Inquiry Unit. This is an exciting program designed to give students an authentic experience of the 19th Century Australian school classroom.

Start Smart Program – Commonwealth Bank

The Start Smart Program run by the Commonwealth Bank is coming to W.H.P.S next Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November. All students in Grades 1-6 will be participating in fun and fabulous activities about financial maths. Please refer to the below descriptions for each year level.

Grade 1/2:

The Grade 1/2's will be participating in an engaging session that focuses on currency recognition, the distinction between needs and wants, and walks students through the basics of conducting a transaction. The workshop challenges students to make practical spending and saving decisions in a range of real-life situations... all with the help of the colourful Captain SuperCents, who pursues Gobbles the Wallet Monster!

Grade 3/4:

The Grade 3/4's will begin with an investigation into the origins and purpose of money before Coach Cash prepares students for the 'Money Olympics' by guiding them through a series of activities that introduce them to credit and keycards, earning money, the importance of comparative shopping, and a more nuanced look at needs and wants.

Grade 5/6:

Grade 5/6's will join the facilitator for an entertaining session full of practical and readily applicable tips and tricks to improve their financial habits. From a discussion on sources of income to a hilarious and enlightening investigation of interest, this session always leaves students excited about taking control of their financial future.

More information about the program can be found at www.startsmart.com.au

Weetbix Kids TRYathlon

Set amongst the giant palm trees of Catani Gardens, St Kilda is a spectacular place for TRYathletes to start their day! TRYathletes begin with an open water swim in St Kilda beach, ahead of riding around the specially designed Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon course in the Gardens!

TRYathletes finish at the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Village where friends and family will cheer them across the finish line.

Event day is **Sunday 8 March 2015**. Register now to be part of this World record-breaking Series. Register before midnight on **21 December 2014** to receive the early-bird discount!

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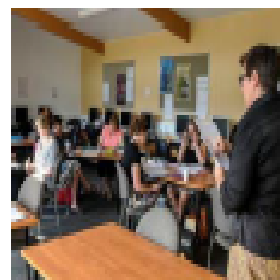
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WHPS STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations!



For Week beginning 10th November 2014

Saoirse D	1/2S	For trying hard with all her work.
Connor M	3/4T	For his great listening and showing respectful behavior towards staff and his peers.

For Week beginning 17th November 2014

Callum B	Prep C	Adding more sentences to his writing. Well done!
Caitlin H	Prep C	Creating an awesome design with the pattern blocks.
Jessica K	1/2S	For being a conscientious student.
Bianca M	1/2S	For trying hard with all your work.
Amaya C	1/2E	Her great work in division. Well done Amaya!
Tomas W	1/2E	Her great work during reading groups. Keep up the great work Tomas!
Noah W	3/4T	Reminding students of rules and his focus on his work.
Mallory B	3/4T	For her strive for accuracy to complete her learning goals.
Adam H	5/6R	For giving absolutely everything his best on camp.
Takoda H	5/6B	Being a very happy camper and giving every activity a go.

NORTHERN PRIMARY SCHOOL JUNIOR REGIONAL FINALS

On the 8th of September Alex and Finley Campbell played at Rosanna Golf Club to qualify for the Victorian golf regional final. Finley came in 3rd place with a stroke of 43. Alex came 8th with a total of 48 shots. They both qualified and are playing at Eastwood golf club on the 24th of November.

PLAYER	SCHOOL	SCORE
BOYS SECTION		
Abel Edward	Kew Primary School	39-Q
Don Tran	Windsor North PS	39-Q
Frankie Francesca	St John's Heidelberg	40-Q
Finley Campbell	Windsor Heights PS	43-Q
Zemling Korp	Whewlers Hill PS	44-Q
Lavi Charles	Sherbourne PS	45-Q
Brodie Jones	Sherbourne PS	45-Q
Alexander Campbell	Windsor Heights PS	48-Q
Dennis Nason	Sherbourne PS	53
Jackson Bowler	Viewbank PS	55
Darcey Charles	Sherbourne PS	55
Louis Polatos	Viewbank PS	55
Cambel Sheppard	Elham College	59
James Patrick	St Martin of Tours	71
Alex McGregor	Viewbank PS	72
Lucas Vogel	Viewbank PS	72
Mitchell Green	Viewbank PS	76
Benjamin Nusan	Viewbank PS	80
Jamie Acosta-Vigales	Viewbank PS	83
GIRLS SECTION		
Yilina Dai	Kew East PS	52-Q



House Points

Place	House	Points
1 st	Boronia	12,925
2 nd	Waratah	11,660
3 rd	Wattle	8,730
4 th	Banksia	7,580

PREP – 2 SWIMMING DATES & TIMES

Every Wednesday for 8 Weeks
commencing Wed Oct 22nd
29th Oct, 5th Nov, 12th Nov, 19th Nov,
26th Nov, 3rd Dec & 10th Dec

SWIMMING TIMES

12.45pm – Prep C & 1/2E
1.30pm – Prep H & 1/2S
2.15pm – 1/2WP & 1/2Y

**LESSONS HELD AT YARRA SWIM
SCHOOL**

BACK TO SCHOOL 2015

School resumes back for all
students on Thursday 29th
January 2015

The first two days for Preps
are: Thursday 29th Jan and
Friday 30th 9am - 1pm.

*During February Prep students will not
attend school on Wednesdays. Preps are to
attend school on Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Fridays in February from 9am –
3.30pm.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2014

Mon 24th Start Smart Commonwealth
Bank Incursion Prep-2

Tues 25th Prep Breakfast
Start Smart Commonwealth
Bank Incursion Gdes 3-6

Wed 26th Ipad Parent Information
Session @ 6pm

Thurs 27th Prep 2015 Orientation session
9.30-10.45am

Fri 28th Grade 1/2 Dinner/Sleepover

December 2014

Mon 1st School Council Meeting
Tennis Clinics Prep-4

Wed 3rd Tennis Clinic Gdes 5/6

Thu 4th 3/4 Incursion & Gdes 1/2S &
1/2Y Ripponlea Excursion

Fri 5th Prep Orientation 9:30-11.45am

Mon 8th Ripponlea Excursion for 1/2E
& 1/2WP

Fri 12th Prep Museum Excursion
Family Fun Night

Mon 15th Gde 5/6 Health Incursion

Tue 16th Gde 6 Graduation practice at
Watsonia RSL

Wed 17th Grade 6 Graduation @
Watsonia RSL

Fri 19th End of Year - dismissal 1pm

Library Competition

Create a poster about one of our fantastic library books.

Design your poster to attract attention and be displayed in the library. You must include the title, author and a blurb about the book. **Be Creative!**

You could use colour, borders, illustrations, photos, collage or cut and paste to make your poster attractive and interesting.

You may use technology or hand drawn work or a combination of both.

The top 10 entries will receive 200 house points and first prize is a \$15 book voucher.



Use A3 paper

(See your teacher for competition paper)



Entries must be placed in the box in the library by **Monday December 8th**.

See Izzy, Joanna or Mrs Humberstone if you have any questions about the competition.



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THE LEGO MOVIE

ACTIVITIES FROM
6.30pm

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER



LOCATION

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- BYO picnic
- Community Sausage sizzle

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BUNNINGS ELTHAM CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday 4TH December - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Christmas Craft
 Colouring Competition
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 Jumping Castle
 Balloon Art
 Face Painting
 Gift Wrapping
 BBQ Supper

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Christmas Family Night

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Date



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Face Painting

Photo Booth

Craft Activities

Lucky Jar

Bucket Challenge

Wet Sponge Throw

Guess How Many Jelly Beans

Stall Holders



Cold Drinks

Sausage in Bread

Gourmet Burgers

Veggie Burgers

Egg and Bacon Rolls

Muffin, Cupcakes & Cookies

Snow Cones

Popcorn

Fairy Floss

We look forward to seeing you