27 November 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Twilight Fair
There are many people to thank beginning with the committee ably run by Emma and Liesl. To all the committee members we owe enormous gratitude: from Steve, Maria and Franca who organised the food; Kath who curated the craft stalls; Belinda who managed the Kids’ Alley; Kate who put together the entertainment; Emma with her magnificent newsletter, flyers etc; Kacey with the coffee cart; Lisa, Nikki and Heidi who organised the raffle and Silent Auction; Tanya who managed logistics and canteen; Greg who installed and organised more onsite power; Craig who organised site setup; Cheryl who managed the finance and Liesl who managed the oversight and kept all the communications going. Each of the people mentioned had others helping and supporting them through the process and especially on the night. Thank you to all of you too!

A very special thanks must also go to the Van de Jagt family who generously donated the use of their family holiday house for the silent auction and Iain who created the app that the auction took place on.

To everyone who volunteered on the evening, the Fair simply couldn’t have happened without you! Volunteering is such an important part of the whole process and events such as this Fair simply could not happen. Even the weather was kind to us and what was predicted to be possibly wet turned into a truly lovely evening which lent so much to the atmosphere.

The outcome was even better and we raised $12,000, which is over $4000 more than last year!

What a truly amazing community we have! Again, thank you to you all.

St Phillips’ Parking Area
We would also like to extend our thanks to Father Dillon, St Phillip’s Parish Priest, who gave permission for
SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS
We are promoting a fantastic Super Summer Lunch Pack!
Includes Chicken, Ham or Tuna Salad Sandwich
Just Juice Orange or Apple
Yoghurt Berry Swirl Cup
A great tasting, healthy lunch for just $5!!!

Also on our menu, we have:
Chicken Caesar Salad with Mayonnaise for $3.50
(add boiled egg or parmesan cheese for an extra 30c each)
Garden Salad (selection of fresh salad veggies) for $2.50
(add chicken or ham for an extra 30c each)

THIS WEEKS SPECIALS
Cookies - Chocolate Chip
Sweet Bake - Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing

Enjoy our great menu
Kath Clarke and Kath Zougaklis

their parking area to be used during the Fair. This, I am sure, would have been appreciated by the local residents also as Junction Rd was very busy. Thank you Father Dillon.

Disco—Friday 6th December
We are holding a Junior and Senior disco on Friday 6th December. There is much excitement about this event already! Notices have gone home and many have been returned so don’t miss out!

Helpers’ Morning Tea and Re Concert
On Thursday 12th December we have two events. Firstly, the children who participate in the RE program are having their annual concert in the Gym. Parents are most welcome to attend as are any children who don’t do RE but would like to watch the concert.

At 11am we will be holding our Helper’s Morning Tea, also in the Gym. We invite everyone who has helped this year to join us so we can celebrate. There are invitations coming out over the next few days but despite our best efforts we do worry that an invitation gets missed. So if you have helped in anyway please join us!

Carols @ Whitehorse – Friday 13th December
Our Carols Night is planned for Friday 13th December. This will be a BYO picnic and drinks evening and an opportunity for the parents to relax, celebrate and see your children perform. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.

Grades 2014
We are rapidly coming to the end of the year and planning for 2014 will begin over the next couple of weeks. Be assured we take into account each child’s academic and social needs as much as humanly possible and also the workforce requirements we are bound to honour when creating the new grade structure. No decision is taken lightly and the process is long and arduous.

If you have information regarding your child that you believe would help us make a better informed decision please ensure that you have it to us in writing no later than Wednesday 6th December. We do take your thoughts into serious consideration but we cannot always honour every request.

End of Year - Friday 20th December
Our last day of school this year is Friday 20th December and the children will be finishing at 1:30pm. OSHC will be operating from that time, so if you need to book your child in please call Karen on 0403 197 821.

Final Assembly For 2013
We will be having an early lunch on the last day of school between 12 noon and 1:00pm so that we can have our final assembly between 1:00pm and 1:30pm. During this assembly we will be re-enacting the Dragon dance by popular request and the senior choir will be entertaining us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kerry Wood
BOOK FAIR BOOKS
It is very pleasing to see that the books we received from our Book Fair are being borrowed. This was made possible by the help of Miss Schier who spent countless hours covering these books. I have also appreciated her ongoing assistance with preparing some new literacy resources the school has purchased.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST - NEWTON COMPETITION
For a 16 week period, 5 students worked on 8 different mathematical problems. It was a really happy group with whom to work. They even spent their lunch times working on their problems. At the end of our time together we held a party, which was mathematically themed, of course! Mobis strips, domino cookies, shaped biscuits and an infinity cake! The results of all the students hard work was:
High Distinction: Alanna
Distinction: Ryan
Credit: Alicia and David
Participation: Charlotte.
Well done,
Sue Worcester

STAFF VS GRADE 6’S LUNCHTIME SPORT
In the following weeks Grade 6 Students will be participating in lunchtime sport activities going head to head with the Whitehorse Staff. The games will be played during week 8, 9 and 10 including basketball, volleyball & netball. Weekly updates and match highlights will be presented in the school newsletter.

Let the games begin!
Miss L

DESPERATELY SEEKING HELP
We are in desperate need of families to help look after the chickens on the last two weekends of this term. We are also asking for families to fill our Summer Holiday roster. This roster is done in four day blocks and we ask that you also water the garden.

If you can help please contact Julie or Michelle.

LIBRARY NEWS
The library will be closing on Monday 2nd December and no further borrowing will take place. Could all library books be returned to the library on this date. Thank you.

Carole Norton
Library Technician
To all our school staff, school families and extended community,

On behalf of the Twilight Fair Committee thank you for all you did towards the Twilight Fair. Your contributions – no matter how big or small; how visible or quiet - were at the very heart of our success. We are very grateful.

Liesl
School Council President