Over 60 of our senior students competed in the District Athletics on Monday in what turned out to be very cold weather. Overall we came 7th in the competition. David W came first in the high jump and will be going through to the Zones as will Charlotte T after winning both the 800m and hurdles despite being unwell. Congratulations to the staff and students for doing so well under such unpredictable conditions.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Showcase Dinners**

The first two of our Showcase Dinners have been held over the last fortnight and our third one is tonight. The children were really looking forward to showcasing their culinary talents and had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to all the students, staff and helpers who have been extremely well organised.

Don’t forget that each grade has its own evening planned as listed in the table below and we encourage the families to enjoy this special evening with them. Thank you to all the families who have attended so far we were thrilled to see you!

**Grades and Nights**

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**Father's Day Pizza Night**

On Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} August we are holding a Pizza Night for the Dads in our community. Mark it in your diary and come along, make pizzas with the kids, cook in the wood fired oven and meet other Dads. We look forward to seeing you all there! Thanks must go to POW who have organised the night.

**Twilight Fair**

The next meetings are September 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 16\textsuperscript{th} in the Conference Room. See you there! Look for the Fair Newsletter with all the latest information.

**Uniform—MODELS NEEDED!**

We are proud of our school and the uniform forms a very important part of that. Of course, all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform. In order for new and existing families to know what that consists of we are putting together a pamphlet with all the information necessary. We are looking more volunteers to model the uniforms for the photographs. If you are happy for your child to be part of the displaying our wonderful uniform please let Michelle in the office know.

*Kerry Wood*

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Some of our students participated in the University of New South Wales Computer competition recently. Congratulations to Peter in Grade 3 who achieved a Distinction Certificate.

**BOOK FAIR**

Last week the school held a fabulous Book Fair. I would like to thank Tracey Edgell who suggested Central Books as a Book Fair provider. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of the Staff and Parents who volunteered their time to assist with the book sales and finances, and also the students who both helped set up the fair and pack away at the end. Mrs Lim very kindly allowed us to use her room for the week and we are all grateful for her support to the school community in this way.

I think most of the children and parents who visited the fair would agree that there was a great range and quality of books available, at great prices, and a real buzz of excitement around the school. We raised $720 to go towards new books for our school.

Sue Worcester

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Whitehorse Primary School is celebrating Fathers Day 2013 with

**KIDS & DADS PIZZA NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2013**

- Make your own gourmet pizza
- Cook in a REAL wood-fired oven
- Watch footy on the big screen

To book your place, please return your family’s notice and payment by **Tuesday 20 August 2013**

**Grade 5/6 movie night**

Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} August

- Don’t forget to book your seats at the Whitehorse Cinemas
- The Movie Night is for ALL students from Kinder to 6.

- **Kinder to Grade 2**
  - 4.30pm to 6.30pm “Monsters Inc” (G)

- **Grade 3 to Grade 6**
  - 7.30pm to 9.30pm “Despicable Me” (PG)
SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

We have some new specials starting from this Thursday, the 15th of August. We hope you enjoy them.

MUFFINS - Mixed Berry and White Chocolate

COOKIES - Colourful Choc Button

SLICE - Rice Bubble and Cranberry

MINI CORN ON THE COB (will replace the roast veggies for the rest of Term 3) - 50c

JELLY FRUIT CUPS - 50c

Due to popularity, we will offer the soup of the day as- CHICKEN AND CORN and the pasta dish as- SPIRAL PASTA WITH MEATBALLS

Thanks, Kath Clarke and Kathy Zougaklis

KINDERGARTEN

4 year old group

My name is Heather Roberts and I have taken on the position of Preschool Educator from 29th July from Miss Anna Maria. I think the children are adapting well to the change and have obviously had a great start to the year under Anna Maria’s guidance.

On 30th July we enjoyed a visit from the Responsible Pets Program and on Thursday 1st Lachlan’s Dad came to show and tell the children about the Australian Army. Lachlan’s Mum kindly took many photos and made them into a book which is available for you to look at.

I understand that with a new person taking over you may have concerns or question. Please speak to me after the session and I can arrange the best time to talk. It is quite a big job taking over at this time of the year but I do have many years of experience and qualifications up to the Masters level. I am also very happy to hear positive feedback as well.

Most of all it is early education that really inspires me and enjoying young children’s take on the world.

Please save and bring along boxes etc for our construction and collage area.

Thanks Heather

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Monday 12th August the senior students of grade 3-6 participated in the Nunawading District Athletics. Everyone that took part had lots of fun despite the awful weather. A special mention is given to David W, Max C, Ashley B, Briget E, Nicholas Q, Cal P, Charlotte T and Leah C. All these students placed first or second in their events. For both the overall and aggregate awards Whitehorse Primary School came 7th. Thank you to everyone that came and supported our school.

CHOOK ROSTER

Thank you to all the families who came to the chooks’ rescue and have filled our roster for this term.

The holiday roster and next term’s roster will be available from September.
EXCURSION TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

As part of our Term 3 Art program, our whole school will take part in a full day excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria. This is a biannual art excursion. Students will be guided through the International Collection with an Art Education Officer from the gallery. We will then picnic in the sculpture garden followed by a hands on art activity within the gallery.

A visit to the NGV is a wonderful learning experience, enriching and enhancing our children’s thoughts and ideas about Art, History and Culture. The excursions will take place on 9th September for Level 1 & 2 and 19th September for Level 3 & 4. Notices will be sent home today.

I look forward to a very fulfilling and rewarding excursion to the National Gallery.

Julia Martin.

ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS

Our students have all been involved in the creation of a seven and half metre dragon. They have explored felting, dyeing, printing, sewing and beading. All these art pieces have been assembled together to create our dragon’s rainbow body.

As our Dragon (Chi Long) lays sleeping, we will wait until the evening of our school fair (November) for Mrs Wood to paint in the pupils and only then, will Chi Long awake and take it’s first dance. Mrs Lim has been working with students for what I believe will be a truly electrifying ‘Dragon Dance’ performance.

Our local council, Whitehorse City Council has provided the funds to employ Lyn Ferrall, through the Artists in Schools program. Lyn has worked with our students on this wonderful textile dragon making project.

Julia Martin.