



The Whirrakee Wrap Up #2



Mission Statement

In the Whirrakee neighbourhood we come to school to become the best version of ourselves. We strive to be independent, confident, organised, resilient and empathetic individuals. We aim to embrace every opportunity to learn and accomplish new skills. We value our friendships, different opinions and enjoy working as a team to support and encourage others. All of these skills and knowledge will help us to create a better future.

Term 1- A successful start!

Term one has seen a smooth start in the grade six room. We welcomed three new students to our room and have developed our routines and expectations. We have had a busy term with many special events including Harmony Day, Athletics Sports, Bullying No Way, Indigenous incursion, Team Building with Golden Square P.S. and Leadership Camp.

Grade 6 Specialist timetable

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: RRRR program, Choir.

Wednesday: Chinese

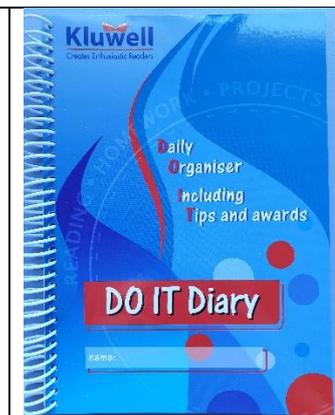
Thursday: Art, Music, Boys Business (room 18), Girls Space (room18).

Friday: Assembly, Grade 3-6 house sports, Student Athlete Program.



Home Reading Program

The teachers have been super impressed with the home reading so far this year. We have many students achieving their 50 nights already. We also have many students writing a short reflection after reading each night, which we encourage. If your child is not completing at least 20 minutes of reading each night, please remind them to do so. It is also appreciated if parent's sign the diary once a week to confirm home reading is occurring. We have been focussing on using punctuation correctly in our reading and writing. Students are expected to be concentrating on this whenever they read.



Bonnie

We have been privileged to have Bonnie, our new school dog, spending some time in the grade six room. We have all had some training from Grant, from Dogs Connect. We feel confident in how to approach Bonnie, walk her on a lead and take her outside to toilet. The grade six students have shown exceptional leadership in this area and have been great role models for everyone, demonstrating how to act around Bonnie.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Ms Hendy and Ms Serjeant are looking forward to meeting some parents as we conduct interviews Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Please be punctual in arriving to assure we keep to our schedule and everything runs smoothly.



Leadership Camp

A huge congratulations to our grade six leaders who attended the Leadership Camp in Anglesea. We heard nothing but positive feedback about the way you conducted yourselves. We are enjoying the new skills you are sharing with us all.

Athletics

Congratulations to all students who participated so positively in our school athletics carnival at the Flora Hill Athletics Track. We had perfect weather and everyone enjoyed the day. We were very proud of the way the grade six students conducted themselves and the sportsmanship they displayed. We have many students who have made it through to the next level- Well done to all.

Staffing Changes

Ms Wiegard will return from long service leave at the commencement of term 2, as the teacher for room 19. Ms Hendy will be taking long service leave for term two and three. Ms S will be working with room 18 in her absence. The grade six room will continue to be supported by Carolyn, Heather and Julie as our education support staff.

Attendance

Remember that **every minute matters** at kfps. Please ensure that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. Should they be absent, remember to explain via text or note to the class teacher. We have some students with high rates of absenteeism which impacts both their academic and social progress.

Happy Holidays

We wish all of the grade six students and their families an enjoyable break. Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you after the holidays!



Dates to Remember:

- **Tuesday 23rd April-** Term 2 Begins
- **Thursday 25th April-** Anzac Day public holiday.