

Primary Post



Whittlesea Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 22 nd March	Soccer and Cricket away game against Mernda Park PS – cricket at Waterview Reserve
Wednesday 27 th March	Years 3 and 4 depart for Camp ADANAC
Wednesday 27 th March	Responsible Pet Ownership incursion for Year 1
Friday 29 th March	Soccer and Cricket home game against St Marys at WPS and Walker Reserve
Friday 29 th March	Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion for Foundation
Friday 29 th March	Years 3 and 4 return from Camp ADANAC
Wednesday 3 rd April	Years 3 – 6 Cross Country 9am – 11am at A F Walker Reserve
Friday 5 th April	Soccer and Cricket home game against Mernda PS at WPS and Walker Reserve
Friday 5 th April	Last day of Term 1 – students are dismissed at 2:30pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	Term 2 Commences
Thursday 25 th April	ANZAC DAY
Friday 26 th April	State School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal
Monday 29 th April	Whole School Athletics Carnival at Meadowglen Stadium
Friday 3 rd May	Soccer and Cricket Interschool Sport
Thursday 9 th May	District Cross Country
Friday 10 th May	Soccer and Cricket Interschool Sport

Notice of Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 26th March at 6pm. The AGM is open to all parents and guardians who wish to attend.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

At our staff forum this week we held a movie night – complete with ice-cream and popcorn! No, we weren't watching a Hollywood blockbuster – instead our staff were viewing a range of short films which groups of WPS staff had created at the start of the year. It all begun on January 29th during our common curriculum day. Through our preparation for the 2019 year I asked our teachers and support staff to consider what their 'moral purpose' was. In a nutshell, this is what drives you to be a teacher / aid and gives you most satisfaction? I asked them to consider this in relation to our school – what makes your work at Whittlesea Primary so important? From there we viewed an example of a short film called 'Mankind is no Island'. This video showcased how to portray a strong message and tell a story through audio visual means using technology as a tool for communication. In this example the entire short film had been shot using a mobile phone and we explored the role technology plays as a tool for enabling creative products to convey a message. I then set the teachers the challenge to group together with others who shared a common moral purpose and to create a movie. It was an unique approach – normally professional learning is geared around PowerPoints, reading research and learning through other reference materials. Instead of this traditional approach I asked our teachers to embrace a task that was similar to what they would ask of children. By working collaboratively they were able to learn new skills from each other and it gave them an insight into what our students experience when asked to create a product that demonstrates their understandings / knowledge on a topic.

The videos were a great success and it was a proud moment as a Principal to see what they achieved. In terms of the messages delivered through their movies, they centred on themes closely linked to our school's vision. They told stories of a devotion to each and every child and to the development of academic, social, physical and emotional needs. They also touched on vital areas such as positive climates, our connection to community and positive relationships. Our staff stated that their moral purpose was to make a difference to children, enable them to have successful futures and to be an inspiration for them to achieve in the future. In terms of the products they created, there was a range of approaches such as slideshows, student interviews, animation, images of text, and more with well-considered soundtracks that supported the development of mood and feeling.

There was even an adaptation of the 'Brady Bunch' theme with personalised lyrics. Our teachers and support staff make a huge difference to our children every day and their dedication and strong moral purpose is what helps make our school great.

In closing I want to wish our Year 3 and 4 students a fantastic camp for next week. They travel to camp ADANAC for three days in what will be for some, their first camping experience away from home. Through this experience they will develop teamwork, leadership and other personal skills in a fun, supportive environment. I'm sure there will be lots of fun and laughs and I wish them, the staff and our parent volunteers all the best for the trip.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Last Friday our staff attended the DET Changing the Climate conference at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition centre. With a focus on School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports, the conference provided opportunities for networking and more specifically, hearing from leading academics across Australia and the United States. I was excited to learn about what other schools across Victoria are doing in this space and how we can be supported by each other at a Network/Region level to cater for and meet the individual needs of each and every child. I was also very proud to listen to the contributions and feedback from our staff during the 'facilitator' sessions when they shared anecdotes of our approach to SWPBS at Whittlesea Primary School.

One speaker in particular resonated with me and I believe his research and approaches align closely with the work we are doing at Whittlesea Primary School. Dr. George Sugai is a Professor in Educational Psychology and Special Education and world renowned for his research and action in the Positive Behaviour field. In short, he suggests 'all kids get what they need, but some kids need a little extra, and a few kids need something that is a little more individualised, students who feel invested in their school community are less likely to harm it'. I look forward to being involved in our schools SWPBS journey and learning more from our colleagues about making a difference for every child in our school.



Thank you to everyone for your efforts in selling our Cadbury Freddo & Friends fundraising box. Remember, if you return your \$60 prior to Wednesday 3rd April, you will go into the draw for a \$100 Cadbury Easter Hamper. The more boxes you sell the more chances you have to win! We will draw the winning family on Thursday 4th April and notify them by phone to collect the hamper by 4pm Friday 5th April, the last day of term. Please return all money raised (along with any unsold chocolates/lolly bags) to **THE OFFICE** in the envelope provided **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 26TH APRIL**.

Last Friday, while many students were enjoying a sleep in, the Victorian States School Spectacular dance group attended the first of six key rehearsals. The rehearsal, at Charles La Trobe College in McLeod, gave our dancers an insight in to the first of many performances leading up to the main event in September. Thank you to Amy Walsh for attending the rehearsal with the students.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the Year 3 and 4 students attending Camp ADANAC next week a fun-filled, adventure packed time! I know our teachers have planned for a fantastic experience and I look forward to hearing the exciting stories when the students return for the last week of Term 1. Yes, that's right, we finish up on Friday 5th April.....almost Easter already.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Community Resolve

In the wake of the devastating tragedy in New Zealand, I pen these thoughts. When great tragedies happen to a community, and in this case an entire nation on the global stage, there is great need of a leader with a clear vision of how to forge ahead. Jacinda Ardern was able to take up that mantle and speak words of direction and comfort. As the face of New Zealand, she conveyed a message of credible love and support to the distraught Muslim community. Before the world, Jacinda has articulated the expectations and true character of her country.

Her example guides us all. When goals are made clear, a community can face opposition and succeed. Through trial and error, and sometimes lengthy consultation, the people decide what is best. Others outside may try to wreck things but a community with a well-established vision will have great resolve to endure testing times.

Communities when motivated can always work against injustice for the common good. Response can be innovative, flexible and regularly reviewed and evaluated. Communities must look for opportunities in challenging situations, reacting out of love and concern for the marginalised. Integrity, hard work and collective effort are paramount. We can learn from people like Jacinda and the vision she speaks, how she is turning a crisis around at a time when we struggle for answers.

Peter Ackland - School Chaplain

2018 BOOKLIST FEES, EXCURSION LEVY & CSEF

The 1st instalment of the 2019 Booklist was due on 28th February followed by payments due on 26th April, 28th June and 30th August. Payments can be made by Bpay, Cash, Credit Card/Eftpos or by instalments or in full via your child's dashboard on Compass.

The excursion/incursion levy for 2019 is \$90.00 per student. This levy can be paid in full or by two instalments of \$45 each. The first instalment of \$45 was due by 28th February 2019 and the second instalment is due by 28th June 2019.



TERM 1 & 2 SCHOOL SPORTS DATES - 2019

Date	Event	Venue	Age/Gender
Term 1			
Feb 15 th – April 5 th	Cricket	Weekly Competition	Boys/Girls
Feb 15 th – April 5 th	Soccer	Weekly Competition	Boys/Girls
April 3 rd	WPS Cross Country	A.F Walker Recreation Reserve	Grades 3-6
Term 2			
April 29 th	WPS Athletics Carnival	Meadowglen	Grades 3-6
May 3 rd – June 14 th	Football	Weekly Competition	Boys Mixed
May 3 rd – June 14 th	Netball	Weekly Competition	Girls and Boys Mixed
June 20 th	Volleyball	Whittlesea Secondary College	Boys/Girls
May 7 th	District Cross Country	Bundoora Park	10-12 Years
May 29 th	Whittlesea Division Cross Country	Bundoora Park	10-12 Years
June 19 th	NMR Cross Country	Bundoora Park	10-12 Years

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Aussie Hoops is a fun, inclusive, structured introductory basketball program aimed at 5-10 year olds, with graded increases in competitiveness until participants are ready to transition into local WCBA competitions.

Wednesday's 4pm

Mill Park Basketball Stadium

TERM 2 - 1st May



To register for this program go through our website here at Whittlesea City Basketball Association and look for the Aussie Hoops icon.



For further information please call the office 03 9404 1999 or email Natalie.pacers@wcba.org.au



THURSDAY 11TH APRIL HOLIDAY GYM FUN

10am-1pm

The unique activities will have an emphasis on gymnastic fundamentals, fun, fitness and friendship. Children will come away from our program having had the opportunity to participate in one of the most beneficial sports, gymnastics.

Cost: \$40 per child

BOOK ONLINE NOW: [Holiday Program Bookings](#)

Enrolments and Payments Due by Friday 5th April



Come and Try Girls Cricket

Whether you play cricket, watch cricket or simply thought cricket might be fun, we would love you to come and join us for a girls cricket come and try hosted by Cricket Victoria and Whittlesea Cricket Club.

Friday 22nd March, 2019 @ 4.00pm
A.F WALKER RESERVE, WHITTLESEA



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