Hello Everyone,

Whittlesea Primary School strongly values our connection with the local community and we are continually looking for new and positive relationships. Recently I had a conversation with Yvonne Scott – retired Principal of Whittlesea Primary School. Yvonne is an active member of the Whittlesea Rotary group and at their most recent meeting they agreed to support our Breakfast Club with a donation of $1000. This financial support is much appreciated and allows us to continue to offer this outstanding program to all the children at our school who choose to participate. The breakfast Club runs every Wednesday morning in our staff room. Thank you to Yvonne, her fellow Rotarians and our dedicated group of volunteers led by Peter Ackland (Chaplain), who volunteer their time each week.

In addition to this we also benefit from the kind support of other local groups including the RSL, our neighbouring Christ Church Whittlesea and many local businesses and community organisations. In January 2017 two lucky students from year 5 will attend the Portsea Camp through the kind financial support of Christ Church Whittlesea and the RSL. This camp brings together nearly 300 students from across Victoria. Thank you to Ruwan, the new Pastor from the Christ Church Whittlesea and the RSL for their continuing support of our school and the students.

With the end of the year fast approaching I invite all parents who would like to make requests for 2017 class placements to do so via written request. Each year we follow a class selection policy to ensure we create class groupings based on a variety of factors including student friendships, gender and academic balance. While we do not accept requests relating to teachers, we do however consider parent requests for children to be placed together or separate from one year to the next. Please forward a written submission to me by November 4th and these will be carefully considered.

At last night’s School Council meeting a number of new school policies were ratified through our policy development process. These ranged from policies relating to the new Child Safe Standards which are mandated across all schools to curriculum and school philosophy statements. These new policies will be available on our website shortly and I invite all parents to view them. As part of the new policy development the school council also ratified policies relating to Working with Children checks and a new Visitors Policy. In line with Department directions, all adults who volunteer in schools, including parent helpers will require a valid...
Working With Children Check. These are free for volunteers such as parents in schools and take only minutes to complete online. This new requirement will be introduced throughout this term so please make arrangements to complete this task should you wish to be considered for roles on camps, excursions or in classroom support roles.

A reminder that October 31st is a school council approved curriculum day and students are not to attend school on this Monday.

Until next time,

Ty Hoggins

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Hello Everyone,

As many of you would be aware, work commenced this week in preparing the old Art and World 4 Kids portables for their removal. This includes disconnecting all services such as electricity and plumbing and erecting the fencing for the exclusion zone. The exclusion zone will facilitate the safe removal of asbestos, planned for this weekend, and the removal of the old and installation of the new portables in the coming weeks. It has been necessary to delay these works until now given the wet and windy weather we have experienced over that past few weeks, however the safety of our school community is paramount and now that the weather is on the improve you should start to see exciting changes occurring.

To ensure the safety of our school community the school carpark at the end of Plover Way has been fenced off as part of the exclusion zone and as a result, car parking spaces will be limited. The disabled car parking space will be temporarily relocated to the first carpark on the Plenty Road side, nearest to the skips. We ask all of our families to avoid using this carpark when dropping off and picking up their children and where possible, establish an alternate drop off and pick up arrangement. Pedestrian access to our school will still be available through the double gate behind the skips. Our World 4 Kids families will have access to before and after school care through this gate in the morning and afternoon. We appreciate your understanding in recognising that this short term inconvenience will bring the addition of two fantastic new buildings into our school.

Speaking of buildings, it was great to see the Early Learning Centre alive with all things Science during the Inquiry immersion last Friday. The Foundation students were focusing on living things and the characteristics of objects and how this might influence the way they move. The Year 1 and Year 2 students engaged in a variety of activities including bird watching and experiments focusing on change and the reasons for these changes. I am especially excited to watch the baby stick insects that Miss Redmond brought in, grow across the term.

It was wonderful to see our school gym awash with colour last Friday night at our annual SRC Disco. Well done to the SRC and Ms. Jacquie Walsh for their organisation in the lead up to the event; it was extremely successful!

A reminder...Monday 31st October is a Curriculum Day. Normal school will not operate on this day.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos
Congratulations to our five superstar athletes who competed at the Northern Metropolitan Region athletics finals last week. It is a great achievement to reach this level of competition.

Results are as follows:
Tara Watson – 11yr 1500m – 9th
Luke Ferguson – 10yr high jump – 6th
Jade McIay – 10yr 200m – 6th and hurdle – 4th
Olivia Sorensen – MC 100m, 200m and shot put – 1st
Dylan Rolfe – MC 100m, 200m – 1st and long jump – 2nd

Olivia and Dylan will compete in the State final next week at the Albert Park track. Our school is proud of their commitment and effort.

Cheryl Abbott

Students in Foundation, Year 1 and 2 will be going home today with information for the School Swimming Program. This program will commence on Tuesday 22nd November and run until Friday 16th December. The cost for this program is $81 and it is not included in the excursion levy.

Permission forms and payment are due back by Thursday 17th November.
| Foundation M/Powell | Awarded to: Angel B Ferguson  
For: naming 10 more and 10 less than a given number. |
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| Foundation Powell   | Awarded to: Audrey Millar  
For: making connections between her reading and writing, spelling words correctly. |
| Foundation Redmond  | Awarded to: Nate Jennings  
For: giving clear directions to find a location on a map. Fantastic. |
| Year 1 Capito       | Awarded to: Eleana Banks-Wild  
For: showing excellence in adding money. |
| Year 1 Miller       | Awarded to: Kyah Demarco  
For: always offering a helping hand to teachers and peers. |
| Year 1 Starkey      | Awarded to: Sophie Core  
For: showing excellence during learning time. |
| Year 2 Panahinejad  | Awarded to: Blake Webb  
For: writing very well structured information reports. |
| Year 2 Vitale       | Awarded to: Bellah Bambridge  
For: showing excellence in the classroom and in her information report. Well done Bellah. |
| Year 3 Kaur         | Awarded to: Sebastian Georgiou  
For: showing confidence and curiosity when learning about body systems. |
| Year 3 Walsh        | Awarded to: Caden Allen  
For: an amazing week of learning and a huge improvement in behaviour. Keep up the great attitude. |
| Year 4 Mion/Wilson  | Awarded to: Cooper Hickling  
For: showing confidence and enthusiasm when presenting a report to the class.  
Awarded to: Ruby Clancy  
For: following instructions and completing her learning to her best effort this term. Well done Ruby. |
| Year 5 Dipaola | Awarded to: Tayla Elovaris  
For: her exceptional high standard of learning.  
Well done superstar. |
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| Year 5 Cook/Tolmay | Awarded to: Beau Johnson  
For: putting in extra effort into his literacy learning last week. Great job. |
| Year 6 Dunstone | Awarded to: Ashlea Ford  
For: her amazing efforts towards her learning. |
| Year 6 Wright | Awarded to: Riley Delaroy  
For: consistently making great contributions during whole class and group learning time. |
Reading numbers on a calculator. (There is usually one on mobile phones)

A game suitable for student’s from Prep to Year 6.

Asking your child to press a number on the calculator and read it. If successful press another number to create a 2 digit number and so on. Allow children to play game up to one digit further than they can read so that learning can be extended.

Variations
Say a 2, 3, 4 or 5 digit number (or higher if capable) and ask your child to record that number on the calculator. Check that they are not adding unnecessary zeros in the middle of the number. Eg. 714 does not = 70014 or 710014.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Drawing Club in the Library

This is a program I lead that is not affected by the building change. It continues in one half of the library during first break of Mondays. It is in an opportunistic location because additional students come along to draw after missing out on an IT Club computer in the other half of the library.

We spend a very relaxed half hour drawing and chatting. Sometimes a student will ask me to start a drawing and suggest challenging subject matter. Sometimes I am floundering to know how something should look (i.e. Pokémon characters) and I am starting to Google on my phone for an image to guide me. Whatever happens, students are forgiving and are happy with my often very ordinary effort. I can feel very humbled, especially as one who used to lecture in drawing at RMIT in an earlier profession.

I am seeing students come along with very good drawing skills for their age and I hope their experience at Drawing Club benefits them for a future that might involve drawing for a living. Drawing offers a wonderful world to explore, and the more practice they get now the more resilience they will have to keep at it during their adolescent years.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain
Resilience

Everybody’s life has ups and downs

Adults sometimes look back on their childhood as a time when they were always happy, but life’s ups and downs are a part of childhood too. Children need to build resilience skills to be able to both enjoy good times and deal with hard times. Helping children learn how to manage life’s ups and downs and build their coping skills supports their mental health and wellbeing now and into the future. Feeling good protects mental health and wellbeing.

Did you know that experiencing positive emotions such as joy, pleasure and having fun are essential experiences for building and maintaining a healthy mind across our whole lives?

Skills and qualities that help children cope with life’s ups and downs

- **Trust** - that the world is safe and that there are caring people to help them.
- **Belief** - in their ability to do things for themselves and achieve their goals.
- **Feeling good** - about themselves and feeling valued for who they are by their parents and carers.
- **Optimism** - that things generally turn out well.
- **Regulation** - Ability to manage their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

Children develop these skills and qualities and learn to keep a balance over time, initially through their experiences in coping with small stresses with help from supportive adults. When bigger stresses come along, even though at first they might feel quite distressed, children can draw on what they have learned about helping themselves to cope and feel better. Looking to others for support continues to be an effective way of coping.

**How are your child’s resilience skills developing?**

Resilience is the ability to cope with life’s ups and downs. Children’s resilience is enhanced when they:

- are loved by someone unconditionally
- have an older person outside the home they can talk to about problems and feelings
- are praised for doing things on their own and striving to achieve
- can count on their family being there when needed
- know someone they want to be like
- believe things will turn out all right
- have a sense of a power greater than themselves
- are willing to try new things
- feel that what they do makes a difference in how things turn out
- like themselves
- can focus on a task and stay with it
- have a sense of humour
- make goals and plans, both short and longer term.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

If you require a Working With Children Check please use the following link to access the application form. This is a free service for volunteers –

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

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The highlights package of the Victorian State School’s Spectacular will be aired on Channel 7 on Saturday December 3 at 7pm.

SUN SMART

A reminder that Whittlesea Primary School is a ‘Sun Smart School’ and hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.

School hats can be purchased from the uniform shop: Northern Regional Uniforms, Unit 21, 8 Oleander Drive, South Morang. All hats must have a Whittlesea Primary School logo.

Children who do not have hats (lost or otherwise) are not permitted to play in uncovered/non shaded areas of the playground.

2016 WHITTLESEA SHOW

All students were given a Young Persons Show Competition form today. The entry fee is $2 and application forms are to be sent to the Whittlesea Agricultural Society or handed in to the main administration building up until 12pm on Sunday 6th November. Please do not return the forms to the school office. Thank you.
EXCURSION LEVY 2016

Thank you to the families who have paid the $70 levy for their children.

If you opted to pay this levy in two instalments please be advised that the second instalment of $35 was due on Friday 10th June 2016.

Excursions/Incursions are planned for most year levels this term. Please make sure to check if you have made payment for your child. These activities are based on user pays and we would like every child to be included.

If you are unsure whether you have paid please contact Donna Gray at the school office.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is every Tuesday. Please contact the Office if you would like a school banking pack to be sent home for your child.

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to write your child/ren’s names on all uniform items. We have a lot of unclaimed uniform in our lost property that do not have names written on them. Please check your child/ren’s jackets and make sure that they belong to them, we do have children who are missing their bomber and fleece jackets which are named. Lost property is located under the park bench on the side verandah of the office, please feel free to come and have a look through it.

We also have a large collection of items in the office - drink bottles, umbrellas, jewellery, a watch and a purse. If your child has lost an item please ask them to visit the office and see if any of these belongs to them. Thank you.

CANTEEN

The canteen service provided by Metro Canteens operates every Friday. Families are able to place an online order up until 11:30pm on Thursday each week. You will need to set up an account through – [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

A reminder that children using the school crossings must not

- Bounce their balls
- Ride their scooters or bikes

Please talk to your children about the importance of following the crossing supervisor’s directions as we need to keep all of our students safe while crossing the roads.

CAR PARKING

The Church kindly lets our school families use their car park. Please reverse park, and keep to the actual car park area. Driving beyond this is not permitted. Also, please do not use the disabled car park in the church car park or in the staff car park unless you have a disability permit, we do have parents that require the use of this space. Thank you.
Did you know WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS A MARKET?

Why not come!
Our market is held at the College on the third Saturday of the month and is run by the Whittlesea Secondary College and Primary School Chaplaincy Committee to raise money so both schools can have a chaplain – Peter Ackland at the primary school and Eva Natsis at the college.

It is the committee’s main fundraiser and needs your support as a customer and even as a stallholder. There is a good range of stalls including craft, homemade cakes and jams, fresh fruit and veggies, nuts and dried fruit, clothes, DVD’s, plants, dog supplies, gifts and of course enjoy a BBQ sausage or hamburger with a coffee.

The next market is on Saturday 19th November. The smaller car boot sites are $10 with the regular stall sites being $20. Just line up at the gate around 7am if you would like a spot. If you have any enquiries please ring 0419 357 395. Check out our facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/saturday.community.market.whittlesea

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Web: www.toplinetennis.com Email: info@toplinetennis.com
Every year a team of amazing volunteers give up weeks of their time to put our children’s work on display for everyone to enjoy and celebrate during the weekend of the Whittlesea Show.

It is a huge job and the volunteers in the Chandler Pavilion (Education Shed) are in need of some assistance.

We would love to hear from some local Mums and Dads who have a few hours to spare. We require assistance during the two weeks before the show to organise, collate & display the children’s amazing work. No experience is necessary and everyone is very friendly.

If you would like to help please phone Elaine on: 0438 884 482 or 9716 1482 to discuss your availability. This year the Show is on 5th & 6th November. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thankyou – Whittlesea Show Committee
Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)

Gain skills & knowledge required to responsibly sell or serve alcohol and satisfy the requirements for responsible sale and service of alcohol under Vic. Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR).

1 session: Friday 18th November 2016, 9:30am – 1:30pm
at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir
Cost: $55 + manual: $10

For more details please ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au

Nationally recognised qualification courses starting in February 2017
Come to one of our information sessions
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Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community) CHC33015
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40110

- Government-subsidised places available to eligible individuals in our Early Childhood and Individual Support qualifications
- Highly qualified and experienced trainers
- Strong relationships with local employers
- Most of our graduates gain employment at or before the end of their course
- Assistance with child care costs may be available through the Family Learning Support Program.

Kingswim is coming to Mernda!
Enrol now for 2017

Kingswim will be providing swimming lessons for children at Mernda in 2017. We can’t wait!
But spots are filling fast so enrol now to secure your preferred lesson times. Please call 9715 3939 to reserve your place.
To find out more about us, visit www.kingswim.com.au

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