Hello everyone,

On Monday Kellie Redmond and I attended a full day Department briefing regarding our school’s upcoming review process. Each school in the state works through a cycle of planning, implementation and review across a 4-year period. 2016 marks a review year where we work through a detailed process in collecting data from a range of sources and reflect on achievements and areas for improvement. Through our analysis of data a story for our school is created and we plan new priorities and targets to be achieved over the next 4-year strategic plan.

The review itself can either be a ‘peer-review’ or a ‘priority’ review. Owing to our growth and achievement we don’t require the more extensive priority review. Our school will engage the services of a ‘peer-reviewer’ who will lead our team through the process. There will be opportunities for our community to contribute to the data collection process so stay tuned for more information on how you can become involved.

Having been involved in the scheduled 2012 review, I can attest to how valuable and positive this review will be. It will be an opportunity to celebrate what makes our school great. It will also be exciting to create new and ambitious targets for our school’s improvement into the future.

Education week has been highlighted by both our Cross Country event and a special numeracy parent information session on Tuesday night. A small group of enthusiastic parents learnt valuable insights into the common language, strategies and approaches used at Whittlesea Primary School when developing number skills in particular. The attendees also left with a variety of ideas on how they can support numeracy development for their child. Thank you to Deb Armstrong, our leading teacher in Mathematics who delivered this highly engaging session.

As a community we would like to extend our condolences to the staff and families of Whittlesea Secondary College and to the family of Frances Sozzi who sadly passed away last weekend.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Acting Principal
NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school council is looking at developing a master plan for future growth of our facilities at Whittlesea Primary School. If you have experience and skills in architecture, engineering or construction in general please contact the school on 97162140 or whittlesea.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

School Council would also like to address the recent marketing material distributed last week at the front of the school by a major political party contesting the upcoming federal election. As this occurred outside of the school’s boundaries, Whittlesea Primary has no control over this style of correspondence. We would however, wish to confirm that our school maintains a position of being politically neutral. Any complaints regarding the recent flyer distribution should be addressed directly to the candidate’s office.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Well done to all students who competed in the school cross country at Walkers Reserve on Tuesday. It was great weather for running and everyone gave their best effort.

Sixty one children will represent our school at the Bridge Inn District event at Bundoora Park next Tuesday, May 24th

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10 yr boys – Caden, Blake, Riley & Charlie
10 yr girls – Mia, Jade, Sophie & Grace

11 yr boys - Blake, Jay, Jack & Chace
11 yr girls – Tara, Tayla, Emilee & Kelsey

12 yr boys – Seth, Riley, Alex & Jacob
12 yr girls – Charlee, Georgia, Hayley & Hannah
### Star of the Week

| Foundation M/Powell | Awarded to: Blake Allshorn  
For: reading back his writing. Well done Blake. |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Foundation Powell   | Awarded to: Xavier Mann-Wolski  
For: helping others when they need help. |
| Foundation Redmond  | Awarded to: Cooper Sleeman  
For: showing appreciation for his learning opportunities. |
| Year 1 Capito       | Awarded to: Eleana Banks Wild  
For: writing an excellent story about Pinocchio using quotation marks. |
| Year 1 Miller       | Awarded to: Emily Omran  
For: displaying confidence in her learning. |
| Year 1 Starkey      | Awarded to: Harrison Wallis- Andrews  
For: following all instructions and listening all the time. |
| Year 2 Goetzke      | Awarded to: Isla Heinrich  
For: displaying our school value of excellence in all her learning. |
| Year 2 Panahinejad  | Awarded to: Lincoln Sutherland  
For: being a kind and caring member of 2P. |
| Year 2 Vitale       | Awarded to: Gemma Lever  
For: writing full sentences and trying her very best when writing a setting description. |
| Year 3 Kaur         | Awarded to: Noah Hutchins  
For: presenting his speech using excellent tone and expression. |
| Year 3 Walsh        | Awarded to: Taya McClure  
For: always looking out for others both inside and outside the classroom. Well done Taya. |
| Year 4 Mion/Walsh   | Awarded to: Caitlin Heinrich  
For: being a fantastic role model to others and displaying strong leadership skills.  
Awarded to: Jessica Donnelly  
For: showing excellence in writing and always producing a high standard of learning. |
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<td>Year 6 Dunstone</td>
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<td>leading by example on the school football team.</td>
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<td>Year 6 Wright</td>
<td>Imogen Barmby</td>
<td>consistently applying herself well during learning time.</td>
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How are your skipping tricks going? Can you do double-unders and criss-cross yet? It’s not long until our Jump Off day, so keep practising.

As of the 18th May 6.30am Whittlesea Primary School kids have collected online donations to a total of:

$2,403.00

Skipping club every Thursday 2nd break in the gym, we are creating an amazing routine to share on jump off day 22nd June.

Register online and simply press send to all your family and friends! It’s easy, safe and secure. www.jumprope.org.au or continue to complete your sponsorship form and collect funds to be added to our online balance.

Kim Ferguson
PE

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DRAW

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SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Fierce Conversations (part 6)

Susan Scott in her book Fierce Conversations: Achieving Success at Work and in Life One Conversation at a Time posed a series of questions to help people engage deeply. It seems profitable to tease them out and generate some answers.

“What is the most important thing that we should be talking about?” Our answer may be found in terms of where we go from here. “Who/what else is being impacted?” Our answer may settle on the amount of time we are willing to spend and the people we choose to engage with. “If nothing changes, what are the implications?” For me it will be a loss of fulfilment and possible stagnation. My capabilities will not be stretched and lessons unlearned. “How have you helped to create this situation?” My answer will be something like accepting the relative comfort of the status quo. “What is the ideal outcome?” In answer, I search for greater effectiveness in relating to people, looking for greater understanding of issues, engaging and embracing them. “What is our most potent step to accomplish this, to commit to, and when?” This is a powerful final question and our answer has to be realistic and measureable. We ought to be willing to take a risk, be vulnerable, and not please ourselves at the expense of others, but to collectively learn ways to better develop our hope and vision.

We focus on the main issue and not allow side issues to distract us. We are on a search for the core, the ‘hard to uncover’ root cause. We endeavour to keep our conversation alive with intent, using good eye contact and active listening. This is not a time to offer advice or receive it. Our answers have to come from within. We come to the conversation with empty hands, ask fierce questions, and expand our world.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain
KIDS MATTER

Our school is committed to supporting all students in their social and emotional learning. As mentioned previously, we are implementing the KidsMatter framework that promotes mental health and wellbeing.

It would be appreciated if you could complete the survey sent home last week by tomorrow, Friday May 20th.

EXCURSION LEVY 2016

Thank you to the families who have paid the $70 levy for their children. This levy was due on 26th February 2016.

If you opted to pay this levy in two instalments please be advised that the second instalment of $35 is 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.

CAMPS, SPORT AND EXCURSION FUND

Families who hold a current health care card may be entitled to claim $125 per child from the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund.

Please contact the office if you are requiring assistance or advice in relation to this fund. Please note that the cut off date for applications for the 2016 school year is Friday 3rd June. Unfortunately, we will not be able to process any applications received after this date.

REMINDER

Families who had previously paid for the year 3 – 6 swimming program, please contact the office to arrange your refund. Refunds can be made by cheque, direct deposit or offset against any outstanding fees.

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.

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

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 on 21st May will include a Car Boot Sale. 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

WHITTLESEA TENNIS CLUB

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74 Laurel Street, Whittlesea

WE SPECIALISE IN LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

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Web: www.toplineten.com Email: info@toplineten.com
BABY PRODUCTS/CLOTHES
CAR BOOT SALE

Whittlesea Community Market
Secondary College
Saturday May 21st

Car Boot $10
All other stalls $20

All proceeds go towards funding to support our school Chaplain.

To book a site: ph. 0419 357 395

Have you applied for 4 year old kindergarten in 2017?

Is your child turning 4 years of age before 30 April 2017?

Apply by Thursday 30 June 2016 to be considered in the first round of placement offers for attendance in 2017. Applications submitted after this will still be accepted, although processed at a later date.

Give your child a great head start! The activities provided at kindergarten help children increase their independence and build their social and developmental skills in preparation for school. If your child currently attends a 3 year old kindergarten program, they do not automatically receive a place for 4 year old kindergarten.

Application forms are available from:
• Council’s website: www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au
• Kindergartens
• Maternal and Child Health Centres
• Whittlesea Community Connections at Pacific Epping
• City of Whittlesea Council Offices:
  – 25 Ferres Blvd, South Morang
  – Westfield: Shop MM9, 1st Floor, 415 McDonalds Rd, Mill Park

For more information contact the City of Whittlesea:
Phone: 9217 2170      Email: keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
WHITTLESEA LIBRARY
PHONE: 9716 3028
Whittlesea Community Activity Centre
57–61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea

Where the Wild Things Are
Tuesday 28 June
3.00pm–4.00pm
Come on a rumpus as you explore where the wild things are. Inspired by Maurice Sendak's classic book, discover the monster within you and let your imagination run wild with stories and play. Come fancy dressed and enjoy a wild activity.

Visit the Realm of the Fays and Magic
Friday 1 July
11.00am–12.00noon
Do you believe in Fairies? Do you know magical tricks? Come into Whittlesea Library and make your own fairy wings and wands. Enjoy stories from the magical realm... You must believe the world will simply disappear.

Film Screening
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Monday 4 July
2.00pm–4.00pm
Want to visit Hogwarts? Bring along your wand and magical cape as we embark on an(other)worldy adventure. Rated PG.

MILL PARK LIBRARY
PHONE: 9437 8189
394 Plenty Road, Mill Park

Worldly Adventure
Film Screenings
Monday 27 June – Friday 8 July
1.30pm–3.00pm
Come to our free adventure film screenings for the whole family. Bring along a snack.

Virtual Reality
Scavenger Hunt
Tuesday 26 June
2.00pm–3.30pm
Immerse yourself in a world of virtual reality. Put on our virtual reality googles and go on a scavenger hunt. Please bring your own Smartphone or Phone to download the free apps. Bookings required.

Create a World of your Own
Thursday 30 June
2.00pm–3.00pm
Use your imagination and build a miniature world of your own.

Where in the World is Wally?
Monday 4 July
2.00pm–3.00pm
We are searching the library for Wally. Join in the chase as we find clues and hunt down that mysterious Wally.

Bollywood Style Dancing
Thursday 7 July
2.00pm–3.30pm
Incursions: "'R' Us are bringing Indian culture to Mill Park Library. Join in on the Bollywood Bing dancing action.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!!

What did you do on the weekend? Local scouting welcomes new members!!

Scouting provides young people worldwide, regardless of race, religion, class or creed with skills for life. Scouting is a time tested method of youth led, adult supported learning by doing, which above all else, is FUN! Scouting gives young people opportunities for leadership, spiritual development, adventure, survival skills, intellectual growth, community service & social engagement.

Scouting is available to boys & girls from 6 years of age.

Hazel Glen Scout Group's new purpose built facility located on the grounds at Hazel Glen College in Doreen is currently under construction and due for completion next month. We currently meet in the school gym. We are a traditional scout group governed by Scouts Victoria and open to all local young people. For more information or to book in for three free trials please contact our Group Leaders, Jo Coleman on 0417 031 506 or Fiona Adrichem on 0407 138 396 or find us on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/hazleglen/scoutgroup.

Epping North Scout Group

Try THREE for FREE
Come & try up to three Scouting sessions for free
Limited Places Available - Enquire today!

JOEY SCOUTS (Ages 5 - 7) Tuesdays 5.45pm - 6.45pm
CUB SCOUTS (Ages 8 - 10) Mondays 7.00pm - 8.30pm
SCOUTS (Ages 10 - 14) Tuesdays 7.00pm - 9.00pm
VENTURERS (Ages 14 - 17) Available in 2016 if there is interest

Meeting place
Galada Community Centre
10A Forum Way, Epping North
Melway Ref: 181 G4

Get involved! Adult volunteers wanted!
Become a Leader or Helper for your local Scout Group.
All necessary training provided free of charge.
(Police and VWC Checks required).

For more information or to join up, contact
Cara Homer on 0490 101 725
or email gl.eppingnorth.vicscouts.asn.au

Join the adventure!
Early Childhood Education and Care Courses beginning 23 May.

The following courses are now being offered at PRACE – Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir in partnership with Education Institute (TOID: 21707)

DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (CHC50113)

LOCATION: Merrilands Community Centre
DURATION: 30 Sessions over 12 months
PLACEMENT: 6 weeks

CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (CHC30113)

LOCATION: Merrilands Community Centre
DURATION: 17 Sessions over 6 months
PLACEMENT: 3 weeks

CERTIFICATE III IN EDUCATION SUPPORT (Teacher's Aide) (CHC30213)

This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes early childhood education, as well as Primary, Secondary and Special schools.

Graduates work as education assistants/teacher aides and support workers (working with children with disabilities)

Location: Merrilands Community Centre

Days & Times: Mon & Wed: 9.15am to 3.15pm, Fri: 9.15am to 3.15pm (2 sessions only)
Dates: Wed 18th May to Wed 17th Aug (Classroom) +Fri 17th & 24th June (Classroom)
18th Aug–14th Oct 2016 (Practical Placement)

Duration: 24 sessions, 2 workshops (TBA) + 100 hour practical placement. (Excludes: Public & School Holidays.)

Cost: Concession: $180, Full: $900, Fee For Service: $2,685 (Concession- Limited Places)+ Service & Amenities Fee

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

MERnda RAIL – VIEW THE LATEST PROJECT DESIGNS

The Victorian Government is extending the South Morang train line to Mernda to cater for the significant growth in Melbourne’s north. This project was fully funded in the 2016/17 Victorian Budget and the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) will deliver it.

Your feedback has been considered and the designs have been further developed. This is your chance to come along and view the latest designs, talk with the project team and provide your feedback.

Saturday, 21 May 2016, 9am to 12pm
The Bridge Inn Hotel
1425 Plenty Road, Mernda VIC 3754

Saturday, 28 May 2016, 10am to 1pm
Hazel Glen College Gymnasium
175 Cookes Road, Doreen VIC 3754

Drop in at any time throughout the session. No need to RSVP! If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, please contact the Mernda Rail project team for more information via the details below:

Email: Merndarail@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au     Phone: 1800 762 667 Web: levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/merndarail