Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe this is the second last newsletter for the year! It is amazing how quickly term four passes. Our year culminates with a series of special events which bring together our community to celebrate another outstanding year at Whittlesea Primary School. Tomorrow night promises to be a great event with even more rides, free activities and performances than last year. We’re all excited to see the contents of our 25 year time capsule. Personally, I am a little less excited about being dunked in freezing water. I was hoping for a warm summer day but the forecast is suggesting that the brave staff who have signed up for the dunking machine better pack wetsuits!

In this week’s newsletter I wish to acknowledge the staff of 2016 who will not be returning next year. First and foremost I wish to congratulate Cheryl Abbott on her outstanding career in education which will officially conclude half way through next year. Cheryl will take a period of leave leading into her eventual retirement from full time teaching. Cheryl’s contribution at Whittlesea Primary School is significant – spanning across 19 years. In that time she has performed a variety of roles adding value to both our classroom and specialist programs. In recent years Cheryl has led our PE program, being a key member of the local sports district and always promoting Whittlesea Primary School's participation and success in all areas. We wish Cheryl all the best for her future and hopefully we can welcome her back for casual relief work when she so chooses. Our community are encouraged to come and celebrate with Cheryl at both our Christmas Carnival and Special Christmas Assembly on Wednesday next week.

We also farewell Kellie Redmond who will commence a period of extended leave. Kellie is an outstanding educator and leader who has done so much for the children and families at our school. Her tireless work and commitment to Whittlesea Primary School since she commenced as a graduate teacher is highly valued and we wish her all the best for her future pursuits in education.
Other teachers not returning in 2017 due to new appointments or other pursuits are as follows:

- Melissa Miller
- Renee Dipaola
- Danielle McDowell
- Laura Parkes

In addition to these teachers, Elise Wilson is due to commence Family Leave in early 2017 and Julie Cook will commence a period of Long Service Leave until mid-next year. We wish all the above mentioned staff all the best as they travel, start families or commence roles at new schools.

In 2017 we welcome the following new teachers to our school that will bring new skills and experiences to our dedicated and committed staff:

- Amy Perry – Foundation
- Samantha McCormick - Foundation
- Angela Fawcett – Year 1
- Amy Walsh – Year 3
- Melissa McCormick – Year 4
- Stuart Maxfield – Year 5
- Rebecca Gambling – Year 6
- Jake Hough – Physical Education
- Lucinda James - Art

This term we also welcomed Betty Tzelepis as our Early Years / Student Health and Well-being Leading Teacher for 2017 and we also congratulate Matt Dunstone who will step into the role of Acting Leading Teacher, overseeing Years 5/6 and literacy.

We wish our leaving staff all the best and welcome the new and fresh faces to our Whittlesea Primary School community.

On Wednesday next week I encourage all parents / guardians who have performed any helper tasks at our school to attend our Parent Helper’s Morning tea. This function will immediately follow our Special Christmas Assembly scheduled for Wednesday morning. Each class will perform a Christmas Carol and we will proudly present our 2017 Student Leaders to the community.

A special congratulations to Tori Voss of Year 6 who was recognised with a Rotary Scholarship on Monday evening. Tori was acknowledged for her pursuits in academic studies and her commitment to displaying our school values in everything she does. In recognition of her achievements, Tori was presented with a cheque for $250 to support her academic studies into the future. Another outstanding student from Whittlesea Primary School being recognised in our community!

Looking ahead to 2017, I am able to share exciting news relating to how our school will communicate and connect via digital technology. In the past we have utilised a mobile app called Tiqbiz, but commencing next year Whittlesea Primary School will align with Whittlesea Secondary College and introduce the ‘Compass’ management suite as our core student management and parent information system. Compass is a fully featured program that will allow us to manage attendance, student records and data, correspondence and more. When introduced, parents will be given log in details and have access to a variety of features which will make accessing information and communicating with Whittlesea Primary even easier. Stay tuned for more information into the new year.

Enjoy your week and I look forward to a fantastic Christmas Carnival with our community tomorrow night.

Ty Hoggins
Principal
Hello everyone,

On Tuesday this week all of the children had an opportunity to meet with their class group and teacher for 2017 as part of our whole school transition day. While we welcomed our Pre Foundation children and new students for next year on the day and our current year six students attended their state wide transition day at their future secondary school. All of our teachers for next year met prior to the day to plan and prepare activities that facilitated team building as well as setting clear and consistent classroom expectations. The children also engaged in reading, writing and maths activities across the transition sessions.

This day also provided the perfect photo opportunity for our whole school, the children were excited to watch a drone fly overhead above the soccer pitch while a specially fitted camera took photos of the students and staff of 2017. One of these photos will be selected to appear on our 2017 school calendar, available for families to purchase for $10.00 each. Orders and payment for the calendar are due by Friday 9th December. You will find a copy of the order form attached. Money raised through the sale of the calendar will go towards a series of projects nominated by school council, including a garden in front of the new portables. Delivery of calendars will be made on Friday 16th December, 2016 and will be sent home with your child. Please note any orders not picked up before the end of the school year will be available for collection once the 2017 school year resumes.

A reminder to our F-2 families that Tuesday and Friday next week see the conclusion of our swimming program for 2016. Please remember to send labelled swimming items in a clearly labelled bag on these days.

The Christmas Carnival sees us another week closer to the end of the school year. I am looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow night and at our end of year Special Christmas Assembly next Wednesday.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

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**CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**

**Why it would be the best idea to go to the Christmas Carnival?**

We think that it would be the greatest idea to come to the Christmas Carnival. We will have rides, food and drink, performances and much more.

Firstly, it will be a fantastic idea if you go on the super fun rides. There will be a jumping castle, a dunking machine, soccer games on the oval and an inflatable boulder dash. If you come to the Christmas Carnival you will go on the super fun rides.

Secondly, there will be yummy foods and drinks! There will be a slushies, fairy floss, cold drinks and ice-cream. There will also be popcorn, a coffee machine, sausages, pop tops, chips and shapes and soft drinks.

Thirdly, there will be performances that are fantastic to watch. There will be the Whittlesea Primary School Choir, the revealing of the time capsule and Mr. D Extraordinaire!

Lastly, there will be lots of extra things. There will also be a raffle and shows bags!

That’s why it would be the world’s best idea to come to the Christmas carnival!

Written by Tom, Isaac, Millie, Lachlan and Nathan
S.R.C News

S.R.C. Christmas Colours Day!

Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} December, 2016

Wear your favourite Christmas coloured clothes and bring a gold coin donation for the Australian Red Cross.

Your donations will help Australian families in need.

We look forward to seeing your bright outfits on the day!

Made by Lani and Keeley

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has now finished for 2016. New forms will go home with students early in 2017, please remember to complete this form and return to the school office if you would like to join Breakfast Club next year.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Northern Regional Uniform Shop will close on Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} December, 2016 at 4pm and re-open on Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} January, 2017 at 9am.

Northern Regional Uniforms would like to wish every family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.
Loving Life and Learning

We are all called to provide a secure base for the children we interact with. Children watch us go about our lives, including our social lives, and note our behaviour. They will become more independent as they grow so the learning will be dynamic, always changing. They will test out their own feelings and behaviour in the light of what they see in the adult community. I wrote in my last article that with honest effort and with people from a wide variety of backgrounds, our children watch us and learn how to handle social matters positively, and we owe them that.

Recently, I spoke to a man who had worked as a cleaner in a hospital. He told me he was given a valuable gift, an important lesson, from a work colleague when he started there. Instead of regarding the work as just a job, he discovered he could “learn to love the work” by putting aside any negative feelings and allowing appreciation for everything about him, and most importantly, having positive relationships with co-workers. This may sound logically simple but it is still a profound idea nonetheless when heard afresh. This learning to love the work can be translated into the school context as “learning to love the learning”, to enjoy the social interaction involved in learning, including revising and relearning the content in all its forms.

We can help by planting this radical idea into the minds of our children and showing interest in the work they do, praising them on their efforts (and not their ability, because we focus on a “growth mindset”). We can talk about how feelings work and how best to manage them if these get in the road. Our positive attitude and interest will feed their motivation. After all, we want to plant this idea in our children while they are young. The old maxim: “Give me a child for the first seven years and I’ll give you the man/woman...” is reliable developmentally. Provided children are allowed the space to expand their minds and hearts, and plot their own course, the ancient words are well directed. If we all collaborate in sharing this love for life and learning, excellence will surely follow.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

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.
## Star of the Week

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<td>Dahlia Khano</td>
<td>For: organising her own belongings for swimming.</td>
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<td>Brody Delaroy</td>
<td>For: always showing enthusiasm towards his learning.</td>
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<td>Cayden Ford</td>
<td>For: following all his teacher’s instructions.</td>
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<td>Year 1 Miller</td>
<td>Madelyn Gittos</td>
<td>For: her incredible acts of kindness and generosity throughout the week.</td>
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<td>Ryder Scott</td>
<td>For: being a good community member in our classroom and on the playground.</td>
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<td>Jett Phillips</td>
<td>For: having a great attitude towards all his learning</td>
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<td>Tyson Brierty</td>
<td>For: sharing his creative problem solving ideas</td>
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<td>Noah Flenley</td>
<td>For: showing excellence and respect at all times in the classroom. Keep it up Noah!</td>
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<td>Year 3 Kaur</td>
<td>Patricia Burgiel</td>
<td>For: showing improvement in mathematics. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 3 Walsh</td>
<td>Nathan Gillham</td>
<td>For: a positive start at W.P.S. Well done Nathan!</td>
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<td>Ethan Bowen</td>
<td>For: a fantastic start at W.P.S!</td>
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<td>Taneesha Morris</td>
<td>For: the focus and effort she has put into planning her inquiry tasks</td>
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<td>Heath Clancy</td>
<td>working productively and reflecting our school value of excellence.</td>
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<td>Grace Hart</td>
<td>her confidence when presenting her learning to her classmates. Very</td>
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<td>Hailey Corbyn</td>
<td>showing resilience when approaching her numeracy tasks.</td>
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<td>Zac Abbondio</td>
<td>showing excellence in everything he does.</td>
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<td>Star-Lee Bowen</td>
<td>settling in at her new school very well and writing amazing</td>
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<td>descriptive stories.</td>
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<td>Year 6 Dunstone</td>
<td>Liam Beasy</td>
<td>the excellent script he wrote, memorised and performed in English</td>
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<td>Year 6 Wright</td>
<td>Selenay Yaman</td>
<td>consistently being friendly, good humoured and respectful.</td>
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Learning positive friendship skills

Young children may be aggressive from time to time because they are learning and developing their understanding about boundaries, sharing, and playing together. Many children have ‘grown out of this’ by about three years of age, however some children go on being aggressive, and this can turn into bullying as they get older. Bullying is damaging both to the victim and to the bully, and children who bully often go on to bully in adulthood. It is important to help children manage aggressive behaviour when they are young.

Positive communication, positive methods of discipline and being aware of where children are and what they are doing are all good ways to help prevent aggression. Children who go on being aggressive sometimes need help in understanding how other children feel. It is often negative experiences in their own lives that are influencing this behaviour, and it is important that this is identified and addressed.

Children who are aggressive toward others benefit from help in developing their social and emotional skills. Children need to know their aggressive behaviour is not acceptable, and they also need understanding and support from adults to learn new ways of interacting with others and feeling good about themselves.

Parents and carers can help children manage aggressive behaviour by:

- exploring what is happening in their lives
- letting them know you like them and want to help them
- listening to how they feel
- helping them to think about how other children feel
- helping them to practise taking deep breaths before reacting
- helping them to have positive thoughts about themselves
- talking about other ways to get what they want, or express their feelings
- giving praise for successes and acknowledging them when they do something kind
- providing adult supervision and supporting them in their play.

Group-joining skills

As children grow older, friendships with other children become increasingly important and children need to be able to join into groups. This starts with four-year-olds who are at the beginning stages of making real friendships. As you watch children play you may find many children do this well and have no problems. Others have more difficulty being accepted by others and joining in. These children benefit from support and guidance in learning the skills they need to be accepted by others and to approach groups in a way that increases their chances of joining in.

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.
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.

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.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the 2017 School Council fundraising plans, families and friends of Whittlesea Primary School will be offered the opportunity to purchase a 2017 Whittlesea Primary School calendar. The calendar will include term dates, public holidays and some important key events such as the Whittlesea Show. The calendar will contain the twelve months displayed on tear off pages, surrounded by contact details for local businesses and key services for our families.

The main feature of the calendar will be a whole school photo of children who will be attending Whittlesea Primary School in 2017. This photo will be taken during our school wide transition day on Tuesday 6th December.

As part of our weekly school newsletter, school events will continue to be printed on the front page for families to add to the calendar and keep up with the busy school year!

These calendars are not only great for busy families, but would make a great gift for grandparents and extended family members.

These calendars will be at a cost of $10.00 each. Orders and payment are due by Friday 9th December. Money raised through the sale of the calendar will go towards a series of projects nominated by school council, including a garden in front of the new portables.

Delivery of calendars will be made on Friday 16th December, 2016 and will be sent home with your child. New Foundation families or friends can pick their order up from the school office from this date. Please note any orders not picked up before the end of the school year will be available for collection once the 2017 school year resumes.

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2017 Whittlesea Primary School Calendar Order Form

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At Whittlesea Primary School our Uniform Policy states that only traditional black school shoes (Lace up or Velcro only, no slip-ons) or black runners will be accepted.

Eltham Footwear Fitting Specialists has been servicing families in the north east suburbs of Melbourne for more than 35 years. They are a Clarks Platinum Store, stocking one of the largest ranges of Clarks children’s shoes. Other children’s shoe brands include; Start Rite, Roc, New Balance, Red Bootie, Puma, Diadora, Grosby Slippers, Jiffies Ballet Slippers, Bata gumboots, Beeko and quality European Labels.

Eltham Footwear is offering our school community 20% OFF the retail price of all children’s school shoes for 2017. This offer is effective immediately. I would like to thank Frank Lynch and his team at Eltham Footwear for their support in providing all of our families with this discount offer.

Please take this flyer with you to receive your discount on purchasing school shoes for your children for 2017.

Ty Hoggins
Principal
COMMUNITY NEWS

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 17th December**. 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](https://www.facebook.com/saturday.community.market.whittlesea)

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For your chance to win a Family Funfields pass all you need to do is:

Become a member of the Whittlesea Library

Or

Join the Summer Reading Club

See the attached form or visit Whittlesea Library

Ph: 9716 3028

Return entries to the school office or the Whittlesea Library

Drawn on Friday 16th December 2016

2016 School Crossing Supervisor Awards
Nomination Form

To acknowledge the contribution of the work undertaken by our school crossing supervisors, an award will be given to a school crossing supervisor selected for their commitment and dedication to the supervision of school crossings.

The staff member receiving the award should be able to demonstrate the following:

- Professional and great presentation (uniform and equipment)
- Working knowledge of road rules relating to school crossings
- Welcoming, caring, and encouraging to all users of the school crossing
- Helpful – Informative and clear on correct use of the crossing
- Good attendance and punctuality.

Name of nominated person:

School crossing number (if known):

Location of school crossings:

In 25 words or more, please tell us why you have nominated this person to receive an award for School Crossing Supervisor of 2016:

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Your name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________

Please return this form to:

Janna Chandler
City of Whittlesea, Locked Bag 1
Rundellia MDC VIC 3139

Email: info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Fax: 9409 9836

Please note: Nominations close 5pm Friday 9 December 2016. All nominations will be assessed independently and in accordance with the School Crossing Supervisors Procedure. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting. The winner will be presented with a certificate and a $100 Coles voucher.
Start a new career in 2017
Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher's Aide) - CHC30213 - February 2017

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)

Starting: Wed. 15th Feb.

Days: Mon & Wed, 9.15am to 3.15pm

Duration: 24 sessions, 2 workshops + 100 hour practical placement.

Cost: Concession: $180, Full: $900, Fee For Service—Conc.: $2,685 (limited places) + Service & Amenities Fee

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