Hello everyone,

On Monday night I attended the ‘Whittlesea Council Student Recognition Awards’ with Rae Gittos, Matt Dunstone and our special award recipient – Charlee Brander. Charlee was presented with her award by Mayor Ricky Kirkham for her outstanding year in year 6. As a school prefect Charlee regularly promotes our school values and has been an active leader in the school, ready to step up and assume roles of responsibility whenever a need presents. Congratulations Charlee on your achievement and award of $100 from the Whittlesea Council.

Next Tuesday will be a special day at our school with our upcoming whole school transition. Students will be grouped into their 2017 classes for the third and final time. On this occasion they will meet their teacher for 2017 and spend a longer period together. We will also welcome both our 2017 Foundation children and new students who will commence across various year levels in 2017. An exciting day for all involved! We will also be taking a whole school photo on the day which will be used as the centre piece for our 2017 fundraising calendar. This calendar will be available for purchase for $10 and an order form is attached to this newsletter. Any parents who do not wish to have their child participate should contact the office on 9716 2140.

Final preparations are being made for our Christmas Carnival. It promises to be a fantastic event with rides, performances, food and more. Today our time capsule was unearthed from it’s hiding spot of the last 25 years ready for presentation at the carnival. If any of our current school community have contact with past staff and students please extend an invite to them to be present at 6:15pm for the unveiling.
On a final note, the Schools State Spectacular performance which our children proudly took part in will be aired on channel 7 this weekend. I recommend you watching this telecast to see what a wonderful experience this is for our children. Our school has already registered for the 2017 performance and preparations are already underway!

Until next time,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

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Hello everyone,

The first day of December brings with it my most favourite time of the year. There has been a strong sense of festivity and celebration in and around our school community recently having hosted two amazing ‘Stay Lates’ last week for Year 5 children on Wednesday and our F-4 children on Friday night. The activities for Friday night’s MEGA Stay Late were delivered with thanks to Coach Approach Sports. The children participated in rotations of Hip Hop, Soccer, Baseball and Taekwondo.

We have been fortunate that the weather is improving for our swimming program. A reminder to all of our families that due to our Whole School Transition Day next Tuesday 6th December, swimming will be rescheduled to Wednesday 7th December.

In this week’s newsletter you will see a flyer outlining a special offer for purchasing school shoes for 2017. Frank and his team at Eltham Footwear have offered all of our families a 20% discount on school shoes when presenting this flyer with the Whittlesea Primary School letterhead.

Next week presents as another busy week in our school calendar with Transition next Tuesday. I also hope to see you all at the Christmas Carnival next Friday. Our carnival committee, led by Kellie Redmond, have yet again organised what I truly believe will be the best carnival yet. Please look out for me at the Fairy Floss stand and come and say ‘hi’.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal
BREAKFAST CLUB

The last Breakfast Club for 2016 will be next Wednesday 7th December, all staff and parents are welcome to attend.

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 15th December, 1016 at 4pm and re-open on Monday 9th January, 2017 at 9am.

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

SCHOOL BANKING

A reminder that the last day for School Banking is next Tuesday 6th December.

RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

2016 Christmas Carnival Raffle Donations Needed!

We are seeking donations for our Christmas Carnival raffle. We would appreciate if every family could drop off a donation to the school office before Wednesday 7th December. Thank you for your support!
**Football**

Last Friday the year 6 girls played football in the District Round Robin Tournament. They won 4 games and lost 1 game. The girls in the team were Krislon, Keeley, Chloe, Georgia, Hayley, Charlee, Imogen, Ashlea, Lani, Kelsey, Hannah, Selina, Cassie, Jacinta, Chelsea and Kayla.

Firstly, they played Marymede Catholic College 2 and won 31 to 0. Goal kickers: Keeley 2, Chloe 2, Charlee 2, Selina 1 and Hayley 1. Charlee played really well with great skills and Krislon rucked well.

The next game they played against Hazel Glen College and won 28-12. Goal kickers: Chloe 2, Keeley 1 and Charlee 1. Chloe showed good speed and Imogen was our best tackler.

Then they played Morang South Primary School and won 77-0. Goal kickers: Chloe 3, Hayley 2, Charlee 2, Keeley 2, Lani 2 and Ashlea 1. Everyone played well and Lani ran through from the backline to kick goals. Keeley took a couple of marks.

In the 4th game they played against St Marys Primary School and won 24 to 17. Goal kickers: Charlee 1, Keeley 1, Ashlea 1. Georgia was everywhere and spun out of the pack 3 times in a row.

In the last game they played against Marymede Catholic College 1 who were also undefeated. They had some big girls who just tackled the girls for the whole game and they couldn’t run with the ball. They lost 28 to 13. Goal kickers: Chloe 1 and Keely 1.

The girls came runners up on the day, which was a great effort as it was the 1st time that they had played football in a competition.

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**Touch Rugby**

The year 6 boys played touch football on the same day. The team was Seth, Luke, Nathan, Riley, Lewis, Corey, Brock, Ashley, Jacob O, Tyson and Ryan.

The boys played 5 games, winning 1 and drawing with all the others schools.

In one of the games Luke intercepted the opposition’s pass and ran all the way to score a try. The boys were excited with this feat and the fact that they didn’t lose any of the games. This was a great effort as it was the 1st time that they had played the game after only a few practices on the oval.
Cricket
On Monday the girls cricket team played in the Northern Region final at Epping. The girls who played were Keeley, Krislon, Charlee, Chloe, Imogen, Hayley, Hannah, Ashlea and Mia. This was a new experience for the girls as it was the first time that they had played at this level.

The first game was played against Eltham North. Chloe opened the bowling and took three wickets without a run being scored. Ashlea also took 3 wickets for 1 run. Keeley got 2 wickets and Mia 1. There was some good fielding from everyone. The team won this game 147 to 73.

In the second game against Thomastown West the girls again bowled and batted well, but it was a close game. They won 95-93. Charlee took a couple of one-handed catches.

In the final game the girls played against Plenty Parklands. They had some fast bowlers and we made 87 runs. They won the game with 126 runs.

Both Plenty Parklands and Whittlesea won two games and lost one game. Plenty Parklands had a higher runs score overall so progressed to the semi-finals. We just missed out, however it was pleasing to see the commitment and endeavour displayed by the girls. We look forward to more success next year.

Cheryl Abbott
Physical Education Teacher

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Being Social

Last week I wrote about trust and friendship skills, strongly connected to social development. By being good examples socially, as adult members of the school community, we lay an important foundation for our children to explore and develop their own social interaction. It is not just the physical world that we ought to model well, but also how we engage in social media. If we do this part right we won’t simply seek out those who always agree with us. We will do well when we interact with people who have a different world view to us, and we can show our children how it can be done well. We learn social plasticity while at the same time have our intellects sharpened. We become positively attuned to appropriate and peaceful ways to defend our own truth. We listen to the story of the other and learn to manage our social bias and critical response.

I have noted in the upper grades of our school that many students love role play games, and the remainder certainly enjoy watching this form of social learning. It does not stretch the imagination to consider that families have an opportunity to play the same games at home. If not exactly role play, certainly board games with the whole family, so children can learn about cooperation and care in a multi-aged context. This is about engaging in face-to-face interactions, around the table or the lounge room floor, a fun time for all. We must encourage “play” to develop imagined goals and honest character development to help our children learn to be social without loss of personal integrity. They will learn to stand their ground and not cave into pressures. With honest effort and with people from a wide variety of backgrounds, our children watch us and learn how to handle social matters positively. We owe it to them to include them in our life lessons, with patience and humility.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain
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Helping children cope with conflict and disagreements

Children learn a lot about the give and take of relationships just from playing together, and they need lots of opportunities to learn to work things out for themselves. It is during play in the early years some children find they can get what they want through aggression, while others allow themselves to be pushed around or not get a turn. Due to this, sometimes children need adult help to work things out.

Watchful adults can help with problems between children by helping each child to see how others feel and to say what they want. It is important to help all children express their feelings and learn the skills to work things out. Sometimes, adults might be tempted to step in, take over and tell children what to do or not to do. This may make children feel that they are not capable of working it out for themselves and keeps them reliant on adults. Children need to learn why conflict arises and how to work it out among themselves.

Parents and carers can help children manage conflict by:

- Making a connection with each of the children involved in the conflict (eg by making eye contact and making sure that each child knows that you are there to care for and help them).
- Teaching children to use words rather than actions.
- Helping each child to say how they feel.
- Helping children to understand some words are hurtful.
- Encouraging each child to say what they would like to happen.
- Supporting children to think of things they could do to try and solve the problem.
- Acknowledging children doing well. This can be shown with a smile, a friendly glance, a comment (eg telling them what they are doing well and asking them to tell you how they did it).
- Following up and making sure children understand their problem solving worked well or talking to them about other solutions if things did not go so well.

It is important to consider what else may be going on for a child. If children are stressed or troubled by something that is happening in their lives, they have less resources to deal with life’s everyday challenges and will be less able to learn new ways of doing things.

Helping children cope with rejection, teasing and aggression

Young children are just beginning to learn about empathy and to think about how others feel, so they may not realise when they tease another child or leave a child out of a game it can be very hurtful. Sometimes they tease because of what they hear adults say, sometimes it is because of competition for friends and sometimes just because they are commenting on what they see (eg they might comment on a disability, call a child who cries a baby).

Parents and carers can help preschool children cope with rejection or teasing by:

- Helping children to address their unhelpful thinking (eg help them to remember when they have had a good time with friends and change their thinking from ‘no-one ever wants to play with me’ to ‘Sam does not want to play with me today but yesterday we had fun together’).
- Guiding your child through relaxation techniques (eg helping your child to take a couple of deep breaths when things go wrong and giving them time to think).
- Helping your child to think of something else they could do right now rather than playing with children that are being unkind (eg find someone else to play with).
- Helping your child think of what they could do to feel safe (eg tell an adult, stay close to other children).
- Help children find words to use in response (eg "When you do that, I feel upset").
- Talking to staff about what is happening for your child and working together to address the issue.
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.

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.

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

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
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
Library Membership Drive

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 this school crossing
- Helpful – information and clear on correct use of the crossing
- Good attendance and punctuality

Name of nominated person: ________________________________________________________

School crossing number (if known): _______________________________________________

Location of school crossing: _______________________________________________________

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: Joanne Chandler
City of Whittlesea, Locked Bag 1
Bundoora MCC VIC 3083

Email: info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Fax: 9409 3836

Please note: Nominations close 5pm Friday 9 December 2016. All nominations will be assessed independently and in accordance with the school crossing supervisor procedures. 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