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### PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello Everyone,

A warm welcome to 2017 at Whittlesea Primary School. In particular, welcome to all the new families who join our school community for the first time. It is with great pride I write to you as the Principal of Whittlesea Primary School.

The year has started with great excitement and enthusiasm with an amazing buzz across the school. This year we welcome 10 new teachers and one of the largest Foundation groups in recent years. As a result, our school has become energised with enthusiastic, eager children and new staff who bring new ideas and skills to our dedicated and passionate staff.

At Whittlesea Primary School we are committed to developing the talents and passions of our children through a personalised approach to education. Our moral purpose is to meet the needs of each and every student, focussing on developing the whole child. Throughout the year I look forward to sharing with you the successes of our students, not just in the classroom, but through our specialist programs and extra-curricular activities.

Our Foundation children have made a great start to their educational journey. They are already showing the benefits of extensive pre-foundation and transition programs, with very few tears on day one. Within days our newest additions to Whittlesea Primary have grown so much – becoming confident, independent and curious learners. The rate of growth will be rapid and it’s an exciting time for children, parents and educators alike. Thank you to not only our Foundation teachers, but all our staff whose dedication and commitment has ensured a successful start to the school year.

Each family at Whittlesea Primary School will soon be supplied with a parent handbook. This publication is distributed annually and the 2017 edition is currently being printed. It will contain key information about our school, referring to school council policies which set the expectations for our school community. In anticipation for the release of these booklets, I do want to remind our families
of one key policy at our school – uniform. Our uniform policy clearly states the expectation relating to how students should dress for school each and every day. The policy is available in its entirety at www.whittleseaps.vic.edu.au. Of most significance though is the expectation for students to wear black runners or school shoes every day. Students are able to bring athletic footwear of any colour to change into for PE. Another point within the policy which can sometimes raise confusion relates to socks. Two years ago it was clarified that all children must wear plain black, navy or white socks. This implies that socks with logos, particularly large designs are not acceptable.

By supporting your child to comply with our uniform policy you’re not only supporting the school in enforcing school rules, but you’re teaching your child the importance of respecting our school values. Throughout the year you will read and hear regular references to our school values which underpin the behaviours and beliefs we wish to instil in our children. Your support in ensuring children comply with school policies is appreciated.

Our entire school community was saddened to hear the loss of two parents over the summer break. Our deepest condolences extend to Darcy, Brock, Levonne and the entire Greaves / Ready family on the loss of Brett. We also extend our sympathy to Kaylah Bailey and her family on the loss of her father, Mark Vella. Our thoughts are with these families at this difficult time.

I wish all of our families a fantastic year and I once again welcome you all to another exciting year of challenging and engaging learning.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

Congratulations to Thomas Mott who was awarded a finalist in the Young Scientist of the Year Awards. Through our schools celebration of Science Week last year, Thomas submitted an entry in the competition which involved exciting experiments and PowerPoint presentations. Congratulations to Thomas on your commitment to learning and achieving our school value of Excellence.
Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy new year for 2017 and a very special welcome to all of our new families that are joining us for the first time this year. Our amazing teachers have been working tirelessly to set up their classrooms and more importantly, working together in teams to develop an engaging curriculum for the start of the new school year. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning with all of the children.

Our first whole school assembly on Monday was a terrific opportunity to welcome our new Foundation children who all did a brilliant job sitting through their first community assembly. We also acknowledged our School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Vice House Captains for 2017. Our new leaders lead our weekly assembly for the first time, demonstrating confidence in their delivery.

Our new Phys. Ed teacher, Mr Hough, presented our 2017 school leaders with their official leadership badges and Mr Hoggins presented Tayla Elovaris in Year 6 the SRC Captain role for 2017. Tayla will assist Miss Jacquie Walsh in leading and supporting SRC activities throughout the year.

This year Whittlesea Primary School will be using Compass School Manager as our Parent Portal, replacing TiqBiz and other communication subscriptions moving forward. Today you will receive a personalised letter and unique family login. You can access our Parent Portal in a variety of ways;

1. www.whittleseaps.edu.au and click the Compass link on the homepage
2. https://whittleseaps-vic.compass.education and log in using your username and p/word
3. Compass School Manager app for iOS or Android

In coming weeks, additional information about Compass will be shared with our community through our weekly newsletter and through the Compass Newsfeed. I encourage all of our families to login in to Compass over the coming days to be sure that you can do so successfully.

Today you will have also received important information about next week’s Parent Teacher Interviews. This first meet and greet will provide you with a great opportunity to:

- meet and get to know your child’s teacher
- set goals to support your child’s academic, emotional and social development
- help your child’s teachers understand more about your child
- make plans with the teacher about how you can both support your child
We look forward to welcoming our parents/guardians for Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. While our school is still in the process of setting up Compass we will continue to use our online booking through www.schoolinterviews.com.au. On Monday morning the booking system will close at 9am and those families who have not made an appointment will be allocated one by their child’s teacher.

Once again, welcome back and for those of you going along to the Whittlesea Country Music Festival this weekend, have an enjoyable time.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

**2017 BOOKLIST**

Thank you to the families who have already paid the booklist fees and excursion levy for 2017. Please note that booklist fees of $225 per student are due by Tuesday 28th February 2017.

For those families paying by instalments the due dates are –

- $55 due 28th February
- $55 due 28th April
- $55 due 30th June
- $60 due 31st August

Please contact the school office if you would like to organise a payment plan.

**2017 EXCURSION LEVY**

The excursion/incursion levy for 2017 is $80.00 per student. This levy can be paid in full or by two instalments of $40 each.

The first instalment of $40 is due by 28th February 2017 and the second is due by 30th June 2017.

Please note that families who hold a current health care / pension card may be entitled to claim the Camp Sport & Excursion Fund (CSEF) Levy. Forms are available at the school office.
Welcome Foundation Students

Our Foundation students have had a wonderful start to 2017. They have been busy practicing to be “big school kids” by coming into the classrooms independently and getting organised for the day’s learning.
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<td>Mya McClure</td>
<td>a positive start to school and learning</td>
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<td>Alexx Cato</td>
<td>being a kind and caring class member</td>
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<td>Ajay Multani</td>
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<td>Archie McDonald</td>
<td>settling into school and being a focused learner</td>
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<td>Hayden Roche</td>
<td>a fantastic effort in writing</td>
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<td>01C</td>
<td>Cash Alway</td>
<td>an amazing start to the year. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Xavier Mann-Wolski</td>
<td>his wonderful recount writing about IF’s bear hunt</td>
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<td>Reece Oakley</td>
<td>writing an excellent holiday recount</td>
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<td>Kalan Ellis</td>
<td>a positive start to school and his learning</td>
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<td>Brock Harvey</td>
<td>coming up with the idea for our class motto</td>
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<td>03K</td>
<td>Luke Barnett</td>
<td>writing a fabulous recount about his fishing holiday</td>
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<td>Lachlan Burton</td>
<td>showing excellence in his writing and being a helpful member of the class</td>
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<td>03W</td>
<td>Jade Mavric</td>
<td>always sitting in STAR ready to learn</td>
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<td>04M</td>
<td>Maddie Robertson</td>
<td>showing the school values</td>
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<td>04W</td>
<td>Holly Dawson</td>
<td>her positive attitude towards learning. Great effort Holly!</td>
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<td>05D</td>
<td>Joshua Corps</td>
<td>constantly demonstrating our value of excellence.</td>
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<td>being helpful and respectful at all times.</td>
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| 06T | Awarded to: Jasmine Waters–Wickham  
    For: staying focussed during reading time and writing a great summary of what she read. |
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| 06R | Awarded to: Sienna Sirianni  
    For: settling in to school well. |
| 06G | Awarded to: Tayla Elovaris  
    For: living all of our school values. |
Welcome to the start of our 2017 year. I hope at this stage all members the school community (that’s all of us) have settled into the part we play to make it a great first term. For my part, I am involved in parent and staff support and student wellbeing.

**Club Programs**

From next week, I hope to commence Drawing Club and Woodcraft Club. Drawing Club will be during the lunch break of Mondays sharing the space with the IT Club. Woodcraft Club will be during the lunch break of Wednesdays in the OOSH Care room. I will also be involved with the Wednesday morning Breakfast Club, and that will start the week after next.

**Breakfast Club**

This weekly program is set to recommence Wednesday 22nd February. It has been provided at the school for the last three and a half years under the SU Victoria programs banner. The Rotary Club of Whittlesea has played a large hand in keeping it well funded. From midyear last year, Foodbank Victoria has also provided food, paid for by the Department of Education Victoria. Volunteers from the local community help to run the program, preparing and serving a variety of foods, including cereals, fruit, fruit juice, Milo, toast and spreads, and even cheese toasties. I tend to rove about, chatting with the students (plus parents who might have joined in), and later I wipe up and help stash things away. An Education Support staff member (Gordon Phillips-Ross) also joins in and teaches the students simple board games. We make it a fun time.

As part of the SU Victoria risk management, parents of Breakfast Club children are asked to complete a permission Form. A copy of it usually accompanies the first few issues of the Primary Post and after that, one may be obtained from the office. Parents who have filled out last year’s Breakfast Club permission form and are certain that there is no change to their children’s health history and dietary needs need not fill one out this year. Parents of children who are new to the school are strongly encouraged to complete this form and hand it into the office next time they are in. Children may also bring this form directly to Breakfast Club. There is no cost involved.

We plan to commence Breakfast Club in the school gym. Students sign in and sign out at the door. The set times this year are from 8:10 to 8:40 am to provide plenty of time for students to get to class by 8:50 am. I’m looking forward seeing this important school program (and the others) contribute to a tremendous school year.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

School Banking will recommence next Tuesday 14th February, please remember to hand in your bank book to your classroom teacher first thing in the morning.

Please remember that to get your bonus interest at the end of the year you must make one deposit per month.

Thank you.

Jennifer Long
School Banking Coordinator
SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SCHOOL ITEMS

Please remember to label all items of uniform, drink bottles, communication bags hats etc, we have a lot of unclaimed items already that are not named. We cannot return jackets and hats to students if they have not been labelled. Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The first issue of the Scholastic Book Club for 2017 goes home today. Orders and payment are due by Friday 17th February. If you would like to order and pay online please to go https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/

A reminder that Whittlesea Primary School receives 20% commission on all orders which go towards new library books and classroom resources for all our students.

Thank you.

Jennifer Edwards
Book Club Coordinator

A MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL VICAR

Dear Parents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR, and a warm welcome to the beginning of the School Year! As the priest of Christ Church Anglican Church, I am so pleased to see you using our car park in front of the church during the week. If the car park is full, instead of parking on the church lawn, I invite you to use the car park just behind the church.

After school, while some children wait for you to pick them up, I have seen them playing in the front of the church and enjoying themselves. This is wonderful. However, there have been times I have noticed them climbing up the huge tree in front of the church and also running around in the backyard behind the church hall. This time of the year, the backyard is not safe; there may be snakes roaming around and this space is not designated for safe play. Please talk to your children about these dangers, particularly climbing trees unsupervised. The children are welcome to play as much as they like in the front lawn.

There are many times I have seen parents waiting in the car in the car park to collect children. Next time if you happen to stay in your car for a long time, feel free to drop by the vicarage (priest's residence alongside the church) for a friendly chat, a word of encouragement, to off-load frustrations or worries or simply to say "hello" over a cup of tea/coffee.

Thank you for your understanding. Very best wishes and blessings for a wonderful 2017. The friend you have not met yet: Fr Rowan (0458 113 099).

Check us out at: www.whittleseakinglakeanglican.org.au

With kindest regards and best wishes for 2017!

Ruwan
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.

CANTEEN

The canteen service provided by Metro Canteens operates every Friday and commences tomorrow 10th February. 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

Please contact the office if you would like a brochure sent home.

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.
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 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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WHERE
Whittlesea Tennis Club

WHEN
Tuesday
6:30 – 7:30pm
Thursday
7:00 – 8:00pm

Starting From The 30th of January

Get Fit Get Better
Heart Rate Monitors
Work Out To The Beat
Enjoy And Socialise

To find out more contact:
Bryden 0422 931 996
or email:
Bryden@toplinetennis.com

www.bluelight.org.au

Oakbank Boulevard Park

Share your Ideas
What would you like to see in your local park?
The City of Whittlesea is developing a new park in Oakbank Boulevard and we would like you to share your ideas.
(see back for more details)

117TH FEB
FRIDAY
$5 ENTRY // 6 - 9PM // PREP TO YEAR 7
ELLIMATA YOUTH SPACE 94 WHITTLESEA-KINGLAKE RD KINGLAKE
CONTACT LSC PAUL ROBERTS OR SARAH MACDONALD 0409 928 517
www.bluelight.org.au
Computers for Seniors (age 55+)

Not confident in using a computer? This supportive beginners’ course will teach you all the basics so that you can start using computers to meet your everyday needs.
Class starts 21 February, 10 sessions, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 12.30pm—3.00pm
Cost: Concession & Full: $34, Fee for Service: $297 + Service & Amenities Fee

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

Our 2017 course guide is now available.

School Zone Safety Information

Understanding the signs around school zones

**SCHOOL ZONE**
8 - 9 am
2 pm - 4 pm
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40km/h sign
All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.

No parking
It is important that you do not park in any area where this sign is displayed.

Children crossing
When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.

No stopping
No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.

Yellow edge lines
Must not stop or park your vehicle next to a continuous yellow edge line.

Understanding the rules at school crossings

- Please keep the children’s crossing clear.
- Parking is not allowed within 20m before a school crossing or 10m after the crossing (unless otherwise signposted). Parking within this area makes it difficult for children and the crossing supervisor to get a clear view of the road.
- It is illegal to double park your car, i.e. you are not allowed to stop next to a parked car.

What you can do to ensure school zones remain safe

- Supervise children in or near traffic.
- Consider walking or cycling with your child to and from school.
- Respect the road rules and parking signs.
- Wait on the same side of the road as your child, to avoid your child dashing across the road to meet you.
- Get your child into the habit of using the car’s kerbside doors, away from the traffic.